



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 4 : 23 Mar 2023

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

We welcome Ella to St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope that Ella and her whānau enjoy the experiences our school has to offer. We look forward to seeing you joining in.

It's great to see the sunshine back today and everyone outside. The change in weather this week saw a change in play, we were impressed with the support the senior children gave with organising indoor games, reading books and getting involved in play with the junior classes while inside during our rainy days.

Today all of the tamariki joined in with the Mana presentation by Bernard Mana. The interactive presentation took the children on a journey through Polynesia featuring the Pueblo Indian hoop dance, an explanation of Maori moko, demonstrations of haka and poi, before moving onto aspects from Samoa and Hawaii.

We continue with our EOTC events. We have had trips to support learning as well as sports events this term. A number of today's photos are from the Y3 / 4 Waitaha Wai trip on Monday. Thanks to the CCC for providing the tutors to support our ākonga | learners to check the health of our local river.

The Y7 / 8 Boyle River camp is next term. Nicky Pateman has sent home the information in the [Google Form](#). Please have a read of the front page. Children are able to opt into either the adventure based or extreme programmes. Schools are finding the cost of camps is continuing to rise. The Y7 / 8 camp has an approximate cost of \$400 per child. Thank you to the Board for capping the cost to whānau at **\$250 per child**. We will be trying to access funding, some in school fundraising initiatives next term with the Board agreeing to pay any shortfall. To support us to cover the cost of camp we would ask that all children participating have their camp cost paid by Monday 5th June. We are more than happy to support families to set up weekly or fortnightly payments, please contact Megan in the office - meganm@smartins.school.nz

Now that the building work is finished we are turning our attention to the playground environment. Our starting point is to add more games and activities to our sealed areas. We hope to include 4-square, hopscotch, fitness / sensory trails, chess board, snakes and ladders, wall targets. Our first option will be to try to get some outside funding for these.

A reminder to all families of their responsibilities around safe driving and parking practices within the school peak traffic times. Please no stopping or parking on yellow lines, especially either side of the controlled crossings as this blocks visibility for pedestrians and other drivers. The 3 minute car park should only be used to 'drop and go' only. We encourage anyone who sees unsafe driving or parking behaviour to report it via this form on the Police website

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/driving-and-road-safety/report-road-incident-unsafe-driver>

Let's work together to keep our children safe when coming to and leaving the school.



Thank you to the PTA for their financial support. Now that we have finished the hall renovations which the PTA supported through fundraising for a number of years we are now looking at some of the items that will benefit children currently in the school. Have a read below of the events the PTA have held to raise funds for the school.

Thank you for your understanding with the NZEI strike action last week. NZEI and the Government were negotiating again last week. As yet there has been no update around a new offer.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

PTA Meeting Update

We were very pleased to approve the funding of a variety of requests from the school as outlined below, using a range of fundraising sources. Thank you for supporting the PTA fundraising events which enable us to provide these resources to school.

We welcomed five new committee members; we hope you find the PTA experience rewarding.

A large portion of the meeting was organising a fundraising and social events plan for the year which we will share soon.

Item Requested	Amount	Funding Source
Structured Literacy Resources (School Wide)	\$2,000	Quiz Night
Resilience Project (Seniors)	\$2,500	Quiz Night
Maths Resources (School Wide)	\$1,000	Quiz Night
Wet Weather Classroom Games (\$100 per teacher)	\$1,900	Touch Rugby
Combo Washing Machine and Dryer	\$1,800	Uniform Sales, Entertainment Book, Touch Rugby
Headphone Sets (Juniors)	\$1,000	Disco
Water Table and Carpentry Table (Juniors)	\$1,590	Disco
Additional Garden <u>To</u> Table Funding	\$2,000	Existing Funds
Total	\$13,790	

Easter Raffle

Coming Monday, be in to win a hamper of Easter treats and activities to keep everyone entertained over the holidays. \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10. The money raised will be used to purchase picnic tables to provide outdoor seating options for the children.

Working Bee

Saturday 1 April at 9am (rain day Sunday). All welcome to come and help move topsoil to level the field, relocate bark, help with planting and move logs. We would be grateful for the use of a small bobcat, please get in touch if you could help us with this. To ensure we have enough people before the topsoil is ordered, please register your availability by emailing info@smartcommunity.org.nz



Meals and Baking Support

We would like to re-establish the community support initiative to offer school families meals and baking in times of need. To do this we first need to create a new database of volunteers to provide the meals and baking. If you would like to be part of this support network, please email info@smartcommunity.org.nz to register your interest in helping.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 4th April, School Hall, 8.30 – 9.30am. Donations of uniform items can be left at the school office; all donated items provide funding that goes back to school through the PTA.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Every purchase of the Entertainment App automatically donates 20% of your membership to the PTA. To purchase: www.entertainmentnz.com Select Fundraiser: St Martins School

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday 8th May, 7.30pm, School Hall

Contact Us: info@smartcommunity.org.nz

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

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, 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](#) of the SchoolDocs website.

The Policies and Procedures under review this term are:

- Uniform / Dresscode
- Enrolment
- Student attendance

To read policies and place a review

1. Go to the <https://stmartins.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Enter the username & password
 - Username: stmartins
 - 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 Wednesday 15th March.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Lunchonline Sushi

Please note that Sushi will not be available to order from lunchonline on Friday 31st March, but will resume again as usual in Term 2.

School Lost Property

Thank you to those families who have continued to name their child's school uniform, this has helped us to return many items to students in recent weeks.

We encourage parents to take some time on the weekend to make sure all of their child's uniform is clearly named with a permanent pen or a specially named label..

As always, if your child has lost an item, please visit our lost property boxes either in the school office, or between the classrooms to have a look through lost items.

House tees for sale

Pre-order a House t-shirt now, ready for Term 2

To order please contact the school office or email dianem@stmartins.school.nz

Tees are available in sizes 8 to 14 and are now \$20 each. This will be the only order placed this year so get in now to secure a tee (only limited stock is kept in the office)

Payment can be made by Eftpos at the office or straight into the school account. (12 3240 0111723 00) (Please reference your child's name and 'House T-shirt' for online orders) Orders close Friday 31st of March

School Sports Tees for sale

Currently St Martins School loans blue sports tees to students representing our school in various sporting activities. The hire cost is \$15 per year. We would like to be able to make these available for Year 5 to 8 students to purchase so that they are not relying on the school for a tee shirt each time an event comes up.

If you know your child will be competing in various sporting events such as korfbal, athletics, kiwi tag, koru games, orienteering or Thursday sport football among other events, this could be an option for you.

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ON THE CALENDAR

8	Mon 20 Mar	Tue 21 Mar	Wed 22 Mar	Thu 23 Mar	Fri 24 Mar
	PTA meeting 7.30pm Staffroom		GTT - Rm 13/14	Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly 9-9.45am: Yr 0-4 2.15-3pm: Yr 5-8
9	Mon 27 Mar	Tues 28 Mar	Wed 29 Mar	Thu 30 Mar	Fri 31 Mar
		William Pike Ryde Falls Trip Board Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom		Canterbury Swimming	Y7 / 8 Tech
10	Mon 3 Apr	Tue 4 Apr	Wed 5 Apr	Thu 6 Apr	Fri 7 Apr
	Y5 - 8 Korfbal Tournament			Y5 - 8 Canterbury swimming Newsletter Last day of Term 1	Good Friday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

McGinnsmadefresh 'make your own' classes

Hi my name is Jo, from McGinnsmadefresh, producing small batch fresh skin and hair products. I am back running lovely small classes, from my home in Opawa.

Armpit love, natural Deodorant balm class

- \$25, or \$22.50 on sale 'til Sunday 19 March

- Learn how to craft your own deodorant at home so you never have to buy store deodorant again! Watch as I test out a batch of cream deodorant containing Magnesium Hydroxide. You are welcome to bring a pot, and take some home to try.
- optional add on is to pour your own candlestick for \$10.50 payable on the day. Bring cash if this sounds appealing.

Flavoured Lip Balm Class

- \$20, or \$18 on sale 'til Sunday 19 March
- My 10 year old son thinks lip balm from the shops is better than making lip balm at home, using natural ingredients. Join me in this class and we will prove him wrong!
- We will be making a flavoured lip balm and participants can choose between mint or blood orange. For ages 8-12 year olds, but other age groups can be accommodated. Adult supervision will be required.
- Optional add on, on the day 'pour your own candlestick' for \$10.50 or 'draw your own lunch wrap', using fabric markers. Price is \$8.50 for a 24 x 24 cm wrap.

For more details on these classes, check out mccginnsmadefresh.com or me at mccginns.madefreshchch@gmail.com

Te Aratai College Open Days/Evenings

This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura. Whānau must book these visits online, via our online school booking system or use our QR code.

- Wednesday 31st May & Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd June, 2023: during the kura day.
- Tuesday 6th June: 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm.

Sydenham Rugby registrations

Registrations have started and are looking for players in all grades. We would love to have you join the Sydenham family. If interested you can register at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/175943>

Scouts Book fair

St. Martins Scout Group, 297 Centaurus Road, Hillsborough

Saturday 22nd April 2023 (9am-3pm) Sunday 23rd April 2023 (9am-12pm)

Cash Only on the day, we are raising funds for our Scouts to attend the 23rd New Zealand Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek, Hamilton Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Book donations gratefully accepted - drop off at St. Martins School office until the end of term, otherwise from 20/3/2023 until 21/4/2023 at scout den front door (297 Centaurus Rd, near Rapaki Track). Email membership@smartscouts.co.nz to enquire about booking an outdoor table top space.

COMMUNITY
dental service



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 7/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 for the upcoming school holidays.
- We have limited appointments available over this Holiday period 11/04/2023 to 21/04/2023.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.