



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 5 : 6 April 2023

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 7TH APRIL FOR THE EASTER BREAK AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. WE WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL.

BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tātou,

End of term 1 already, I swear the terms are getting shorter! At our Board meeting last week we welcomed two visiting parents who are interested in being nominated to join us, with elections coming up in September / October. If anyone else is interested in attending a meeting please contact me directly on the email below.

We will also be announcing the date for an upcoming board / PTA / whānau group hui later next term - a chance to exchange ideas as well as putting faces to names. Keep an eye out for updates!

In the meantime, on behalf of the board I wish everyone an enjoyable, relaxing Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui

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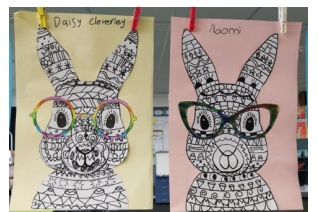
SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

Thanks everyone for a wonderful term one. Lots of fabulous learning throughout the term both in and out of the classroom. Thanks to all of the staff for their continued support of our ākonga, this may be in the classroom, library, office, school environment, garden to table or our new Creatives in Schools initiative. We really appreciate all that you do.

We hope that our tamariki have enjoyed the variety of learning opportunities during term one. Thank you to our whānau for your support at home and in our school programmes.

We have been really impressed with the positive response to our playground focus this term. The three teachers on duty supporting ākonga with play have been reinforcing the idea of tū whitia | do what is right. We have been looking for and acknowledging appropriate play in the playground. Children are awarded physical tokens to place in their house containers. House points are collected each fortnight and shared in assembly, as well as children being selected randomly for a prize draw, this could be from the prize box or an activity token. This term some of the prizes have been, milo and marshmallows with three mates, basketball with Mr Mouat, a round of mini golf for four, meccano, bubble wands or books. This is in line with some of our new learning around positive behaviour for learning (PB4L). As a school we are starting our PB4L journey, this will see us co constructing clear



expectations across the school to be able to focus on positive behaviour to improve the engagement and achievement of our ākonga. As we learn more we look forward to sharing with you further information.

Next term we welcome back Matua Willie and Whaea Tanya to lead kapahaka across the school. We thank Mrs Alice Barakat for supporting both the kaiako and tamariki with kapahaka during term one. We are also looking to re-introduce a te reo experience group. We are starting our initial discussions around what this may entail in 2023. Lastly in this space, all classroom kaiako will be completing at least 10 hours of professional learning focussing on te reo in 2023. There are currently six teachers that have completed / are completing the 42 hour level 1 course as well as one teacher completing level three in 2023.

Congratulations to...

- The Lit quiz teams in Y6 - 8 competing at Turanga, a great experience to.. explore their knowledge of books and literature.
- Ben, competing in the South Island Downhill Mountain Bike Championships. Ben placed 9th for the South Island and 3rd for Canterbury.
- Naomi Nyahando who was placed 1st in double mini trampoline and 6th in trampoline at Rangiora over the weekend.
- We had a number of teams competing in the Y5 - 8 Korfbal competition on Monday.
- We came away with the full trifecta of placings, Y5 / 6 first, Y7 / 8 Second, Y5 / 6 third. All of the children competed to a high level, the support of team members and other teams was evident while noticeably the children of St Martins | Hato Mātene continue to be some of few who have one person thanking the referees for their support at the end of each game.

Thank you to the parents of the Y5 / 6 children, with your support we have been able to move to a one to one teaching model with chromebooks in this area of the school. The children with their own chromebooks are managing these independently, coming to and from home with great care.

Have a wonderful Easter break, enjoy having time with your tamariki as our kaiako have non contact time to reflect on term one, update programmes where needed and plan for further rich learning experiences in term two.

Have a safe and happy break.

Andrew

ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

Easter Raffle

Thank you for your support! We raised \$1,700 for outdoor furniture. 1st: Lorraine Sheppard 2nd: Clare Mackintosh 3rd: Chelsey Taylor 4th: Jo Kennedy 5th: Christina Lefever 6th: Robin Wilson 7th: Susanna Roberts 8th: Hugh Canard. Congratulations to you all.

Thanks again to Move X, Ferrymead Golf, The Fudge Cottage and Etta Images for their support.

Save The Date

Move X: One for the tamariki. We will be taking over **Move X** on Saturday 17th June from 6.30 - 8.30pm. As well as all the trampoline and foam pit fun, there will be a new ninja warrior course open by this date.



Karma Keg: One for the adults. A local social and fundraising event at **Moon Under Water** on Saturday 4th November from 3 – 5pm.

Meals and Baking Support

There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to bringing back the community support initiative offering meals and baking to school families in times of need. If you would like to be part of this network, please email info@smartcommunity.org.nz to register your interest.

Noticeboards

With one of the two notice boards installed at the front entrance, all PTA activities will be displayed here. Please keep an eye out for fundraisers, events and information.

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday 08 May, 7.30pm, School Hall

Contact Us: info@smartcommunity.org.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Photo Orders

Thank you to those of you who have paid and passed in your school photo orders. The last day for handing these in will be Friday the 28th April the first week back after the holidays.

ON THE CALENDAR

	Mon 3 Apr	Tue 4 Apr	Wed 5 Apr	Thu 6 Apr	Fri 7 Apr
10	Y5 - 8 Korfball Tournament			Y5 - 8 Canterbury swimming Newsletter Last day of Term 1	Good Friday

TERM TWO

1	Mon 24 April	Tue 25 April	Wed 26 April	Thu 27 April	Fri 28 April
	Staff Only Day	ANZAC Day	Start of term 2		
2	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	High Fliers Attitude presentation				

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES - CHRISTCHURCH

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 CLASSES



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**St. Martins Scout
Group**



BOOK FAIR & TABLE TOP SALE

297 Centaurus Road, Hillsborough

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