



**St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene**

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**BOARD UPDATE**

**Board Elections 2023**

The parent candidates standing in this election are:

- Erika Bristow
- Hamish Devine
- Ian Chesterman
- Joseph Hampton
- Ranui Claire Calman



**Make it count!**

St Martins | Hāto Mātene  
School Board Midterm elections  
2023

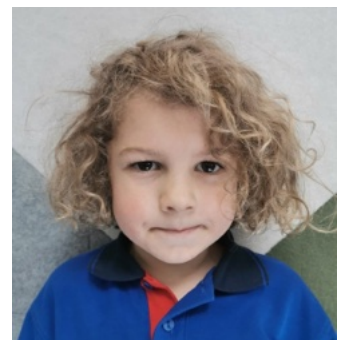
**Voting is now open to  
parents & caregivers**

(See information sent by email or post)



Information about these candidates and how to vote has been sent to you via email and post.

**Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 15th November.** Election results will be shared with the community from Tuesday November 21st and our new Board will take office from Wednesday 22nd November 2023.



**SCHOOL UPDATE**

This week we welcome Ivor and Jimmy to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school. We missed Fergus in a previous newsletter and will have Ivor in our next one.

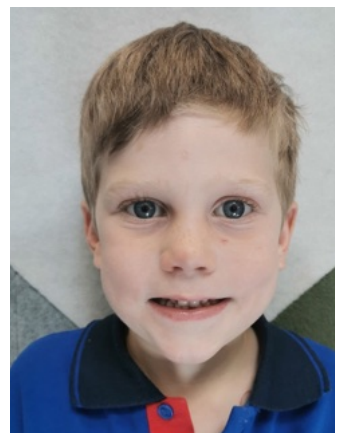
This year we have continued our structured literacy journey with the whole school using the iDeal platform. This has provided us with a consistent structured approach in all classrooms. As a part of this new programme we collected data at the beginning of the year and recently at the end of term three. We are pleased to be able to share that across the school we see growth in all year levels.

In 2024 we move to a new strategic planning format to meet the Ministry of Education requirements. The Board and Senior Leadership team have been involved in professional learning and follow up conversations around this. At the next Board meeting we will be discussing possible focus areas for our strategic plan and will be consulting with you on these later in November.

The tamariki in the Explorers thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Willowbank to see the animals. Thank you to Charlotte for organising the trip and the parent helpers able to join us for the day. Please remember if you were a helper a trip review has been emailed to you to gather feedback.

After three attempts the Y7 / 8 William Pike group are completing their Ryde Falls hike today.

We have confirmed our staffing for 2024. Our four teams will include:



<b>Explorers (Y0 - 2)</b>	<b>Discoverers (Y3/4)</b>	<b>Navigators (Y5/6)</b>	<b>High Fliers (Y7/8)</b>
Annemarie Sherratt Charlotte Bates Helen Norcliffe Kate Keenan Michelle Parsons Paige Hampton	Catherine Dalley Chris Sumer and Jenny Oldridge Oscar Adams Susie Keenan	Amy Kenel Chantal Ward Jane Williams Tamara Saxon	Alice Barakat Alice Perry Briana Weaver Jarad Pateman Nicky Pateman

Class placements and reports will be sent home on Wednesday 13th December. We started our class placements during the holiday break and have continued the conversations throughout the term. Our process includes the

current teachers of a year level staying in the team placing the children, next the teachers moving children into a new team place their children. We take into consideration social, emotional, academic and friendship dynamics when making class groupings. We refer to the friendship groupings the children select and any information from the parent surveys that needs to be considered.

We are currently looking at completing some work on the fort and would like to start in our community, if there are any builders interested in quoting for the work to be completed. If you are keen please contact me ([andrew@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:andrew@stmartins.school.nz)) and we can tee up a time to have a look at the work required. We also have some small classroom aspects as well.

Good luck to the Y5 - 8s competing in the zone athletics tournament next Friday. We hope you have a great day of competition. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners involved in their athletics training yesterday. The Y0 - 4 athletics will be held on Monday 13th November at Hansens Park. We hope you can join us for the day (or some of it). Come and cheer your children and their mates on.

Congratulations to the tamariki involved in the Huxster mountain bike relay and our senior choir participating in the music festival this weekend.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

## WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora koutou

The last two whānau group hui for the year are on Monday 13 November at 6pm in the staffroom and Monday 11 December - venue to be confirmed. Hope to see you all there.

Ngā mihi

Ranui

## PTA UPDATE

There are three events going on at the moment to finish off our year of fundraising.

**Family Portrait Session:** Weekend of 11th and 12th November with Green Melon Photography. \$20 for a family portrait with the opportunity to purchase additional images. Saturday is nearly full, spaces available on Sunday. \$20 payment to be paid to the PTA account in advance: 12-3147-0420521-00

Reference: Surname / Date Booked / Photo.

Link to book your spot:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FADAA28ABF49-44278360-green#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FADAA28ABF49-44278360-green#/)

**Cookie Time Christmas Cookies:** Eight tasty flavours on offer. \$20 for 2L buckets, \$18 for 1L GF buckets. Please feel free to promote in your workplaces, forms available in the school office. Order before Friday 10th November on our fundraising website: <https://www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com/>

**Karma Keg:** Come and spend this Saturday afternoon at Moon Under Water from 3 - 5pm. Keg kindly sponsored by Three Boys. Family and friends are welcome. All proceeds from the keg go straight to the PTA.

We are currently developing our fundraising and social events plan for 2024. Please get in touch through the email address below if you have any ideas or fundraising opportunities through a business.

**Next PTA Meeting:** Monday 27th November, 7.30pm, Staff Room

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



## SCHOODOCS POLICY REVIEW Term 4

### 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:

- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning

### 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

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### TERM 4 COSTS

[Term 4 donations and activity costs have been updated on Hero](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already made payments this term.

If your child/ren are participating in Korfbal Tournament, William Pike Sailing Trip, Ironwoman/Ironman, Year 8 Dance Lessons and Amazing Race, and the pool days - these are all **non-donation activities** and payment is required before attending. Donation payments can be claimed back for 33% of the donation amount through the Inland Revenue website, by uploading your donation receipt from Hero.

The donation receipt is found on the finance (\$) tab of your child(ren) student account/view all payments/view donation payments and download.

Note: this receipt can only be accessed via desktop computer, not the phone app.

Please contact Megan on [accounts@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:accounts@stmartins.school.nz) if you have any questions.

### Uniform mending service

Do some of your uniform items need some love and attention? My name is Amy, I am a school parent offering a service for mending and simple alterations.

Prices for services are:

- Sewing on badges - \$2
- Hems - \$6
- Adjusting waistband - \$10
- Replacing polo fleece zip including zip - \$20
- Mending holes etc - priced on item

Simply place the clean items in a bag and drop it into the box provided in the school office. Please include the following information with your items:

- Your child's name & class number
- Your contact number
- Cash payment
- Details of what needs to be done

I will contact you when your items are ready. Feel free to contact me with any questions, Amy 021347715

### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

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](mailto:office@stmartins.school.nz)



## STUDENT NOTICES

Congratulations to our year 5/6 students who attended The Huxster mountain bike relay race last week and came away with some stunning results:

Tor Prince & Harry Foote won the boys Year 5-6 class  
Annie Chilton and Hollie Molloy won the girls Year 5-6 class  
Millie and Stella Trewavas placed 4th.

Well done to you all.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Ronald McDonald House - Raffle fundraiser

Moorhouse McDonalds are running a raffle with all monies raised will be donated to support Ronald McDonald House Charities. Drawn Saturday November 5th, tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in store (Moorhouse McDonalds) or online acc 38-9020-0323801-01. Ref: RAFFLE, then send screenshot of payment confirmation to:

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

1st Prize – Playstation 5

2nd Prize – Beats headphones 3rd Prize – Goodie Box. Plus lots more!!!



### Parihaka Network Trust

This coming Sunday 5 November, Parihaka Network Trust is providing three opportunities for people to connect with the story of Parihaka.

- 10.30am - Parihaka Commemorative church service @ St Mary the Virgin, Church Square, Addington, followed by a silent walk to old Addington Prison for karakia and laying of flowers.
- 2.30pm - Silent Hiko starting at Lyttelton Rose Garden: a pilgrimage walk from the old gaol around the coastal track to Rāpaki and the Parihaka Memorial\*
- 5pm - Memorial service at Rāpaki Church and karakia at the Parihaka Memorial, followed by light refreshments. (Wet weather alternatives will be posted on facebook and instagram)

For more information visit Facebook [www.facebook.com/ParihakaOtautahi](https://www.facebook.com/ParihakaOtautahi) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/parihakaotautahi/](https://www.instagram.com/parihakaotautahi/) or Contact: [parihakaotautahi@gmail.com](mailto:parihakaotautahi@gmail.com) | 021-405-039

### Boost Your Learning

Does your child require further support or extension, over and above what can be offered at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence? We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English, Maths and Science for intermediate and college students.

Visit [www.boostyourlearning.co.nz](http://www.boostyourlearning.co.nz) for more information.

Or contact Anna on 020 4031 6035 to book a free consultation.

### McGinns Madefresh - Plant based refillable skincare

Find me at Mt Pleasant Farmers Market on November 11th 9am-12.30pm  
For all your fresh day cream and cleanser needs. I encourage customers to bring their own clean jar to refill. I'll also have various balms, beeswax candles, soaps and shampoo bars too. For more information about McGinns Madefresh visit <https://mcginnsmadefresh.com/>



# TERM 4 2023

4	Mon 30 Oct	Tue 31 Oct	Wed 1 Nov	Thu 2 Nov	Fri 3 Nov
		9am-1.30pm Music Festival Rehearsal  6.30pm Music Festival Christchurch Town Hall	Garden to Table Rm 15 & 16	SMS Newsletter  2.30pm Full School Assembly	Yr 7/8 technology Yr 0-4 Assembly 9.00am Yr 5-8 Assembly 2.15pm  3pm Cheapskates Skate school  Saturday 3pm Karma Keg
5	Mon 6 Nov	Tue 7 Nov	Wed 8 Nov	Thu 9 Nov	Fri 10 Nov
			Garden to Table Rm 13 & 14  Yr 7&8 Summer Tournament		South Zone Athletics  Year 7/8 technology  11.30 Te Reo Group  <b>Saturday</b> Family Photo fundraiser
6	Mon 13 Nov	Tue 14 Nov	Wed 15 Nov	Thu 16 Nov	Fri 17 Nov
	Yr 0-4 Athletics Day  6pm Whanau Group Hui (Staffroom)	6.30pm Board Meeting (staffroom)	GTT Rm 15&16  SMS Newsletter	Staff only day - School closed	Show Day
7	Mon 20 Nov	Tue 21 Nov	Wed 22 Nov	Thu 23 Nov	Fri 24 Nov
		6pm Itinerant Music Concert	GTT Rm 13&14	Road Patrol Training	Yr 7&8 technology  Te Aratai Yr 9 testing  Te Reo Enrichment Group
8	Mon 27 Nov	Tue 28 Nov	Wed 29 Nov	Thu 30 Nov	Fri 1 Dec
	Cycle Safety Week				
	11am Discoverers Swimming  7.30pm PTA Mtg (staffroom)	11am Discoverers Swimming	Canterbury Athletics  11am Discoverers Swimming	11am Discoverers Swimming	11am Discoverers Swimming  Yr 7&8 Technology  9am Y0-4 Assembly 2.15 Y5-8 Assembly
9	Mon 4 Dec	Tue 5 Dec	Wed 6 Dec	Thu 7 Dec	Fri 8 Dec
	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming  Yr 5-8 Korfball	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming  6.30pm Board Meeting	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming	9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming	Last Day of Technology  9.15 Navigators Swimmings 11am Explorers swimming  6.30 Year 8 Graduation
10	Mon 11 Dec	Tue 12 Dec	Wed 13 Dec	Thu 14 Dec	Fri 15 Dec
	6pm Whanau Group Hui (staffroom)	Navigators sailing	Navigators sailing  Reports go home  Year 8 Amazing Race	Navigators sailing pp  SMS Newsletter  Yr 7&8 Pool Day  Yr3-4 Waltham Pool	Ironman  Assembly Yr 0-4 9am 2.15pm Assembly Yr 5-8  Meet Next Year's Teacher  Explorers Water Fun
11	Mon 18 Dec	Tue 19 Dec			
		Last Day of School Closes 12.30			

# 2024 SCHOOL DATES

## 2024 Term 1

Wed 31 January to Fri 12 April

- Wed 31 Jan & Thu 1 Feb - Whānau Connect
- Fri 2 Feb - All classes begin
- Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February - School Closed
- Easter Weekend - Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April - School Closed

## 2024 Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

- King's Birthday - Monday 3 June - School Closed
- Matariki - Friday 28 June - School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

## 2024 Term 3

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

- Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

## 2024 Term 4

Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December

- Labour Day - Monday 28 October - School Closed
- Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 15 November - School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed