



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene  
Newsletter 1: 9 Feb 2022

## SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou, welcome to the 2023 school year. We really enjoyed meeting and reconnecting with whānau last week in our whānau connect sessions. It was great to get to have the opportunity to talk about and with your tamariki. It was nice to see families in their new learning environments for the new year before we all came back on Thursday. We had our first full school gathering in the hall last week with our mihi whakatau to welcome new ākonga | learners and whānau. Thank you to the Whānau Group for their support of the mihi whakatau. If you would like to join the group they meet on a Monday once a month, feel free to come along to the first session next Monday at 6pm in the staffroom.

Going through the classes last week there were lots of wonderful holiday experiences being shared. So good to hear about time spent with friends and family as well as being outside enjoying the warmth of the summer. All of the children are settling back into school, learning programmes are up and running with Technology for Y7 / 8s also starting last week.

On Tuesday we were very fortunate to spend the day with Carla McNeil the founder of Learning Matters and the iDeal platform with a focused day increasing our understanding of the science of reading and structured literacy. In 2023 we will be using the iDeal platform to continue to strengthen and develop our structured literacy programme. This will provide a consistent approach across the school. We were impressed with not only the new learning and understanding but also the quality resourcing to be able to use in the classroom setting. Please see the paper copy of the newsletter coming home with your child, for more information about this.



This term the High Fliers Team will be implementing the Resilience Project to support deliberate teaching and learning based around the school values. Across the school we will also be developing our understanding of Positive Behaviour for Learning to strengthen the work we are doing with our values. We welcome a number of ākonga | learners joining St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope that Olive, Kensi, Honor, Bria, Zoe, Meher, Om, Rosie, Matilda, Harry, Holly, Amelia, Thomas, Eleanor, Sarthak, Eva, Orlagh, Quade, Isabelle, Jahzaira, Zydane, Serenity, Sophie, Sammy, Luke, Georgia, Kent and Harry enjoy their learning experience with us.

Next week we look forward to the Back to School BBQ on Friday 17th. Thank you to the S'Mart PTA for providing the sausage sizzle. Feel free to come along, meet some new families, bring a picnic while the children have a play.

Enjoy the weekend, we look forward to our first full week next week.

Ka pai te wiki mutanga.

Andrew

## S'MART PTA

The BACK TO SCHOOL Barbecue will now be FRIDAY 17th February 4.30pm. Apologies for the late change in date if your family have made arrangements already. More info will be circulated on this exciting event next week.

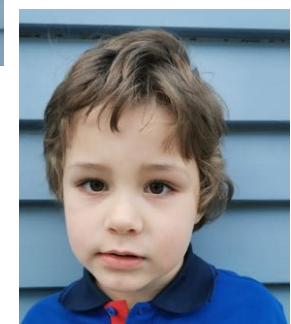
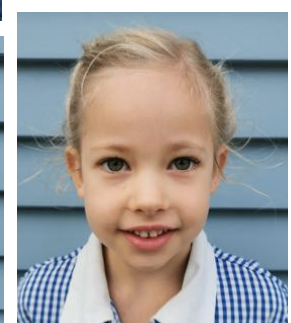
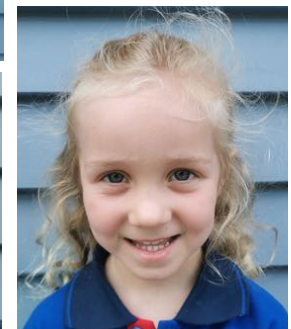
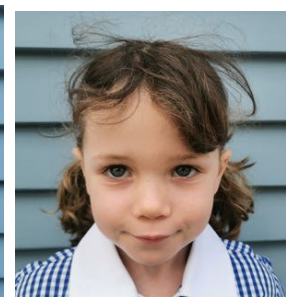
Next PTA committee meeting Monday 13th 7.30pm - newcomers all welcome. St Martins school Exact room tbd

## WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau. Welcome back to kura for 2023. To those new whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Hato Mātene. It was great to meet a few of you at the mihi whakatau.

Our first whānau group hui for the year will be on Monday 13th February in the school staff room at 6pm. All welcome. Please bring some kai to share. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ngā mihi Ranui



## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

The Policies and Procedures under review this term are:

- Uniform/Dresscode
- Enrolment
- Student attendance

### To read policies and place a review

1. Go to:  
<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/about-st-martins/policiesprocedures/>
  - Enter the username & password
  - Username: stmartins
2. Password: huntsbury
3. Click on the **Current Review tab**, select the policy you wish to review & read
4. To provide feedback click on the red **Under Review tab**.



The closing date to provide feedback is Wednesday 15th March.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Visions Art Classes at St Martins School

Visions Art Classes will be using our Room 8 classroom to run a series of independent art experiences as well as child choice painting and drawing.

Running weekly on a Wednesday from the 15th Feb 2023 from 4-6pm, enrolments are limited to a maximum of 12 students each term so please get in contact if you'd like your child to join this class.

Children are welcome to come to Room 8 from 3.30pm on Wednesday 15th February, to eat an afternoon snack while the art teacher is setting up the class. To learn more about this class please phone or text Kylie on 0212435955 or visit [www.visionsandvino.co.nz](http://www.visionsandvino.co.nz)

### Studio One Performing Arts

Your local dance school **Studio One Performing Arts** is currently giving Ballet (R.A.D.), Jazz and Contemporary (A.P.D.A) lessons. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz starting from age 7, and Contemporary starting from age 11. For all enquiries please phone 0220344342 or email [info@studioone.co.nz](mailto:info@studioone.co.nz)

### Public Health Nurse Service

The public health nursing service is a team of registered nurses who can:

- Meet with you at home/school/workplace/café to talk about how to manage health problems in a way that suits your family, and work alongside you, your child and the school. Deliver School Based Vaccination Programmes.
- Attend health appointments with you and your child to support you to ask questions and have your questions answered.
- Support teachers to manage your child's health issues during the school day by providing advice and care plans.

- Access further support with your consent, for example for parenting/budgeting/mental health, and follow through to make sure that you have the support that you want.
- The public health nurses are very happy to be contacted, and parents can self-refer for support with any health problem.

Referral Forms can be found at [www.cdhb.health.nz/phn](http://www.cdhb.health.nz/phn)

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### Walking school buses 2023

In an effort to ease traffic congestion and improve safety around our school, we would like to establish several walking school bus routes. The walking bus provides a regular way for your children to enjoy walking and being outside. **A message has been sent home to all whanau on Hero today. Please refer to this for more information.** We would like to gauge support in the community. If you are interested, please complete the following [survey](#) by Friday 17 February.

Visions Art Classes

St Martins School

**Childrens Art**  
 - 1hr = \$25  
 - 2hrs = \$35  
**12 Spaces T1**  
**Wednesday 4-6**  
[INFO@VISIONSANDVINO.CO.NZ](mailto:INFO@VISIONSANDVINO.CO.NZ)

SIGNIFICANCE OF CREATIVITY

- HELPS YOUR CHILD GROW IN MANY WAYS
- SUPPLEMENTS THEIR LEARNING
- DRAWING DEVELOPS A CHILD'S FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- ENHANCES A CHILD'S CREATIVITY
- HELPS A CHILD'S EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING




**Ph. or text**  
**021 243 5955**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 3PM  
 WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

FREE



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**E-waste Hands-On Learning with EcoTech**

This is a hands-on experience where we will discuss the importance of dealing with e-waste in a responsible way.



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**Envirokids Valentines Upcycle Crafting with Creative Junk**

Get crafty with Envirokids and Creative Junk and make special Valentines Day gifts for your loved ones.



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**Become a Cloud Expert!**

We will learn all about the different types of clouds and what role they play in our every day lives.



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**International Polar Bear Day**

Learn all about polar bears, their habitats, and how climate change is affecting them.

For more information: [f @ChchEnvirokids](https://www.facebook.com/ChchEnvirokids)



## ON THE CALENDAR

2	Mon 6 Feb	Tue 7 Feb	Wed 8 Feb	Thu 9 Feb	Fri 10 Feb
	Waitangi Day	Staff only day		Y0 - 2 Scooter Safety Programme Y5 / 6 Korfball Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y0 - 2 Scooter Safety Programme
3	Mon 13 Feb	Tue 14 Feb	Wed 15 Feb	Thu 16 Feb	Fri 17 Feb
	6pm Whānau Group Hui  7.30 PTA meeting		Garden To Table	Y5 / 6 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Tech Back to School BBQ
4	Mon 20 Feb	Tue 21 Feb	Wed 22 Feb	Thu 23 Feb	Fri 24 Feb
	PALs Leaders Day		Garden To Table	Y5 / 6 Korfball Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly
5	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 1 Mar	Thu 2 Mar	Fri 3 Mar
		6.30 BoT Meeting  Y5 - 8 Swimming Sports 9am-2.00pm	Garden To Table	Y5 / 6 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Tech
6	Mon 6 Mar	Tue 7 Mar	Wed 8 Mar	Thu 9 Mar	Fri 10 Mar
		Y7 / 8 PCT Comp 10.30am-3.00pm	Garden To Table	School Photos Y7 / 8 Korfball Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly
	Walk or wheel to school week				
7	Mon 13 Mar	Tue 14 Mar	Wed 15 Mar	Thu 16 Mar	Fri 17 Mar
	Y5 - 8 Canterbury Zone Swimming	Y5 - 8 Canterbury Triathlon	Garden To Table	Y7 / 8 Korfball Y3 / 4 Softball	Y7 / 8 Tech
8	Mon 20 Mar	Tue 21 Mar	Wed 22 Mar	Thu 23 Mar	Fri 24 Mar
		6.30 BoT Meeting	Garden To Table	Y7 / 8 Korfball Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly
9	Mon 27 Mar	Tues 28 Mar	Wed 29 Mar	Thu 30 Mar	Fri 31 Mar
				Y7 / 8 Korfball Y3 / 4 Softball	Y7 / 8 Tech
10	Mon 3 Apr	Tue 4 Apr	Wed 5 Apr	Thu 6 Apr	Fri 7 Apr
	Y5 - 8 Korfball			Y5 - 8 Canterbury	Good Friday