



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 18 : Thursday 16 November 2022

SCHOOL UPDATE

Yesterday was the last day to vote in our board elections. Results will be released to the community on the 21st November. We are looking for two new board members as both Kate Hodgins and Mark Broughton are not standing. We would like to thank Kate and Mark for their wonderful support of the school for the six years of service to the school. They helped steer the way through the rebuild and once this was finished pretty much moved into supporting the school through our pandemic response. Kate and Mark are experienced members who have shared a wealth of knowledge and information about the school. I would like to especially thank Kate for the support and direction she has given the school as the presiding member from 2020. I have enjoyed working closely with Kate. We wish Kate and Mark all the best in the next endeavours. We look forward to the results from the board elections being shared on November the 21st.

This week we welcome Ivor, Olive, Isobel, Grey & Tēana, to St Martins School | Hato Mātene (apologies, no photos this week due to technical difficulties, we will have photos in the next newsletter). We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

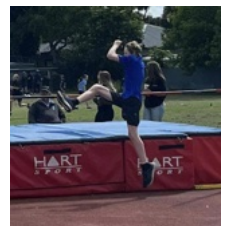
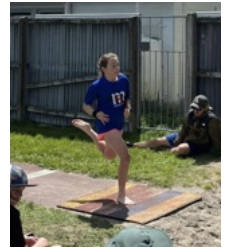
We have enjoyed the sun, sports, walks, animals and celebration in the last few weeks. Congratulations to the Y3 / 4 Tuna Action group who have been awarded the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board Spark award for 2023. This new award recognises an incredible idea to engage people in conservation and spur them into action. The Spark Award is awarded to individuals or groups to recognise new conservation initiatives. They also received \$500 in prize money to go towards their

enviro actions. The Tuna Action Group under the leadership of Susie Keenan and Ecan Educator Jenny have continued to work together after a Y3/4 focus in term one, each Friday and at lunchtimes to further their input in environmental study and activities like native planting. A highlight for us all was our information day with the stormwater trailer, green dress up day and the hikoī to Hansens Park to have a clean

up. A wonderful achievement to be recognised for making a difference in our local environment.

The Y7 / 8 tamariki in the William Pike group completed the Ryde Falls trail. After a number of postponements through the year due to weather warnings we were able to complete the trail on a lovely warm day. Thanks to Briana Weaver for leading the team and making the calls to keep our ākonga safe in the great outdoors. From our feedback we know that the parent helpers also enjoyed this day out.

Nothing like a visit to Willowbank for our youngest learners. Always a great time to get amongst the animals. Lots of excited and tired tamariki at the end of the day.



All of our teams have held their athletics days. It was great to see a number of whānau members joining us at Hansens Park. We had lovely weather for all our events. Thank you to all of the teachers and students running the events and for the high level of participation of our ākonga. Children in Y5 - 8 placing in their year levels moved on to compete in the local schools zones. We have had great success in this competition and some children will now move on to compete at the Canterbury event. Good luck everyone.

This year we had one team in the summer tournament. This offered our cricketers the opportunity to roll the shoulders in the bowling and flick the wrists with the bat. The boys had a close final placing second. Thank you to Akash for supporting our keen cricketers. The Y5 / 6 children held their speech finals recently. The quality of finalists were exceptional. Congratulations to the place getters: Lachie, Daisy and Harry. We were thrilled to have Lachie share his speech in our last Y5 - 8 assembly.

The annual Itinerant Music concert will be held next Tuesday the 21st November at 6.00pm in the school hall. The students who have been learning through the Itinerant system throughout the year will showcase their talents and parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend. Performances will include; violin, trumpet, cello, flute, clarinet and saxophone and the school orchestra. We look forward to a lovely evening.

The High Fliers will once again be in friendly competition with the staff as we move from maths to finding out who is physically fittest. After losing all of the maths rounds, the staff are looking to come back strong in this event. We will be competing before we start the assembly on 1 Dec.

With 22 days of learning remaining in the 2024 year we certainly are hurtling towards the end of the term. We have an action packed finish planned across the school. Please keep up to date with the newsletter calendar and the online calendar.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Andrew



PROPERTY UPDATE

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) and we can tee up a time to have a look at the work required. We also have some small classroom aspects as well.

Thank you to the Junior Playground Redevelopment Committee for their work on the concept plans for this new developing area. Have a look at the end of the newsletter for the ideas so far.

STUDENT NOTICES

Please let us know if your child has had a recent success and add it to our newsletter.

Congratulations to Joseph Scott who gained a distinction in his recent grade 4 exam for electric guitar. Well done Joseph.

Our wonderful school choir performed recently at the Regional Music Festival. They had lots of fun, did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves.

PTA UPDATE

There was a big crowd at Moon Under Water to support the Karma Keg which raised \$490. Special thanks to Three Boys for sponsoring the keg, all proceeds came back to the PTA and thanks to those that came and joined us for a drink.



Megan from Green Melon Photography had a busy weekend with the family portrait session, raising \$740 for the PTA. Thank you to everyone who showed up over the weekend and particular thanks to Megan for all your hard work getting us all smiling in unison.

We recently received funds from the **Entertainment Book App**. Thank you to those who have recently purchased a membership and nominated St Martins School to receive 20% of the membership fee. They currently have a Black Friday deal: Buy One, Get One Free membership plus a chance to win a trip to Fiji, sign up here: www.entertainmentnz.com

We are currently developing our **fundraising and 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

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](https://www.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](https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/parents-and-whanau) 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We are excited about the BNZ Breakers coming to Christchurch and we would like to extend a 10% discount to your community. It will be much appreciated if you can share the attached game graphics and 10% discount links via your school social media and email network. The games are a fun family oriented event with tickets starting as low as \$12 and after pay options available. 30th November (10% discount)

[Click here for a 10% discount for the game on 30th November](#)

Christchurch art Gallery courses

We still have a few spaces available before Christmas! Our art education programme offers students first-hand experiences with real works of art, and practical lessons that develop their creative and critical-thinking skills.

Gallery tours and visits are free. Lessons take 90–120 minutes, involve a hands-on activity and only cost \$2 per student.

Course included are:

- Junior Map Makers. Available year round. Years 0–6
- The Zine Maker: Reimagining NZ Histories Through Zinester Eyes. Available November - January. All levels
- Miranda Parkes: What is Painting? Available November - January. All Levels

For more information visit christchurchartgallery.org.nz



TEACHING TOMORROW'S
ROCKSTARS
TODAY

**2024 ENROLMENTS NOW
OPEN AT ST MARTINS SCHOOL!**

- ★ FUN AND INSPIRING IN-SCHOOL MUSIC LESSONS. NO MORE RUNNING AROUND AFTER SCHOOL!
- ★ MODERN, FUN AND TALENTED TUTORS.
- ★ CHOOSE FROM **DRUMS, GUITAR** OR **UKULELE**
- ★ OPT IN FOR REGULAR PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERTS!

**ENROL NOW AS LESSON
SPACES WILL FILL UP!**

Enrol Now At:
www.monstermusic.nz

INFO PACK





**BNZ BREAKERS
IN CHRISTCHURCH**

VS TAI PANS, FRI 3 NOV, 7.30PM
VS 36ERS, THU 30 NOV, 7.30PM

BOTH GAMES AT WOLFBROOK ARENA

R&B Build ChildHealth Christchurch COMMUNITY SIDS Media

JUNIOR PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

The Junior Playground Redevelopment Committee, along with Glasston Huxtable Landscape Architects are excited to present the first concept plan to the St Martins school community. This play area features natural elements that are integrated with the outdoor landscape. It provides play areas which promote physical activity as well as quiet shaded areas for socialising and solitary play. Look out for the concept drawings which will be going up around the school for viewing.

We welcome community input and will give details soon (via Hero) on how you can give feedback and contribute donations of materials and expertise, for those who wish to help with the construction phase. For feedback/general enquiries please contact Ruth Richardson at Richardson.rme@gmail.com if you have skill/materials to offer please contact Gary Pain at garupain@gmail.com

He rau ringa e oti ai

Many hands make light work



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| 7 | Mon 20 Nov | Tue 21 Nov | Wed 22 Nov | Thu 23 Nov | Fri 24 Nov |
| | | 6pm Itinerant Music Concert Yr 8 Dance Practice | GTT Rm 13&14 Year 8 Dance Practice | Road Patrol Training Year 8 Dance Practice | Yr 7&8 technology Te Aratai Yr 9 testing Te Reo Enrichment Group Year 8 Dance Practice |
| 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
- Teacher only day - Thursday 16th
- Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 15 November - School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed