



SAVE THE DATE - QUIZ NIGHT 28th OCTOBER 2022

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Date: 25 August 2022

BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,

At our last board meeting on Tuesday we welcomed a new board member- Dan Levett. We also welcomed Tracy Taylor and Helen Norcliffe (staff representative) back to the board as re-elected members. It was a bit of a baptism by fire for Dan as we had an extra-full agenda with the mid-year data reports from our Numeracy and Literacy Teams. As usual, it was great to get such a comprehensive data presentation from the staff and to see that this is giving a great oversight of where things are going well and where more support is required. For me, it was particularly exciting to hear about the Structured Literacy program and the difference that is starting to make across the school.

We also farewelled two of our current members- Becky MacDonald and Solly Turner. Both have made a significant contribution to our school governance for which we are very grateful.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the board and what we do, please feel free to get in touch with me on bot@stmartins.school.nz. It is a very rewarding role and a chance to make a real difference in your community.

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins

Chair, Board of Trustees

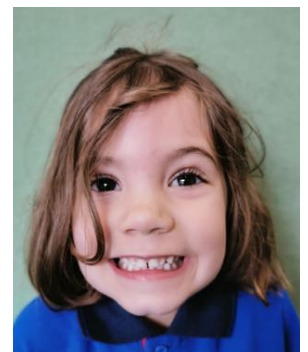
SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau.

This week we welcome Finlay, Noni, Theo, Hazel and Lilah to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Good luck to all of the Y8 children applying for High School scholarships. Congratulations to the children that have been interviewed for these. Congratulations to Finn and Elana gaining Leadership Scholarships and Kahutaiki gaining the Māori Scholarship at Cashmere High School in 2023.

This term we have our Mānu Korero competition coming up. We normally hold this during te wiki o te reo. All children are learning their mihi and will be sharing these in the classroom setting. We look forward to having Heperi join us for finals in weeks 7 and 8. Thank you to the SMART Community (PTA) and the student council for your combined efforts in our school disco event. It was a great evening for all involved. It was wonderful to see a number of whānau members at both discos and the enjoyment the children were having. Congratulations to the Y7 / 8 Cantamaths Teams competing in the competition last night. Great to see all teams get points on the boards.



We have started a new cycle with the Education Review Office (ERO). In the past the ERO team visited a school for a few days to look at data, compliance, assessment, talked with children and staff and then produced a report. The new cycle sees us working with the same team over three years. We work together on aspects of importance and future thinking. Last week we had our first visit to get to know our team and for the team to get to know a little bit about our kura. While we shared data and had a wander of the school they also spoke with some of our ākonga around what makes St Martins School | Hato Mātene a special learning place. Some of the ERO feedback from this session included;

- We feel safe at school
- There are leadership opportunities that we aspire to
- Teachers take time to get to know us
- Learning is fun
- We feel listened to by the teachers
- We know what we are learning and why
- We know what we need to do next

The ERO team also commented on how articulate our ākonga were and were very impressed by the level of conversation.

The ERO team also commented positively on our mid year data analysis. They could see that the teachers had been working together to identify areas of need and how they could focus on developing and raising the learning outcomes. Current achievements include 85% of children at or above the expected level for Maths, learning support programmes with a focus on target students. Our continued focus is on developing structured literacy across the school.

At the beginning of the term the Y4 - 8 children completed a well being survey run by the Resilience Project (RP) team. The RP is used in a number of schools in the North Island to support wellbeing programmes, they are new to South Island schools. One aspect of note was the use of devices between the hours of 10pm and 6am - in particular with our group of Y8 girls, this had a relationship to getting the recommended eight hours of sleep each night. 40% of the Y8 girls surveyed indicated they were getting the recommended eight hours. We invite whānau to a free event next term on Tues 25 Oct, 7pm at school where 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.

We are looking forward to gearing up for our Y5 / 6 camp opportunity this term. A reminder that we have been able to reduce the cost of camp. If this could be paid prior to the event it would be fantastic.

As we move towards te wiki o te reo it would be amazing if whānau could reinforce the school value of manaaki | respect. We continue to work on this using the focus of respecting ourselves, respecting others and respecting the environment. Manaaki has three key areas: generosity, support and courtesy. This could be as simple as discussing being generous with your time, when someone greets you engage in a short korero | conversation or support around looking after each other | ka manaaki au i a koe.

We are starting to look at our school numbers for 2023. If you have a child that is turning five and coming to St Martins | Hato Mātene could you please fill in the online enrolment form so we can have a clear picture of our class sizes. In our next newsletter we will be sharing the details for parents to share any aspects you would like us to take into consideration for 2023 class placements.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew



S'MART COMMUNITY 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.

Where your fundraising goes	Fundraisers/events	Call to action
Disco: Thanks to everyone who helped put together the junior and senior disco, a well run event and lovely way to launch the hall expansion. 90s glitz and glamour. Proceeds were shared with the Student Council and the Smart Community.	Future events: Thursday 15th September - Movie night at the Tannery cinema. " Tickets to Paradise " 8.15pm \$25 incl house wine, beer or non alcoholic drink. More details to come. Friday 16th September Second Hand Uniform sale Friday October 28th Quiz night in the school hall - Save the date - should be great!	We need you! See below for the TOUCH RUGBY meeting Thursday 25th 7.30pm - that's TONIGHT!

Upcoming events:

SmartTouch 2022

We welcome the PTA and anyone else keen to see our SmartTouch competition run again in Term 4, to come along for a planning and info evening this **Thursday 25th Aug at 7.30pm in the staffroom**. This is for anyone who would like to give back to the school in a small way, as there is a multitude of organisation that goes on behind the scenes to get this competition to run. **We raise on average around \$5000** for St Martins | Hato Mātene and it's a wonderful social/community sporting event which encourages kids from Y0 - 8 to get involved in playing touch rugby, get active, coaching and refereeing. It's also a great opportunity for parents to connect with other parents from school. Hope to see you there. **Registrations will be opening soon expect a Hero notice tomorrow.**

Sandy Jones

(SmartTouch Co-ordinator)

Touch Canterbury Module

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our first second hand uniform sale for the year will be happening on Friday September 16th in the school hall from 8:30-9:30am.. This sale will be from donated items, so prices are designed to be affordable for all!

From here, we will be opening up our new 'Hand Me Round' system, which will enable us to 'sell on behalf' of you, creating a great option for buyers and sellers alike to keep the second hand uniform supply going.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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.

STUDENTS CORNER

Naomi in Y6 has been competing in her cheerleader team recently in both Nelson and Wellington where they were placed first. Her team then went to Auckland and were placed first in their division and first overall. Naomi has now been selected for the Youth Team NZ where she will be part of the Junior NZ team formed from girls from the Christchurch and Auckland teams competing against other teams from all around the world, at Disneyworld in Florida, some time in April 2023. We are so proud of you Naomi. We look forward to hearing of your future achievements.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lachies Laces

The school office has now been re-stocked with Lachies Laces. Yellow ones are still available for \$5.00 and the new gold ones are \$10.00 a pair.

Cashmere High Winter Soiree

The first signs of spring are slowly appearing so celebrate the end of winter with the next Music event at Cashmere High School, this Thursday at 7pm [Online Tickets](#)



Christchurch BASEBALL

Registration is now open for Term 4

Visit www.sporty.co.nz/christchurchastrobaseballclub/

All ages from 5 years to Adult - equipment provided

Training held in Avonhead or St Martins

Shrek Tickets to Giveaway

Showcase Entertainment is pleased to offer St Martins School a Double Pass(2) worth over \$100.00 to see the international stage spectacle that is Shrek The Musical at Christchurch's Isaac Theatre Royal in the upcoming October School Holidays.



Give orienteering a try! Ideal for beginners and learners

Come and have a go! Find your way round a course with a map. We'll have helpers and coaches at training sessions to get you started. Then you can take part in the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival – Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September.

Pre festival coaching & training events:

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: After-school training is \$2 per child which you can pay at each event.

Please check the website in case of event changes: <http://papo.org.nz>

Tuesday 30 August Halswell Quarry Meet by the carpark at the end of the road

into the quarry park, next to Findlay's picnic area

Thursday 1 September Hansen Park/Rudolf Steiner -

Meet Hansens Park playground beside the Athletics club rooms

Monday 5 September Ngā Puna Wai Meet at the west end of the main car park

Tuesday 6 September Mt Pleasant school Cannon Hill

Crescent entrance next to the rope climbing tower

Wednesday 7 September Heathcote Meet at Heathcote Domain Cricket Pavilion

Thursday 8 September Barnett Park Meet at the end of the car park, beside the football fields.



CLEVER LITTLE BEES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Ever wanted to learn more about bees? Want the opportunity to see inside a hive? Now's your chance! Learn practical beekeeping skills in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Week 1 - Monday 3, Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 October

Week 2 - Monday 10, Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 October.

Single days - \$75

For enquiries and bookings, please contact Kathryn at cleverlittlebees@gmail.com or 027 863 8730.

All PPE provided (except footwear)

www.cleverlittlebees.co.nz - cleverlittlebees@gmail.com

ON THE CALENDAR

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
		Manu Kōrero Y5 - 8		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	Manu Kōrero NE - Y4 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
	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Māori Language Week				
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 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