St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 12 : Thursday 8 August 2024

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,
This week we welcome; Bodhi, Noah, Willow and Kaleb. We look forward to you joining the St Martins | Hato Mātene whānau, the learning you will engage in and the contributions you will make.
Thank you for your patience with the roadworks around school. It was lovely to arrive this morning to a cone free environment. Hopefully back to our normal routines during drop off and pick up.
What a great night we had on Friday last week, fantastic efforts with the disco theme of 'Movie, book and TV characters'. Thanks to the PTA and student leaders, working together to provide a fabulous event for our tamariki. Thanks to James for the banging tunes and AC lighting for creating the disco atmosphere in the hall. As always it's really nice to see so many parents involved in the Junior disco with our youngest tamariki. We appreciate all parents being available to collect their children from the hall so we can ensure the safety of everyone having an adult to get them home.
Tamariki are enjoying the opportunity to join a couple of new lunchtime clubs this term. We have knitting and chess as new options for children this term. Thanks to Miss Kate Keenan and Mr Oscar Adams for leading these initiatives.
Next week we will be running the Y5 - 8 Duathlon. This event has had to be brought forward due to Hansen Park being unavailable at the usual time we would hold this race. Children are able to compete in individual and team events. Fingers crossed for similar crisp, sunny conditions we have had in the past few years. We encourage all ākonga in the Y5 - 8 area to get involved.
Last week Fiona from Turanga's Imagination Station led a LEGO robotic session for some of our young learners. They enjoyed the opportunity to build and code the movement of their own robots. Thanks Miss Kate Keenan for organising this wonderful session.
With the Canterbury Museum currently closed, we are fortunate that they have mobile classes visiting schools. This term the Navigators and Explorers have utilised this service with children really enjoying their hands-on learning.
Next week we look forward to some of the students from Monster Music sharing their music learning with us. There are approximately 95 children across the school learning a variety of instruments, we are looking forward to creating opportunities for children to share their learning with us.
This week and next Mr Oscar Adams is running a number of house based Olympic events. Fabulous to see Bowenvale taking two gold medals so far. We look forward to the video submissions and musical chairs.
Next week is NZ Maths week. The maths curriculum team have organised a number of activities for classes to join in. We have the opportunity for Y5 - 8 children to participate in a zone based Cantamaths competition on Monday. We will be walking down to Beckenham School to compete as school groups and then mixed teams. This week the Government shared with us that we will be receiving the new draft Maths curriculum this month. We are being asked to implement this new curriculum by the start of next year.









As a school we have been working with the draft curriculum before it was recalled. Our maths team look forward to seeing the changes and working together to put this curriculum into practice. The Government shared data in the weekend that 22% of Year 8 learners met the expectations of the new curriculum. Although we haven't looked at the new curriculum our mid year data shows that 82% of our Year 8s are meeting or above the expectations for this time of the year.
Good luck to the EPro8 teams competing in the semi finals this week, we hope you enjoy your new builds and the challenge of the competition.
Have a great weekend.
Andrew





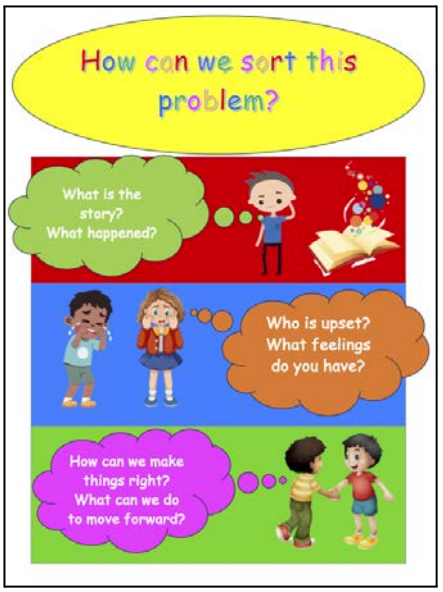
PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS

'To create a positive climate and culture of belonging and engagement for all'

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

As part of being responsible for our behaviour, classes have been working through skills to solve problems independently.
The skills involved work through steps to hold a restorative conversation. This includes giving each child an opportunity for uninterrupted sharing, understanding the impact of the behaviour on others and coming to a mutual agreement to move forward positively.
Posters have been placed around the school for children to refer to if needed.
As always, duty teachers are supervising at all break times if extra support is required.



STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements

CCC Graffiti Programme

Early on in the year a group of students from St Martins were invited by the CCC Graffiti Programme to create a piece of art with an environmental message or theme.
Rose, Billie, Harry, Maddy, Caleb, Matthias, Matilda, Jess, Mayah, Millie, Lara, Spencer, Ethan and Summer have been working so hard on their art pieces and they are finally ready to be displayed at the Climate Action Campus (the old Avonside Girls High School) in the Red Zone!





Their artwork joins hundreds of other works of art by artists of all ages from Ōtautahi, Christchurch. The Climate Action Campus is open to the public. All artworks will eventually have a code you can scan to read about the artist's work and their environmental message. The group are proud of their art and the positive environmental messages they are sharing. Great work team!

EPRO8 Competition

Congratulations to our two 7/8 teams and our one 5/6 team competing in the Canterbury Semi Finals of EPro8 tonight. We wish them all the best for the competition and will update you all on the results soon.



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.

Caregivers and parents of St Martins School have the opportunity to review and place feedback on the policies that are under review each term. **Reviews for T3 must be placed by Monday 9th September.**

Login here and go to the 'Current review' tab to review the following policies;
Username: stmartins
Password: huntsbury
Community review topics for Term 3

- **Media**
- **Professional Development**
- **Staff Conduct**
- **Staff Leave**



PTA UPDATE

Disco: To all the helpers at the disco, thank you for supporting this event, we can't do it without you. To the Student Council and PTA disco team, a truly great night was had by the students, thank you for all your organising to bring this event together. We are grateful for the support of DJ James and AC Lighting for creating an amazing atmosphere once again. There were some outstanding costumes, well done!

Movie Night: There are still tickets available for the movie this Sunday, "It Ends With Us" on at Deluxe @ The Tannery, 7.30pm. $27 which includes a drink. Book your ticket/s here: Movie Night Form

Yr 0 – 8 Touch Rugby Competition: Back in Term 4 for seven weeks, start date 24th October, held at Waltham Park, $30 per player. We will offer "Team Finder" again this year to join your child up with other children looking to be part of a team, no playing experience required. If your child is part of an established team, start thinking about the 2024 season, team registration opens on 19th August.

Years 0-4 any mixed ratio of boys/girls, five on the field. Years 5/6 mixed ratio 2/3. Years 7/8 mixed ratio 3/3. Friendly competition, no scoring, student referees, weekly sausage sizzle, a great community event to be part of. Any questions, please email: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

Market Time: We are looking to bring you a pre-Christmas market on Sunday 10th November, save the date! If you're crafty, get crafting. We'll be collecting books if you need to have a clear out. More information soon.

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 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 Intermediate 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 School Duathlon	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	Keeping Ourselves Safe Whānau Hui 2.15-3pm	ICAS Science 9am EPro8 Grand Finals 7/8 4-8pm South Kaitiaki Crew 12.30pm	Canterbury CantaMath EPro8 Grand Finals 5/6 10.30-2 South GTT Rm 15 & 16	Year 5-8 winter sports Newsletter ICAS Spelling Bee 9am	Year 7/8 Technology
	Mon 26 Aug	**Tues 27 Aug**	**Wed 28 Aug**	**Thur 29 Aug**	**Fri 30 Aug**
6		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
	Mon 2 Sept	**Tues 3 Sept**	**Wed 4 Sept**	**Thur 5 Sept**	**Fri 6 Sept**
7		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