St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 18 : 14 November 2024







Greetings,
As we edge closer to the end of the year I am pleased to confirm that the plan to build a junior playground for our school is in full swing. We hope to see some groundwork started soon, with work commencing during the summer holidays. We would like to thank the Playground Committee for their many hours of hardwork and dedication to the project. Committee members: Mark Broughton, Ruth Richardson, Mark Huxtable & Gary Pain.
We hope there will be an opportunity for our community to get involved with the build at some stage, so keep an eye on the newsletter for further details.
Thanks,
Dan Levett (St Martins School Board, Presiding Member).

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,
Thank you to the PTA and Market Day team for the fabulous event you organised for our community last Sunday. It was a great few hours with lots of people coming through the school. I really enjoyed the involvement of young entrepreneurial tamariki, awesome to see your ideas on display.
Fabulous to have the Navigators at the beach this week. Always important to have some reminders around the beach and water safety before we go into the summer break. Sounds like the boogie boarding was hot with many of our ākonga. Thanks to the Navigators team for supporting the children at the beach.
The William Pike team had a tough day at the office on Tuesday being put through their paces with a Mahi Tahi round and obstacle course. Thanks to Jarad and Ben for supporting the group through the day.
Congratulations to the Y7 / 8 Summer Tournament competitors, wonderful results of 1st in cricket, slow pitch softball and a number of rogaining and orienteering aspects.
Our staff placement for 2025 has been finalised. Our teacher placement will be:

Explorers (Y0 - 2)	**Discoverers (Y3 / 4)**
Rm 1 Y2 Jemimah O'Leary and Kendall Skelton Rm 2 Y2 Michelle Parsons Rm 5 Y0 Charlotte Bates Rm 6 Y0 Annemarie Sherratt Rm 7 Y1 / 2 Paige Hampton Rm 8 Y1 / 2 Emily Smith	Rm 13 Caitlin Ross and Jenny Oldridge Rm 14 Susie Keenan Rm 15 Helen Norcliffe Rm 16 Chris Sumer and Catherine Dalley
Navigators (Y5 / 6)	**High Fliers (Y7 / 8)**
Rm 17 Oscar Adams Rm 18 Chantal Ward Rm 19 Tamara Saxon Rm 20 Kate Keenan	Rm 9 Jarad Pateman Rm 10 Briana Weaver Rm 11 Nicky Patreman Rm 12 Ben Irvine Rm 21 Alice Barakat

Our student placements are in full swing. Please remember that class placements are opened on HERO at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10th December.
Our Y0 - 4 tamariki have been training in preparation for athletics next week. Lots of run, jump, throw action on the field. Feel free to join us at Hansons Park to cheer on your child and their friends. Thanks to the Y7 / 8 children who will be supporting our young athletes on the day.
We are looking forward to our last Government allocated staff only day on Monday. Our morning focus will be on looking at our programmes against the recently released final versions of maths and literacy. In the afternoon we will be discussing the work of Dr Ross Greene in the area of positive behaviour change.
Enjoy the long weekend, **please remember school is closed on Friday 15 Nov and Monday 18 Nov.**
Ngā mihi,
Andrew







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The school calendar of events can now be found at our school website at this link. Or via your HERO app. Please check this regularly to stay up to date with any changes to our events dates / times.

2025 TERM DATES



T1 = Friday 31 Jan - 11 April
- Friday 31 and Monday 3 Feb = Whānau connect
- Please note there will be two staff only days in term one, dates TBC

T2 = 28 April - 27 June
T3 = 14 July - 19 Sept
T4 = 6 Oct - 18 Dec (Last day of year we will finish at 12.30pm)

SCHOOL NOTICES

Uniform free day Friday 22nd November
At the recent PTA Quiz night fundraiser, one of the auction items was **Principal for the Day**.
The lucky recipients of this awesome experience were students Bridget, Niamh and Kitty from room 16 & 17.
One of their decisions as 'Principal for the Day' is to have a uniform free day on Friday 22nd November.

PB4L

'To create a positive climate and culture of belonging and engagement for all'
As the end of year fast approaches, teachers are reflecting on how PB4L has been working in our school during 2024. Some new ideas have been added to the matrix for next year and we will again look at the skills and enablers that may be needed at the start of 2025.



Many students chose **Caring** as the value they are doing well for their end of year comments in Student Voice on Hero, which was pleasing to see. Teachers have also noticed many students being respectful by speaking politely and using their manners.

For the last few weeks of the year each class teacher will be identifying and focusing on a class need specific to the age and stage of their students.

SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW

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.

All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau) to place feedback on the policies that are under review each term.

To review a policy Login **here** and go to the 'Current review' tab.

Username: stmartins

Password: huntsbury

In term 4 we are reviewing topics in the **Finance and Asset Management Policy** section.

Reviews for Term 4 must be placed by Monday 25th November.

- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

PTA UPDATE

THANK YOU! To all the children, parents and grandparents that came along to the working bee and everyone that supported the inaugural Market Day – Thank You! Philippa was thrilled with all the work completed in the Garden to Table area.

To say we were thrilled with the response to Market Day is an understatement. To all the stall holders, the helpers, the seedling and plant growers, the bakers and hotdog makers and all those that turned up to support, we are so grateful. Our little market day idea flourished thanks to the support of our school community. While it wasn't intended to be a significant fundraiser, we will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

Raffle Winners: Parent Louise Sheppard (The Friday Flower Co) kindly donated and ran a raffle during the market with the proceeds going towards flowering plants for the GTT area. Winners: 1st Danielle Clinton, 2nd Emma Riley, 3rd Paige Hampton. Congratulations to the winners and thank you, Louise.

Karma Keg: Moon Under Water, Saturday 23rd November from 3 – 5pm. Every weekend Moon Under Water in collaboration with Three Boys Brewery, provides a free keg for fundraising purposes. Bring your friends and family along for a relaxing afternoon together and support Moon Under Water with their mission to support the community through this fundraiser.

Juicies: We have some Fundraiser Juicies packs leftover from Market Day ready to go in the freezer in time for summer. $15 for a pack of 10, includes lemonade, tropical and wild berry flavours and a reusable holder only available in these packs. Email us to order: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Fundraising Website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 25th November, 7.30pm, Staff Room.













STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements & events

This week students from year 7 and 8 attended the Primary School Summer Tournament. St Martins School entered teams in cricket, orienteering/rogaining, slow pitch (softball) and futsal, with some really exciting results!!!

- Cricket - 1st and 4th
- Slow Pitch - 1st
- Futsal boys - 2nd
- Orienteering - 1st place (mixed team)
- Rogaining - 2nd place (both boys and girls division)

Well done to everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed the day.





Jono Ruawai and Toby Carpenter - Mountain Biking

From the 7-10 of October The NZ Schools National Mountain Biking competition took place at Christchurch Adventure Park. Over 4 days the best mountain bikers in the country battled it out in Enduro, Cross Country and Downhill categories. St Martins had 2 entries Jono Ruawai and Toby Carpenter. Jono finished 21st in the under 14 Boys Enduro and 18th in the Downhill. Toby placed 7th in the Under 13 Boys Enduro and 1st place in the under 13 Boys Downhill. Both boys rode incredibly well and made St Martins proud.



Alice Nix - Ice Skating

Well done to Alice Nix on another skating success winning her grade at the Canterbury Masters Figure Staking Championships last weekend!



COMMUNITY NOTICES









