



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 3 : 9 Mar 2022

ST MARTINS BOARD

Kia ora and welcome back to 2023 on behalf of myself, Aaron, Dan, Ranui, Helen, Andrew, Tracy and Mark! We had our first board meeting of the year last week (see the school webpage for the minutes). One of our goals for 2023 is to reconnect with our community after two years of Covid distancing, which for us means bringing some new faces onto our Board. Two of the longest serving members, myself and Mark, are stepping down at the end of 2023 and we are really keen to see some representation from the junior end of our school join the Board, after the elections later in Term 3. This would really suit someone who has a broad interest in governance issues, gets along well with people and enjoys making a meaningful and valued contribution to the school community. If you think that this is something you, or someone you know, would like to be part of, please drop me an email at the address below. We are more than happy for you to attend one of our meetings to get a feel for the board and the work we do. Hopefully you will be seeing more of us over the course of the year in any case.

On another note, I would like to remind all our whānau, that our hardworking staff are always very pleased to hear from parents, whatever their celebrations or concerns, and staff will make it a priority to answer any email queries as soon as possible within the school hours of 8am and 5pm.

Nga mihi nui

Kate Hodgins, Presiding Member

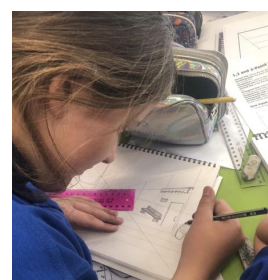
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SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for your contributions to our Cyclone Gabrielle Freestyle Friday last week. As a kura we raised \$1120 which has been passed on to the North Island via the Principals associations to be used in schools.

We have had a wonderful 'wheels & walking' week. Great to see so many tamariki taking the opportunity to walk, scooter and bike to school. Thank you to the school leaders and Miss Alice Denley for organising the spot prizes and tū whitia tokens each morning. Tomorrow we finish with a funky feet Friday event.



The Junior School children have enjoyed their visit to Deans Bush as a part of their Aotearoa NZ Histories programme of learning. Thank you to the whānau members who were able to join us on the trip.

We have continued with our sports focus, last week being the Y5 - 8 swimming sports, this week the Y7/8 teams competed in the PCT competition and next week we move on to the Canterbury Triathlon.

Some of the photos today are from the mural group working with Jackie Greenbank. We look forward to a finished mural on the top courts sometime in the near future from our talented group of artists.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga.

Andrew

ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

Garden Bulb Fundraiser

The popular Bulb Fundraiser is now available, brighten up your garden with some spring colour. Order through our new online ordering website by Wednesday 22nd March: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Friendship Lists

It has been great to receive positive feedback about bringing Friendship Lists back. These optional lists provide the contact details to connect with others in your child's class and year group. Please complete by 31st March if you wish to share your contact details. Link to form: [Friendship List](#)

PTA Name Change

We will be moving back to the traditional name of PTA. S'Mart Community has served us well, however the feeling is that "PTA" is more recognisable. There is some paperwork to complete with Incorporated Societies and ASB as we move to renaming as St Martins School PTA.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 4th April, 8.30 - 9.30am in the school hall. Donations of uniform items can be left with the office. To have us sell your uniform items on your behalf, please register them [here](#), then drop them into the office as soon as possible (labelled with your name and reference number). Closer to the time, you'll be able to check online what uniform items are available.

St Martins School Cookbook

For those new to school, there is still an opportunity to purchase one of the last few copies of the very popular school hall fundraiser cookbook, **SHARE - FROM OUR TABLE TO YOURS**. Deposit \$10 ("S'Mart Community" account: 12-3147-0420521-00 reference Surname / Cookbook and then collect your copy from the school office.

Next Meeting: Monday 20 March, 7.30pm, Staff Room

Contact Us: info@smartcommunity.org.nz



WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau. Our next Whānau group hui is on Monday 13th March in the school staffroom at 6pm. Hope to see you there.

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](https://www.schooldocs.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](#) 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

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. We have a system in place to return items when named, however we cannot guarantee return if your items are not named.

As always, if your child has lost an item, please visit our lost property box in the school office to have a look through the items that have been found around the school and are either unnamed or have not been claimed yet.

House tees pre order now

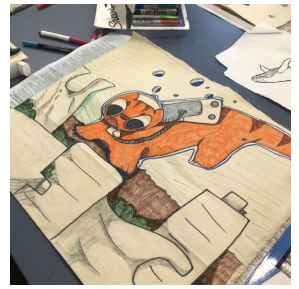
Pre-order a House t-shirt now, ready for Term 2

Orders can be placed at the school office or email dianem@stmartins.school.nz.

Tees are available in sizes 8 to 14 and are \$15 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)

If paying to the school account please state your child's name and 'House T-shirt' so we can identify your payment. Orders need to be placed by Friday 31st of March please.



St Martins School Sports Tees

At St Martins School we have a sports tees that we loan to children for various sporting activities that they are competing in on behalf of the school and also for Thursday sports teams. There is a charge for the hire of these for Thursday sport etc.

We would like to be able to make these available for Year 5 to 8 students to purchase their own tee shirt so that they are not relying on the school for a tee shirt/ each time an event comes up.

Along with the house tees orders that we are taking at this point in time, we would like to start an order for sports tees. We could also make available the sports shorts.

A Year 5 student could have the use of their own tee shirt for 4 years at the one off price of \$20.00 each rather than paying each year for the hire of one.

We understand that not all students will require one but if you know your child will be competing in various sporting events such as korfball, athletics, kiwi tag, koru games, orienteering to name a few, plus football for Thursday sport , plus representing the school for another reason then this might be an ideal solution.

Orders can be placed by calling into the office, emailing office@stmartins.school.nz or completing the lower part of the form that will be sent home separately and returning to the office. Thanks

ON THE CALENDAR

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| 6 | Mon 6 Mar | Tue 7 Mar | Wed 8 Mar | Thu 9 Mar | Fri 10 Mar |
| | | Y7 / 8 PCT Comp 10.30am-3.00pm | GTT - Rm 13/14 | School Photos Y7 / 8 Korfball Newsletter | Y7 / 8 Tech Yr 5 - 8 Canterbury Zone Swimming Assembly 9-9.45am: Yr 0-4 2.15-3pm: Yr 5-8 |
| Walk or wheel to school week | | | | | |
| 7 | Mon 13 Mar | Tue 14 Mar | Wed 15 Mar | Thu 16 Mar | Fri 17 Mar |
| | Whānau Group hui 6.00pm Staffroom | Y5 - 8 Canterbury Triathlon | GTT - Rm 15/16 | 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 |
| | PTA meeting 7.30pm Staffroom | | GTT - Rm 13/14 | Y7 / 8 Korfball 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 |
| | | Board Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom | | Y7 / 8 Korfball Y3 / 4 Softball | Y7 / 8 Tech |
| 1 | Mon 3 Apr | Tue 4 Apr | Wed 5 Apr | Thu 6 Apr | Fri 7 Apr |
| | Y5 - 8 Korfball | | | Y5 - 8 Canterbury | Good Friday |

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Short Term accommodation needed. Can You Help?

Short term accommodation is needed for a small family. 6 months from June. Please phone Shana 0279117833

Do you need a babysitter?

Emily is a year 10 student at Te Aratai College and is available for babysitting. Emily is an ex St Martins student who is reliable, trustworthy and great with children. If you are interested please contact Jo 021 029 31359 (Emily's Mum).

SFC Have-a-go days

Come along for FREE and see if rugby is the game for you. Join in the fun and learn how to catch and throw a rugby ball. Learn what's involved with transitioning into tackle rugby. To help keep all our junior players safe, we support and are required to meet CRFU weight restrictions within the relevant tackle age grades.

Monday, 13 March, 4.30-6.30pm Hansen Park

Complete the registration form and email to srfc@xtra.co.nz

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/sydenhamrugby/newsarticle/125546?newsfeedId=1287771&em=1>

Following this introductory day Sydenham Rugby will host school holiday programmes during the season - check out our website closer to the school holidays.

Talk to us today about becoming part of our Sydenham Rugby family.

Jack Macleod

027 842 9165 macleod.jack1029@gmail.com

Te Aratai College Open Days

Wednesday 31st May, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd June, 2023

These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action.

Whānau must book these visits online, via our online school booking system or use our QR code.

Te Aratai College Open Evening

Tuesday 6th June, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm.

These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Richard Edmundson addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākonga, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome.

BOOK FAIR & TABLE TOP SALE

St. Martins Scout Group, 297 Centaurus Road, Hillsborough

BOOK

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.



**Buy & Sell
Pre-Loved Market**

SUNDAY 26 MAR

9am-12pm

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