



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Date: 24 November 2022

Y8 Graduation Friday 2 December 2022 at Hillview Christian School Hall

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week we welcome Amelia and Tawera to St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope you and your families have a wonderful learning experience, we look forward to seeing you getting involved in all of the opportunities our kura offers.

Last Friday we finished the week with the S'MART PTA quiz night. It was great to see so many of the community and friends supporting this wonderful event. Thank you to the organising team for the wonderful mahi they put into this successful evening. Congratulations to team 'SMS Mensa' on taking away the first place prize this year. Wonderful to know that the tamariki's learning is in the safe hands of such top quizzers. I'm looking forward to Charlotte being the Principal for the day, so far on her list we have, dress up day (maybe as a Principal, I wonder what that would look like), art instead of reading and writing, maths (because maths is fun), ice blocks for everyone and something a little extra for room 21, longer break times, free time on devices and joining the senior leadership team for lunch with a friend. Still up for negotiation is adding a morning tea to the mix.

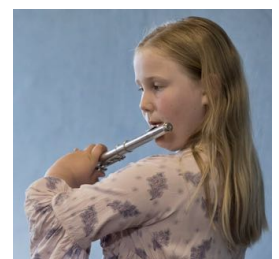
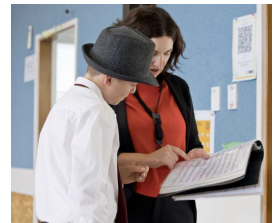
This week we have continued with our sports focus with the Y0 - 4s holding their athletics events on Monday, with the able (and much appreciated assistance) of the Y7 / 8 children. The weather warmed up to be a lovely day to participate in the run, jump and throw events. While this was happening we also had the Y5 - 8 Canterbury Triathlon competing in North Canterbury, the swim leg looked more and more inviting as the day progressed. Congratulations to all of the competitors on their wonderful results. Through all of this we have continued with the Y6s on the courts and out on the roads sharpening up their cycle safety skills. Next year we look forward to adding some scooter safety sessions for our youngest ākongā.

We also sprinkled a dash of music into the week with a musical soiree on Monday night with all of the children learning instruments through the Itinerant music programme sharing their talents with us. It is great to have trumpet, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin and cello being performed by the students and the teachers and the orchestra to finish. A special thanks to Juliette Capaldi | Etta Images Limited for sharing the photos of the music performance this week. More photos are on our Facebook page. Yesterday we moved on to two piano recitals with all of the children learning with Yvonne sharing their learning throughout the year. Thank you to all of the music kaiako for sharing their expertise with the children. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument in 2023 we have a number of tutors and instruments available for hire. Please contact Diane in the office for further details.

We look forward to tamariki gearing up to showcase the arts in end of year concerts (Y0 - 4) and short performances (Y5 / 6). Have a look at the calendar for event times.

Next week we dust off the cricket bats (Y6 - 8 cricket tournament), the beach towels (Y5 / 6 Beach Education), put on our fancy gear to celebrate the end of a journey (Y8 graduation) as we pack in as much as we can in the last 15 days of the school year.

Class placements continue to be a focus of discussion, however, we are getting closer and closer to having these finalised. We will follow the same process as last year with the written reports going home on Monday 12th December with class placements being posted on HERO from 4pm. Information on how to access this will be sent home with the written report. On



Thursday 15th Dec tamariki will have the opportunity to meet the children in their pod and teachers before having some time with their home class. We will have a number of new students to St Martins | Hato Mātene, joining us for this session. I am sure we will make them feel welcomed.

Our 2023 term dates are...

Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four
Tues 31 Jan / Wed 1 Feb Whānau Connect Thu 2 Feb - Thu 6 April Classes	Wed 26 Apr - Fri 30 June	Mon 17 Jul - Fri 22 Sept	Mon 9 Oct - Tue 19 Dec

Next year we would like to start an optional bring your own chromebook for the children in the 2023 Y5 / 6 classes. A letter was sent home at the end of term three to the children currently in Y4 and Y5 with information regarding this. We invite whānau in this cohort of tamariki to attend an information session on Thursday 24th November, 5.30pm in the school hall.

We look forward to our assemblies tomorrow, Y0 - 4 at 9.00am and Y5 - 8, 2.15pm. With a public holiday on our last scheduled assembly we have a large number of tū whitia | do what is right tokens in the house containers, we'll increase the number for the prize box draw for a big finish.

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.

Where your fundraising goes

- Noticeboards
- Garden to Table
- Library
- End of Year Yearbooks

Fundraisers / events coming up

BIG THANK YOU TO THE QUIZ participants and those who bought raffles and / or auction items on the night. Proceeds will be going towards helping refurbish the school library and Garden To Table. Was a super fun night - given the success, we plan to do it all again next year.

Call to action

Looking for a new Chairperson of the Smart Community for next year. Approaching his 5th year in the role, Jamie Billings plans to step down in 2023 and is looking to transition the role to someone keen to take over. If you fancy the idea of leading a great friendly hard-working PTA committee team, this is your chance! Come along to the next ordinary meeting to understand what is involved and any official nomination and election will occur at the 2023 AGM.

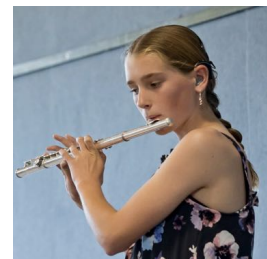
Next Smart Community PTA meeting is this Monday 28th November 7.30pm in the staffroom - all welcome.

SCHOOL NOTICES

SMS Christmas Giving Tree

This year we would like to invite SMS whānau to take part in The Kindness Collective's 'Christmas Giving Tree' initiative.

Spread some kindness this Christmas for thousands of children who are living in poverty or have been affected by family violence or trauma by donating NEW toys, books, sports gear and games for children aged 1 to 16.



If you are keen to take part, please put your new, unwrapped present under the christmas tree in the Staff Room. We will be collecting presents from **Friday 25th November up until Thursday 8th December.**

Please contact Susie Keenan (Room 22) if you have any questions:
susiek@stmartins.school.nz

Year 8 2023 School Based Vaccination Programme

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. The programme also includes a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school a vaccination pack will be provided to students who have not completed their vaccinations in General Practice in term one 2023 to take home for the parent/caregivers to complete and return the consent form to school. Consent to the school based programme can be withdrawn at any time during the programme by contacting the vaccinating team directly HPV@cdhb.health.nz

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

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

- Digital Technology & Cyber Safety

To read and review 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 Friday 2nd December.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Make your own Skincare Classes! with [Mcginnsmadefresh](#)

Come and create! We will be making beeswax candles, natural lip balm, and super clingy food wrap that is reusable. We will focus on personalising what you make, with bespoke gifting in mind - just in time for Christmas!

Friday 2nd December 11am-1.30pm. For more information & to book, visit [Mcginnsmadefresh <https://mcginnsmadefresh.com/product/make-your-own/>](https://mcginnsmadefresh.com/product/make-your-own/)

The TMC Trucking Industry Show

Saturday November 26th at the Canterbury Agricultural Park.

Kids are FREE and all kids activities are FREE too! Adults are just \$10 entry.

A family fun day out! Free kids activities including radio control trucks, mini golf, bouncy castles, over 400 big shiny trucks will be on display. Plenty of food vendors, as well as the huge Monstavisision screen where you can sit and watch the excitement from the industry competitions. For more information and tickets see: [TMC Trucking Show tickets and information](#)

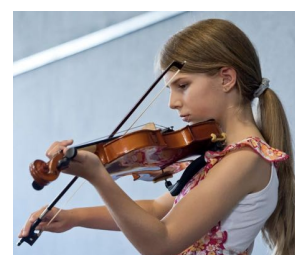
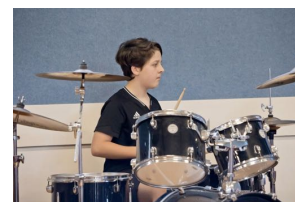
Kelly Sports Holiday Programme

Bookings are now open for our School based Holiday Programmes. 19th December - 9th January for 3 weeks.

Exclusive Early Bird rate - 15% off with the voucher code: **Hillview Venue 069Y3YKK** (register by Friday 2nd December)

After this date a 10% sibling discount with code: **Hillview Venue 5AF9LFNZ**

For more information or to book online, please visit www.kellysports.co.nz and search your venue of choice.



The Breakers coming to Christchurch

- Thursday 1 December vs South East Melbourne Phoenix
- Thursday 12 January vs Melbourne United

Both games will be played at Christchurch Arena and will be a great atmosphere for all. Tickets are on sale now and are as low as \$15!

Buy yours now from the ticketek website or from this link:

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=BREAKERS23>

ON THE CALENDAR

6	Mon 21 Nov	Tue 22 Nov	Wed 23 Nov	Thu 24 Nov	Fri 25 Nov
				Newsletter Y4 / 5 Chromebook session	School Assembly 9.00 Y0 - 4 2.15 Y5 - 8
7	Mon 28 Nov	Tue 29 Nov	Wed 30 Nov	Thu 1 Dec	Fri 2 Dec
	Year 7/8 Parent Help Camp Meeting Y6 - 8 Cricket		Canterbury Athletics	Beach Ed Navigators 1 Y7 / 8 Ironman / Woman	Beach Ed Navigators 2 Y8 Graduation
8	Mon 5 Dec	Tue 6 Dec	Wed 7 Dec	Thu 8 Dec	Fri 9 Dec
	Y7 / 8 Glentui Camp Rm 5 & 14 Y0 - 4 Swimming at Pioneer 11.15-2.45	Y7 / 8 Glentui Camp Rm 5 & 14 Y0-4 Swimming at Pioneer 11.15-2.45	YY7 / 8 Glentui Camp Rm 11 & 12 leave Rm 4 & 15 return Y0-4 Swimming at Pioneer 11.15-2.45	Y7 / 8 Glentui Camp Rm 11 & 12 Y0-4 Swimming at Pioneer 11.15-2.45 Monster Music Free Concert 9.00-9.30am	School Assembly Y7 / 8 Glentui Camp Rm 11 & 12 Y0-4 Swimming at Pioneer 11.15-2.45
9	Mon 12 Dec	Tue 13 Dec	Wed 14 Dec	Thu 15 Dec	Fri 16 Dec
	Korfball tournament Year 3-4 Christmas Extravaganza 9.15 Y0-2 Christmas Concert 11.45-12.30 Navigators Yr 5-6 Performance and Passion project sharing Reports to go home Class Placements	Y7 / 8 Pool Day Y0 - 4 Waltham Pool Day 11.30-2.30	Year 7/8 Surf Day Y5 / 6 Pool day	Y 8 Amazing Race Meet the 2023 class 10.30 - 11.00	Last day of school 12.30 finish

Second Hand Summer Gear Sale

St Martins Scouts

Sell your old gear and get something new for the summer

Wetsuits, tramping boots, packs, thermals, caps, cooking gear, sleeping bags and any other outdoor tramping, camping or general adventure stuff.

26 November, 2022
9am - 12pm
St Martins Scout Den
297 Centaurus Road

Gear drop for your old stuff:
Friday 25th
November 6-8pm

Visit: fundraising@smartscouts.co.nz or
Email: fundraising@smartscouts.co.nz or
visit www.smartscouts.co.nz/summer