



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 8 : 1 June 2023

## BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tātou,

Discussed at our board meeting last week was the term 2 review of our Education Outside the Classroom (or EOTC) policies. This has been timely with the focus on EOTC since the caving tragedy in Northland. For those interested, I would encourage you to visit the School Policies page of our [school website](#) which provides information on accessing SchoolDocs policies and how to place a review/feedback. The EOTC policies currently up for review and the crisis management plan that staff follow in the event of an emergency can be found here. (also see further down the newsletter under 'SchoolDocs Policy Review' for more information).

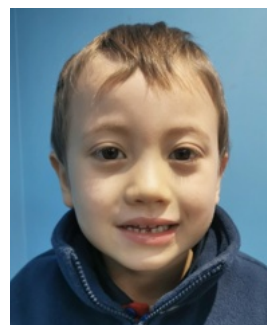
As the board regularly reviews all of our policies, any feedback and comments the community provides is really valuable and helps us improve the policies for how our school operates.

It was great to see such a good turn out at both the PTA AGM and our first community Hui. I am really encouraged to see so many people working to support our school community. Not only do they make a significant difference to our school through fundraising but also, as importantly, through community building initiatives such as the upcoming Matariki hangi. More support is always welcome!

Finally, for anyone thinking about getting involved with the board, please get in touch with me directly: [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz) (Kate Hodgins, Presiding member)

Ngā mihi nui

Kate



## SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

We welcome Adalyn and Oscar to St Martins | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your learning journey with us and look forward to seeing you involved in the many learning opportunities on offer.

Thanks for supporting the fire performances last week. It was very exciting to see the tamariki using the skills they had learnt throughout the day. I think the twilight timeframe worked a treat to highlight the fire show.



This glorious autumnal weather has been fabulous as we start up our Y5 - 8 weekly sports rotations, explore the outdoors of Rāpaki with Sam, get involved in the garden or participate in hockey and football sessions. Not long until the Y7 / 8s are off to Boyle river in week nine. Might almost be time to start looking in the cupboards for the warm clothing that would be needed.

Classroom teachers have been gathering information for mid-year reports. Once again we will be sharing these with you prior to the learning conferences being held in week 10 (June 26 - 30). This year we will be using one of the HERO features for parents to book into the learning conferences. If you need some support with your HERO app please contact Alice Denley ([aliced@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:aliced@stmartins.school.nz)) The mid year learning conference is an opportunity to talk with your child's home teacher about their progress and next steps.

In week one next term we'll be holding a Matariki celebration. In 2023 Matariki falls in the holidays, we will be learning about the significance of Matariki before the term ends, creating artworks to have on display and creating a short performance piece to present. We hope you will be able to join us for the hangi and show next term. More information will follow when the date has been confirmed.

Thank you for your support and understanding of the Paid Union Meeting this week. Teachers have now discussed their offer and will be voting on whether to accept in the next week or so.

As always, Alice, Leanne and I can be found at the waharoa most mornings, feel free to come and have a chat.

As a staff we have been enjoying a yoga class in the hall on a Saturday morning at 10am for an hour. The session is suitable for all levels of yoga. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of Mary leading the sessions. Mary is an internationally trained yoga teacher. We are opening this session to the community for you to join us. The details are:

#### Community Yoga

- Saturday 10am
- School Hall
- \$15 cash per person
- Yoga mat - bring yours if you have one, otherwise Mary has some extras

It's a great way to stretch into the weekend. Might see you there.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

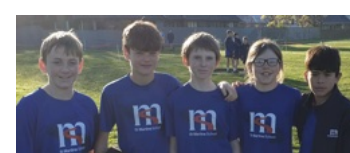
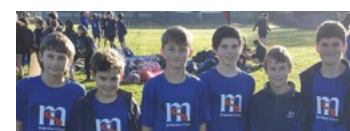
Andrew

## ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

**Library Fundraiser:** Last Friday we launched our Library Fundraiser. Sincere thanks to everyone who has kindly donated so far. This is a wonderful opportunity to support something that all children will benefit from. To donate, please go to our fundraising website:  
[www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com](http://www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com)

Special thanks to **Haig Roofing Solutions** for their generous donation, there will be many new books in the library for the children to enjoy.

Any other **businesses in the community** who would like to provide a more significant donation please feel free to get in touch:  
[chairperson@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:chairperson@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)



Thank you to Louise and Martin for donating more beans allowing us to buy books instead of beans for the new beanbags.

**Move X:** Tickets will go on sale tomorrow (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>) \$20 per child. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 – 8.30pm. Limited numbers. Watch out for a notice on Hero to purchase tickets. [www.movex.co.nz](http://www.movex.co.nz)

**Name Change:** We have made good progress with changing the PTA name from S'Mart Community to St Martins School PTA. The official changes have been made through the NZ Companies Office and ASB. The website and email addresses have changed, and FB is a staged change currently underway. We will keep the S'Mart Community domain active for a year for a smooth transition. Thank you to Tom, Elizabeth, Alison and Conor Boyd for helping with this process.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, Staff Room

**Contact Us:** [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)

## 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](http://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:

- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Planning and Review
- EOTC Risk Management
- EOTC Coordinator
- EOTC External Providers
- EOTC Staff Competence
- EOTC Event Categories
- EOTC Communicating with Parents

### 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 Friday 16th June.

## TERM 2 COSTS

Thanks to families who have paid the activity costs and donations this term.

If your child/ren has chosen to participate in Hip Hop, Showquest, Basketball, EPro8, Water Polo, and Hagley Winter Sport - these are extracurricular activities and payment is required before your child can attend. For Year 7 and 8s there is also the Technology materials fee.

Payment can be made via internet banking, eftpos or cash in the office.

If you choose to pay our school donations, you can claim these back through IRD, please let Megan (in the office) if you need help or a copy of donation receipts.

Please email [meganm@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:meganm@stmartins.school.nz) if you have any questions or queries.



## How to record a student absence

Just a reminder to families if your child will be absent for the day please notify us via the correct avenues. If you wish to email the teacher about absences, it is also helpful to please cc in the office staff on [office@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:office@stmartins.school.nz).

The correct ways to record an absence with the school is:

- [The school website absence page](#)
- Via phone message on 3326121
- Hero App via the 'absence' tab

## TERM TWO

6	Mon 29 May	Tue 30 May	Wed 31 May	Thu 1 June	Fri 2 June
	Discoverers Hockey	Explorers CTFC sessions	Garden to Table (Rm 15 & 16)	Newsletter Wintersport (Yr 5 / 8)	Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly
7	Mon 5 June	Tue 6 June	Wed 7 June	Thu 8 June	Fri 9 June
	<b>King's Birthday (Public Holiday)</b>	Life Education	Life Education Garden to Table (Rm 13 & 14)	Life Education Wintersport Year 5-8 1.30pm Cashmere High School Open Day for Year 8s	Life Education Y7 / 8 Technology The Hits Radio Broadcast from school
8	Mon 12 June	Tue 13 Jun	Wed 14 June	Thu 15 June	Fri 16 June
	Discoverers Hockey 6pm Whanau Group Hui (Staff Room)	Navigators Trip to Bridal Path	Garden to Table (Rm 15 & 16)	Newsletter Wintersport Year 5-8	Y7 / 8 Technology World Vision 40 Hour Famine Assembly
9	Mon 19 June	Tue 20 June	Wed 21 June	Thu 22 June	Fri 23 June
	Highfliers camp (Rm 9 & 10) Discoverers Hockey Yr 0-2 Huff n Puff 11.45am -12.30pm PTA meeting 7.30pm (Staffroom)	Highfliers Camp (Rm 9 & 10) Yr 0-2 Huff n Puff Postponement 6.30 Board meeting Staffroom	Highfliers Camp (Rm 9 & 10) Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12) Canterbury Cross Country Garden to Table (Rm 13 & 14)	Wintersport Year 5-8 Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12)	Art Mural Group 1.00-3.00pm Highfliers Camp (Rm 11 & 12)
10	Mon 26 June	Tue 27 June	Wed 28 June	Thu 29 June	Fri 30 June
	Korfball Tournament (Yr 5-8) Zone Basketball Tournament Yr 7/8 Mid year reports go home	Zone Cross Country (Yr 0-4) Epro 8 Internal Event	EPro8 Internal Event Korfball Tournament (qualifying teams)	Epro8 Internal Event Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8	Epro8 Internal Event Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly <b>Term 2 finishes</b>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Homework Club - Staff wanted

We are an after school care programme on the lookout for some extra relievers in the afternoons.

Shifts start at 3pm and are based at one of our four locations-

Somerfield, Cashmere, Thorrington and St Martins.

Please feel free to email Sara on [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz) for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Homework Club

## Luminaires presents Beauty Within the Beast - CALLING FOR AUDITIONS

Open to anyone aged 8 and over who loves to sing, act or dance. No experience needed.

Click on this link to find out more. Or find Luminaires on social media: <https://forms.gle/ztdML3p6ufrXsrTr7>

Next show "Beauty Within the Beast" [Tickets to Beauty Within The Beast](#)

Script and lyrics by Franc Bol, original score by Malcolm Monteath

Follow us on Social Media for upcoming auditions, workshops and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/LuminairesCharitableTrust>

<https://www.instagram.com/luminairescharitabletrust/>

# HOLIDAY Art WORKSHOP

Learn to draw like a professional artist with a professional artist

- 3 day art camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your artist:

**Fifi Colston**  
Award-winning author/illustrator of books such as Masher and Pearl in a Whirl

**You'll learn...**

- How to draw a cool character
- Different media and techniques
- How to create storyboards
- How to create a multi layered artwork
- But most of all, you'll have heaps of fun!

Where: St Andrew's College  
347 Papanui Road, Bryndwr, Christchurch  
When: 11 Jul to 13 Jul 2023

Register now at:  
**DrawLikeanArtist.com**

**DRAW like an Artist**

## TERM TWO DRAMA WORKSHOPS

**WHAT**  
Each session, I will help you build confidence, teach you to improvise on the spot, to perform in front of others, how to prepare for a audition/production role, project your voice and much more!

**WHEN**  
After school option:  
Tuesday 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
or  
Weekend option:  
Saturday 9am - 12pm

**WHERE**  
Tuesday sessions: Saint Mark's school library, 33 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa.  
Saturday sessions: The school hall at Saint Mark's School, 33 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa

**drama**  
ELEMENTAL

"Mr. Gordon is awesome. He is encouraging, enthusiastic and helps everyone meet their potential. He really helped me develop my confidence on stage."  
Ethan

"Mr. Gordon is one of the best drama teachers I've ever had. He taught me the importance of voice projection and stage positioning. He was always kind and patient." Seth

"Mr G is such a good drama teacher. He is really thorough, and focuses on details that polish the performances and make them look really professional. He makes it fun to to learn lines and work on scenes. I can't wait to work with him again on another project." Ben

READY TO SIGN UP OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?  
Email: [tomg1715@gmail.com](mailto:tomg1715@gmail.com)  
Suitable for Year 3 students and up!

Note these are group sessions, not individual tutoring. A minimum of eight students required to go ahead and a maximum of fourteen students per group.

\$30 per Tuesday session  
\$50 per Saturday session