



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Date: 11 August 2022

BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,

Just a couple of updates. Firstly, our next board meeting is Tuesday August 23rd at 6.30pm.

Regarding the board elections, we have been informed that as we have fewer candidates than spaces available, we won't need to proceed with an election. We will confirm the new board members in the next newsletter.

Lastly a brief update on the ongoing road safety improvements around the school. The community board will discuss the roundabout improvements at their August meeting (covid delayed from June). I have also heard from councillor Tim Scandrett that the area around the school (Hillsborough, Roscoe, Lascelles and Albert) is being considered for one of the "slow speed neighbourhoods" being introduced around the city. I will keep you posted as I know more.

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins

Chair, Board of Trustees

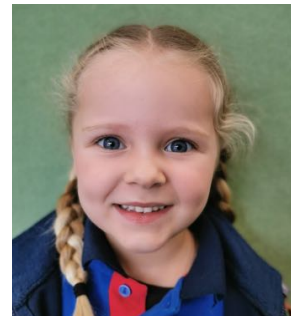
SCHOOL UPDATE

We have had a busy few weeks with children involved in a number of activities off site. Congratulations to the volleyball and basketball teams competing in the zones, the hip hop teams competing in the weekend as well as the Y7 / 8 children in the William Pike group having their bike through Bottlelake Forest last week. This week we have started up our NE - Y4 KapaHaka group. We are very pleased to have 60 children join Whaea Tania and Matua Wylie in this group each Monday.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the EPRO8 competitions, good luck to our year 5 and 6 teams competing in the semi-finals.

This week we farewell Hamish Lancaster and wish him all the best with his transition to the High School setting at Westland High. Next week we welcome Hamish Annear to Rm 16 and the Navigators Team. Hamish has returned from teaching internationally, has family that live locally and children in our school. We look forward to seeing Hamish in action.

Tomorrow we have our school disco. We look forward to having this event in the refurbished hall with the new staging. Thanks to the Student Council and SMART Community teams working together to make this event possible. It will be great to have the new staging up as well. \$5 per child at the door / two or more children \$10. 5.30 - 7.00pm NE - Y4. 7.30 - 9.00pm Y5 - 8. We look forward to seeing you this evening.



As usual we have a focus on our values this term. The High Fliers have a focus on integrity, part of which includes our behaviour even when no one is watching. The Navigators have a focus on Respect and Caring through their Fair Play unit. Discoverers are looking at emotions and friendships with a focus on Caring and Learning. The Explorers are using a range of activities to focus on a few of the values. Our playground focus is on Respect, we have discussed three areas to develop. Respect for ourselves and the way we present to others, respect for our friends and others in the way we talk to each other and lastly respect for the environment. This term the Y4 - 8 children have also completed a resilience survey developed by the Resilience Project. We look forward to discussing the results and seeing how we can continue to adapt our values and wellbeing programmes. We continue with our half school assemblies every second Friday. These are held on the even weeks this term. If your child is receiving a certificate, the classroom teachers will let you know so you can come along.

We have been able to reduce the cost of the Y5 / 6 camp from \$200 to \$140 per child by accessing outside funding. We would appreciate it if families could pay this before camp or set up a weekly / fortnightly payment. We have also received funding of \$11000 for football goal posts which we have ordered and \$5000 for chromebooks.

This week we welcome Isla and Roni to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew



COVID

How to improve ventilation at home

We encourage you to let in fresh air every day, including after someone visits your home.

If you can, partly open a window about 5cm for most of the day. Or open windows for at least 15 minutes as often as possible, whenever it is practical to do so.

Try 1 or more of these ways to remove stale air:

- Open windows or doors on opposite sides of a room to help airflow.
- Open doors between rooms to ventilate hallways and spaces without windows.
- In kitchens and bathrooms, switch on the extractor fan or open a window.
- Open higher windows wider than lower windows. This helps reduce draughts.
- If your windows do not open, check if your ventilation system filters (cleans) the air.

Steamed-up windows can be a sign of low ventilation.



[COVID-19 and ventilation | Ministry of Health](#)

In cold or wet weather

Try 1 or more of these ways to refresh air without letting rooms get chilly or damp:

- Partly open a window for most of the day, for example a 5cm opening.
- Fully open a window or door for 3 to 5 minutes every hour.
- Open a window whenever you leave the room, closing the door behind you.

You do not have to leave windows or doors open all the time.

In homes with heat pumps or ventilation systems

Heat pumps, air conditioners and ceiling fans do not refresh the air. Instead, they move around air already in a room. You will need to open doors or windows to remove stale air and let in fresh air. If you have a home ventilation system, check if it recycles air or filters air:

- If it recycles air, you need to open windows or doors to move stale air out and let in fresh air.
- If it filters or cleans air, this helps remove stale air and reduce the risk of virus particles spreading.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

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

- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Care and Management of Students
- Supporting Student Wellbeing

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

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

1. Enter the username: stmartins & Password: huntsbury
2. Click on the **Current Review tab**
3. 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 18th August.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Congratulations to Will being awarded the Best Attitude to Sailing from the Naval Point Club Lyttelton. Will has the best attitude towards sailing, always ready to take on new challenges, working through the tricky parts and walks away with great smiles and accomplishments.

Kaea of Room 3 our wonderful polar fleece gatherer bringing in a pile of polar fleeces last week. Please remember to check lost property for your child's polar fleece and also it would be a great idea to purchase the precious labels which helps name your child's uniform and donates money to the school at the same time. It would make life a lot easier for everyone if the uniforms were named.

Term Costs

Term Activity Donations and Costs have been added to families Hero accounts, please click on the link to view on our website or log in to your Hero account.

[Term 3 Term Donations/Costs.](#)

Please note the Year 7/8 ski trip and Koru Games are not a donation and must be paid before children attend.

School Fundraiser: Keep A Lid On Lost Property!

Washable Lunch Box and Bottle & Laundry Safe Iron On Clothing Labels From Just \$6.99.

Specials On School & Daycare Packs.

To purchase use The Current Fundraisers Link Below

<https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/current-fundraisers/>

Search For School Or Daycare Using Ctrl F on Windows OR Command F on Apple PC. Then Click On Your School/Daycare/Scouts Group. Make Purchases As Usual. Earn Fundraiser Commissions!

NO CODE REQUIRED! JUST FOLLOW STEPS ABOVE



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kelly Sports After School Sports Clinic

Our Term 3 Warm Up Winter Sports sessions are now underway with bookings still able to be made for the remaining weeks of the programme.

This programme is designed as a great introduction to a number of different sports across the term, with the focus on a fundamental development of skills. Remaining sessions are automatically calculated on a pro-rata basis during the booking process.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east Or Contact Adelma on chch@kellysports.co.nz for more information

Homework Club - Staff vacancy

The homework club is looking for a positive and enthusiastic staff member to join our friendly team. If you love working with children and are available to work as a reliever at the after school care (2.30pm-6.00pm) and/or the holiday programme (eight hrs a day for 2 weeks every school holidays) we would love to hear from you!

Please visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz for more information about us email a covering letter and cv to: info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 8 Aug	Tue 9 Aug	Wed 10 Aug	Thu 11 Aug	Fri 12 Aug
	Digital Tech ICAS 11.30 - 12.30pm		Zone Winter Tournament pp	Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8	School Disco
4	Mon 15 Aug	Tues 16 Aug	Wed 17 Aug	Thu 18 Aug	Fri 19 Aug
	Year 5/6 Cant Basketball	ICAS English 9am-11am		Winter Sport Y5-8	School Assembly
5	Mon 22 Aug	Tue 23 Aug	Wed 24 Aug	Thu 25 Aug	Fri 26 Aug
	School Duathlon Spelling ICAS 11.30-12.30	SMS BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30pm	Cantamath School duathlon pp Science ICAS 1.30-2.30pm	Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8 Y0-2 SJCC Cricket	SMS vs Cashmere Football Match
6	Mon 29 Aug	Tue 30 Aug	Wed 31 Aug	Thu 1 Sept	Fri 2 Sept
	St John - Clued up Camper Y5/6	St John - Clued up Camper Y5/6	ICAS Maths 9am	Winter Sport Y5-8	School Assembly Y7/8 ScienceFair Entries
7	Mon 5 Sept	Tue 6 Sept	Wed 7 Sept	Thu 8 Sept	Fri 9 Sept
				Newsletter Y7/8 Ski Trip	
8	Mon 12 Sept	Tue 13 Sept	Wed 14 Sept	Thu 15 Sept	Fri 16 Sept
	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp	Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp Canterbury Winter Tournament	Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp School Assembly
9	Mon 19 Sept	Tue 20 Sept	Wed 21 Sept	Thu 22 Sept	Fri 23 Sept

	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Korfball Tournament	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Y7/8 Cant Science Fair Saturday 24th
10	Mon 26 Sept	Tue 27 Sept	Wed 28 Sept	Thu 29 Sept	Fri 30 Sept
	Canterbury Duathlon Y7/8 Zone Rotary Storytelling Competition	Cashmere High School Y8 testing		Current Events Quiz 5-8	School Assembly Last day of Term 3