St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 16 : Thursday 19 October 2023



BOARD UPDATE

Nominations for the School Board Election closed at 12 noon, Wednesday 11th October. Five nominations were received for the 2 parent vacancies available, which means our school will now proceed to an election. Information on how to vote, including candidate statements was sent to you by email or post by Wednesday 18th October 2023.

The parent candidates standing in this election are:

- Erika Bristow
- Hamish Devine
- Ian Chesterman
- Joseph Hampton
- Ranui Claire Calman



Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 15th November. Election results will be shared with the community from Tuesday November 21st and our new Board will take office from Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

SCHOOL UPDATE



This week we welcome Leo, Ruairi, Willa, Griffyn, Khloe, Kaia, Hannah & Olive to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Welcome back to term four. We hope everyone had a great break and are ready for learning as we drive towards the end of the year.

A fabulous way to start the term with Wearable Arts across the school and athletics for Y5 - 8s. Thank you to the Wearable Arts team, Amy, Briana, Jenny and Paige for coordinating our 2023 showcase. Lots of lights, colour and an array of movement and music.



This event was very child centred with the EPAC team creating links across the performances, classes creating dances and of course the costumes and their representations. We made links to cultures across a variety of continents in the Y5 - 8 area through stories from the past. The Y0 - 4s focussed on ‘our place, our home’ with connections to popular attractions in Ōtautahi and living things in our backyard, the Port Hills. We hope you enjoy (or have enjoyed) seeing the creations the tamariki have made to represent their class themes. Thank you for joining us and sharing in our performing arts focus.

Thanks to Jarad for organising the Y5 - 8 athletics and the Kaiako for running the different events. Lovely to have a warm day to compete and join in. We look forward to the senior children running the Y0 - 4 event later in the term.



The PTA is supporting the school with new reading resources, basketball uniforms and our structured literacy platform used by all classes. Thank you very much for your positive contributions to the school. We are also waiting for confirmation of outside funding for new line markings, if we are not allocated this, the PTA have indicated that they will step in to support creating new play spaces across the school.

We have a fair number of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) events this term. Please watch for notices on HERO and permission slips that may come home in bags. We continue to update the online calendar throughout the term and add anything to the newsletter calendar each fortnight. As usual the first newsletter is printed so you can put the terms calendar somewhere as a starting point to refer to.
We wish the Y8s all the best in their last term at St Martins | Hato Mātene before moving on in their next year of learning.
Thanks for joining us this week, enjoy the long weekend and we'll see everyone back on Tuesday next week.
Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.
Andrew





SCHOOLDOCS POLICY REVIEW Term 4

SchoolDocs – what is it?
All NZ schools are governed by a school board and a range of policies and procedures. Our policies are hosted by **SchoolDocs Ltd**, an online policy and procedure service for New Zealand primary and intermediate schools.
If you would like to know more about how Schooldocs works and your involvement as a caregiver please visit the Parents and Whānau section of the SchoolDocs website.



The Policies and Procedures under review this term are:

- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning

To read policies and place a review

1. Go to the https://stmartins.schooldocs.co.nz/
2. Enter the username & password
    - Username: stmartins
    - Password: huntsbury
3. Click on the **Current Review tab**, select the policy you wish to review
4. To provide feedback click on the **Start your Review tab**
5. The last day to submit a review is the end of the term



PTA UPDATE



The PTA was pleased to approve funding at our meeting on Monday for new basketball uniforms, the Structured Literacy Programme and resources for reading support, a total of $7,180. Thanks to your ongoing generous support of PTA events, we have been able to fund $29,945 of requests from school this year with additional commitments for the library and playground painting to come.



$29,945 – THANK YOU SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Family Portrait Session: Last offered in 2019, family portraits are back on 11th and 12th November with Green Melon Photography. $20 for a family portrait with the opportunity to purchase additional images. Feel free to encourage extended family and friends to book in, look out for the SignUp Genius link next week.

Cookie Time Christmas Cookies: Back in 2023 with eight tasty flavours on offer. $20 for 2L buckets, $18 for 1L GF buckets. Available to order from next week on our fundraising website: https://www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com/

Karma Keg: Saturday 4th November is predicted to be a warm sunny afternoon so come and spend it at Moon Under Water from 3 – 5pm. Keg kindly sponsored by Three Boys.

Precious Labels: Use this unique link to order clothing, lunchbox, drink bottle, bag or any number of other useful labels for school and home: https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/?aff=136

Meals and Baking: Reminder we have a network of parents that will provide meals and baking for families needing some support. Please discuss with a teacher or the team in the school office.

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 27th November, 7.30pm, Staff Room

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz











SCHOOL NOTICES

TERM 4 COSTS
Term 4 donations and activity costs have been updated on Hero
Thank you to everyone who has already made payments this term.
If your child/ren are participating in Korfball Tournament, William Pike Sailing Trip, Ironwoman/Ironman, Year 8 Dance Lessons and Amazing Race, and the pool days - these are all **non-donation activities** and payment is required before attending.
Donation payments can be claimed back for 33% of the donation amount through the Inland Revenue website, by uploading your donation receipt from Hero.

The donation receipt is found on the finance ($) tab of your child(ren) student account/view all payments/view donation payments and download.
Note: this receipt can only be accessed via desktop computer, not the phone app.
Please contact Megan on accounts@stmartins.school.nz if you have any questions.

Uniform mending service
Do some of your uniform items need some love and attention? My name is Amy, I am a school parent offering a service for mending and simple alterations.
Prices for services are:

- Sewing on badges - $2
- Hems - $6
- Adjusting waistband - $10
- Replacing polo fleece zip including zip - $20
- Mending holes etc - priced on item

Simply place the clean items in a bag and drop it into the box provided in the school office. Please include the following information with your items:

- Your child's name & class number
- Your contact number
- Cash payment
- Details of what needs to be done

I will contact you when your items are ready. Feel free to contact me with any questions, Amy 021347715

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
If you have recently had a change of contact details (address/phone number/emergency contacts etc) please call the school office on 3326121 or let us know via email office@stmartins.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Port Hills Athletic Club



Want to learn new skills, get outdoors, and have fun? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club Port Hills Athletic Club are welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.
For more information or to become a member visit:
https://porthillsathletic.org.nz/

C3 St Martins church Light Party



Sat October 29, 3-5 pm There will be food and plenty of fun activities for children of all ages. This is a free event at C3 St Martins church (144 Wilsons Rd in the Hillview school gym).

Ronald McDonald House - Raffle fundraiser



Moorhouse McDonalds are running a raffle with all monies raised will be donated to support Ronald McDonald House Charities. Drawn Saturday November 5th, tickets are $10 and can be purchased in store (Moorhouse McDonalds) or online acc 38-9020-0323801-01. Ref: RAFFLE, then send screenshot of payment confirmation to:
moorhousemaccas@gmail.com
1st Prize – Playstation 5
2nd Prize – Beats headphones 3rd Prize – Goodie Box. Plus lots more!!!

Opawa Tennis Club - unleash Your Child's Inner Tennis Star!



Hi parents, does your child dream of becoming the next tennis sensation, or simply love running around
and having fun? The Opawa Tennis Club has got you covered!
Hot Shots Tennis Coaching
We offer fun coaching sessions with smaller courts, shorter racquets and softer balls so kids can play a
proper game of tennis from the moment they step on the court!
All gear is provided so you don't even need to bring a racquet.
5- to 7-year-olds – Saturdays 8:30am to 9:15am
8- to 12-year-olds – Saturdays 9:30am to 10:30 am OR Mondays 3:30pm to 4:30pm
To sign up or to find out more about membership fees and dates, visit our website.
You can also watch this short video on Hot Shots Tennis or come along to a Saturday morning session to give it a go!

Parihaka Network Trust

This coming Sunday 5 November, Parihaka Network Trust is providing three opportunities for people to connect with the story of Parihaka.

- 10.30am - Parihaka Commemorative church service @ St Mary the Virgin, Church Square, Addington, followed by a silent walk to old Addington Prison for karakia and laying of flowers.
- 2.30pm - Silent Hikoi starting at Lyttelton Rose Garden: a pilgrimage walk from the old gaol around the coastal track to Rāpaki and the Parihaka Memorial*
- 5pm - Memorial service at Rāpaki Church and karakia at the Parihaka Memorial, followed by light refreshments. (Wet weather alternatives will be posted on facebook and instagram)

For more information visit Facebook www.facebook.com/ParihakaOtautahi and Instagram www.instagram.com/parihakaotautahi/ or Contact: parihakaotautahi@gmail.com | 021-405-039

TERM 4 2023

	Mon 23 Oct	Tues 24 Oct	Wed 25 Oct	Thu 26 Oct	Fri 27 Oct
3	**LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY**	Science Roadshow Yr5-8 6pm Board Meeting	Garden to Table Rm 13 & 14 Yr 5-8 Athletics Postponement day	William Pike Ryde Falls Hike Yr5-8 Huxter Mountain Bike Race	World Teachers Day Yr ⅞ Technology 11.30 Te Reo Group
4	Mon 30 Oct	Tue 31 Oct	Wed 1 Nov	Thu 2 Nov	Fri 3 Nov
		9am Music Festival Choir Rehearsal 6.30pm Music Festival Christchurch Town Hall	Garden to Table Rm 15 & 16	SMS Newsletter Full School Assembly 2pm	Yr 7/8 technology Yr 0-4 Assembly 9.00am Yr 5-8 Assembly 2.15pm 3pm Cheapskates Skate school Saturday 3pm Karma Keg PTA
5	Mon 6 Nov	Tue 7 Nov	Wed 8 Nov	Thu 9 Nov	Fri 10 Nov
			Garden to Table Rm 13 & 14 Summer Tournament Yr7/8		South Zone Athletic Day Year 7/8 technology 11.30 Te Reo enrichment Group Saturday Family Photo fundraiser
6	Mon 13 Nov	Tue 14 Nov	Wed 15 Nov	Thu 16 Nov	Fri 17 Nov
	Yr0-4 Athletics Day 6pm Whanau Group Hui (Staffroom)	6.30pm Board Meeting (staffroom)	Garden to Table Rm 15 & 16 School board Election Day SMS Newsletter	Teacher only day	Show Day
7	Mon 20 Nov	Tue 21 Nov	Wed 22 Nov	Thu 23 Nov	Fri 24 Nov
		1.30 Year 8 Dance Practice 6pm Itinerant Music Concert	Garden to Table Rm 13 & 14 11.30 Year Dance Practice	9.15 Road Patrol Training 1.30 Year 8 Dance Practice	Year 7/8 technology Te Aratai Yr9 testing Te Reo Enrichment Group 1.30 Year 8 Dance P
8	Mon 27 Nov	Tue 28 Nov	Wed 29 Nov	Thu 30 Nov	Fri 1 Dec
	Cycle Safety Week 11am Discoverers Swimming 7.30pm PTA Mtg(staffroom)	Cycle Safety Week 11am Discoverers Swimming	Canterbury Athletics Cycle Safety Week 11am Discoverers Swimming	Cycle Safety Week 11am Discoverers Swimming	Cycle Safety Week 11am Discoverers Swimming Yearr7/8 Technology 9am Y0-4 Assembly 2.15 Y5-8 Assembly
9	Mon 4 Dec	Tue 5 Dec	Wed 6 Dec	Thu 7 Dec	Fri 8 Dec
	Korfball Tournament 5-8 9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming 6.30pm Board Meeting	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming	Last Day of Technology 9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming 6.30 Year 8 Graduation
10	Mon 11 Dec	Tue 12 Dec	Wed 13 Dec	Thu 14 Dec	Fri 15 Dec
	6pm Whanau Group Hui (staffroom)	Navigators sailing Lake Rua	Navigators sailing Lake Rua Reports go home Year 8 Amazing Race	Navigators sailing Lake Rua pp SMS Newsletter Yr7/8 Pool Day 11.30 Yr3-4 Waltham Pool	Ironman 9am Assembly Yr0-4 Meet Next Year's Teacher 1pm Explorers Water Fun 2.15pm Assembly Yr5-8
11	Mon 18 Dec	Tue 19 Dec			
		Last Day of School Closes 12.30			

2024 SCHOOL DATES

2024 Term 1

Wed 31 January to Fri 12 April

- Wed 31 Jan & Thu 1 Feb - Whānau Connect
- Fri 2 Feb - All classes

- Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 February – School Closed
- Easter Weekend – Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April – School Closed

2024 Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

- King's Birthday – Monday 3 June – School Closed
- Matariki – Friday 28 June – School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

2024 Term 3

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

- Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

2024 Term 4

Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December

- Labour Day – Monday 28 October – School Closed
- Canterbury Anniversary – Friday 15 November – School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed