



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 1/Term 2

Date: Thursday 5th May 2022

## BOT UPDATE

Kiaora tatou,

Hopefully you have all enjoyed a good break and are ready for term 2! Just a couple of dates for your diaries:

The Smart community PTA AGM is coming up next Wednesday 11th May in the revamped hall. A strong PTA really enriches both your child's and your experience of our school and community. Come along, get involved and make a difference, however big or small.

Next, our first board of Trustees meeting of the term is coming up on May 24th at 6.30pm. Visitors are welcome- please contact me directly if you would be interested in attending: [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins

## SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back to the term everyone. I hope you had a lovely break with your whānau at home. It sounds like a number of families have been on the move again to get out and about. We have very settled classes coming back into the term.

We are very happy to be able to invite families back on site next week. Please refer to the Covid section below.

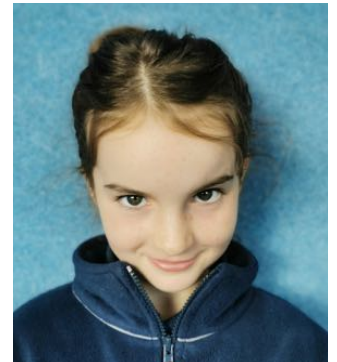
Next week we go back to having assemblies. At this stage we will continue with a split school system even though we can all fit in the hall. We look forward to families joining us once again with tamariki receiving values awards. We will also be sharing house points from the playground. We have new times for our Friday assembly focussed around the drop off and pick up times.

- 9.00am NE - Y4
- 2.15pm Y5 - 8

Classroom teachers will let you know if your child is receiving a certificate.

We have a couple of trips organized early up this term, thanks to parents who are able to join us. The Y5 - 8 winter sports competition starts in week six. We have a large number of teams joining in this year. Thank you to all of the teachers and parent coaches who are giving up their extra time to support the children.

Wonderful to see the senior children (and some children from the Navigators) giving up their time to help keep the school tidy and clean. The tamariki in this



group are working towards either community hours for William Pike or Senior School Success Badges.

As we move into the cross country season we are aware that children continue to recover from illness and have options that children can choose from to join in.

We welcome Lucy, Tom, Fiona, Serenity, Olotele, Keanu, Colton, Rowan, Micah and Georgia to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Have a wonderful weekend, we look forward to seeing you in the school next week.

Andrew

## COVID UPDATE

As we have previously shared, the Ministry of Education asks all schools to undertake their own risk assessment with the numbers and health aspects in the school.

Currently we have 2% of the school away due to covid, this includes positive cases and household contacts. With the low numbers and after consultation with the Y5 - 8 teachers we will move to masks being recommended in Y5 - 8 classes, however, not compulsory. We will continue to ask Y5 - 8 tamariki to have a mask at school for large group situations (e.g. assembly).

We welcome whānau back on site next week. If you are coming onto the school grounds and remain outside the classroom you will not need to wear a mask. If you do enter the classroom at this stage we will ask that you wear a mask.

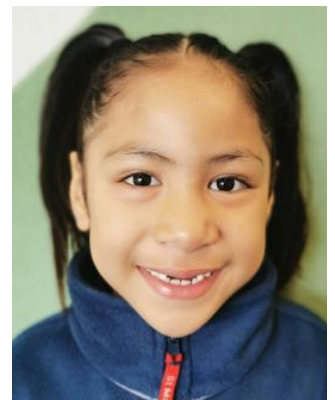
Talking with teachers and parents at the gate we have seen an increase in independence particularly in the Junior School as children self manage putting their bags away and getting ready for the day. We have been very impressed with the care that siblings are taking to support their younger brother or sister to get into their room. Perhaps this could continue and there is a greater focus on coming onsite at the end of the day to visit the classroom to see the new learning that has taken place.

## PROPERTY UPDATE

We are looking forward to getting back into the hall next week. The floors look great after being sanded and polished during the break, we have basketball, netball and korfbal lines all ready to put into use. We will add blinds in the next few weeks as well as finally pulling out the staging purchased by the S'MART COMMUNITY that has been in storage for the past year. The steps to the top courts have been removed so they can be widened. This means that we are only using the driveway for access. This should be completed by the middle of the term.

## S'MART UPDATE

The **Smart Community AGM is next Wednesday 11th May**. More than just a PTA, being part of the Managing Committee of the Smart Community allows you to discuss ideas, meet other parents as well as teachers and help St Martins thrive as a school. During the last few years we have done away with



all the sub committees, the buzz is more a collaborative effort these days. We fundraise, we donate money, we run events, we support our school network. Above all we have fun! We've tried new ways of fundraising recently (e.g. the garden bulbs) and are looking at a new app to simplify the second hand uniform sales. This year we have already contributed some funding for new literacy resources.

Come along next **Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm** in the new refurbished hall to our AGM. Feel no pressure to join the committee and just listen to some of the things we have achieved in the last year and our goals for the near future. We welcome and really would love new members. Many of us have done a number of years now on the managing committee and even our youngest children may soon be leaving. So we do NEED new ideas and energetic people to continue the good work.

This year we are seeking a new secretary, responsible for taking the meeting minutes and circulating those afterwards. I am happy to continue as Chair but equally will welcome anyone else wanting to take a fresh approach. Tracy has done 6 fantastic years as Treasurer as well, so if anyone wants that role, please put yourself forward too. You can also join the team just as a general committee member. Generally we have 2 meetings a term so the commitment is not huge but the fundraising and events are only successful if we have enough people willing to volunteer their valuable time to assist.

Please join us (masked up as it is inside) next Wednesday night for our next meeting.

Thanks, Jamie Billings

Chair of Smart Community.



### **Bulb Fundraiser Update**

We've had apologies from Garden Post for the delay on the bulb orders, they have had numerous delays due to Covid freight issues. They are hoping to ship our order early next week and they have assured us that all bulbs are good for planting until the end of May.

Thanks for your patience and don't panic, your spring flowers will still be splendid!

## **STUDENTS CORNER**

Congratulations to the children involved in the South Island Primary Basketball Tournament during the holidays -We had 2 students playing for the Pioneer Basketball Club in the Year 7/8 grade and 1 student playing in the Yr 6 grade. Congratulations to Lincoln Pateman, Charlie Bloy and Matthew Harrison. The Year 7/8 team were also lucky enough to win the tournament in extra time.

## **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 19th May.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### **SMART COMMUNITY AGM Meeting**

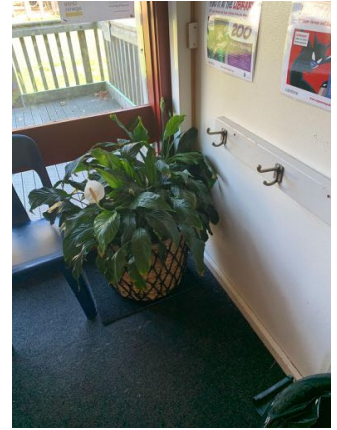
Wednesday 11th May. 7.30pm St Martins School Hall. All are welcome. Please wear a mask. Nibbles provided

### **House Tees**

For those of you who had ordered house tees last term they should be here next week

### **Plants donated for Library**

A big thank you to former St Martins School teacher Viv Ellis who has kindly donated two lovely big Peace Lily plants to our school library. They are a perfect addition to the space! Thankyou!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Homework Club - Position available**

The Homework Club is looking for a positive and enthusiastic staff member to work as an after school care assistant. Start date for this position is flexible.

#### **Successful candidates will:**

- Love working with children
- Be available to work from 3-5pm weekdays (during school term)
- Have experience working with and managing large groups of children (this is a requirement!)
- Undergo a police check
- Have great communication skills

*If this sounds like the job for you please email your C.V to: [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz)*

### **Guitar and Ukulele Tuition with Matt Kennedy**

Available for all ages and levels. Running on Monday afternoons at school. \$20 per 20 minute lesson. Please email Matt at [mwkennedy.92@gmail.com](mailto:mwkennedy.92@gmail.com) or text 0272554231

### **Aerial Circus Classes**

Hi I'm Rena Oliphant (ex pupil) and I am an aerial performer with over 5 years of experience.

Aerial circus is a form of dance/acrobatics that involves apparatus that is suspended in the air. Examples are the trapeze, lyra (hoop), and silks (pictured above in the silhouette).

I am running aerial circus classes for school aged students, (ages 5-13) We work on beginner skills that develop flexibility, strength and creativity. There are a few options for classes:

Wednesday group class (of 6): \$10 for an hour, 3.30 - 4.30

Group private class: invite friends or family to try a one off session any time that suits you (\$10 per person for an hour) This session is more fun based, rather than learning specific skills.

Contact Rena on 0273245633 or [smartinsaerials@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsaerials@gmail.com) to book or for more information.



### **Kelly Sports Term 2 Programmes**

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Term 2 After School Sports Clinics are now available online.

The programme is aimed at school years 0-4 and takes place within the school grounds straight after school. The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone.

To register and for more information please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east) or contact Mahina on [chch@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:chch@kellysports.co.nz) for more information

### **St Martins Scouts - Snow Gear Sale**

This winter St Martins Scouts are having a second hand snow gear sale to fundraise for our Scout group.

Saturday 7th May 9am-3pm @ St Martins Scout Den, 297 Centaurus Road Come and grab some bargains on skis, snowboards, boots, jackets, pants, gloves, goggles and any other winter gear.

If you have gear to sell, bring it along Friday 6th May, 2pm to 6pm. Either donate it to the group or we'll sell on your behalf for 30% of the sale price. <https://www.smartscouts.co.nz/snow/> or [Click here to go to the Facebook Event](#)

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

<b>1</b>	<b>Mon 2 May</b>	<b>Tue 3 May</b>	<b>Wed 4 May</b>	<b>Thu 5 May</b>	<b>Fri 6 May</b>
	First day of Term 2			Newsletter	Yr 8 Ara Games
<b>2</b>	<b>Mon 9 May</b>	<b>Tue 10 May</b>	<b>Wed 11 May</b>	<b>Thu 12 May</b>	<b>Fri 13 May</b>
			GTT Rm 21 & 22 William Pike Rock Climbing (date 1)	Year 7/8 'Attitude' in class workshops	Yr 8 Ara Games
<b>3</b>	<b>Mon 16 May</b>	<b>Tue 17 May</b>	<b>Wed 18 May</b>	<b>Thu 19 May</b>	<b>Fri 20 May</b>
	Bully Free Week (Mon 16th-Friday 20th May)				
		Discoverers 1 Imagination Station trip  SMS Cross Country	SMS Cross Country p.p date	Newsletter  Discoverers 2 Imagination Station trip PAL Leadership Day	Yr 8 Ara Games
<b>4</b>	<b>Mon 23 May</b>	<b>Tue 24 May</b>	<b>Wed 25 May</b>	<b>Thu 26 May</b>	<b>Fri 27 May</b>
		Yr 7&8 PCT  BoT Meeting 6.30 til 8.30	GTT Rm 21 & 22  William Pike Rock Climbing (date 2)  Zone Cross Country		Yr 8 Ara Games
<b>5</b>	<b>Mon 30 May</b>	<b>Tue 31 May</b>	<b>Wed 1 June</b>	<b>Thu 2 June</b>	<b>Fri 3 June</b>
			GTT Rm 23 & 24	Young Leaders Day  Newsletter	Yr 8 Ara Games

				Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Starts	
6	Mon 6 June	Tue 7 June	Wed 8 June	Thu 9 June	Fri 10 June
	Queens Birthday	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
			Yr 7&8 Zone Basketball	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Show Quest Town Hall EPAC	
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	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)