St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 11 : Thursday 25 July 2024







SCHOOL UPDATE

We hope everyone had a lovely break with their tamariki at home during the two week holiday. Great to hear about the things whānau were able to do, from board games, movies, getting outdoors, local holidays or abroad. Whatever it was, your children have enjoyed their interactions with you.

The Discoverers had a wonderful warm sunny afternoon yesterday to share their simple machine creations. Lots of time and effort was put into these, reinforcing the learning before the break. Thank you to whānau for supporting your children through the break to make their constructions. It was nice to start the term with parents in the classrooms talking with children about what they had learnt and what they had made. Staff and ākonga from other teams were highly impressed as well.

This week we welcome; Isla, Brooke, Atticus, Bryn, Emilia, Maggie, Reid, Bodhi, Henry, West, Rocco and Mila. We look forward to you joining the St Martins | Hato Mātene whānau, the learning you will engage in and the contributions you will make.

We welcome Ben Irvine to the Y7/8 team and Jemimah O'Leary to the Y0 - 2 team. We look forward to sharing your experienced kaiako skills with our ākonga.

We have had a wonderfully positive start to the term. The Y0 - 4 zone cross country runners competed on Tuesday against a number of other schools. Fabulous for our young runners to be competing at the Hillview circuit as well as join together afterwards for the prize giving and afternoon tea. Thanks for the parent support of our youngest distance runners.

The Y7 / 8s have hit the term with great success in both dance and sports. The Y7 / 8 boys competed to a very high standard, worked together as a team and ensured they were sporting on and off the court. Congratulations to the A team moving on to compete at the Canterbury tournament. We had two Y7 / 8 Hip Hop teams compete yesterday. Very formidable performances on the stage, congratulations to team 'Mode' for placing first and moving on to compete at 'Hip Hop' Unite along with the second team placing third..

The Y5 / 6 Hip Hop team also competed, brought the heat to the stage and placed first, also moving on to compete at Hip Hop Unite.

To round off the week we have four Y5 - 8 Epro8 teams competing in the quarter final competitions at Russley school. Good luck to all of our competitors. Epro8 focuses on developing engineering skills, problem solving, making decisions under time pressure and working effectively as a team. We have 16 talented engineers competing in the next two days, good luck with your builds.

Next week we start our new classroom release time programme for teachers. To ensure we are inline with the new collective all teachers will receive 4 days a term of release, as a school we have decided to break this up into eight half days. Your child's classroom teacher will be on release for half the day, either morning or afternoon one day a week in weeks two to nine, we have allocated release teachers to ensure there is consistency within the classroom spaces.

As always a highlight of the year is the disco. The PTA and Y8 leaders are organising the disco to be held next Friday. We look forward to seeing lots of people there for some

great music and good times. For more information about ticketing and start times see further down this newsletter under the PTA Update.
The sunshine has been a bonus to get everyone outside in the first week, let's hope we get some more as we head into the last winter month.
Andrew








TIMETABLE TRIAL

This term we are trialling a new timetable. This is based on research to provide more frequent movement breaks for children to get outside, move about and socialise. Our trial timetable has a greater number of shorter breaks throughout the day. There are three breaks for children to eat to refuel. Our Grab and go breaks in the morning have children in Y3 - 8 taking some food with them on the go and the Y0 - 2 children having a structured time in class to eat before moving outside. All children have an allocated time at the end of the lunch break where they are sitting and eating.
Our timetable for term three will be:

- 8.30am - Children able to enter classrooms
- 8.50am - 5 minutes before learning starts
- 8.55am - Learning session one
- 9.55am - Grab and go break
- 10.15am - Learning Session two
- 11.15am - Grab and go break
- 11.35am - Learning Session three
- 12.30pm - Lunch break - play then eat
- 1.05pm - Learning session four
- 2.00pm - Little play
    - We may come up with a better name for this, however, at the moment it is quite nostalgic
- 2.10pm - Learning Session five
- 3.00pm - School finishes

As always, with anything new, there will be trade offs, we have discussed some, I'm sure we will find a few more as we give this a go. We ask our ākonga to have a growth mindset, so as adults we go into this with a positive approach. The initial feedback from kaiako and tamariki is that they like the regular movement and time outside, there is greater focus by the ākonga in the shorter learning blocks.

PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS

The focus for the first few weeks of Term 3 is being responsible for our own behaviour. The topics being covered are -

- showing positive solution based behaviour through restorative practices
- being honest - if you make a mistake, do your best to fix it
- practising being a good sport person.

STUDENT CORNER **Celebrating student achievements**

Congratulations to **Zooni Ahuja** (Yr 8) and her team for coming 3rd in the National Badminton Championships in Auckland.

Well done to **Sophia Hickman** (Yr 8) who auditioned for the Christchurch Schools Music Festival Concert Band, playing the cornet. Sophia was one of the 310 successful children to gain a place and will perform in the Christchurch Music Festival being held in Term 4. For more information about this event visit the Christchurch Music Festival website

Zones Cross Country Challenge 2024
St Martins School was well represented this year by 46 Year 0-4 runners. Up against 420 children from 14 schools, we managed to win several placings including a first for the Year 3 girls' team consisting of **Clara Wenlock, Serenity Wairau-Lee, and Ruby Fastier**. All our ākonga showed perseverance and enthusiasm and had fun regardless of where they placed. Thank you to all our whānau supporters who braved the easterly wind to cheer our runners on!



Monster Music June 500 Competition
Congratulations to the following students for completing the Monster Music June 500 competition by playing their instruments for more than 500 minutes this month. Well done to **Billie Heke, Elliot Ruawai, Finley Bennett, Naomi Kelly, Khumjung Nijdam, Mahendra Nijdam, Brennan Feaver, Huxley Lewis, Isla Thomson, Jack Thomson, Jessica Edensor.**



SCHOOL NOTICES

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle
This coming Tuesday the 30th of July we are holding a sausage sizzle. This is to support our Year 7 student Andrew McKinley who has been selected in the New Zealand baseball team that will travel to the United States World Series in August. Sausages will be $2 each. More information will be sent out with students tomorrow.



PTA UPDATE

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Monday 29th July at 8.30am in the school hall. There are plenty of junior fleeces available for $20 if you need a spare one to get through the winter months. Cash and bank deposit on the day. Thank you for all the donations of uniform to refresh the supplies.



Annual Disco: Friday 2nd August, **Theme: Movie, Book and TV Characters.** Juniors 5.30 – 7pm. Seniors 7.30 – 9pm. A sausage sizzle will be running beforehand. $5 entry payable on the night with cash sales for food, drink, face painting, photos and glow products. We need your help please to make this event a success, sign up here: Disco Sign Up Genius

Movie Night: A screening of new release movie **"It Ends With Us"** (romance / drama) is being held on Sunday 11th August, 7.30pm at Deluxe Cinemas @ The Tannery as a PTA social event. Limited tickets available, book your tickets here: Movie Night Form



Yr 0 – 8 Touch Rugby: Back in Term 4 for seven weeks, start date 24th October. Team Finder will be available if your child would like to play but isn't in a team, no experience required. More information out soon.

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

Entertainment App: Current offer, free multi city upgrade and a $30 Woolworths voucher: Buy Membership Here

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz **Fundraising Website:** www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 12th August, 7.30pm, Staff Room



TERM 3 2024

To stay up to date with any changes to our events calendar visit our school website at this link. Or access the calendar via your HERO app.

	Mon 22 Jul	Tues 23 Jul	Wed 24 Jul	Thur 25 Jul	Fri 26 Jul
1	**Term 3 Starts**	Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 19 Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	Year 5-8 Hiphop Comp Year 7-8 Zone Basketball Y3/4 Marvellous Machines Celebration of Learning 1pm-2pm	Year 7/8 Epro8 Russley School, 5-8pm Year 5-8 winter sports Newsletter	Year 5/6 EPro8 Russley School 9.30-12.30 Year 7/8 Technology Paris Olympics begin
	Mon 29 Jul	**Tues 30 Jul**	**Wed 31 Jul**	**Thurs 1 Aug**	**Fri 2 Aug**
2	Second hand uniform sale 8.30-9am, hall Year 7/8 Hearing and Vision Testing Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 18	Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 20 Navigators Canty. Museum Coming to visit Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 17 GTT Rm 13 & 14 Year 5/6 zone Basketball	Year 5-8 winter sports	SCHOOL DISCO Year 7/8 Technology Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
	Mon 5 Aug	**Tues 6 Aug**	**Wed 7 Aug**	**Thur 8 Aug**	**Fri 9 Aug**
3	ICAS Writing 9am	ICAS Digital Tech 9am Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	GTT Rm 15 & 16 Yr 7/8 Volleyball Tournament	EPro8 Semi Finals 7/8 5-8pm South Year 5-8 winter sports Newsletter	EPro8 Semi Finals 5/6 9-12am South Room 18 Olympics Party Year 7/8 Technology
	Mon 12 Aug	**Tues 13 Aug**	**Wed 14 Aug**	**Thur 15 Aug**	**Fri 16 Aug**
4	ICAS English 9am PTA meeting (7.30pm, staffroom)	Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm Board meeting (6.30pm, staffroom)	GTT Rm 13 & 14	Year 5-8 winter sports Strum, Strike, Blow Rehearsal 10am Strum, Strike, Blow Evening Concert 6.30pm, Wolfbrook Arena	Year 7/8 Technology Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
	Mon 19 Aug	**Tues 20 Aug**	**Wed 21 Aug**	**Thur 22 Aug**	**Fri 23 Aug**
	BOOK WEEK				
5	School Duathlon Keeping Ourselves Safe Whānau Hui	ICAS Science 9am EPro8 Grand Finals 7/8 4-8pm	Canterbury CantaMath EPro8 Grand Finals 5/6	Year 5-8 winter sports Newsletter	Year 7/8 Technology

	2.15-3pm	South Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	10.30-2 South GTT Rm 15 & 16	ICAS Spelling Bee 9am	
6	Mon 26 Aug	Tues 27 Aug	Wed 28 Aug	Thur 29 Aug	Fri 30 Aug
		Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	GTT Rm 13 & 14	Year 5-8 winter sports	Year 7/8 Technology Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
7	Mon 2 Sept	Tues 3 Sept	Wed 4 Sept	Thur 5 Sept	Fri 6 Sept
		Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	GTT Rm 15 & 16	Year 5-8 winter sports Canterbury Winter Tournament Newsletter	Year 7/8 Technology
8	Mon 9 Sept	Tues 10 Sept	Wed 11 Sept	Thur 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept
	Canterbury Duathlon	Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	St Johns visit the Navigators GTT Rm 13 & 14	St Johns visit the Navigators Mihi Comp (hall) Year 5-8 winter sports	Year 7/8 Technology Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
9	Mon 16 Sept	Tues 17 Sept	Wed 18 Sept	Thur 19 Sept	Fri 20 Sept
	Maori Language Week				
	PTA meeting (staffroom 7.30pm)	Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm Board meeting (staffroom, 6.30pm)	Navigators Camp - Living Springs		
			GTT Rm 15 & 16	Year 5-8 winter sports Newsletter	Year 7/8 Technology
10	Mon 23 Sept	Tues 24 sept	Wed 25 Sept	Thur 26 Sept	Fri 27 Sept
	Yr 5-8 Korfball Tournament	Koru Games Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	Koru Games	Koru Games	Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45 Last day of Term 3