



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Date: 22 September 2022

SAVE THE DATE - Friday 2nd Dec Y8 Graduation

BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,

Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 4!

St Martins School is an accredited sunsmart school and in line with this and our School Sun Protection Policy, all students are required to wear their school hats while outside within school hours or at school events during Terms 1 and 4. The Cancer Society advises that sun protection is needed at a UVI level of 3 or higher. This commonly occurs in terms 1 and 4 even on cloudy or cool days. The level may also exceed 3 at other times.

In term 4 sunscreen will be available in classrooms and at the school office, however we also encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children before coming to school and where possible carry their own sunscreen in their school bags.

More information about our school Sun Protection policy can be found here:

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

Enter the username: stmartins & Password: huntsbury

Information about Sunsmart Schools and tips on how to stay safe in the sun can be found here <https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-schools/>

Introducing Dan Levett to the board

Hello, I am Dan Levett and I have joined the St Martins School Board. My 2 daughters Trudie and Ingie attend St Martins School and are currently in year 6 and 4. As a parent at the school I am very aware of the importance our school makes to our children's wellbeing and development, and am proud of the many strengths and achievements at our school. My background is in International Logistics where I currently manage a local team in Christchurch. I am confident that my strategic and logical mindset will be an asset to the board at St Martins, and look forward to adding value to the current team. I enjoy running and biking in the hills, along with supporting my daughters in their ever increasing sports interests!

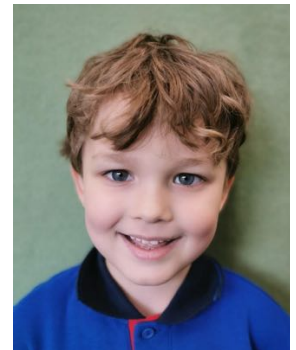
SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau,

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

Last week the Y5 / 6 children participated in a very enjoyable camp experience at Living Springs. I enjoyed the walk in for both camps. There were a range of activities for the children to participate in, going through the classrooms this week there were many highlights of the trip. Thank you to the Kaiako | Teachers for the organisation of running a fabulous event and for the Whānau support of the tamariki.

We finish this term with a focus on sports as the Y5 - 8 Korfbal teams competed on Monday, followed by three days of Koru Games competitions for the Y7 / 8s. It is wonderful



to have this event back on the calendar after a two year hiatus. The Koru Games offer an opportunity to participate in a wider range of sports than the winter sports competition offers. The children have enjoyed being involved in squash, tennis, lawn bowls, table tennis, badminton, korfbal, basketball, touch rugby and football. This year there are over 2 800 tamariki participating in the games. Good luck to our Y7 table tennis team going into the last day undefeated.

Congratulations to the Y5 / 6 korfbal team placing second yesterday and good luck to both of the Y5 / 6 EPRO8 teams competing in the semi finals at Kirkwood this week.

Congratulations to Summer, Mason, Ruby and Daniel making up the Wrangle Jangles team off to the finals next week - good luck.

A highly anticipated event on the calendar each year is the Y8 graduation. This year the date has been set for Friday 2nd Dec. We hope you will be able to join us for this event. Thank you to the whānau group for their wonderful support during the mihimihi and manu kōrero competitions. We really appreciated Heperi sharing his expertise with the school and taking the time to build the knowledge of our ākonga | learners. We have a new phrase to share with the school and have started to use: Tū Whitia | do what is right. It sits nicely with our values focus around taking responsibility for our actions, supporting others and looking after the environment.

This is our last newsletter before the term break. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. 2023 term dates are yet to be confirmed. We are currently waiting to lock in the dates for Kahui Ako Teacher Only Days. At this stage we will be starting the week of 30 Jan and finishing in the week of 18 Dec 2023.

We have started looking at our class numbers for 2023. If you have a sibling to enrol for 2023 we would ask that you fill in the online enrolment form

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/enrolment/starting-school/>. If your child is transitioning away from St Martins | Hato Mātene for 2023 could you please let your classroom teacher know or Diane in the office via email at dianem@stmartins.school.nz.

In our last newsletter we advertised our annual class placement survey. A reminder that this closes off on Friday Oct 21 2022. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process and placement, it is not an invitation to select your child's 2023 teacher.

Please use the [link to the survey to share your information](#). Class placements involve a number of discussions to enable us to make the best decisions for each student. We take into consideration a number of factors, sitting together on numerous occasions to discuss the make-up of groupings. At St Martins School | Hato Mātene, we have mixed ability classes and use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga | have a great weekend,
Andrew



S'MART PTA UPDATE

The S'Mart Community is the St Martins | Hato Mātene PTA that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community.

s'martCommunity

Where your fundraising goes	Fundraisers / events coming up	Call to action
	<p>Friday 23rd September Second Hand Uniform sale</p> <p>Friday November 18th Quiz night in the school hall - Save the date - should be great! Note the change of date.</p>	<p>We need you!</p> <p>TOUCH RUGBY SIGNUP GENIUS tasks will be out soon!</p>

Upcoming events:

Second Hand Uniform Sale - change of date

This will now be held Friday September 23rd in the school hall from 8:30-9:30am

This will be our first sale using the new 'Hand Me Round' system.

You can go to <https://handmeround.azurewebsites.net/> to have a look at what stock we have available for the upcoming sale. Search on individual items to see the sizes and quantity in stock. More uniforms will be added as they're received, including sell-on-behalf items as we start using the system to its full potential.

100% of the sale price of donated items goes to the school. In addition, 25% of the sale price of sell-on-behalf items also goes to the school.

Looking forward to seeing you at our first sale!

SmartTouch 2022

Registrations for term 4 are open now, Closing date for entries is 18th October. You don't need any prior experience to coach touch, Touch Canterbury facilitates coaching workshops for those interested.

This is the 11th year that Smarttouch has been organised through St Martins PTA. It is run as a Touch Canterbury Module and was started after the 2011 earthquakes to get kids back into sport and for the community to reconnect. It's a great fundraiser with other local schools entering teams into the competition too. It runs down at Waltham Park on a Thursday night in term 4, starting in week 2 (27th October) for 6 weeks.

St Martins also runs a fundraising BBQ on the night which is great for afternoon teas or early dinners!

Information on how the game is played is under the tab: Competition Rules on www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch Website will be operational from September 12th 2022.

Steps to register:

Entering again from last year:

- Your team coach/manager should enter your team online at www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch
- Enter your team players information 7 team name (DOB, full name, email address and phone number for each player)

Entering for the first time: If you would like to play and are not already in a team our SmartTouch team will help liaise with these teams once registered.

- Sign-up sheets can be found in the classes.
- Each team needs a parent coach and manager to register.
- Visit the link www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch and complete the **team manager sign up form**. Please do this ASAP, as teams have missed out in the past due to not organising a manager quickly enough.
- You will then receive an email giving you the link to enter your player details. (DOB, full name, email address and phone number)

Touch NZ Policy Changes implemented in 2020

- 8 is an ideal number of players. A basic summary of these are:
- **Y0-4:** No score keeping, modified rules, 5 players on the field, open ratio (any ratio of boys and girls), half field, max of 10 in a team.
- **Y5/6:** scoring, but not recorded, standard rules, 5 players on the field, mixed ratio 2:3, half field, max of 10 in a team. Minimum of 2 girls on the field.
- **Y7/8:** Scoring and recorded, standard rules, 6 players, mixed 3: 3, full field.

A full outline of the new policy is on our website under Rules.

Helpers: Please keep an eye out on HERO for the sign-up genius. We can't run this competition without you.

We are all looking forward to a great season.


From the Smarttouch Team

Touch Canterbury Affiliated Module




Online >>>
Safety Workshop
for Whānau and Community

 **Tuesday 25 October 2022, 7pm**

 **St Martins School**
24 Albert Terrace, St Martins

A free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Relationship & Education Advisor, Paula Wistrand, will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online. The session will look at how parents and whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

for more information visit
netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit



STUDENTS CORNER

Well Done to our students who competed in the recent Orienteering School championships. Results are
Sprint - Saturday, Orua Paeroa Boys Yr 6 and under 2nd Tor Prince, 3rd Josh Head
Girl Yr7-8 1st Greta Prince
Forest - Sunday, Spencer Park Boys Yr 6 1st Josh Head, 3rd Tor Prince
Girls Yr7-8 3rd Samantha Foote
Total result Boys Yr 6 and under 1st St Martins School

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lost Property

Has your child recently misplaced their school polar fleece? We have a large number of fleeces in the lost property held in the school office, many are unnamed. Please visit us in the office if you would like to look through for your child's items before the end of the term. These upcoming holidays would be the perfect time to take a moment to name all of your child's uniform items ready for term 4.

Sport Uniforms return

We now need to have those sports uniforms returned asap for those students who have finished Thursday sport in the Year 5 to 8 year group. Also once Koru games are finished I would appreciate all these back unless your child knows they may need them for Canterbury Athletics next term. If these could be laundered and then returned to the office to be marked off it would be much appreciated.

The Sanitarium Weetbix TRYathlon

The Sanitarium Weetbix TRYathlon will be back in 2023. To be held on Sunday 26th February, 2023 at Jellie Park.

St Martins School has registered a school group. To enter click on the link below to register:

[Morning session](#)

[Afternoon session](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Dental Services for the holidays

The following Christchurch clinics will be open for immediate dental needs during the school break

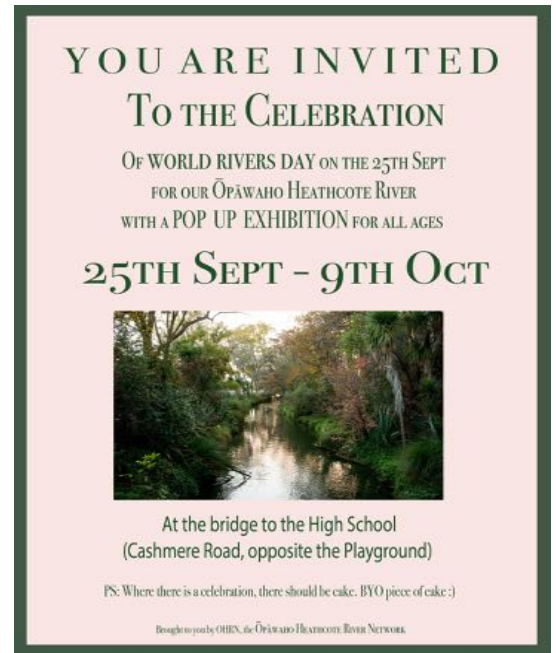
- Woolston Community Dental Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Christchurch
- Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch

Call our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz for appointments or advice.

Canterbury Girls Cricket

Canterbury Cricket will be running a Girls Smash hub in Term 4. McCormacks Bay Reserve, Wednesdays 4-5pm. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November

- Girls play in teams of 6 with an equal opportunity to bat, bowl and field.
- All equipment is provided and no prior cricket experience is needed.
- Cost of \$10 for the full 5 week programme
- All registered participants receive a pink Girls Smash t-shirt to wear and keep.



Cashmere Tech Football Club

REGISTER NOW! Starting October 31 through to December 19.

You don't have to be a CTFC registered player to join - come along for some summer fun!

Game time is 2 x 20 minute halves. Get your team together and all that is needed for now is a team name and manager to complete the registration.

Number of Players: 8 Players per team

Cost: \$320 Per Team (**\$5** per game per player)

Location: **Centennial Park**, Christchurch

Cashmere Tech Football 5-a-side fun

Register for CTFC Fun Camp in week two of the October school holidays at Somerfield Park

You can register for just one, two or three full days!

\$40 per day per child

October 10th - 12th / 9am - 12.30pm

COMMUNITY PROJECT: Nature play space

Are you keen to help set up a nature play space in Hansen Park in the mini forest by the playground? This would be a local project to enhance the space so children can play, climb, jump, dig, find insects and make huts which many children don't get to engage in within an urban environment.

It could also be a space that other local ECE and schools get involved in with the option of using it as an outdoor classroom.

The first working bee will be on Wednesday 26th October from 3.15-4pm meeting beside the Basketball Court in Hansen Park. Express interest to celia@littlekiwisnatureplay.com

Light Party

Come along to St Martins C3 at the Hillview School Gymnasium for a fun filled afternoon for children aged 5 to 12. Bouncy castles, face-painting, craft stalls, games, ice-cream, hot chips, sausages and more.

When: 3pm to 5pm Saturday October 29th

Where: St Martins C3 at Hillview School Gym (144 Wilsons Road)

Cost: Free (donations welcome)

Free webinar series

What's Going On for My Child or Teen?



Do you want to help your child or teen who may be exhibiting challenging behaviours or experiencing distress?

Join us for this series of free webinars, presented by expert facilitators to learn strategies to support your child or teen. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and those working with children can gain the confidence and tools to address a range of issues that may affect children and teens.

Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

- 1 **The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation**
Wednesday 19 October, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Gain an understanding of the importance of looking after yourself first, and learn tips and tools for self-care. Facilitated by Mel Johns.
- 2 **Strategies for Challenging Behaviour**
Tuesday 25 October, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Explore what might drive challenging behaviour, and develop strategies that can be used when this behaviour arises. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 3 **Anxiety in Children and Teens**
Tuesday 1 November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Develop your knowledge and understanding of anxiety in children and learn ways you can support them. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.
- 4 **School Avoidance**
Tuesday 8 November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Explore the issue of children avoiding school, discover how this is often linked to anxiety, and gain tools to address school avoidance. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher. (It is highly recommended that you also attend the session on anxiety as this is often a key driver of school avoidance).
- 5 **Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions**
Wednesday 16 November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Dummond.
- 6 **The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits**
Wednesday 23 November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.
- 7 **Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World**
Wednesday 30 November, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at mherc.org.nz

For more information contact education@mherc.org.nz or 0800 424 399



MHERC
Mental Health Education & Resource Centre

ON THE CALENDAR

	Mon 19 Sept	Tue 20 Sept	Wed 21 Sept	Thu 22 Sept	Fri 23 Sept
9	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 Newsletter	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Smart Community Secondhand Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30 in hall
	Mon 26 Sept	Tue 27 Sept	Wed 28 Sept	Thu 29 Sept	Fri 30 Sept
10	Y7/8 Zone Rotary Storytelling Competition	Cashmere High School Y8 testing Kids Lit Quiz 9.30-12.30 Yr3/4 Art Gallery Trip Rm23/24 9.30-2.30	Yr3/4 Art Gallery Trip Rm 21/22 9.30-2.30	Current Events Quiz 5-8 Y 7 & 8 Ski Trip	School Assembly Last day of Term 3 School finishes at 3 o'clock.