

The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: <https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/>

Seeking....a new treasurer...

Unfortunately our current Treasurer has become busier than anticipated with Uni studies and kids! So we're seeking a new Treasurer - it is an essential role within the committee and isn't time-consuming (promise!!) - perfect for anyone who likes working with numbers and accounts (but you don't have to be an accountant!) - perfect for someone looking at perhaps moving back into the workforce to show recent experience, perfect if you are already working but want to be involved in the school community as transactions etc can be done at your convenience. If you are interested please contact Jo at chair@smartcommunity.org.nz

Meals / Baking Database

The S'Mart Community has a MEALS database to help families in crisis and a BAKING database to help these families and for catering for events. It would be great to have more people on the databases. Please email Ange at community@smartcommunity.org.nz if you are willing to be asked about helping with meals or baking. If your family ever needs meal support (baby born, crisis), please let your parent rep or class teacher know so we can help.

Fortnightly Friday morning catch-up and second-hand uniform sale! – Friday 1st September

From 8:45am and after you've dropped the kids off, grab a free hot drink from the Hall kitchen and have a chat and laughs with other school parents and caregivers - a great way to get to know more people and upgrade your kids' uniforms at the same time!

If you have uniform items you wish to sell, please provide these to the office. Items for sale must be clean, and have an envelope attached to each separate item (available at the office).

The envelope must have:

- Your name and contact details - either email or phone number.
- How much you want for the item - if we don't know, we can't sell it on your behalf.
- Gold coin taped on to the envelope- as small non-refundable fee for selling (all proceeds go to the Jubilee Trust (<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/community/st-martins-school-jubilee-trust/>)).

Check out more details (including guidance for pricing) on the S'Mart Community website <https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/uniform-aroha/>

Calendars and cards...

The artwork is underway! Don't miss your opportunity to order your calendars, cards, diaries, mouse pads, sketch pads all personalised with your child's artwork. If you haven't received your order form contact your child's teacher. Orders to be in by 15th September. Payment can also be made directly into the S'Mart Community account: ASB 12-3147-0420521-00. Please ensure that you add your child's name and "calendars and cards" so we can identify what you are paying for.

Disco

The Student Council and the Parent group members organising the disco would like to extend thanks so much to:

- All the wonderful parents, student council and senior students who contributed their time putting the event together, on the day & night helping set up, run it and those staying to help with the cleaning at the end of each disco.
- Thank you to parents for your patience and understanding that there are queues we need wait in to follow processes in order to hold the disco.
Thanks to all the Teachers and school personnel for your support and attendance, Mike the caretaker for all his input and help!
- Thanks also to Ms. Anita McGowan for her instigation of this event (years ago) and continuing dedication in leading the Student Council to make it happen.
- Thanks also to the following businesses who supported us:
 - Woolston New World
 - Cookie Time
 - Stephanie Nixon at FabFaces (training and supporting our face painters)
 - Fava cafe

Salami Fundraiser

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all the families who ordered Cashmere Cuisine's salami with our St Martins YUMraising. With all the orders tallied up we raised over \$1300. What a delicious way to contribute! Also, a big cheer to both Erika Stewart's family and the Boswell family (Scarlett and Mackay) who were our top sellers. Together they sold a massive 32 salamis! Well done! Look out for your orders to be delivered to you this week and thanks so much for your support.

Where has the money gone?

This year we have supported the purchase of new sports uniforms (\$5,960), technology (wireless headphones for Yrs 0-2 - \$1200), 2016 set of World Book Encyclopaedia for the Library (\$1700), Garden to Table activities (\$2000), the St Martins Jubilee Trust (\$1000) as well as \$8,500 for heat pumps installed in the Hall last December. Current fundraising efforts will support the purchase of new technology.

*****If you're keen to know what S'Mart Community events are coming up why not sign up to receive email reminders at www.smartcommunity.org.nz? *****