



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 2 : Thursday 22nd February 2024

BOARD UPDATE

It was great to see so many families at the back to school BBQ last week, and to hear of the many adventures our whanau had over the summer break. These events are a great way for our community to connect socially, many thanks to our fantastic PTA for organising a wonderful evening.

Next month our school will submit our strategic plan to the Ministry of Education for 2024-2025. The results from our community survey assisted us in aligning our focus areas for the next 2 years. These are: 1) Local curriculum / Curriculum refresh 2) Positive behaviour for learning 3) Gifted / Pumanawa. We will be undertaking a review of our Arts programme as well. The final strategic plan will be published on the website and be placed on the notice board for your reference.

On another note, I would like to remind all our whānau, that our hardworking staff are always pleased to hear from parents, whatever their celebrations or concerns. Staff will make it a priority to answer any email queries as soon as possible within the school hours of 8am and 5pm.

Ngā mihi,
Dan Levett
Presiding member

SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome to Kali. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

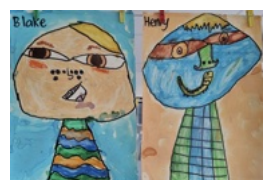
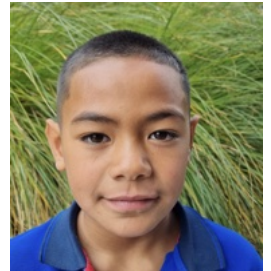
We had a wonderful back to school event last week, it was wonderful to see so many families joining together at school. Thank you to the PTA for organising the food trucks, bouncy castles and the free sausage sizzle. Thanks also to the senior tamariki for running the games and music through the evening.

The Junior team had a wonderful session at the Art Gallery, thanks to the whānau members able to support our youngest learners on this trip.

Our performing arts programme is up and running. We have our music tutors taking; Violin, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet, Private Piano, and Monster Music who teach guitar, Ukulele. The senior school has started their performing arts group, EPAC (extension performing arts crew). It is great to see so many children involved in this group in 2024. A number of teams are trailing a rotation approach to involve children in all areas of the arts throughout the term.

This year we have increased our opportunities for ākonga across the school to experience and participate in kapa haka. In 2024 we have moved from 1.5 hours to 2,5 hours with our kapa haka tutors Matua Willie and Whaia Tania. Our Y5 - 8 group will now have a 60 minute session to be able to focus on building their performance items.

Our first sports event for the Y5 - 8 children was held at Jellie Park this week. It was great to see so many children involved in both the 50m and 25m events. Thanks to families for your support of the event. Children in the Y5 - 8 area have a number of events they can opt in to,



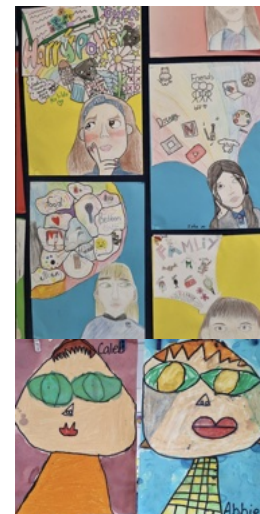
from talking with parents and children that have transitioned to high school, the more involved children are at primary school the more comfortable they are at getting involved in new groups in Y9.

This week we have been reminding children that scooter and bike to school, to walk these up the drive and through the school. We do this to keep each other safe. Thanks to the parents who are also modelling and reinforcing this as well.

As always if you want to stop by to have a chat, either myself, Alice or Leanne are usually at the waharoa each morning.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew



SCHOOL FOCUS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is a Ministry initiative that is being implemented in over 1000 schools across New Zealand. The PB4L process is long term, and expected to take 3-4 years to embed. The aim is to help parents, whānau, and teachers address problem behaviour, improve children's wellbeing and increase educational achievement. This is achieved by putting systems in place with clear expectations, incentives and restorative consequences which are principles at the heart of PB4L.

The SMS | HM Vision is

...to create a positive climate and culture of belonging and engagement for all.

The first set of skills to be developed are for our whole community (whānau, staff, students) to focus on when in the St Martins School environment. This stems from the value of respect and includes everyone, everywhere at all times.

Weeks 2-4	Moving around the school	<p>Walking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feet ● Bikes ● Scooters ● Skateboards <p>Quiet voices Awareness of others Classroom visitor etiquette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knock on door ● Enter quietly ● Wait to speak
Weeks 5-7	Using Manners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greeting appropriately ● Follow instructions ● Consider others ● Be patient ● Open doors for others ● Walk on the left ● Check in on others ● Wait to join conversations

It would be wonderful if all members of our community could model these for our tamariki.

SCHOOL NOTICES

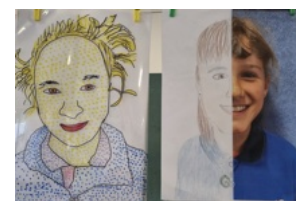
A message from the Ministry of Education

Too sick for school/kura?

It is important that your child attends school/kura. Is my child well enough to be comfortable taking part in school activities? Is my child well enough to be comfortable taking part in school activities? Ask yourself "Would I go to work if I felt like this?"

SEND ME TO SCHOOL/KURA

- I have a runny nose or just a slight cough
- I haven't had a fever for the last 24 hours and haven't needed any medicine
- I haven't vomited or had any diarrhoea for 24 hours and haven't needed any medicine
- I have tummy pain or a headache with no diarrhoea, vomiting or fever, but I'm comfortable enough to take part in school activities.



KEEP ME AT HOME

- My temperature is 38°C or higher or I need medicine to keep my temperature down
- I have vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 24 hours
- I have an unexplained rash
- My eyes are pink and crusty

FURTHER ADVICE

- If you are worried or concerned about your child, contact your GP or health care provider, or contact Healthline on
- 0800 611 116

READING HELPERS

We have a group of wonderful parents and grandparents who work with children in the junior area of the school, one to one, to improve their reading skills. This involves one hour each week on a day that suits the volunteer. Patience, a sense of humour and a listening ear are the qualifications needed. I will provide the appropriate books and guidelines about what to do. We would love some new helpers.

If this sounds like you and you would like to find out more, please contact Cate van Leuven, Reading Recovery Teacher, St Martins School. Email: catevl@stmartins.school.nz

SCHOOL HALL HIRE

The St Martins School Hall is available for hire for your next event. The hall has a fully equipped kitchen, music and overhead projector, tables and chairs available for use. If you are interested to learn more about the cost and availability, please email the school office on office@stmartins.school.nz

PTA UPDATE

BBQ: Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Back-to-School BBQ on a warm Friday evening. Special thanks to the Student Council for organising the games, music, Jump Jam (see PTA FB for the video) and guess the lollies in the jar competition, you did an amazing job. Thanks also to all those who signed up to a job to help us run the event, a record 560 sausages were cooked by our helpers. It was great to have the Whanau Group join us providing a popular tasty fried bread treat.

New PTA Members: At our first meeting for the year, we welcomed lots of new members to the committee: Lizzie D, Carla B, Natalie C, Dylan W, Richard S, Emily D, Sarah K, Natalia S, Faaolaina R, Paul E, Kate J, and Sophia P-M, we look forward to your contribution.

Term 1 Events: Later this term we will bring a new event to the PTA calendar, a family friendly rogaine event for the community held in our local area. Rogaining is navigation for all ages and fitness levels that has you searching for checkpoints in no particular order, go for the easy ones or go for the harder ones, either way you'll have fun with your team. We will run another Easter Raffle and we are hoping for a warm Friday to sell ice blocks after school.

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, classroom teacher or email below, to organise.

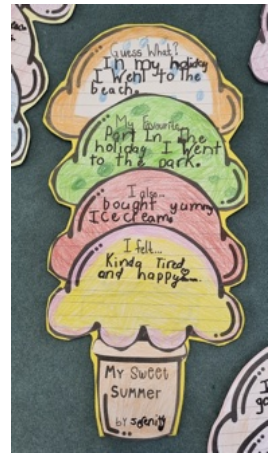
Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz Facebook: St Martins School PTA

Next Meeting: Monday 18th March, 7.30pm, Staff Room

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Do you need a babysitter?

Emily is a year 11 student at Te Aratai College and is available for babysitting. Emily is an ex St Martins student who is reliable, trustworthy and great with children. If you are interested please contact Jo 021 029 31359 (Emily's Mum).



TERM 1 2024

5	Mon 26 Feb	Tues 27 Feb	Wed 28 Feb	Thur 29 Feb	Fri 1 Mar
			PALs Workshop (Pioneer) 9.30 - 3.30 GTT Room 13 & 14	Y3/4 Hangarau Maori Visit 9 - 3pm	Navigators - Kate Sheppard House Trip
6	Mon 4 Mar	Tues 5 Mar	Wed 6 Mar	Thur 7 Mar	Fri 8 Mar
			GTT Room 15 & 16	School Newsletter	
7	Mon 11 Mar	Tues 12 Mar	Wed 13 Mar	Thur 14 Mar	Fri 15 Mar
	Zone Swimming Whānau Group Hui 6 - 7.30pm (staffroom) William Pike (group 1) Trip - Taylors Mistake 9am-1.30pm		GTT Room 13 & 14	Year 5 & 6 Korfball William Pike (group 2) Trip - Taylors Mistake 11 am-3.30pm	
8	Mon 18 Mar	Tues 19 Mar	Wed 20 Mar	Thur 21 Mar	Fri 22 Mar
	Year 7 & 8 Wainui Camp rm 9, 10 & 21			Year 7 & 8 Wainui Camp rm 11 & 12	
	Year 7 & 8 PCT PTA meeting 7.30 - 8.30pm (Staffroom)	Year 5 - 8 Canterbury Triathlon Dis. 1 Victoria Square & Margaret Mahy Trip 9 - 1pm	GTT Room 15 & 16	School Newsletter Year 5 & 6 Korfball Dis. 2 Victoria Square & Margaret Mahy Trip 2.30 - 3.30pm Navigators - Kate Sheppard House Trip	Navigators - Kate Sheppard House Trip
9	Mon 25 Mar	Tues 26 Mar	Wed 27 Mar	Thur 28 Mar	Fri 29 Mar
	Year 7 & 8 HPV vaccinations		Canterbury Swimming GTT Room 13 & 14	Year 5 & 6 Korfball	Good Friday School closed
10	Mon 1 Apr	Tues 2 Apr	Wed 3 Apr	Thur 4 Apr	Fri 5 Apr
	Easter Monday School closed	Easter Tuesday School closed	GTT Room 15 & 16 Navigators - Kate Sheppard House Trip	School Newsletter Year 5 & 6 Korfball	
11	Mon 8 Apr	Tues 9 Apr	Wed 10 Apr	Thur 11 Apr	Fri 12 Apr
	Year 5 - 8 Korfball	Yr 7/8 League Tournament		Year 5 & 6 Korfball	Last day of Term 1

