



## EASTER BREAK Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 4 : Thursday 21st March 2024

### SCHOOL UPDATE

We welcome Jack, Hannah, Zariah and Aiden. We hope you all enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to St Martins | Hato Mātene.

Next week at our structured literacy session the Board would like to gather some information from our whānau. The question we are posing is: What is the most important characteristic or value that you would like to see your child leave Y8 with? It would be good if you could have a think about this question, we will collect your ideas at the session next week as well as from a follow up HERO post. This week the Y7 / 8 tamariki are having a great time at camp at Wainui. Lots of activities based around challenge by choice. Lovely to see the sunshine for the children to enjoy being involved outside. The Y3 / 4, Discoverers team have also been out and about this week with trips to Victoria Park and the Margaret Mahy play area. Thank you to the Kaiako and whānau supporting the children with this outdoor experience.

Our two Y7 / 8 teams competed to a high standard at the Police Competency Test on Monday. Lots of very enthusiastic teams from across Canterbury. Always new skills to learn, the opportunity to engage with the emergency services and see other schools in action. Congratulations to both teams.

Riley, Koby and Kasey have attended a 13 week Mau Rākau and te ao Māori Kaupapa. This Kaupapa aims at enhancing self-esteem and self-worth through the rich tapestry of Māori culture and the Tikanga it provides. Fabulous commitment to developing your understanding of rākau and te ao Māori.

A special mention to Zooni competing in the NZ junior badminton last weekend. Would have been a high calibre competition to be involved in - we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the junior playground design. The feedback has been discussed by the playground committee and passed on to the design team. Watch this space as this exciting project starts to take shape.

Congratulations to the families participating in the City 2 Surf. Always great to be involved in organised events. I hope everyone enjoyed going back to the original course.

Next week we look forward to our Structured Literacy parent information session and follow up open sessions the following morning. If you would like to join us we are having a parent session on Tuesday 26 March starting at 5.30pm in the hall. We believe the session will be approximately an hour. We are following this with an open session at school on Wednesday 27 March. All classes are open, we invite you to join your child in the classroom to see our structured literacy spelling session in action. Come alone next week to hear about the programme and then see it in action.

A reminder that school will be closed on the following days for the Easter break:

- Friday 29 March
- Monday 1 April
- Tuesday 2 April

School reopens on Wednesday 3 April.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew

### PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS

Term 1 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning ( PB4L ) continues with the school value of Respect, specifically how to communicate in a respectful manner. During week 8-10 all students are being encouraged to be active and attentive listeners, to speak politely to others, and to actively participate and share their ideas. These valuable communication skills are being developed through



#### Congratulations

**Zooni Ahuja**

on your selection for  
the New Zealand Junior  
Badminton Team !



classroom lessons, syndicate hui and school assemblies. It would be great if whānau could help to reinforce these at home.

- Speaking politely
- Smile and acknowledge people
- Actively participate
- Actively listen
- Let others share ideas

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### LOST UNIFORM

We have had a number of lost/unclaimed uniform items (fleeces, hats etc) coming through the school office this term. While we have been able to get most of the named items back out to the students, the un-named items are not easy to return.

Please ensure you name all items of your child's school uniform. A good option is to use a silver ink pen to write their name inside on the garment or a colourful patch / stitching on the outside can also help.

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

### PTA UPDATE

We were pleased to approve \$2,000 of funding towards new entrant learning-through-play resources at our meeting on Monday.

Our fundraising page has been updated with a range of donation options; let's get the fundraising ball rolling for the new playground: <https://www.stmartinspta fundraiser.com/>

**Easter Raffle:** On now until 27th March, buy tickets at the office and at school pick up or you can buy tickets by emailing [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz) \$2 / ticket, \$10 / six tickets, \$20 / 14 tickets – five generous hampers to be won. Drawn Thursday 28th March.

**School Working Bee:** Sunday 24th March @ 9am, please email [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz) if you are coming along, morning tea provided.

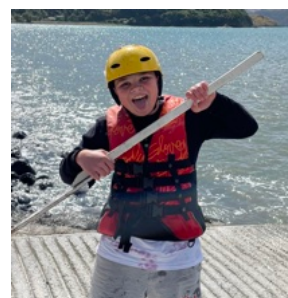
**Rogaine Event:** Friday 17th May, starting from 4pm. A school community event offered by our talented regaining families, no experience needed, fun for families and friends to complete together.

**Bingo Night:** Saturday 15th June! An entertaining night is guaranteed or your money back (not actually). Bingo, comedy, games, live and silent auctions. Save the date.

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

**Facebook:** St Martins School PTA

**Next Meeting:** AGM, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, School Hall



## TERM 1 2024

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	9.am: 0-4 Assembly 2.15: 5-8 Assembly
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



# BUILDING LITERATE BRAINS

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

IMPLEMENTING A STRUCTURED LITERACY APPROACH

- THE HISTORY OF LEARNING TO READ - INTRODUCING THE SCIENCE OF READING
- AN INSIGHT INTO HOW CHILDREN LEARN TO READ AND WRITE - LET'S LOOK AT THE BRAIN
- WHY STRUCTURED LITERACY IS THE PLATFORM WE SHOULD BE TEACHING ALL STUDENTS FROM
- INTRODUCTION TO THE IDEAL APPROACH AT YOUR SCHOOL

**ST MARTINS SCHOOL HALL**

**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH**

**5.30PM-6.30PM.**



RSVP ON HERO OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE



YOUR PHOTOGRAPH TEXT



## STRUCTURED LITERACY OPEN MORNING

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME IN  
AND SEE STRUCTURED LITERACY  
IN ACTION**

**EVERY CLASSROOM IS OPEN  
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH  
9.00AM-9.30AM.**

IT IS ADVISABLE TO VISIT ONE  
CLASS AND SEE THE LESSON FROM  
START TO FINISH



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Te Aratai College open days

Te Aratai College warmly welcome ākongā and whānau from your kura to our open days and night as outlined below:

Open Days: Thursday 23rd May, Friday 24th May, 2024

These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whānau must book these visits online, via our online school booking system or use our QR code.

Links and the QR code will be provided to your school in the weeks leading up to these dates

Open Evening: Tuesday 28th May, 4.30pm-5.30pm and 6pm-7pm

These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Maria Lemalie addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākongā, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome.

## Fun local Maths Club

My name is Kirsty Frew, I run a "Fun Maths" club on Wed afternoons, for students who enjoy maths, games and puzzles. I'm a fully qualified and registered teacher of Mathematics.

At present, I'm taking year 7 and 8 students on a Wednesday from 3.30-5pm. I'm happy to run another class for younger students should there be enough interest.

We look at mathematical patterns, puzzles and problems, then after a short break for a snack, we play strategy games. I operate from home at the bottom of Cashmere Hills.

\$20 per session. If you would like more information feel free to call me on 021 072 2939

## April holidays Rams & Pouākai basketball camps

Coached by Tall Blacks Taylor Britt, Walter Brown and Max Darling, and Tall Fern Esra McGoldrick!

Junior camps year 5-8. Senior camps years 9-13. Registrations close April 14th.

Rams Camps: <https://canterburyrams.basketball/camps/>

Pouākai Camps: <https://pouakai.basketball/camps/>

Also, make sure to vote for your classroom in our competition to win Sal's Pizza delivered by the Canterbury Rams team. For more information, head to: <https://canterburyrams.basketball/win-sals-pizza-with-the-rams/>

## Resonance Ensemble concert on 24th of March

On Sunday March 24th some of our Itinerary music tutors; Cornelia Didenko - violin, Naomi Harmer - cello, Greg Knowles - trumpet and Jenny Gough - orchestra will be performing in 'Spirit of the Land at The Piano. Come along and enjoy this musical spectacle!

## Cashmere Tech Football - Registrations are open now!

Registrations for CTFC's Junior and Youth teams are open now. We have a range of teams that suit all players, whether you want to try playing football for the first time or are returning for another year - CTFC welcomes you. Click [here](#) to register.

## Sydenham Rugby Registrations

Want to play rugby this winter? Join Sydenham Rugby Club - a family oriented club.

Registrations can be done on the club website - [sydenhamrugby.co.nz](https://sydenhamrugby.co.nz)

A sizing morning/weigh in will be held on the 24th March at the Sydenham Rugby Club (Sydenham Park, Bowling Club). Any questions please ring the office 332 8875 or email [srfc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:srfc@xtra.co.nz)

## Ripper Rugby

This is an open to all skill levels opportunity aimed at Girls and Boys aged Year 3 to 8. We will be running skills and then a game. It is across two different dates, you have the opportunity to go to both or one. This event is for individual registrations. Email [claudia.bethell@crfu.co.nz](mailto:claudia.bethell@crfu.co.nz) for any questions.

Register at this site: <https://www.canterburyrugby.co.nz/events/hvze9ftsn8n3jzf78io8rpa4kja1ig>

