



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

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PINK SHIRT DAY FRIDAY 19th May - Come along in something PINK

BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tātou,

Term 2 has got off to a busy start with the PTA AGM last week, a Hui this week and our first Board meeting next week. The aim of the Hui is to give our groups (Board, Whānau, PTA) an opportunity to meet each other, find out what our priorities are and share ideas. This is a first step to closer collaboration, making up for lost time with the forced isolation of the past couple of years. It's great to see so much enthusiasm and energy coming through. Next week's board meeting is, as ever, open to visitors. If you are considering joining the board or are just curious about how we work, please get in touch with me directly: bot@stmartins.school.nz (Kate Hodgins, Presiding member)

Ngā mihi nui

Kate

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

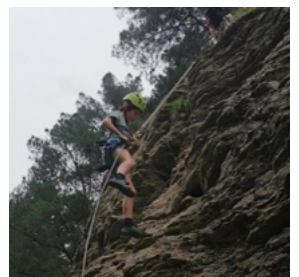
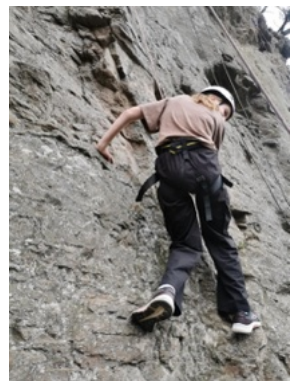
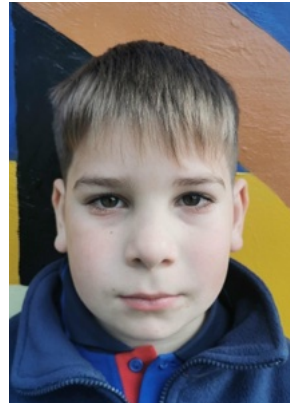
We welcome Platon to St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your experience at school. We look forward to seeing you join in the opportunities that we offer.

We have had a wonderful start to our learning for the term.

It has been all go with experts from our whānau sharing in the learning. Thanks Sam for sharing your geology knowledge, we look forward to the Y3 / 4 field trip next week, thanks Jacqui for the wonderful work on the mural on the wall of the top court.

Amy Kenel has led a very successful group of approximately 60 Y7 / 8 children in the 2023 showquest. The finished performance was extremely polished. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts, great to see lots of ākonga getting involved. The Showquest team came away with Best Use of Drama, Best Live Music, Highly commended for Lighting and a special congratulations to Erik receiving Star of the Show. We look forward to seeing Erik on What Now on Sunday performing his showquest song. Our next performance event for tamariki to be involved in is Strum, Strike, Blow for the Y3 / 4s and Y5 - 8 hip hop crews are getting ready for the Canterbury competition.

As always there are a number of outdoors events to get involved with. We had William Pike rock climbing and tree planting with another session next week. The cross country for Y3 - 8 was held on a lovely crisp morning.



Good luck to our zone runners next week. We are looking forward to the Y5 - 8 winter sports starting up next week. After school basketball teams are competing well in the Pioneer competition, great to see lots of teams getting involved.

The Y8 children are enjoying working with Ara students on Friday afternoons exploring a number of environmental team building activities.

As always, thank you to the teachers organising these events so we can offer the tamariki a number of different opportunities and whānau for your support to ensure these sessions can be high quality positive experiences.

Thank you to the families that gave up their Sunday to help Adrian at school with the working bee. We really appreciated the support in the playground area.

Our Y8 leavers hoodies have arrived. They look amazing, I really like the house colour in the hoods. The guidelines around these are; children can wear these each day if they wish, hoods are not to be worn during school time (we really do want to see the Y8s lovely smiling faces) and the laces must be tied for technology on Friday. So far great responses from the ākonga about colour, warmth and logos.

Tomorrow we are being provided with GoGo chicken from Tegel for all of the tamariki. Gogo Chicken is a new product from Tegel. The GoGo Chicken Sticks are a ready-to-eat power snack. Simply open and enjoy - no cooking or heating required. Made with 100% free-range chicken breast. Each stick contains 12 grams of protein and less than 1 gram of unsaturated fat, making it perfect for an afternoon snack, school lunchbox. All children will be provided with two sticks to try if they want to.

This week we begin our performing arts sessions with Te Ahi Ora. The day sessions are followed up with evening fire performances (6 - 8pm). The evening sessions will be weather dependent as they are outside. We will let you know if there needs to be a change of time. Otherwise (fingers crossed) the timetable is:

- Friday 19th May, Year 5-6
- Monday 22nd May, Year 0-2
- Tuesday 23rd May, Year 3-4
- Wednesday 24th May, Year 7-8

As always, Alice, Leanne and myself are often at the Waharoa in the mornings, if you would like to come and have a chat about anything feel free.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

AGM: We held our AGM last Monday evening and farewelled Jamie Billings from the Committee. Jamie was heavily involved in the hall fundraising during his PTA tenure and recounted the history of fundraising for the original hall in the 1970's - "some of their fundraising activities included House Evenings, three school fairs, and sponsored runs. A car raffle was held - the prize was a 1275 GT Mini British Racing Green. Tickets were sold at a price of 25 cents each or \$1 a book. 80,000 tickets were sold generating \$8000 for the pool and hall renovation. Bags of turkey manure were also sold and four cooked pigs with vegetables were wheeled around some Christchurch pubs and raffled off. A brick house onsite had to be dismantled to make way for the hall and this included cleaning and reselling the bricks. This proved successful and more house dismantling across Christchurch were undertaken generating profits."



We updated the PTA Constitution to align with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which replaces the 1908 Act.

The PTA Committee as voted in at the AGM:

Officers: Emma Riley (Chairperson), Robin Wilson (Secretary), Jocelyn Levett (Treasurer).

Committee: Clare Mackintosh, Tom Norman, Alison Poulter, Isaac Devine, Stephen McPaik, Debra Purdue, Aimee Bloy, Roberta Carpenter, Elizabeth Royds, Rachel Brown, Dan Inns, Zaneta Tumova, Holly Wyndham, Janine van Dam (new), Jody Divett (new), Susanna Roberts (new). Supporting the PTA on the committee are Leanne and Charlotte as teacher representatives and Kate and Andrew.

Supporting School Families

We have enough people offering help that we are now able to reinstate the meals and baking network. If you know of a family in need of some support, please get in touch with a teacher or the school office to refer the family. Thank you to all those who have offered their assistance, we couldn't do this without you.

Working Bee: A massive thank you to all the families that turned out on a drizzly Sunday morning who worked hard to complete some big jobs. We were especially proud of all the effort the children put in. Special thanks to Dom Jones for providing the machinery and his time to start the field levelling project.

Library Fundraiser: Next week we will launch our Library Fundraiser as a "Give-A-Little" concept. We will be looking for your support to buy additional beanbags and replacement cushions, new shelving to create more floor space and lots of books. All children have had the opportunity to nominate the book series they would like more of in the library, so please help us to make this happen through our fundraising website early next week.

Bean Bag Beans: Thank you to Faine, Kirstin and Joce for your donations. If anyone else has any spare beans they would like to donate for the anticipated new library bean bags, please email info@smartcommunity.org.nz

Next Meeting: Monday 19th June, 7.30pm, Staff Room.

Contact Us: info@smartcommunity.org.nz



WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau

A big thanks to the Board, staff, PTA members and parents that came along to our hui on Monday night. It was great to see so many people there and hear about what each of our groups is planning for the year.

Ngā mihi nui

Nā Ranui

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW - Term 2

SchoolDocs – what is it?

All NZ schools are governed by a school board and a range of policies and procedures. Our policies are hosted by [SchoolDocs Ltd](https://www.school-docs.co.nz/), an online policy and procedure service for New Zealand primary and intermediate schools.

If you would like to know more about how Schooldocs works and your involvement as a caregiver please visit the [Parents and Whānau section](https://www.school-docs.co.nz/parents-and-whanau) of the SchoolDocs website.

The Policies and Procedures under review this term are:

- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Planning and Review
- EOTC Risk Management
- EOTC Coordinator
- EOTC External Providers

- EOTC Staff Competence
- EOTC Event Categories
- EOTC Communicating with Parents

To read policies and place a review

1. Go to the <https://smartins.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Enter the username & password
 - Username: smartins
 - Password: huntsbury
3. Click on the **Current Review tab**, select the policy you wish to review
4. To provide feedback click on the **Start your Review tab**

The closing date to provide feedback is Friday 16th June.

STUDENTS CORNER

Showquest 2023

On Monday, 63 Year 7/8 students were involved in the Showquest performance at the Town Hall. Showquest is a nationwide performing arts competition showcasing art, music, dance, drama, culture and technology created and choreographed by the students themselves. This year our students performed a powerful and poignant portrayal of the world in crisis. As the dancers moved across the stage, they represented each continent of the world, embodying the struggles and culture faced by each region in the face of environmental destruction and human neglect. Yet despite the sorrow and pain, they showed there is also hope and resilience, as the dancers come together in a powerful finale with live singing. The performance is a stirring call to action, urging us to recognize the impact of our actions and work together to preserve our planet for future generations.



Peace of Mind

By Tom Burnett, Year 6

You will always reach a place where the path isn't laid down for you
 You will always find a gap where you have to forge your own
 Through an impenetrable wall of doubt, only to meet yet more obstacles
 The impossible crossroads tricking you at every turn
 I stand, lingering on the inconceivable brink of darkness and despair,
 But teetering upon the fragile edge of all things joyful
 The two enemies taunt me, flickering briefly at the corner of my circular vision
 Yet another thing that should be impossible in this warped reality
 My mind hardens, my choices solidifies,
 I step back from the horrifying world that could have been my life
 Start to run and leap into the light
 Tranquillity rules my mind, and I begin to relax as I realise I am finally at peace.

TERM 2 COSTS

Term 2 Costs have been added to your family's accounts. Thanks to everyone who has payments already this term. If your child is participating in the William Pike Challenge (\$60), Hagley Winter Sport (\$53), Strike Percussion (\$5), Hip Hop groups (\$30), EPro8 (\$15) payment is required before your child can attend.

We have now made the pay Online option available on Hero, as well as the existing options of direct credit, eftpos and cash in the office.

For further information, [please click on the link to our school website.](#)

If you have paid the donations, you can claim back from IRD. All donation receipts are available in your Hero account, under the Statements tab.

TERM TWO

4	Mon 15 May	Tue 16 May	Wed 17 May	Thu 18 May	Fri 19 May
	Cross Country Yr 3-8 Hansens Park Showquest Town Hall	Explorers CTFC sessions Discoverers Vernon Park Volcano Trip	Garden to Table Room 15 & 16	Newsletter Cross Country Postponement Date	Pink Shirt Day Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly
5	Mon 22 May	Tue 23 May	Wed 24 May	Thu 25 May	Fri 26 May
	Discoverers Hockey Te Ahi Ora Fire Performance Yr 0-2, 6--8pm	Year 5-8 Zone Cross Country Explorers CTFC sessions Te Ahi Ora Fire Performance Yr 3-4, 6-8pm 6.30pm Board Meeting	Garden to Table Rm (rm 13 & 14) Te Ahi Ora Fire Performance Yr 7-8, 6-8pm	Wintersport starts (Yr 5-8) 8.30am-12.00pm William Pike Outdoor Adventure	Y7 / 8 Technology Yr 7/8 Ara Team Building 9.00am Y0-4 School Assembly 2.15 Y5-8 School Assembly
6	Mon 29 May	Tue 30 May	Wed 31 May	Thu 1 June	Fri 2 June
	Discoverers Hockey	Explorers CTFC sessions	Garden to Table (Rm 15 & 16)	Newsletter Wintersport (Yr 5 / 8)	Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly
7	Mon 5 June	Tue 6 June	Wed 7 June	Thu 8 June	Fri 9 June
	King's Birthday	Life Education	Life Education Garden to Table (Rm 13 & 14)	Life Education Wintersport Year 5-8	Y7 / 8 Technology The Hits Broadcast from St Martins 2.00-3.00pm Life Education
8	Mon 12 June	Tue 13 Jun	Wed 14 June	Thu 15 June	Fri 16 June
	Discoverers Hockey 6pm Whanau Group Hui Staff Room		Garden to Table (Rm 15 & 16)	Newsletter Wintersport Year 5-8	Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly
9	Mon 19 June	Tue 20 June	Wed 21 June	Thu 22 June	Fri 23 June
	Highfliers camp (Rm 9 & 10) Discoverers Hockey Huff n Puff 11.45am -12.30pm PTA meeting Staffroom 7.30pm	Highfliers Camp (Rm 9 & 10) Huff n Puff Postponement 6.30 Board meeting Staffroom	Highfliers Camp (Rm 9 & 10) Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12) Canterbury Cross Country Garden to Table (Rm 13 & 14)	Wintersport Year 5-8 Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12)	Art Mural Group 1.00-3.00pm Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12)

	Mon 26 June	Tue 27 June	Wed 28 June	Thu 29 June	Fri 30 June
10	Korfball Tournament (Yr 5-8) Mid year reports go home	Zone Cross Country (Yr 0-4) Epro 8 Internal Event	EPro8 Internal Event Korfball Tournament qualifying teams	Epro8 Internal Event Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8	Epro8 Internal Event Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly Art Mural Group Term 2 finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Our Term 2 Kelly Sports Clinics are now underway but it is not too late to register and join us for the remaining sessions. Please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east to register

KELLY SPORTS TERM 2
ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS

St Martins School | Hato Mātene
THURSDAY'S, 3:10 - 4:10PM

- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Rippa Rugby
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Netball

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 8th JUNE, 2023
1.30pm - 4.00pm
Cashmere High School
McCombs Performing Arts Centre
172 Rose Street, Christchurch

Joe Eccleton (Principal) will address visitors at
1.30pm and 2.30pm
Guided tours from 2.00pm

Cashmere High School
Te Iringa o Kahukura
LEADING LEARNING

2024 Prospectus and scholarship application forms will be available.
Phone 332 9129 | www.cashmere.school.nz