

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene Newsletter 10 : 29 June 2023

A reminder that School finishes for term 2 at 12.30 this Friday 30th June for learning conferences. Term 3 restarts on Monday 17 July, have a great term break.

## SCHOOL UPDATE

#### Kia ora koutou,

We welcome Tyronne and George to St Martins School. We hope that you and your whānau enjoy your learning experience with us and join in with the learning on offer. We have had a fabulous flurry to bring us to the finish of the term. Wonderful activities with the Y5 - 8 Canterbury Cross Country, NE - Y4 Cross Country, Y7 / 8 camp, Y5 - 8 Korfball, Y7 / 8 Basketball, Y5 - 8 EPRO8, dancing with the staff, te reo enrichment sessions, as well as our focussed everyday learning. Lots to get involved in.

Alice Denley and I were very fortunate to visit Rms 11 / 12 last week at camp. We were really impressed with the activities on offer, the interactions between the activity leaders and our ākonga. The children were all focussed and engaged, lots of challenges by choice on display. Having a quick kōrero at the High Fliers team assembly on Wednesday there were many highlights with a variety of activities being highlights of the experience. Thank you to Nicky for organising the camp for the Y7 / 8 children in 2023 as well as the kaiako and whānau support. We really wouldn't be able to hold these events without your support.

Matariki is from 3 - 20 July this year with a public holiday on Friday 14 July. This has been a focussed part of our learning at the end of the term with each class exploring the importance of Matariki. This will be followed by a celebration event in the first week back at school in term three, Wednesday 19th July. All of the hangi tickets have now been sold. If you did get some hangi tickets please remember that this will be from 6 - 6.30pm in the Whare Kukuwai. We hope you and your tamariki can join us for our Matariki performance. Starting from 7pm the Kapahaka group will be sharing 4 items and each team of ākonga | learners will be sharing two items. We think the performance will last no longer than an hour.











Thank you to our incredible students, you have shown immense commitment to your learning and personal growth. Your curiosity, enthusiasm, and eagerness to learn have been truly inspiring. Your achievements, both academically and personally, have filled us with pride.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our amazing staff members. Your tireless efforts, passion, and expertise have created an enriching learning environment for our students. Your patience, guidance, and unwavering commitment have made the rich learning experiences of term two . Thank you for your dedication and hard work, I hope you enjoy a break during your non-contact time before planning for the term ahead.

And last but certainly not least, I want to express my gratitude to our supportive parents. Your partnership, involvement, and trust have been instrumental in fostering a strong school community. Your continuous support and engagement have truly made a difference in our students' educational journey.

We have had a couple of incidents involving threatening behaviour outside of school hours in the past couple of weeks and have referred these onto the police. Please remember that, although we welcome your tamariki on site out of hours, the school cannot be responsible for them. Should any such incident occur, please notify the police on 105 directly.

As we head into the mid year break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with whānau. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to tackle new learning challenges in the new term.

Andrew

## **ST MARTINS SCHOOL PTA**

**Disco:** Planning is well underway for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. To help alleviate the congestion at the hall entrance we are moving ticket sales to under the eaves of Whare Kukuwai and selling tickets by pods. Cash only event, \$5 entry and all sales will be \$2. We look forward to seeing the inner Rapper or Rockstar of the parents come out on the night too. Please keep an eye out for the Disco SignUpGenius, the event cannot run without parent helpers, thank you!

**Pasta Fundraiser:** Starting at the beginning of Term 3 we will be running a **PASTA VERA** fundraiser for three weeks. Stock up your freezer with easy meals to get

through winter. Lots of options available including tortellini, gnocchi, lasagne and macaroni cheese. GF and vegan options available.













**Quiz Night:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, mingling from 6pm, quizzing and comedy from 7pm. Gather your team, registration will open early in Term 3. We are looking for a sponsor of first prize again, if that sounds like something your business would be keen to support, please get in touch: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

**Library:** Last chance to donate towards new books and hard furnishings to enhance the library: <u>www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com</u> Thank you to all who have donated, we are very grateful and so far have been able to provide 12 vibrant cushions, two beanbags and a stack of popular books across all ages.

**Second-Hand Uniform Sales:** Thank you to all the helpers at the recent uniform sale. All tidy second-hand uniform donations can be left with the office, thank you for the ongoing donations. The next uniform sale will be towards the end of Term 3. We have been trialling a "sell on behalf" option for the last few sales, after much discussion, this is not continuing due to the additional admin created.

Thank you everyone for all your support of PTA events this term and on the back of National Volunteer Week, special thanks to the PTA committee members for everything you do.

Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm, Staff Room

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

## WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau. Thank you for your support of our hangi. Thanks also to the Board for its financial support to enable us to keep the ticket price down. We look forward to seeing lots of you there on Wednesday 19th July. We hope you all have a wonderful break. Take some time to enjoy Matariki with your whānau. If you are looking for some ideas, check out these links:

<u>Matariki 2023 - ChristchurchNZ.com</u> Matariki — the Aotearoa / Pacific New Year | Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga o

Mānawatia a Matariki.

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## **Student Corner**

"László competed in the Canterbury Primary Schools Boccia competition this morning and he played extremely well and finished in first place!

This is after coming fourth in his first year in the competition (year 5), and then placing third last year (year 6). Callum is a fantastic coach for László, and he and László worked together as a great team as László had to keep his focus through many rounds of competition.

"Boccia is a precision ball sport related to bowls and pétanque. It is played both recreationally and competitively, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984" We are extremely proud of you Laszlo.



## **TERM TWO**

	Mon 26 June	Tue 27 June	Wed 28 June	Thu 29 June	Fri 30 June
10				EPRO8 Internal Event Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8	Assembly 9.00am Y0 - 4 Y5 / 6 EPRO8 Y7 / 8 Technology Te Reo Enrichment Group 11.30-12.30 Term 2 finishes 12.30pm

#### TERM THREE

1	Mon 17 July	Tues 18 July	Wed 19 July	Thurs 20 July	Fri 21 July
	Matariki Wiki		Zone Basketball Yr 7/8	EPRO8 Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Russley	Technology Te Reo Enrichment
	School starts for Term 3		10am Explorers Lion King Hillview	School 9.30am - 12.30pm	Group 11.30-12.30
			Canterbury Hip Hop competition	Winter sport	
			Matariki Celebration 6pm Whānau Hangi 7pm Performance	EPRO8 Year 7 & 8 Russley School 5.00pm-8.00pm	
2	Mon 24 July	Tues 25 July	Wed 26 July	Thurs 27 July	Fri 28 July
	Whanau Group Hui Staffroom 6.30pm	Board Meeting Staffroom 6.30pm	Rapaki visit Yr0 -2 Garden to Table Rm 13 & 14 Zone basketball Yr 5 & 6	Wintersport	Technology Assembly 9.00am Y0 - 4 2.15pm Yr 5-8 School Disco

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



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A club for kids that uses art therapy and creativity to:

- Build self-confidence in a supportive small group environment
- Increase resiliency and coping skills
- Learn about social and friendship-making skills
- Practice emotional regulation skills
- Develop strategies to reduce anxiety
- Build a stronger connection between parent and child (parents can stay and play / create or drop and go in the 5-8 year group)

10-Week Program \$300 - Lump sum or weekly options.

St Martins Community Center 122 Wilsons Rd South. Starts 21st July 5-8yrs Friday 3.45-4.45 pm 9-12yrs Friday 5.00-6.00 pm creativetherapiescollective.com to book

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- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 3/07/2023 to 14/07/2023 (Matariki).
   We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: <u>commdental@cdhb.health.nz</u> to book an appointment.
- If you <u>cannot attend</u> your booked appointment, please let us know so we can book another child.

### 5 Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush morning and night
- Use a toothbrush with soft bristles and fullstrength fluoride toothpaste (1000ppm)
- Spit don't rinse!
- Brush your baby's teeth as soon as they appear
- Supervise brushing until eight years old