S'Mart Community

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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/



Working Bee THIS Sunday! July 1st

9:00am – 12:00pm with a delicious morning tea! Come along and work with other families from our School community - Kids are welcome to either help or to play!

We are tackling weeding, bush trimming, mowing lawns, making a path to the bee hive and waterblasting.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Come down to the adventure playground area for a community sausage sizzle. Run by the S'Mart Community to give us all a chance to get together and have a chat, and for the kids to have a play together.

When: Friday 29th June, after school (TOMORROW!)

Where: Adventure Playground area

Cost: \$2 a sausage

To be postponed if wet. See you there!

Raffle

Our raffle is beginning to take shape! Remember, we've said adios to the Fiesta for 2018, so this is our ONE big push for the year.

We've listened to your feedback from our school wide survey. Funds from the raffle will go toward the much needed development of our school hall. Continuing on with the fabulous efforts raised by our cookbook and previous Fiestas, we will keep chipping away!



How would you fancy winning a night for 2 at the **Rendezvous Hotel**? Or a family pass to the **Antarctic Centre**? How about a new **bike**? Or **\$50** to wine and dine at Protocol? These and many more offers will be up for grabs!

Thank you so much to the families and businesses who have offered their services and products. We are still looking to add to our prizes so any help you can give us, even if it's your TIME would still be welcome. Contact fundraising@smartcommunity.org.nz

Books will be arriving home shortly.

Entertainment Books

There are still some Canterbury Entertainment Books left, but a limited number so if you've been meaning to renew or buy one now might be a good time, especially with the holiday approaching and so many family offers available: Hoyts Cinemas, Porters Ski fields, Hanmer Springs, Mega Air, Willowbank to name a few. If you want to take a look at the specific offers have a look at the flick book, if you want to order/renew use the School's order page. Please feel free to pass the message far and wide and help extend our sales!

If you have a sample copy at home which you don't want please return it to the School Office where there is a drop box - the children can simply pop in and drop it off.

Save the Date: Sunday 19th August

Stuck for a Father's Day idea?
Been a while since you've updated your photo frames?
Are all your cellphone pics stuck in the cloud?

Then how about grabbing a bargain and supporting St Martins at the same time?

We have arranged for a professional photographer from Green Melon Photo to come to our school and photograph your family. This family portrait offer includes a:



10"x13" (253mmx330mm) studio quality, COLOUR or BLACK & WHITE family portrait normally valued at \$60.00 for ONLY \$20.00. This is absolutely great value!

St Martins School will receive the full \$20 from every family portrait. That's 100% for our fundraising efforts! We would like as many families, friends, neighbours and relatives as possible to participate in this special event. All welcome!

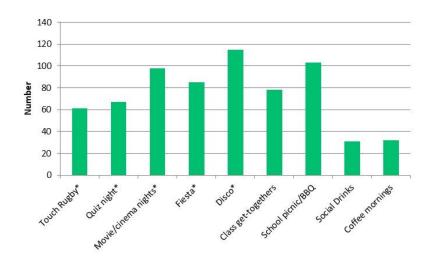
Be on the lookout for a signup soon.

What you said!

Thanks to those 160+ people who filled out the survey – that's a great response! – and congratulations to Anna Clothier for winning the \$25 FAVA voucher, and to Room 15 for being the class with the most responses returned – they win a \$30 voucher for class games!

We're really happy that you find the newsletter informative, although you weren't so aware of the website – which contains lots of information about S'Mart Community Activities (check it out if you haven't already... https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/)

Onto other questions... the events you and/or your children were keen to participate in were:



Raffles and calendars and cards were the stand-out fundraising activities you were keen to support....and slightly ironically a fun run and chocolate sales were equally supported as the next most popular fundraising activities! ...some of you said you would prefer to pay a donation... so make sure you've paid your school donation!

Participating in school maintenance and improvement activities was less popular, with many people skipping this question – but there was reasonable support for attending working bees, and second-hand uniform sales were popular.

*****If you would like to join the practical jobs team or fundraising teams please email info@smartcommunity.org.nz