



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
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Board midterm elections 2023

In November this year St Martins School will be holding the mid-term School board election. We will have two positions coming up for election. If you are interested in joining or you know someone who would be a great advocate for our school, please keep an eye out for more information over the coming weeks about the nomination rounds and election dates.

We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about what the board does to visit our meetings. Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the school staffroom and cover an array of interesting topics discussed to steer the direction of our school. If you wish to attend a meeting please email Presiding member Kate Hodgins at bot@stmartins.school.nz We look forward to seeing some new faces!

For more information on what it takes to be on a school board please visit:
<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

SCHOOL UPDATE

We welcome Forrest, Daisy and Florence to St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope you and your whānau enjoy your learning experience, we look forward to seeing you involved in the many opportunities our kura has to offer.

Lots of aspects to look forward to as we hit the halfway mark in the term. The wearable arts learning, designing and creating are well underway across the kura. Classrooms are colourful with an array of fabrics and fibre. Thank you to the kaiako | teachers and whānau members for all your support of the tamariki getting behind their creations. We look forward to our wearable arts event early next term. We are also finalising groups to share at the performance and hope to have, kapahaka, ukulele, hip hop, contemporary dance and EPAC performing. Lots of teachers are involved in these extra groups, thank you to Paige, Jenny, Briana and Amy for leading the ākonga option into these extra groups.

We have the Y5 / 6 team off to Hanmer camp in a couple of weeks as well as a number of Y7 / 8s travelling across to Westland High, on the West Coast for a sports exchange. Performing arts, sports and of course our fabulous everyday learning, continues to offer a range of learning for all ākonga to be involved in.

Last week our Year 5/6 Epro8 team of Ethan Edensor, Josh Head, Jack Thomson and Annie Chilton competed in the Canterbury finals alongside 11 other teams. They designed a fruit sorting machine as well as a weighing machine and



apple picker. Throughout the competition they were sitting second, but pulled into the lead in the final minute. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement, Thanks to Tamara and Pete for their support of the team.

The Y7 and 8 maths teams competed in the Cantamaths competition last night with both teams placing highly.

We have had a number of children in Y8 applying for High School scholarships. We know that all of you have a lot to offer in Y9. Congratulations to Katie and Chloe being awarded leadership scholarships and to Erik receiving both a leadership and music scholarship. It is a wonderful accomplishment for our school to have 3 out of the 4 leadership scholarships at Cashmere High being awarded to students from St Martins | Hato Mātene.

As a part of the curriculum refresh the Ministry of Education has allocated all schools a staff only day in term four. We have aligned with our Kahui cluster of schools and in particular Cashmere High School, therefore school will be closed on Thursday 16th November.

To finish off the week we will be having a full school assembly tomorrow morning at 9am as our Y7 / 8s will not have technology tomorrow. Always a privilege to have everyone together. If your child is receiving a certificate the classroom teacher will let you know.

Ka pai te wiki mutunga - have a great weekend everyone.

Andrew

COVID RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

As you may be aware, as of Tuesday 15th August the government has removed all remaining COVID-19 public health requirements. It is no longer mandatory to wear masks or isolate for seven days when you test positive for covid-19.

Some of the reasons for this decision being made now are:

- Overall COVID-19 case rates have been trending downwards since the beginning of June.
- We have not seen the dramatic peaks that characterised COVID-19 rates last year.
- Covid and other illnesses have put considerably less pressure on the health system this winter
- The population's immunity levels are high

Schools are required to follow the government advice as requested by the Ministry of Education. However St Martins School are aware of our ongoing responsibility to help to protect the more vulnerable members of our school community. As such and with the Ministry of Health guidance in mind, if you are unwell and experiencing symptoms of any illness (including but not exclusive of covid-19) please stay at home until you are symptom free.

We hope families will continue to join us, in following safe hygiene practices to help slow the spread of community illness and protect those with compromised immunity.

PTA

Quiz Night

Saturday 9th September. Guaranteed to be a great night out and maybe we'll crown your team as the new quiz champions! Tables are limited.

Register a team of six or register to join a team [here](#).

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Save the date, Monday 18th September. Please drop any tidy second-hand uniforms at the office.

Touch Rugby Competition

Registrations are now open for teams to sign up to this season's competition Games start 19th October at Waltham Park.



ST MARTINS SCHOOL
Quiz

SPECIAL GUEST HOST
SHAY HORAY

SATURDAY
9
SEPTEMBER
2023

DOORS
OPEN 6PM
QUIZ KICKS
OFF AT 7PM

SCHOOL HALL | \$30 TICKET
SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION
TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS WELCOME!

Team Managers Register your Team [here](#).

If you are an individual looking to join a team, the Team Finder Form can be found [here](#). Any questions please email: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

All Blacks and Black Ferns Oodies

A fundraising opportunity to sell All Blacks and Black Ferns oodies for \$85 has come up. Samples available in the school office. Retail through www.allblackshop.com for \$150. Order [here](#)

Family Portraits

If you're thinking about doing a family portrait in time for Christmas, Green Melon Photos are booked for 11th & 12th November – family pooch is welcome too. Save the date!

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 18th September, 7.30pm, Staff Room

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz



SCHOODOCS POLICY 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](#), 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:

- Learning Support Coordination
- Identify Learning Support
- Gifted Learners

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**
5. The last day to submit a review is the end of the term

SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar art orders close next Friday the 1st of September. Price rise is happening from the first of September so best to order now!

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ2333**
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

TERM 3 COSTS

Term 3 donations and activity costs have been updated on Hero.

Thank you to everyone who has already made payments.

If your child/ren are participating in Hagley Winter Sport, the Hip Hop Groups, EPro8, Koru Games, and this terms William Pike activity - these are all non donation activities and payment is required before your child attends.

Please contact Megan - accounts@stmartins.school.nz if you have any questions.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

We are in the process of updating our school records. If you have recently had a change of contact details (address/phone number/emergency contacts etc) please let us know at office@stmartins.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

General Election - Helpers wanted!

The Banks Peninsula electorate would like to hear from any staff or parents who may be interested/available to some paid work during and/or after this year's General Election in October.

There are different roles on offer, with pay rates starting from \$26 per hour (+8% holiday pay). These roles offer flexibility around family/life commitments..

For anyone interested in applying, the below link will take them directly to complete an application form for our local electorate, Banks Peninsula:

[Work for the election](#) Under the 'Referral' box, please enter our school name for faster processing.



Smart Christchurch Innovation Expo 2023 - Sunday 10 and Monday 11 September 2023

This free two-day event on Sunday 10 and Monday 11 September 2023 runs from 9am to 5pm at Te Pae Convention Centre. Ākonga are welcome to attend with their families on Sunday and/or as part of a school group on Monday. Key highlights include 100+ exhibitors, keynote sessions, I-Atea Gaming Expo, Minecraft and robotics challenges and electric-powered aeroplanes. You can find out more and how to register at www.innovationexpo.co.nz. While tickets are free, registration is essential.

The Cat in the Hat at Isaac Theatre Royal

Coming to the Isaac Theatre Royal in Christchurch during the October school holidays!

For more information on the show please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Catinthehatnz or website: www.catinthehatlive.com



Kowhai Vet - Your New Local Vet Clinic

Attention all pet owners! We're thrilled to become a part of your community with our recently opened vet clinic that's dedicated to keeping your furry friends healthy and happy.

Our experienced and friendly team believes in a fear-free approach to pet care. Your pets' comfort and happiness are our top priorities, and we strive to create a stress-free environment for every visit.

We're not just caring for your pets - we're caring for the planet too! For every new patient we welcome, we fund the planting of a native tree in our region, contributing to a greener and healthier future.

Our longer appointment slots ensure that your pet receives the attention they deserve, and you have plenty of time to discuss their unique needs with our skilled veterinarians.

Tailored Services: From routine check-ups and vaccinations to advanced treatments

and surgeries, our clinic offers a comprehensive range of services to keep your pets in tip-top shape.

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Canterbury Schools Orienteering

Come and have a go! Find your way round a course with a map. We'll have helpers and coaches at training sessions to get you started. There are a variety of locations and different days, so you can try a few training sessions. Then you can take part in the **Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival**: Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 September 2023.

Pre-festival coaching & training events:

Time: 4-5pm Cost: After-school training is \$2 per child which you can pay at each event. Please check the website in case of event changes: <http://papo.org.nz>

TERM THREE

6	Mon 21 Aug	Tues 22 Aug	Wed 23 Aug	Thurs 24 Aug	Fri 25 Aug
				Wintersport Yr 5/8 SMS Newsletter	Yr 7/8 technology 9am Yr 0-8 Assembly
7	Mon 28 Aug	Tues 29 Aug	Wed 30 Aug	Thurs 31 Aug	Fri 1st Sept
			GTT Rm 15/16	Court Theatre Performance (am) Yr 5 -8, (pm) Y0-4 Wintersport Yr 5/8	Yr 7 & 8 technology 11.30am Te Reo Group
8	Mon 4 Sept	Tues 5 Sept	Wed 6 Sept	Thurs 7 Sept	Fri 8 Sept
	Yr 5/6 Camp Canterbury Duathlon	Yr 5/6 Camp	Yr 5/6 Camp	Yr 5/6 Camp SMS Newsletter Sports Exchange Hokitika	Yr 5/6 Camp Yr 7 & 8 tech Sports Exchange Hokitika Te Reo Group Quiz Night (Saturday)
9	Mon 11 Sept	Tues 12 Sept	Wed 13 Sept	Thurs 14 Sept	Fri 16 Sept
	Te wiki o te reo Maori Rapaki Visit yr 7-8 Yr 5-8 Korfball Whanau Group Hui (6.30 staffroom)	Te wiki o te reo Maori	Te wiki o te reo Maori Yr 5-8 Korfball Mihi Competition	Te wiki o te reo Maori Canterbury Sport Tournament Yr 8 Cashmere Testing Morning	Te wiki o te reo Maori Yr 7 & 8 technology Te Reo Group
10	Mon 18 Sept	Tues 19 Sept	Wed 20 Sept	Thurs 21 Sept	Fri 22 Sept
	Rapaki Visit Yr 3&4 PTA meeting (7.30 staffroom)	Koru Games Yr 8 Cashmere Testing Board Meeting (6.30 staffroom)	Koru Games	Koru Games Newsletter	Yr 7/8 technology Te Reo Group Assembly 9am: Yr 0 - 4 2.15: Yr 5 - 8 Term 3 ENDS