



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 voting dates.

We welcome anyone who is interested to learn more about the board or attend a meeting. 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 is involved being on a school board please visit:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

SCHOOL UPDATE

This week we welcome Freddie to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

We have had two wonderful camp experiences this week with the tamariki and kaiako from the Navigators team completing their Hanmer Springs camp. Lots of positives to take away from the event with new learning and being involved in a variety of outdoor activities. Thanks for the wonderful organisation and parental support to make our camps such a positive experience.

On Wednesday this week we had a very successful group of young musicians participating in the Strum Strike Blow performance at the Wolfbrook Arena. This event sees approximately 1000 ākonga from across a range of schools playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders.

Thanks to Paige and Jenny for the mahi they have been doing with the children in preparation for this event.

Congratulations to the 02 Hip Hop team placing second in Dunedin last weekend. Sounds like it was a great trip with lots of interesting places to visit along the way as well as the competition itself. Thanks to the group of parents involved in transporting and supporting the girls in the Hip Hop NZCAF Nationals.

Today a group of approximately 30 Y7 / 8s travelled to Hokitika for a sports exchange with a number of local schools. The children travelling will be involved in netball, basketball, korfbal, touch rugby, futsal and finishing off with an all in dodgeball game. We wish our competitors safe travels and a great time after their 6.45am departure this morning. Again thank you to the teachers and parents who have organised and are supporting this event.



Join us!

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For queries or to attend a Board meeting
email Kate Hodgins
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As a staff we have been discussing our meeting etiquette. One aspect that we would like support from our whānau with is the ability to keep Tuesday afternoons free from all other meetings. This will allow the teaching staff to attend the Tuesday staff meetings on time. The Board would like to engage with our community on our school values. As a first step we would like to have a hui at school from 6.30pm on Monday 11th September facilitated by Solly Turner to gather some initial thinking.. The intention of the hui is to have a discussion on our current values and a process for reviewing our values with a culturally responsive lens. Can you please RSVP to Ranui Calman - ranuicalman@gmail.com - so we can work out whether we have the hui in the hall or the staffroom. There will be some kai provided too.

A reminder from last week's newsletter, we are still seeing a number of children arriving at school with symptoms of winter illnesses. Please remember to keep your children home if they are unwell, this supports not only the children at school but also those in other homes that may be immuno-compromised. Where we can it is important to look after the health of not only our immediate family, also those that your child may come in contact with.

This term we are starting the preparations for the 2024 class organisation. Class placements involve a number of discussions to enable us to make the best decisions for each student. We take into consideration a number of factors, meeting together on numerous occasions to discuss the make-up of groupings. At St Martins School | Hato Mātene we have mixed ability classes. We use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects. As with previous years we extend an invitation to you, as parents, to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process, it is not an invitation to select your child's 2024 teacher. Please be aware that there is a close off for this information - **Friday October 13 2023**. Please use the [link to the survey to share your information](#). If you have children to enrol or are transitioning to another school could you please let the office know.

We are looking forward to Te Wiki o te Reo Maori next week. Thank you for your support with sharing the details needed for children learning their mihimihi or pepeha. We welcome Manu to their school on Wednesday for the manu kōrero competition. Thanks to the Whānau group for supporting us with the templates the children are using and organising Manu to come in. As a school we have been focussing on upskilling in te reo across the teaching staff with kaiako completing level one / three Te Ahu o te reo Māori ki Ngāi Tahu while others are working with Regan in a 10 hour practicum.

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

Ngā mihi,

Andrew

WHANAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whanau. Next week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. Thanks to all the kaiako for helping our tamariki with their mihi/pepeha. A tonu (challenge) to you all - try and speak some te reo every day next week. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. Karawhiua!

PTA Update

Quiz Night Is Finally Here

We can't wait to see all the keen quizzers (and those of us just keen) from 6pm this Saturday. If you can't make it, you can still bid on auctions, see the Hero post on 1st September: Weekend in Akaroa with harbour cruise, food and fuel vouchers. Skydiving. Samsung Jet 90 Pet vacuum. Principal for a Day. White Ferns Football Training session for eight footballers. Night at The George with \$100 Blood Mary's voucher, Fun Family Package and many more - take a look or email events@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz for a copy of the auctions.



Touch Rugby Competition

A fun community competition to round out the year with, from 19th October at Waltham Park.

Last chance to join through Team Finder. If your child is looking to join a team, register them [here](#).

Team Managers register your established team [here](#).

Questions: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz



Pizza Hut Night

Write "Pizza Night" in the family calendar on Monday 18th September. Ferrymead Pizza Hut will make a donation to our PTA for every pizza sold on this day. Ease into the last week of term and let someone else do the cooking.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 18th September, school hall, 8.30 - 9.15am. Please drop any tidy second-hand uniforms at the office. Thank you for the donated items we have received.

Moon Under Water

Saturday 11th November 3 - 5pm at Moon Under Water for our community fundraiser Karma Keg - every cent of the karma koha is generously donated to the PTA. A great social event as the weather warms up.

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](#)

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



STUDENT CORNER

Mahe Vinton-Boot came 3rd in his category for the National Indoor Bouldering Series competition last weekend! It was his first competition and a big achievement. Well done Mahe

SCHOOL NOTICES

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

We are in the process of updating our school records on HERO. If you have recently had a change of contact details (address/phone number/emergency contacts etc) please call the school office on 3326121 or let us know via email office@stmartins.school.nz

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 have participated in Hagley Winter Sport, EPro8, Koru Games, and term 3 William Pike activity - these are all non donation activities and payment is required now please. Please contact Megan on accounts@stmartins.school.nz if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Weetbix TRYathlon 2024

Entries for the Christchurch Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlonTM taking place on Sunday 25th February are **NOW OPEN!**

Register your child(ren) here: [Weetbix TRYathlon registration](#) and use the code 'GIVEITATRY' to secure the OPENING WEEK SPECIAL price of \$44 - a massive saving of \$25 off the full price! Limited entries, ONLY 100 entries per event at this price will be available so make sure your students get in quick!

Visit <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> for more information.



Improv for Kids Holiday Program

3 DAY Improv Theatre Camp

Sept. 25-27, 2023 9am-3pm Monday- Wednesday

Aimed at 8-12-year-olds, this mini holiday camp will be 3 days filled with interactive theatre games, storytelling, physical comedy and all sorts of make 'em ups, with absolutely no phones and no devices... 3 days of action-packed, extreme silliness and maximum laughter, all in the absence of tech (except the thing that plays the music for us).

No experience in drama or theatre necessary, shy children are welcome.

Meegwai is Derek and Michi Flores. Two Canadians who were once theatre kids themselves who have been based in Christchurch for 10 years. In addition to performing and teaching around the world they have also taught for the Court Theatre, many Christchurch schools, including St. Andrew's and Rangi Ruru, and for Artists in Schools (Verb Festival) in Wellington. For more information please contact us at info@meegwai.com.

Make your own lipbalm - School Holiday classes

Aimed especially at primary school aged children, come along and make your own Lip balms.

To book visit [Kids lipbalm holiday classes](https://www.mcginnmadefresh.com/kids-lipbalm-holiday-classes)

For more information about McGinns Madefresh visit www.mcginnmadefresh.com

Opawa Tennis Club - Registrations now open!

For further information please go to our website at <https://clubspark.kiwi/Opawalawntenniscub>, come to our LOVE TENNIS Open Day Sunday 10th September 11-4pm or contact our Junior Administrator for further information ja.opawatennis@gmail.com. A fun family friendly club!



The Cat in the Hat at Isaac Theatre Royal

Coming to the Isaac Theatre Royal 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

	Mon 4 Sept	Tues 5 Sept	Wed 6 Sept	Thurs 7 Sept	Fri 8 Sept
8	Yr 5/6 Camp Rm 17 & 18 Canterbury Duathlon	Yr 5/6 Camp Rm 17 & 18	Yr 5/6 Camp Rm 17 & 18 Return Rm 19, 20 & 21	Yr 5/6 Camp Rm 19, 20 & 21 Newsletter Sports Exchange Hokitika	Yr 5/6 Camp Rm 19, 20 & 21 Yr 7 & 8 Technology Sports Exchange Hokitika Te Reo Group Quiz Night (Saturday)
	Mon 11 Sept	Tues 12 Sept	Wed 13 Sept	Thurs 14 Sept	Fri 16 Sept
9	Te wiki o te reo Maori Rapaki Visit yr 7-8 Yr 7 &-8 Korfbal Values Hui (6.30 staffroom)	Te wiki o te reo Maori	Te wiki o te reo Maori Yr 5-8 Korfbal 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
	Mon 18 Sept	Tues 19 Sept	Wed 20 Sept	Thurs 21 Sept	Fri 22 Sept
10	Rapaki Visit Yr 3&4 PTA meeting (7.30 staffroom)	Rapaki Visit Yr 3&4 Koru Games Y7/8 Yr 8 Cashmere Testing Board Meeting (6.30 staffroom)	Koru Games Y7/8	Koru Games Y7/8 Newsletter	Yr 7/8 technology Te Reo Group Assembly 9am: Yr 0 - 4 2.15: Yr 5 - 8 Term 3 ENDS