



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 12 : 10 August 2023

SCHOOL UPDATE

We welcome Adma, Esther, George and McKenna 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.

This week has been maths week across the school, each day there have been a number of extra maths problems for children to solve. We finish the week with a staff vs student maths challenge on Friday. This means our Y5 - 8 assembly will start at the earlier time of 2.00pm. Good luck to all of the mathematicians involved in the challenge. Win, draw or loss, as a staff we really enjoy being involved in these types of competitions.

We are very excited to start our learning and creating developing ideas for our wearable arts performance next term. A number of classes are starting the design phase after looking at different aspects of wearable arts. This year we are aiming to have four shows. A Y0 - 4 and Y5 - 8 matinee and evening performance. We are looking at Wednesday Oct 18, Y5 - 8 and Thursday Oct 19 Y0 - 4 at this stage.

Next week we celebrate Book week and have a number of things planned across the school. Some involve support from home:

Monday - Book Swap

This will be in the hall at lunchtime.

Bring along a book or two to donate for sale. Bring along a gold coin so you can purchase one of the pre-loved books to take home.

All the money donated will go towards new books in the library.

Tuesday - Book Character Day

Dress up as one of your favourite book characters. There will be a parade (weather permitting) from 11.30am on the top courts.

Mystery Readers

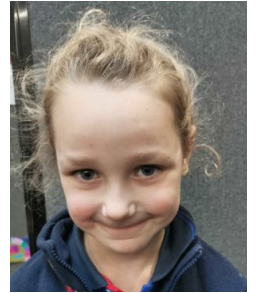
Each class will have a mystery reader to visit their class for an afternoon book sharing.

Friday - Book Week Class Displays

All classes are encouraged to add displays to their classrooms based on a theme, story, author or genre with prizes across the school.

You may have seen that we are working on our lower playground and grass area to try and support some water rain off / drainage to be able to use these on a more regular basis rather than waiting for days of settled weather and the water to go. Thanks to Adrian for putting in new drainage and to the tamariki for understanding while we complete this work. Thanks to Mark Broughton and his group of parents thinking about developing either a play area or playground for the Junior tamariki. The discussion is in the initial stages with areas of the school being explored as options.

We have lots to celebrate in the past few weeks and new opportunities to look forward to, Hip Hop teams winning regionals and travelling to Dunedin for the next event, EPro8 moving on to the next round of competition, Y8 basketball placing — in the Canterbury finals, 40 children competing in the Canterbury Volleyball, Strum, Strike Blow ākonga getting ready for their upcoming performance this term, William Pike trail ride next week, as well as children involved in at school activities like knitting and contemporary dance. A wide range of events led or organised by our kaiako and supported by whānau. As always, thanks for your support with these events.



Thank you to the six student teachers from the University of Canterbury we currently have on placement. You have settled in and made a real impact in the classrooms building positive relationships with children in a number of pods across the school, lots of great teaching and learning being implemented.

A reminder that our Y5 - 8 assembly starts at the earlier time of 2.00pm tomorrow to allow for the staff vs students Maths Challenge.

As the snow flutters through the valley I hope everyone has a warm and wonderful weekend.

ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

Quiz Night

Saturday 9th September, mingling from 6pm, quizzing and comedy with Shay Horay from 7pm. Register your team of six or register to join a team here: <https://forms.gle/hTzt1e4fCoY64VebA> Tables are limited.

With heaps of live and silent auctions and refreshments and platters available, it is guaranteed to be an entertaining night out with friends. Donations of grocery items for raffles would be appreciated and can be left at the school office. All profits from quiz night will go towards enhancing the playground areas.

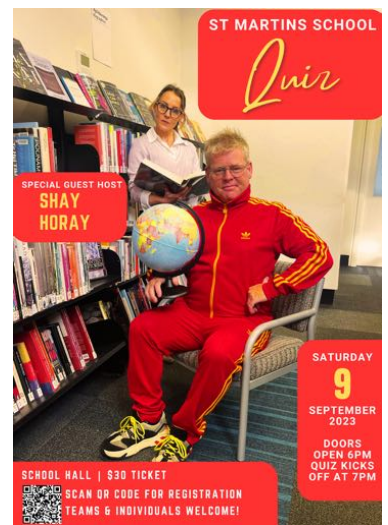
Second-Hand Uniform Donations

If you are having a uniform clear out any time soon, please drop off any clean and tidy second-hand uniforms to the school office as we anticipate a pre-summer sale later in the term.

Touch Rugby Competition

As we embark upon the 12th season of the touch rugby competition, it seems fitting to reflect on the history. Starting in 2012 at Hansen Park, the competition was established by the then St Martins School Fundraising Committee and driven by current Year 3-4 teacher Catherine Dalley along with two parent helpers. The aim was to bring local schools together after the earthquakes, building a sense of community and providing a local sporting competition for students in the area. The first year at Hansen Park had 23 teams from Yrs 0-2 through to Yrs 7-8. The second year saw 34 teams at Waltham Park, with 2022 having 48 teams. Pre-covid, the competition reached 64 teams. In 2014 Catherine introduced Y7-8 student referees and past pupil referees to referee the Yr 7-8 grade. This has been a great success, giving older St Martins School students leadership opportunities and a chance to learn refereeing skills. Following Catherine and team, Sandy and Dale Jones took over the organising for eight years, guiding us through covid times with a smaller competition, putting many hours into the successful running of the competition. We are immensely grateful for the years of commitment by all those involved in this event. The mantle has now passed to the PTA to organise and with the help of Sara and Diana, we are looking forward to another successful season this year, and of course the popular sausage sizzle will be back.

The 2023 competition will run for seven weeks from 19th October at Waltham Park. Registration will open on Monday 21st August. If your child hasn't been part of the Touch Rugby competition before and would like to join a team, look out for the google form next week. Alternatively, you are welcome to organise your own team of eight or nine players: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch>



Any questions, please email smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 14th August, 7.30pm, Staff Room

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whanau

Our next hui is in the staffroom at 6pm on Monday 21 August.

Hope to see you there.

Ngā mihi

Ranui



SCHOOLDOCS 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.](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:

- 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

TERM 3 COSTS

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

Thank you to everyone who has already made payments.

If your child/ren are participating in Hagle 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.

STUDENTS CORNER

South Island Show Offs competition - Naomi Nyahando

Naomi from Room 10 recently competed in Nelson with her cheerleading group in the South Island Show Offs competition which hosts cheerleaders from all over the South Island and Wellington. They placed 1st in their division and 3rd overall out of the entire competition. Congratulations Naomi, well done to you and your team.

EPRO8 Yr 5-8 Competition

This year 32 Year 5/6 students and 32 Year 7/8 students participated in an internal EPro8 event at St Martins School for two hours where they worked in a team of four to meet specific criteria and build things like an automated certificate giver and a teacher dunk tank.

The top two teams in each age group qualified for the Canterbury Quarter Final event. Here again they were challenged to build engineering type designs that fit specific criteria, such as a Grandfather clock and a moving car wash that included complex electronics. At this competition St Martins placed 1st, 2nd, 2nd and 8th. We really punched above our weight and qualified three teams for the Semi Finals.

At this event we placed 3rd, 8th and 9th. The Year 7/8 teams were devastated but had given their absolute best amongst really stiff competition. Our Year 5/6 team has qualified to the Canterbury finals where twelve teams from Ashburton to North Canterbury will battle it out.

Congratulations to all our students who took part in these challenges, good luck to our finals team!

Hip Hop Regional Competition

Congratulations to our two Hip Hop teams who competed in the Regional Hip Hop competition at Cashmere High School. The Year 7/8 Team '02' placed 1st and the Year 5/6 team 'Roxxy' placed 3rd qualifying them for the National competition in Dunedin. The Year 7/8 team has chosen to compete at the Nationals. We wish them the best of luck. A huge thank you to all the parents for helping out during rehearsals and competitions - we really appreciate your support.



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.

Homework Club - position available

We are looking for a positive and enthusiastic staff member to work as an after school care Assistant in Christchurch during school terms AND potentially during the school holidays for our holiday programme. The start date for this position is Monday 21st August. Hours will be 3-5/5.30pm weekdays. Successful candidates will:

- Love working with children
- support our culture of child protection
- Be available to work the after school care programme every week day from 3pm (and potentially during the holidays)
- Have experience working with and managing large groups of children (this is a requirement!)
- Undergo a children's safety check and police check
- Have great communication skills

To find out more about us visit;

www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz

Please email your C.V to: info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

With thanks The Homework Club



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



TERM THREE

4	Mon 7 Aug	Tues 8 Aug	Wed 9 Aug	Thurs 10 Aug	Fri 11 Aug
		School Duathlon pp	Canterbury BB Yr 5/6 GTT Rm 13/14	Wintersport Yr 5-8 SMS Newsletter	Year 7/8 technology 9.00am Y0-4 Assembly 11.30 Te Reo Group 2pm Yr 5/8 Assembly
5	Mon 14 Aug	Tues 15 Aug	Wed 16 Aug	Thurs 17 Aug	Fri 18 Aug
	Book Week Book Swap 7.30pm PTA meeting Yr 5-6 Food for Thought visit	Book Week Dress Up EPro 8 finals Yr 7 & 8 Yr 5-6 Food for Thought visit	EPro 8 Finals Yr 5/ 6 GTT Rm 15 & 16 William Pike LRRT Yr 5-6 Food for Thought visit	Wintersport Y 5 - 8	Year 7 & 8 tech
6	Mon 21 Aug	Tues 22 Aug	Wed 23 Aug	Thurs 24 Aug	Fri 25 Aug
	Year 7/8 Speech Comp Whanau Group Hui (6.30pm staffroom)	Board Meeting (6.30pm staffroom)	Cantamaths Comp GTT Rm 13/14 Girls Basketball Trainings with Pouakai 2-3pm	Wintersport Yr 5/8 SMS Newsletter	Yr 7/8 technology 9am Yr 0-4 Assembly Te Reo Group 2.15 Yr 5-8 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	Te wiki o te reo Maori	Te wiki o te reo Maori	Te wiki o te reo Maori	Te wiki o te reo Maori

	Rapaki Visit yr 7-8 Yr 5-8 Korfball Whanau Group Hui (6.30 staffroom)		Yr 5-8 Korfball Mihi Competition	Canterbury Sport Tournament Yr 8 Cashmere Testing Morning	Yr 7 & 8 technology Te Reo Group
10	Mon 18 Sept	Tues 19 Sept	Wed 20 Sept	Thurs 21 Sept	Fri 22 Sept
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