



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 2 - Term 2 Date: Thursday 19th May 2022

BOARD UPDATE

We have received feedback from the community that there are concerns about pedestrian and cycle safety at the Centaurus Road/Wilsons Road/Albert Terrace roundabout. Let us know your thoughts.

You can find out more about the council consultation and give feedback [Here](#). Feedback is open until 3 June 2022. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Sam Sharland at CCC on 03 941 8793 or email ccc.govt.nz

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place next Tuesday, May 24th at 6.30pm in the staff room. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to attend, please contact the board chair at bot@stmartins.school.nz.

Ngā mihi,
Kate Hodgins



SCHOOL UPDATE

Last week we held our first half school assemblies. Thank you very much to those that could attend. It was nice to be able to have large groups of children join together to celebrate some of the wonderful things happening in the classrooms as well as giving out our first assembly values awards for the year.

This week lots of children have been out and about. This may have been the quick walk to the park for the Y5 - 8 Cross Country. Thanks to Jarad Pateman for his organisation of this event. It was a lovely crisp day for distance running. The first six children for boys and girls in each year group will go on to run in the Zone Cross Country next week.

The Discoverers Team (Y3/4) have enjoyed the opportunity to use the Imagination Station resources at Tūranga | Christchurch City Library. The children have enjoyed making and creating with the Lego, using coding as part of the process.

Congratulations to Daria, her poem entered in the Write On School For Young Writers poetry competition for Issue 57: Food For Thought, has been highly commended.

The children have been involved in a variety of activities supporting Bully Free week. Thank you to the Student Council for providing the activities. Nicky Pateman has also signed the school up for 'Walk the Talk'. A wonderful opportunity to

Fruit

Oranges.
The brightest fruit in the rainbow,
(except for banana of course)
Yellow, orange, and slightly green,

Bananas.
Most delicious fruit in the bowl,
(except for mandarin of course)
Yellow, brown and slightly green,

Mandarins.
The best fruit in the bowl,
(except for mangos of course)
Yellow orange and slightly green,

Mangoes.
No words do them justice,
(except for delicious of course)
A true rainbow of colours.

Mangoes are king

By Daria

support mental health for youth in NZ. The St Martins | Hato Mātene Walk the Talk challenge sees children and staff being involved in physical activities throughout the week for 31 minutes. Young people reaching out to Youthline for support spend an average of 31 minutes chatting with a Youthline counselor online. We finish the week with supporting Pink Shirt dress up day. This is an opportunity for children to add some pink to their day (we are not fundraising for this day). We look forward to the extra colour in the school tomorrow. Check out the school Facebook page to see some of the actions from the week

We welcome Phoebe to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

We continue to have approximately 2% of our tamariki absent due to being positive with Covid. At this stage we continue with face masks being recommended, however not compulsory. It is good to see that children that have not been well are returning and wearing their masks. We have welcomed whānau back on site, thank you for your considered approach. A reminder that adults onsite are able to be without a mask if outside the classrooms, if you are entering the classrooms please wear your mask.

Last week we started our Values hot chocolates with the NE - Y4 ākonga | learners, today a selection of Y5 - 8 children are off to Fava.

Have a great weekend.

Andrew

S'MART UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who turned up to our AGM and saw the refreshed hall for the first time. We have a new committee elected with a fresh team and larger numbers - hooray. Personally we would like to thank Tracy Taylor for her amazing 6 years as our Treasurer who is standing down this year. Also to Sharlene Browning our secretary. Both are stepping aside due to work commitments and we have new people in these roles who put their names forward and were duly elected. Thank you too! All names of the new committee will be in future comms once the minutes of the meeting come out. Note Jamie Billings will continue as chair for one more year. Also hopefully everyone has their garden bulbs by now.

Our next Smart Community Meeting will be held on June 13th in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

Jamie

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

The School Policies and Procedures under Parent/Caregiver review this term are:

- Managing Minor/Moderate Injury
- Bullying & Online Bullying

To read and review these policies: Go to the School Docs Policies and Procedures site:

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/about-st-martins/policiesprocedures/>

Enter the username (**stmartins**) and password (**huntsbury**).



Click on the **Current Review** tab, read the information and if you would like to provide feedback click on the red “Under Review” tab.

The closing date to provide feedback is Thursday 16th June.

SCHOOL NOTICES

PARENTING COURSES

Tuning into Kids

These are proving extremely popular and thank you for advertising them within your community. All seven term 2 programmes are full including one being run virtually. I will send out term 3's dates later this term.

Parenting Place

Primary Years 5-9, Teenage Years 13-18, Building Awesome Whānau 0-12. 6 sessions over 6 weeks – practical strategies, ideas and insights to inspire and equip parents on their parenting journey. For more information Email: support@parentingplace.nz or phone (09) 524 0025 ext 210 or <https://parentingplace.nz/courses>

Triple P online parenting programmes

Whānau can now have free access to Triple P courses. This includes Fear-Less Triple P Online. This is a programme parents and caregivers can do that helps children and young people get on top of anxiety. <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.nz/nz-uken/triple-p/>

Ngā mihi,

Leanne Parnham

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Māia Health Foundation

We are raising the money needed to fund the revamped CAF unit, where 348 kids a month go for help **Often as a result of bullying during primary school.** Please log onto the website for more information. <https://www.maiahealth.org.nz/projects/key-projects/youth-mental-health/>

Brain Play

Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country! Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.

ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 16 May	Tue 17 May	Wed 18 May	Thu 19 May	Fri 20 May
	Bully Free Week (Mon 16th-Friday 20th May)				
		Discoverers 1 Turanga trip SMS Cross Country	SMS Cross Country p.p date	Newsletter Discoverers 2 Turanga trip PAL Leadership Day	Yr 8 Ara Games Pink Shirt Day
4	Mon 23 May	Tue 24 May	Wed 25 May	Thu 26 May	Fri 27 May
		Yr 7&8 PCT BoT Meeting 6.30 - 8.30	GTT Rm 21 & 22 William Pike Rock Climbing (date 2) Zone Cross Country	8am - Yr 7&8 Volunteer Army	Yr 8 Ara Games
5	Mon 30 May	Tue 31 May	Wed 1 June	Thu 2 June	Fri 3 June
			GTT Rm 23 & 24	Newsletter Young Leaders Day Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Starts 8am - Yr 7&8 Volunteer Army	Yr 8 Ara Games
6	Mon 6 June	Tue 7 June	Wed 8 June	Thu 9 June	Fri 10 June
	Queens Birthday Yr 5-8 hip hop comp	Teacher Only Day	GTT Rm 21 & 22	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	
7	Mon 13 June	Tue 14 June	Wed 15 June	Thu 16 June	Fri 17 June
	Smart Community Meeting - staffroom 7.30pm		Yr 7&8 Zone Basketball	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Show Quest	
8	Mon 20 June	Tue 21 Jun	Wed 22 June	Thu 23 June	Fri 24 June
	Yr 5-8 Zone Swimming		GTT Rm 21 & 22 Canterbury Cross Country	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Matariki Public Holiday
9	Mon 27 June	Tue 28 June	Wed 29 June	Thu 30 June	Fri 1 July
	Yr 0-2 Huff & Puff	Yr 0-2 Huff & Puff PP	GTT Rm 23 & 24 Matariki Library lessons yr 7&8	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Yr 8 Ara Games
10	Mon 4 July	Tue 5 July	Wed 6 July	Thu 7 July	Fri 8 July
	Yr 5-8 Korfball Tournament	Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country EPRO Yr 7&8	Yr 7&8 Hip Hop Competition	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Last day of Term 2 (96 half days)
	Learning Conferences				