



SAVE THE DATE - QUIZ NIGHT 18th NOVEMBER 2022

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Date: 8 September 2022

BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,

In our recent BoT election we filled two of our three parent representative spaces that were up for nomination. Due to this, a casual vacancy has occurred on the school board. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

However if 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of being notified to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

We will be sending a letter home with more information and a yes or no question to complete and return to the office by

If you have any questions about the board and what we do please contact the presiding chair Kate Hodgins via email bot@stmartins.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins

Chair, Board of Trustees

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau,

We gear up for our first camp experience next week. We hope that we have wonderful weather for the week. Although the dusting of snow this week was delightful, great that we have had it before our campers are away. We know that camp experiences are always a highlight of our tamariki's schooling. Thank you to the whānau and kaiako supporting the children on camp.

Congratulations to the Y5 - 8 ākonga representing their classes in the Manu Kōrero competition this week. We were very impressed with the way the children presented to a large audience. Always nice to hear about whānau background and special people, places and pets. Next week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori | Māori Language Week. We are very much looking forward to the Manu Kōrero presentations from the NE - Y4 area of the kura on Rātū | Tuesday. We will have a focus in the classrooms next week as well as the opportunity to take some kōrero into the playground.

As you may know we are focussing on manaaki | respect in the playground. Tamariki are able to collect manaaki tokens in the playground to go towards house points, class awards and individual awards. 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 kōrero | conversation or support around looking after each other | ka manaaki au i a koe.



Congratulations to both Y5 / 6 EPRO8, 'The Super Fast Lightning Chickens' and 'The Wrangle Jangles' for making it into the Canterbury Semi Finals. We wish them all the best for the next stage of the competition.

As we move towards term four we start discussing the make-up of classes for the following year. This term we are starting the preparations for the 2023 class organisation. 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, we use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects.

As with previous years we extend an invitation for you, as parents, to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process, it is not an invitation to select your child's 2023 teacher. Please be aware that there is a close off for this information - Friday October 21 2022. Please use the [link to the survey to share your information](#).

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

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi,

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
Movie night proceeds will go towards new waterproof noticeboards.	<p>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 below.</p> <p>Friday 23rd September Second Hand Uniform sale (change of date)</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!

Movie Night

"Ticket to paradise" - only 1 week to go!!!

Tickets are selling fast for our PTA movie fundraiser night at the Deluxe Cinema in the Tannery on Thursday 15th September 8.15pm - \$25 (incl house wine, beer or non alcoholic drink).



Email Aimee at bloyfamily@outlook.com to reserve your ticket and pop your payment into the SMART school account 12-3147-0420521-00. Once your payment is through I will confirm you're on the VIP list!!! Funds raised will be going towards a new notice board for the front of the school.

SmartTouch 2022

It's now time to get teams, coaches, and managers together. **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

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

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

- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Child Protection
- 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

Adelle Broughton and Alice Fisher won the first division Christchurch Yr 7 netball with their team Heartbreakers Cashmere A on Sat 3 September. A tough final against Kereru with a 26v12 win. Congratulations.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sport Uniforms return

We now need to have those sports uniforms returned for those students who have finished Thursday sport in the Year 5 to 8 year group. If these could be laundered and returned to Diane in the office asap thanks.

Lost Property

Our pile of polar fleeces is starting to grow again. Thank you to those of you who do name your child's polar fleece, it certainly does make the task much easier to find and return it to your child.

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: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx?E=48060&G=161441>

Afternoon session: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48061&G=161814>



Subway Lunches last day for Term

Subway has advised they will be closing for a remodel on 19th September so the last day for ordering Friday Subway lunches for your children this term will be **Friday 16th September**. Subway lunches will resume as usual again from the start of Term 4.

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.

Topics include:

- The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation Strategies for Challenging Behaviour
- Anxiety in Children and Teens
- School Avoidance
- Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions
- The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits
- Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World
- Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

<https://mherc.arlo.co/w/events/640-whats-going-on-for-my-child-or-teen>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ELEMENTS NATURE: Elements nature based play programmes are proud to announce programmes in the October holidays in Marshlands, Redcliffs, Cracroft as well as our homebase on a Westmorland Farm. Fields, trees, and creeks - children exploring, playing and learning while being active and imaginative in nature is what Elements is about.

Our environment's are fantastic for both the physical and cognitive development of children and our services may also help parents who are struggling to find quality programmes for their children while they are needing to be at work over school holiday periods. Check out our fb page for some visuals of local children enjoying their time with Elements: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes> or our website <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

A poster for an online safety workshop. The background is light blue with a white Wi-Fi symbol in the top right corner. The text is in black and white. At the bottom, there is a small photo of a woman looking at a smartphone and the Netsafe logo.

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



OPAWA TENNIS CLUB: Would your child like to give tennis a go? Come along to the upcoming Open Days. LOVE TENNIS OPEN DAY: Sunday 11th September 11-4pm. All players are welcome. Extra Hot Shots Free Open days: Saturday 24th Sept and Oct 1st. 9.30-10.30am 5-12 years old. Racquets supplied. Fun family friendly club in the heart of your community. Any queries to Andrea ja.opawatennis@gmail.com Ph: 0212327141 (outside school hours)

HEATHCOTE CRICKET CLUB - Junior Registration Day

Heathcote Cricket Club offers Saturday Cricket for Year 3-8 and Friday night ‘Have a go’ for the younger players. Registrations for the 2022-23 season are being held on **Saturday 17th from 10am-12pm** at the Heathcote cricket club (cnr of Port Hills Road and Bridle Path Road) Come along on and see what the club offers.

<https://heathcotecricket.co.nz/>

KELLY SPORTS OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online. The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout, with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available. To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or contact Adelma on chch@kellysports.co.nz for more information.

ON THE CALENDAR

7	Mon 5 Sept	Tue 6 Sept	Wed 7 Sept	Thu 8 Sept	Fri 9 Sept
	School Duathlon	Manu Kōrero Y5 - 8		Newsletter	Grow your mind day Yr 3-4
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 Y7 / 8 Story Telling Comp Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp	Y7 / 8 Story Telling Comp 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 Newsletter	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Y7/8 Cant Science Fair Saturday 24th Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30 in hall
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