St Martins School
Te Kura o Hato Mātene

LAST DAY OF TERM (FRI 5TH JULY) SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12.30 FOR CONFERENCES

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SCHOOL UPDATE

What a lovely way to finish the term, reconnecting with whānau at the learning conferences to celebrate the learning of our ākonga in semester one. Thanks for braving the cold to come along and engage in conversations with your child's kaiako. As a teaching staff we have enjoyed the time to share the next steps in learning that we will be focussing on in term three. We hope that you have been able to access your child's report on your HERO account. We have had very positive feedback so far, in particular about the graphs for core curriculum areas and the student voice. If you need support accessing your child's report information please contact Alice Denley, aliced@stmartins.school.nz

We have enjoyed having lots of families going through the hall to see the matariki artworks, joining in with Kapa haka sessions and listening to the narrative of our school. Thank you to the whānau group members who spent time at home making fried bread for our tamariki to try. A special highlight was adding this with the shared soup for the children in the Discoverers on Thursday last week.

This week we farewell Mrs Alice Robins. Alice has been teaching at St Martins | Hato Mātene for the past 8 years. Alice has taught across the school from New Entrants, Y5/6 and finishing in the Y7/8 area. We have enjoyed all of the aspects Alice has brought to our school to enhance teaching and learning. Alice is moving to Nelson to be closer to her family. We congratulate Alice on gaining a teaching position in Nelson starting term three. We welcome Ben Irvine back to the Y7 / 8 team. Ben has previously taught in the High Fliers as well as the Y5 / 6 team last year. Ben is a known regular reliever in the Y7 / 8 area and has built positive relationships across the team. We look forward to Ben joining Rm 12 | Kāpuka from the beginning of term three.

Next term we'll be starting another roll growth class as the New Entrant area continues to grow. We welcome Jemimah O'Leary to the Explorers Team. Jemimah has regularly relieved across the school throughout 2023 and 2024. We look forward to Jemimah sharing her New Entrant expertise with us.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education and the teachers union (NZEI) negotiated last year to increase the classroom release time for all teachers. In term three all teachers will be released for at least half a day most weeks, with team leaders and a handful of teachers having release one day a week. We have worked hard to ensure there is as much consistency as possible within the school utilising a number of known relievers as release teachers.

Congratulations to the Showquest team and the tamariki competing in the Speaking for the Planet events last week. Fantastic to see lots of talented children on the stage last week.

We welcome new student, Seebe who has joined our Navigators space at St Martins | Hato Mātene, we hope you enjoy your experiences at our school, we look forward to sharing in your learning journey.

Next term we will be trialling a new timetable. This is based on recent research to provide more frequent movement breaks for children to get outside, move about and socialise. We have observed teachers using our current mini break as a time to get outside and break up the first two hour block. Our trial timetable will have a greater number of shorter breaks throughout the day. All children will have a number of break times they can use to refuel. There is some slight variation in the school with the Explorers Team opting to have children sitting down to eat during the first two breaks while we go back to tamariki eating on the go. Our lunch break is shorter with a designated eating time at the end before returning to class. 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 or retro
- 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 ākinga to have a growth mindset, so as adults we go into this with a positive approach.
Thanks everyone for a great term of learning, the staff for their time at the conferences and developing engaging learning opportunities, the tamariki for your positive approach to your learning and whānau for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful holiday break, stay warm during the wintery weeks ahead, have a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you return in term three.
Andrew











PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS - Responsibility

PB4L Design Competition

The PB4L team are inviting St Martins students to create a mascot, a fictional character, or a symbolic figure that represents Hāto Mātene - St Martins School. The winning design will go to a graphic designer to be brought to life and included in a variety of ways within our school.

The competition is open to all students in our kura.
Things to consider in your design are

- Our environment
- Our school values
- Our school culture

Designs must be submitted to Mrs. Norcliffe in Room 7 or digital files can be sent to helenn@stmartins.school.nz
Competition closes on Tuesday 23 July (Week 1) at 3pm. Please include your name, room number and year group on your entry.

The Term 2 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is the school value of Responsibility.
We finish the term by continuing the focus of **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.



STUDENT CORNER



SHOWQUEST (Written by the ShowQuest student leaders)
Our Showquest journey began early in the year, enabling us to establish the storyline and theme of our performance.
Our executive committee consisted of students selected for their leadership skills and played a key role in organising the performance. We depicted the meaning of life through a poignant cycle of new beginnings and death, highlighting the challenges we all must confront.
We were so proud of our efforts and were honoured to receive three awards: **Best Original Composition, Best Props, and Highly Commended Live Music.** We also had 2 students entering the Toi- Wearable Arts section for the first time. Amelia Wenlock received an award for **'Creative Storytelling'** for her artwork 'Phoenix Rising From the Ashes'.
We had a fantastic time at the town hall. Overall, it was an amazing experience, and we thoroughly enjoyed the fish and chip dinner! Our performance is available on YouTube if you'd like to watch it here. You can find a link to some professional photos here.





The Speaking for the Planet Event was held on Friday 21st June at Turanga - Christchurch Library. Seven of our year 7 & 8 students were there representing St Martins School in Spoken Word and Visual Art, with the focus being on Global Sustainability. Students were also given the opportunity to attend various writing and performance workshops in the weeks leading up to the event.



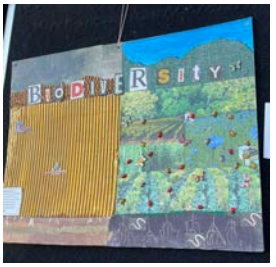
Our students were very successful, coming away with a variety of awards:

Spoken Word Poetry: Year 7 - Ethan (1st place), Luiza (2nd place) and Loriann (highly commended). Year 8 - Zoe (2nd place)

Speeches: Year 8 - Archie (highly commended)

Visual Arts: Year 7 - Alice (2nd place), Isla and Scarlett (highly commended)

Congratulations to everyone who participated and put themselves out there!



PTA UPDATE

Bingo: A great result raising nearly $11,000. Thank you to Michael of AC Lighting for generously donating the lighting for this event and to the following businesses with a school connection:



Blue Acorn, for all your stainless-steel needs: www.blueacorn.co.nz

Friday Flower Company, homegrown blooms, floral subscriptions available: thefridayflowerco@outlook.com Instagram: thefridayflower.co

Tussock Hill, book for a mid-winter lunch or afternoon drinks and snacks: www.tussockhill.co.nz

Movie Night: Save the date for a night at Deluxe Cinemas at The Tannery, Sunday 11th August.

Entertainment App: Lots of school holiday activity discounts, multi city upgrade, Buy Membership Here

Disco: Planning is well underway for the annual disco on Friday 2nd August. **Theme: Movie, Book and TV Characters.** Lots of helpers are needed for this event, please keep an eye out for the sign-up-genius on FB during the holidays and via Hero on Week 1.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Monday 29 July at 8.30am in the school hall. There are plenty of junior fleeces available for $20 if you need a spare one for the winter months. Cash and bank deposit on the day. Donations of any tidy, clean uniform can be left in the school office, thank you.

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALBERT TERRACE, KERBSIDE REPLACEMENT Monday 8th July - 31st July 2024

For approximately the first 2 weeks of term 3, on-street parking will be unavailable from the top end of Albert Terrace (see attached map) This is due to council roadworks to replace the kerb and channels. The estimated dates of this work are 8th July 2024 - 31st July 2024. (weather permitting). Hours of work will be between 7am - 7pm. (week days)

Residents will still have access to their property during the work period. However, traffic management will be used to manage this access and the speed of vehicles driving through the work site.

Please be mindful of the extra activity with construction vehicles and the parking shortage this will create around the school during this time and plan ahead when dropping off and picking up your children.

For more information about this, see the Christchurch City Council Website ccc.govt.nz/resurfacing



The Community Dental Service Holiday clinics

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays from Monday 8th July 2024, reopening on Monday 22nd July 2024

Three of our community dental clinics will be open during the break:

- Hillmorton (80-82 Sylvan Street)
- Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
- Timaru (18 Woollcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.

TERM 2 2024

	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				

TERM 3 2024

	Mon 22 Jul	Tues 23 Jul	Wed 24 Jul	Thur 25 Jul	Fri 26 Jul
1	**Term 3 Starts**	Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 19	Year 5-8 Hiphop Comp Year 7-8 Zone Basketball	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
	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	Antarctic Centre Trip - Room 17 GTT - Room 13 & 14 Year 5/6 zone Basketball	Year 5-8 winter sports	**SCHOOL DISCO** Year 7/8 Technology