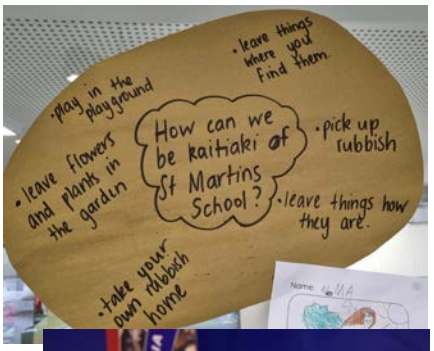
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Newsletter 9 : Thursday 20 June 2024

SCHOOL UPDATE







With eleven days to go until the end of the term we are fast approaching the mid way point of 2024. We look forward to sharing our learning around Matariki with you next week. We have opportunities to observe or join in with Kapahaka on Monday 24 June / Monday 1 July, 11.30am Y5 - 8, 1.40pm Y3 / 4 or 2.15pm Y0 - 2. We have ākonga artworks on display in the hall, feel free to come along through the week to have a look. Children can dress up on Wednesday next week, come along as your favourite star. We look forward to welcoming Stephanie Nixon back to SMS | HM to share her knowledge of our cultural narrative. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen to the kōrero of our school. Feel free to pop along and join your tamariki or join a class that suits you. Thanks to the Whānau Group for organising and supplying the fry bread for the ākonga across the school throughout the week. Have a look at the outline in the newsletter for further details or the flyer we sent home earlier in the week.

Congratulations to Lāszlo who competed in the Canterbury Primary School Boccia Championships this week. We are very impressed with the level of skill and ability Lāszlo brings to these competitions placing 2nd in Canterbury for 2024. Well done to all the year 0-2 Explorers students who participated in the Huff n Puff event on Tuesday. It was great to see all the support from our parent community also. We hope you all enjoyed the event.

Thanks to the PTA for organising the bingo on Saturday night, fabulous to see the hall full to support this event, it sure was a wild ride. Congratulations to all the bingo and auction winners. Looking forward to the Principal for the day next term. Alice, Leanne and I will put our thinking hats on and check in with the winning students to see if there are any aspects we would like to add in for the day, maybe some mini golf - that could be fun.



We have opened up the bookings for learning conferences in week ten. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress made so far this year and the aspects your tamariki will be focussing on in term three. As always if your child can attend with you that would be great. The reports will be going live on Monday 1 July in the morning so you can have a look through HERO at the graphs, curriculum comments and learning goals. As we have done in the past we will be **closing school on Friday 5th July at 12.30pm** to be able to offer afternoon conference sessions.



The development and practice of the amazing showquest piece will be on the stage at the town hall tomorrow afternoon for the dress rehearsal and then the evening performance. We wish everyone all the best for a memorable show.

We have had a large number of children trailing for the EPro8 engineering competition this week. We have been impressed with all of the children competing, lots of thought provoking activities to figure out and construct. Thanks to Ms Tamara Saxon for running these sessions.

Great to have children layering up in the mornings, fabulous sets of gloves, mittens and beanies coming through the gates in the mornings. We have the shortest day tomorrow before heading into the colder days of winter. I hope everyone has a lovely warm weekend.

Ka pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend. - Andrew

WINTER ILLNESS UPDATE

As expected for this time of the year, we are seeing a rise in winter illness. It is important with any signs of feeling unwell that you keep your child at home until they are symptom free - this also helps to minimise the spread around the school. We encourage children to wear beanies and jackets when playing outside.

For covid illness a 5 day isolation time is recommended (as updated 16 April 2024). Further information regarding this can be found at www.info.health.nz

This link also provides helpful information around management of other winter illness: **https://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/campaigns/winter-wellness/**

Recording an absence

It is very important you let us know your child is absent from school **as soon as you can prior to 9am daily (preferably the night before if possible).** Please provide details about the reason for absence. Ie type of appointment. Or if unwell, brief details of illness (cough cold / flu / tummy bug)

The options for recording an absence are:

- Via the Hero app / report and absence tab
- Phone message at the office on 3326121
- School website 'Leave and Absence' tab
- Email to the teacher (please also cc the office staff on office@stmartins.school.nz)

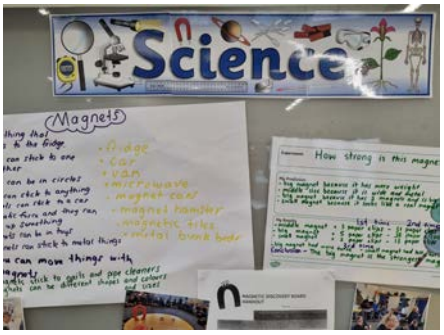
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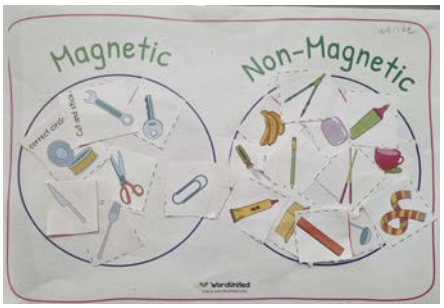
The online report will be open on **Monday 1 July**. We will be holding parent learning conferences throughout that week, all teachers offer

We invite you to join us for some face-to-face 'how to' sessions for parents who would like to know more about what the online reports will look like. These will be 30 minute sessions on the following dates:

- Monday 24 June 2.30pm
- Tuesday 25 June 9.00am
- Wednesday 26 June 5.00pm

We will also be available through the learning conference week if you want to pop in. Alice Denley has put together information slides for parents to refer to in their own time as well.











PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS - Responsibility

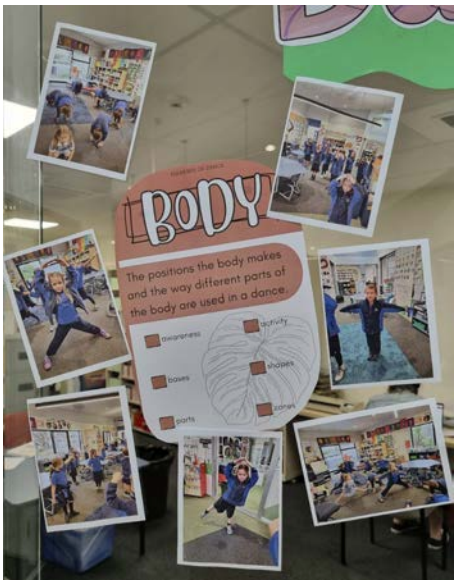
The Term 2 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is the school value of Responsibility.

During weeks 7-9 the focus is on our **responsible care of property**. All students are being encouraged to be mindful of how they look after theirs and others belongings by using the following etiquette;

- Return items left outside to designated areas. (Lost property in bins or back to owner, sports gear to correct areas in sports shed, classroom items returned to correct places
- Name your own belongings and know where they are at all times
- Use school and individual belongings / equipment responsibility and for its correct use

This will be further reinforced through classroom lessons, syndicate hui's and school assemblies. It would be great if whānau could help to support these ideas in your discussions at home.

PTA UPDATE



Bingo: Oh what a night! It was a full house last Saturday night for the inaugural Bingo Night with hosts, Drag It Out. If the success of a night is measured by 170 people on their feet dancing and singing to Village People Y.M.C.A. then it was a triumph. Thank you to everyone who came along and got into the spirit of the evening. Special thanks to those involved with organising this event and to our hostesses on the night, Chris, Robin and Natalie and bar staff, Joce, Dan and Isaac. We look forward to letting you know how much was raised in the next newsletter.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Term 3 sale will be held on Monday 29th July at 8.30am. Donations of any tidy, clean uniform can be left in the school office. Thank you.

Disco: DJ James is locked in. Save the date for the annual school disco on Friday 2nd August, brought to you by the Student Council and PTA.

Tea Towels: The order has arrived and distribution is underway. We have a small supply of additional tea towels so you can still order through the PTA fundraising website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com or the Google form: Tea Towel Order Form

This week is **National Volunteer Week**. Thanks to the PTA committee and members of the school community for everything you do to support the work of the PTA.

Contact Us:
info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz
Facebook: St Martins School PTA

Next Meeting: Monday 24th June, 7.30pm, Staff Room

WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau,
A reminder of our Matariki celebrations coming up in weeks 9 & 10! We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting selection of events!



	Week 9	Week 10	
	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 9:55am	Room 21 Year 7/8	Room 9 & 10 Year 7/8	
10am - 11am	Room 17 & 18 Year 5/6	Room 11 & 12 Year 7/8	
11:30am - 12:30pm		Room 13 & 14 Year 3/4	Room 19 & 20 Year 5/6
1:40am - 2:40pm		Room 15 & 16 Year 3/4	

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	Mon 17 Jun	Tues 18 Jun	Wed 19 Jun	Thur 20 Jun	Fri 21 Jun
8	0-2 Huff n Puff 11.45-12.30pm	Epo8 Internal event - hall PP - Yr 0-2 Huff n Puff 11.45-12.30pm	Epo8 Internal event - hall GTT room 13 & 14	Yr 5-8 winter sports EPro8 internal Competition Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology EPro8 internal Competition SHOWQUEST 6.30pm town hall Year 7/8 spoken word finals Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
	Mon 24 Jun	**Tues 25 Jun**	**Wed 26 Jun**	**Thur 27 Jun**	**Fri 28 Jun**
9	9.15 Yr 5-6 Korfball lessons PTA meeting (staffroom) 7.30-8.30pm	Matariki Art Display - hall 12.30 Yr 3-5 Kaitiaki Crew Board meeting (staffroom) 6.30pm	GTT room 15 & 16 12.30 Yr 3-5 Kaitiaki Crew Canterbury X Country	Yr 5-8 winter sports	Matariki School Closed
	Mon 1 Jul	**Tues 2 Jul**	**Wed 3 Jul**	**Thur 4 Jul**	**Fri 5 Jul**
10	Yr 7/8 Korfball tournament Reports sent home via HERO Yr 5-8 Korfball	Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country 12.30 Yr 3-5 Kaitiaki Crew	12.30 Yr 3-5 Kaitiaki Crew	Yr 5-8 winter sports Newsletter Whānau Hui 3.30pm	Year 7 & 8 Technology **Last day of term 2 closing 12.30pm**
	Learning Conferences				