



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 9 : 15 June 2023

**FRIDAY 16TH JUNE - BLUE DRESS UP DAY, FOR THE 40 HR CHALLENGE**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**

## BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tātou,

Just a reminder that the next board meeting is on Tuesday June 20th, 6.30pm in the staffroom.

Attending a meeting is a good way to find out more about the board and what we do. For anyone interested, please do contact 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 hope the children in the Y5 / 6 team enjoyed the walk over the bridle path this week as part of their 'Hot Rock in a Cool World' topic focusing on the science and history of the Port Hills. Thanks to the whānau members who could join us.

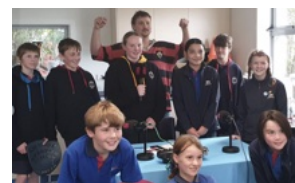
The tamariki enjoyed the house basketball competition, nice to see Bowenvale coming out on top this year.

Thank you to the kaiako | teachers for the time and effort they have put into the mid-year reports. A notice went home yesterday as both a hard copy and HERO post about how to book a learning conference with your child's teacher as well as some of the aspects that could be discussed at the session. We hope that you will have the opportunity to come along to one of the conferences. If you are unable to book in through your HERO account please contact your child's classroom teacher.

This weekend a number of children will be involved in the 40 hour challenge. The organising team are very grateful for your support. I'm looking forward to seeing the rowing challenge in action on Friday, good luck to all of the Y5 - 8s involved.

This week we were fortunate to have the expertise of members from the Orchards in Schools programme join the Garden to Table session. The Y3 / 4 ākonga | learners enjoyed learning about and having a go at pruning the fruit trees we have in the school.

Next week the High Fliers (Y7/8 team) are off to Boyle River for their 2023 camp. Fingers crossed for some lovely weather, hopefully crisp mornings followed by this winter warmth. Remember to check the gear list and pack a few extra poly pros. We know camp experiences are a highlight for the Y5 - 8 children, thank you



to the teachers for their organisation and whānau for making these overnight experiences possible.

Our youngest tamariki take on their huff and puff challenge on Monday. They have been getting out onto the course on a regular basis so look prepared and ready to go. Feel free to join us at 11.45am on Monday to cheer the kids on.

I thoroughly enjoyed a game of mini golf on Monday morning with four senior students, this is part of our Tū Whitia programme in the playground. Looking forward to having another round next term.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

## ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA

**Quiz Night:** Back in 2023 by popular demand, save the date, **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. A night not to be missed, actually not to be missed!

Book your babysitters from 6pm, gather your team and come up with a theme. Registration opens early Term 3; we will provide the Team Finder option again to support individuals and couples build a team.

We look forward to welcoming back “SMS Mensa” to defend their title and try to reclaim the trophy – a trophy worthy of going straight to the pool room.

We would love to hear from you if your business would be interested in providing some **sponsorship** towards Quiz Night, please email: [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)

**Disco:** Friday 28th July. Juniors: 5.30 – 7pm. Seniors 7.30 – 9pm. We will need your support to help run this very popular event. The Sign-Up Genius will be available soon, please help us by signing up to a task.

**Move X:** SOLD OUT – fantastic! Thank you to all those supporting this fun event.

**Uniform Sale:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30 – 9.30am, School Hall. Accepting uniform donations, please drop at the school office. Closer to the time you can view available stock using the link below, more stock will be uploaded prior to the sale. Information about our second-hand uniform programme can be found [here](#)





**Meals and Baking:** Reminder that we have a network of parents that will provide meals and baking for families needing some support. Please discuss with a teacher or the team in the school office.

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

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

## WHĀNAU GROUP

### Matariki Hangi evening and tamariki performances

Kia ora koutou,

The St Martins School whānau group are delighted to host a hangi meal and concert by our ākonga as we return for term 3 on Wednesday, 19 July. The meals will be served at 6pm, with the performances starting at approx. 7pm. The hangi will be put down and meals prepared at school by whaea Tania and matua Willie, supported by senior students.

The hangi meal tickets will be \$10 each available through the school office prior to the event. An info sheet and order form will be coming home with children by Friday 16th June. **There will be no hangi sales on the night.** Limited number of meals are available, so get in quick and take advantage of this unique opportunity to taste authentic hangi kai!

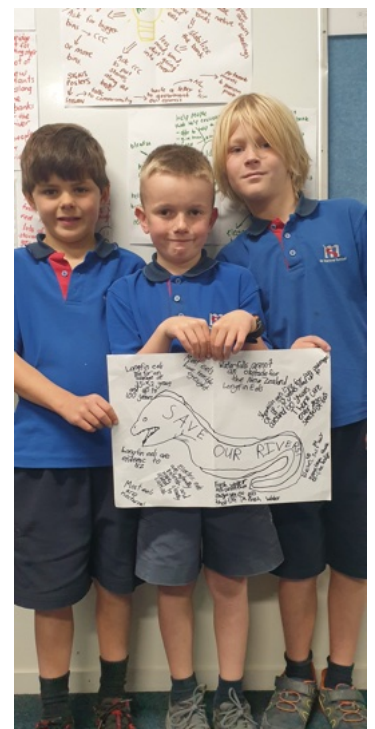
## STUDENTS CORNER

### Tuna Tāonga Action Group

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are Ollie Nelson, Elliot Ruawai and Wilbur Holten from the Tuna Taōnga Action Group. We would like to do some research into how much rubbish, and what types end up in the Ōpāwaho awa. As part of an Inquiry into water, we discovered that our local river is not as healthy as it should be for endangered species like the Long Fin Tuna.

We are wondering if anybody in our community has a waterproof GoPro that we could please borrow to help us investigate the rubbish in our awa. Our idea is to attach a GoPro to a kayak to capture footage of rubbish in the awa. If there are any experienced kayakers out there please be in touch.



Please contact us on [discoverers@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:discoverers@stmartins.school.nz) (please CC in Mrs Keenan [susiek@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:susiek@stmartins.school.nz)) or stop by Room 13 and Room 14 for a chat.

Thanks for your support.

## 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](https://stmartins.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:

- 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 TWO

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 Bridle 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
	Korfbal 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  Korfbal Tournament (qualifying teams)	Epro8 Internal Event Newsletter  Winter Sport Y5-8	Epro8 Internal Event Y7 / 8 Technology Assembly  <b>Term 2 finishes 12.30pm</b>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Junior Chef Holiday Programme

Give your child the gift of being self-sufficient in the kitchen! They'll learn essential culinary skills, techniques, and gain hands-on experience under the guidance of experienced chefs.

For more information visit:

<https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/events/junior-chef-holiday-programme/>

### Marching Canterbury

"Looking for a summer sport? Want to try something new? Do you like being part of a team?"

Then look no further and try Marching! We have teams all around Christchurch and may even train right here at your school. We cater for all ages from 4yrs to 50yrs. If you are looking for a bit of fun, want to find friends and travel NZ then message us now. Find us on facebook "Marching Canterbury" or email your interest at

[publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com)

### CodeCamp July holiday programmes

Open to children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Waimari School: 3rd - 6th & 10th - 13th July. Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>

EarlyBird Save 15%, Siblings Save 6%

### Kelly Sports July School Holiday Programmes

Kelly Sports will once again be providing our Active and Fun Sports based Holiday Programmes across Christchurch this July. All of our Sports based programmes are active, keeping your children busy through a variety of fun games and activities.

As an Oscar accredited programme, families that are eligible can apply for Work and Income Childcare Subsidies and we also offer a 10% Sibling Discount (see online for these discount codes).

For more information please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) to check out your nearest venue.

