



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 19 : Thursday 30 November 2023

### BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tatou, thanks to those who completed the [strategic planning board survey](#) which was sent home last week. If you haven't already, we would really appreciate your input. It will take 5 minutes of your time but will help set our direction for next year.

Our final board meeting of the year is taking place next Tuesday 5th December at 6.30pm in the staffroom. We will be welcoming our new board members Ranui Calman (previously our Whānau group rep on the board) and Joseph Hampton.

Finally from me, we have an excellent, supportive community, fabulous tamariki as well as a great staff at Hato Mātene/ St Martins school. It has been an absolute privilege to work for you over these last 7 years on the board and as presiding member since 2020. I'm confident that I leave the board, and the school, in good hands and look forward to being part of the wider school community for years to come.

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins (outgoing Presiding Member of the school board)



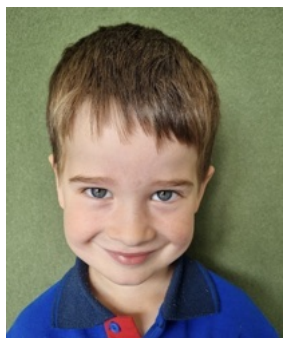
### SCHOOL UPDATE

This week we welcome Asher and Noa to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school. We weren't able to put photos of Ivor, Olive, Isobel, Grey and Tēana in the last newsletter, however we can this week.

We will be farewelling Diane at the end of the year as she has resigned her position at St Martins | Hato Mātene. We would like to thank Diane for the wonderful 25 years of service that she has given our kura. Diane has taken on a raft of roles during her time here, from learning assistant, uniform consultant and sales, enrolments, sports trips, reception. A particular strength has been knowing current families and generational families, being able to connect to those present and past. We have enjoyed your passion for the arts through coordinating the Itinerant Music programme as well as further music tutors. We wish to assure you that this legacy and focus on music will continue. In the next few weeks Megan Moore will be working with Diane to learn the ins and outs of the itinerant music programme so there can be a seamless transition into 2024. We wish Diane and Errol all the best as they continue to be close community members with strong ties of children and grandchildren going through St Martins | Hato Mātene. Together we will celebrate the time Diane has given to our school. We will be holding a farewell assembly on Monday 11th Dec at 9.45am followed by a shared morning tea. If you would like to attend please feel free to come along. Please RSVP to [katet@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:katet@stmartins.school.nz) so we can work out the numbers for catering.

Congratulations to the Tuna Action Group, in particular Louise, Penny and Sophia for winning the Y3 / 4 general section of the grow waitaha DigiAwards. The DigiAwards is a competition that empowers primary and intermediate ākonga (students) from throughout Waitaha (Canterbury) to design, develop, and showcase their digital projects.

Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful addition of the new playground games throughout the school. As the school has completed the rebuild we have started looking at the environment and what we can add for our ākonga | learners. We have lots of four square and six square courts, hopscotch, sensory / fitness trail, clock, alphabet, 100s board and chess board all available to be used. We are very fortunate to have been donated \$30,000 throughout the year. We appreciate your



contribution to garden to table, classroom games, hall refurbishment, headphones for classes, construction tables, maths and literacy resources, sandpit toys, the Y7/8 resilience project, structured literacy across the school, Y8 yearbook and basketball uniforms. Congratulations to the 110 tamariki learning musical instruments at St Martins | Hato Mātene, we enjoyed the piano recitals and itinerant music concert last week. We are currently looking at reestablishing a rock band in 2024 with greater opportunities for children sharing their new learning, particularly for the children in Monster Music who have not shared at school this year.

We have a number of events coming up, across the different year groups. Please have a look at the calendar below for the events. Some to note include:

- Fri 8 Dec - Y8 Graduation - 6.30pm Hillview Christian School
- Mon 11 Dec - Farewell Assembly for Diane - 9.45am
- Tue 12 Dec - Y0 - 2 Christmas Concert - 11.30am
- Wed 13 Dec - Reports go home / Class Placements (via HERO at 4pm)

Ka pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Garden To Table Mufti Day fundraiser - Thursday 7th December

Next week (week 9) it's the first week of summer and to celebrate we will be having a mufti day on Thursday 7th December. Come dressed in a Summer Theme - all your brightest, flowery, summer colours, hats, sunglasses and accessories. Bring a gold coin, all proceeds will go towards the Garden to Table Programme.

## PTA UPDATE

**PTA Meeting Update:** We held our last meeting for the year on Monday and were pleased to approve funding for the Tuna Action Group to support their planned mural to educate the wider community about the health of the Ōpāwaho, life cycle of tuna and migration story. We also approved funding for the purchase of new sports bags.

It was the last meeting for long standing members, Amy Bloy, Zaneta Tumova and Debra Purdue. Many discos have been organised, much recycling sorted and thousands upon thousands of sausages cooked at touch rugby. They have contributed significantly to the PTA over their combined 30 years of service, and we are immensely grateful to them. We look forward to celebrating their contribution at the EOY Thank You Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Garden Working Bee:** Come along on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am to help with a big tidy of our beautiful school gardens before the summer holidays. Email: [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz) if you can come along, morning tea provided.

**Christmas Raffle:** We will be selling raffle tickets from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December for a week, prizes are hampers from New World. After school sales and email ticket sales will be available. Look out for the PTA Christmas Elves to buy your tickets.

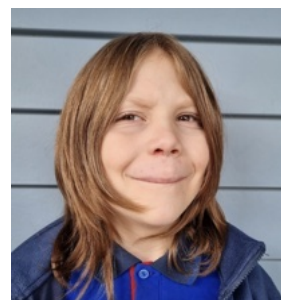
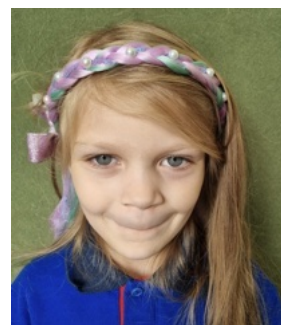
**Baking and Meals:** Please remember we have families willing to provide baking and meals to school families needing some extra support. Please see the school office team or classroom teacher to put you in touch.

**Next PTA Meeting:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Staff Room

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

### Photo Fundraiser - Order Pickup Day

Megan Cozzone from Melon Photography will be giving out orders from the PTA Photo Fundraiser this Friday 1st December between 2pm and 5.30pm from the school library (Whare Kukuwai building / front entrance of school)





## WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau. It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year. Our final whānau group hui for the year will be a relaxed BBQ on Monday 11th December at 6pm.. Thanks to the Ellis/McDonald whānau for hosting (60 Aotea Terrace). Please bring some kai along. Look forward to seeing you there and, if not, have a wonderful break with your whānau.

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**SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL:**

- Love working with children
- Be available to work the after school care programme (From 2.30 - 6:00pm ALL week days)
- Have experience managing groups of children
- Have behaviour management experience
- Undergo a police check and support our culture of child protection
- Have great communication skills and enjoy working in a team environment

*With the possibility of before school care 7.15-8.30am & School Holidays*

**LOCATION:** St Martins/Beckenham Area of Christchurch  
**EMAIL:** Please send your CV to [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 1PM  
WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

**FREE**



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**Bee Awesome with Envirokids**  
Learn fun facts in our information hunt, dress up like a beekeeper, play pollen games, and MORE!

**9**

**Seeds & Leaves Workshop with RCG**  
Make seed bombs to take home with you, as well as search for leaves to imprint into a clay pendant!

**16**

**E-waste Hands-On Learning with EcoTech**  
This is a hands-on experience where we will discuss the importance of dealing with e-waste in a responsible way.

**23**

**Sustainable Gift Wrapping Workshop**  
Bring your Christmas presents to be wrapped for free in sustainable wrapping, all upcycled!

**30**

**Online Session: At-Home Upcycled Christmas Crackers**  
Check out our social media pages for instructions on how to make a christmas cracker using upcycled materials!

For more information:  
@ChchEnvirokids



# 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](mailto:Richardson.rme@gmail.com) if you have skill/materials to offer please contact Gary Pain at [garypain@gmail.com](mailto:garypain@gmail.com)

He rau ringa e oti ai

Many hands make light work



## TERM 4 2023

9	Mon 4 Dec	Tue 5 Dec	Wed 6 Dec	Thu 7 Dec	Fri 8 Dec
	Sunday 3rd 2pm-3.30pm - Tuna Action rat trapping  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  <b>6.30 Year 8 Graduation</b>
10	Mon 11 Dec	Tue 12 Dec	Wed 13 Dec	Thu 14 Dec	Fri 15 Dec
	9.45am Farewell Assembly for Diane  6pm Whanau Group Hui (staffroom)	Navigators sailing  11.30am Explorers Christmas Concert	Navigators sailing  Year 8 Amazing Race  Reports go home	Navigators sailing pp  SMS Newsletter  Yr 7&8 Pool Day	Ironman  Assembly Yr 0-4 9am 2.15pm Assembly Yr 5-8  10am Meet Next Year's

			4pm Class Placements	11.30-2.30pm Yr3-4 Waltham Pool	Teacher 1-3pm 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