



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 7 : Thursday 23 May 2024

STAFF ONLY DAY FRIDAY 31 MAY - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

SCHOOL UPDATE

Our 100 strong extension performing arts crew are into prop making and finalising their performance for Showquest at the end of the term. This is always an exciting event to be involved in and we are very impressed that approximately 75% of our senior school are involved in this performing arts opportunity.

We welcome new student Slade to St Martins | Hato Mātene, we hope you enjoy your experiences at our school and we look forward to sharing in your learning.

We were visited by three Principals on Monday this week to have a look through the school and discuss recent educational changes. The visiting Principals were exceptionally positive about the calm learning environments across the school and the very high level of engagement in learning. Thank you to all our wonderful kaiako for providing a fabulous learning environment at St Martins | Hato Mātene. We know that it takes hard work and commitment to continue the learning culture.

As we start into the cooler months of the year it is great to see children coming to school with extra layers. This might be a thermal under the school uniform, the addition of a school beanie. I've been impressed with the number of gloves coming through the Waharoa each morning. As always when the weather cools we have more bugs and illness. We seem to have the return of a bit of covid with a number of students and staff members being away. As a reminder the current recommendations are to isolate for at least 5 days, even if you only have mild symptoms. If your child is sick please do keep them at home until they have recovered.

This year's cross country was held on a crisp morning leading into a warm day.

Thank you to all of the Y3 - 8 tamariki for getting involved in the event. Yesterday the zone cross country for the Y5 - 8 children was held at Hansons Park. We competed to a very high standard against local schools. All of our runners successfully completed the course against the top runners in our area with a large number now moving on to compete at the Canterbury level. Congratulations and good luck to those moving onto the next event.

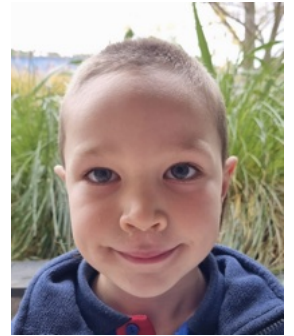
At the end of this term we will be sharing with you, your child's mid year report. This year we will be using HERO to report to you. We will be sharing the aspects from the written report sent home previously as well as adding other information.

Sharing learning reports via HERO allows us to:

- Show progress over time in graph form
- Increase student voice for values and curriculum areas
- Share learning goals that have been achieved
 - this term we are starting with spelling
- Teacher comments on curriculum areas

The online report will be open on Monday 1 July. We will also be holding parent learning conferences throughout that week.

We invite you to join us for some face-to-face 'how to' sessions for parents who would like to know more about what the online reports will look like. These will be 30 minute sessions on the following dates:



- Monday 2.30pm
- Tuesday 9.00am
- Wednesday 5.00pm

We will also be available through the learning conference week if you want to pop in. Alice has put together [information slides](#) for parents to refer to in their own time as well. As you may be aware the Government has directed the education sector towards structured literacy. They have offered the following:

- \$54.4 million of additional funding for professional learning and development related to structured approaches to teaching.
- \$8 million has been allocated to support schools in purchasing classroom resources.
- \$4.6m for online support, administration and evaluation of the programme.
- An initial focus on Year 0-3 teachers in 2024 with an aim to provide training to around 10,000 teachers by the end of the year.
- In 2025 there will be a move to the training of Year 4-6 teachers.
- Streamlining access to Tier 2 and Tier 3 support for students that require extra help and ensuring that this support builds on classroom learning using the same structured approach to literacy.

At St Martins | Hato Mātene we have been on a structured literacy journey for the past four years. We have seen wonderful results both in spelling, word knowledge and reading. We will continue with our direction as we see positive gains for our students. We are unsure if we will benefit much from the money allocated as it does appear to be supporting schools that are about to start with structured literacy. We look forward to sharing our Matariki art later in the term. As always if you want to have a chat about anything we are free at the Waharoa most mornings. Ka pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.
Andrew

PINK BREAKFAST

St Martins Staff enjoyed a delightful pink breakfast on Wednesday, successfully raising over \$500 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. This event was made possible by the generous donations from our community, whose support is greatly appreciated.

PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS - Responsibility

The Term 2 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is the school value of Responsibility.

During weeks 4-6 the focus will be on our responsibilities within an **indoor** setting. All students are being encouraged to be mindful of their **indoor environment** by using the following etiquette;

- Tidy up after yourselves
- Keep spaces clutter free and organised
- Put things back where they belong

This will be further reinforced through classroom lessons, syndicate hui's and school assemblies. It would be great if whānau could help to support these ideas in your discussions at home.

SCHOOL POLICY - COMMUNITY REVIEW

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.



Caregivers and parents of St Martins School have the opportunity to review and place feedback on the policies that are under review each term. **Reviews for T1 must be placed by Monday 17th June**

Login here and go to the 'Current review' tab to review the following policies;

Username: stmartins

Password: huntsbury

Community review topics for Term 2

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Classroom Release Time / Timetable
- Police Vetting

SCHOOL NOTICES

HOW TO RECORD A STUDENT ABSENCE

Just a reminder to families if your child will be absent for any portion of the day please notify us via the correct avenues **Before 9am daily;**

- Email to the teacher (please also cc the office staff on office@stmartins.school.nz)
- School website '[Leave and Absence](#)' tab
- Phone message at the office on 3326121

TERM 2 REPORTING - HERO

At the end of Term 1 we shared information with whānau around [Reporting on Hero](#) for 2024. Our Mid Year Reports will be shared via Hero on Monday 1 July. More information around this will come out in Week 7. We are also going to hold some Parent Information drop-in-sessions in Week 9 for anyone who wants more clarification on understanding your child's report online.

STUDENT CORNER

Zones Cross Country

On Wednesday 22nd May, St Martins School had 46 students brave the wet and cold weather to compete in the South Zone Cross Country. Out of the 8 races, we won the Year 6 girls, the Year 7 boys and the Year 8 boys. We also had 3 other students place 2nd. In all, we had 14 students in total qualify for the Canterbury Cross Country which will be held later this term on 26th June.

Training with the Tactix!

On Friday 10th May Cashmere Netball Club players and St Martins Year 8 students, Kat Williams and Trudie Levett were lucky enough to secure a spot in a training session with 3 of the current Tactix players. Held at the recently opened Nga Puna Wai Netball centre the session included a warm up and Q&As with the players, followed by a session with each of the Tactix players teaching their respective areas of expertise in shooting, midcourt and defence skills.



PTA UPDATE

Bingo Night: Join us on Saturday 15th June, bingo starts at 7pm. \$30 per person, includes a drink and supper. Come on your own or come with a group.



Tickets here: [Bingo Night Form](#) (or scan the QR code on the poster, see our FB post or email info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz).



The bingo hosts will have you laughing all night long. Raffles and auctions on the night. **This is our big fundraiser of the year and a great night out, don't miss it!**

Thank you to some of our many supporters and sponsors: Cocoa Black, Funky Pumpkin, Mona Vale, St Martins Pharmacy, R9, Zaffron, Altitude Pole and Fitness, At The Vets, Black Cat Cruises, CTFC, Bunnings Warehouse, Moon Under Water, Akaroa Salmon, Protocol, Blue Acorn and Tussock Hill.

Move X: We look forward to seeing all those coming to Move X this Saturday night. This fundraiser will raise around \$1200 so thank you for supporting this fun night for the children.

Tea Towels: The order has been placed; delivery is expected in the next 4-5 weeks. Thank you for your support of these beautifully designed tea towels. You can still order through our fundraising website:
<https://www.stmartinspta fundraiser.com/>

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

Next Meeting: Monday 24th June, 7.30pm, Staff Room

WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau,
A reminder of Matariki coming up in weeks 9 & 10!
Keep an eye out in the school newsletter and on HERO for our events during these weeks!
If you're interested in connecting with other whānau and being a part of a supportive community, come along to our hui's. **Meetings are held at 3:30pm in Ms Barakat's room on the top courts.**

Dates for Term 2, 2024: 6 June, 4 July

Ngā mihi

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cashmere High School Open Day - Tuesday 11th June

Due to various clashes, Cashmere High School has changed the date of their Open day to **Tuesday 11th June**. The start time has also changed to 3.30pm and 4.30pm for our tours.

Te Aratai Open Days - Thursday 23rd May, Friday 24th May

Open days: 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 by calling reception on 03 982 0100. Alternatively you can email for a booking:

office@tearatai.school.nz

Open night: 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 ākonga, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome and no booking is required.



Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics

Does your daughter like music and dance? Then she will probably love rhythmic gymnastics! Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has fantastic beginner classes 5 days a week with training venues in Bishopdale, Fendalton, Rolleston and Wigram/Halswell. Come along for a free trial class! Email membership@delta.org.nz or check us out on facebook.

TERM 2 2024

4	Mon 20 May	Tues 21 May	Wed 22 May	Thur 23 May	Fri 24 May
	Yr 5-8 basketball (Pioneer) starts PTA meeting 7.30pm		GTT room 13 & 14 Yr 5-8 Zone cross country	Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
5	Mon 27 May	Tues 28 May	Wed 29 May	Thur 30 May	Fri 31 May
		Olympic Ambassador Visit 10am	GTT room 15 & 16	Yr 5-8 Winter Sports starts	Staff Only Day School Closed
6	Mon 3 Jun	Tues 4 Jun	Wed 5 Jun	Thur 6 Jun	Fri 7 Jun
	King's Birthday School closed		GTT room 13 & 14	Newsletter Whānau Hui 3.30pm	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
7	Mon 10 Jun	Tues 11 Jun	Wed 12 Jun	Thur 13 Jun	Fri 14 Jun
		Cashmere High School Open Day	GTT room 15 & 16		Year 7 & 8 Technology
8	Mon 17 Jun	Tues 18 Jun	Wed 19 Jun	Thur 20 Jun	Fri 21 Jun
		Epo8 Internal event - hall	Epo8 Internal event - hall GTT room 13 & 14	Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
9	Mon 24 Jun	Tues 25 Jun	Wed 26 Jun	Thur 27 Jun	Fri 28 Jun
	PTA meeting (staffroom) 7.30-8.30pm	Matariki Art Display - hall	GTT room 15 & 16 Canterbury X Country		Matariki School Closed
10	Mon 1 Jul	Tues 2 Jul	Wed 3 Jul	Thur 4 Jul	Fri 5 Jul
	Reports sent home via HERO Yr 5-8 Korfball	Yr 0-4 Cross Country		Newsletter Whānau Hui 3.30pm	Year 7 & 8 Technology Last day of term 2 - closing 12.30
	Learning Conferences				

