



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene Newsletter 16 : Thursday 17 October 2024

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

This week we welcome Eilish, Eleanor, Miller, Rhys (rm 4) Saskia (rm 12) and Hanna (rm 11). We look forward to you Kia ora whānau, being a part of the St Martins | Hato Mātene whānau, the learning you will engage in and the contributions you will make.

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. It sounds like our tamariki had great fun during the two week break. With the warm weather we had it was great to hear that lots of children spent the time outdoors.

As a teaching staff we had a Teacher only day on the first Monday of the break. This was used to look at both the Maths and Literacy draft curriculums. As a team we discussed the key changes and concepts. This term the Maths and Literacy teams will delve into the resources that the Government is offering schools as well as updating our planning to implement the aspects from the new curriculum. Next year we will probably see a change in our reporting as we move from a curriculum that is levelled to a curriculum that has three phases. The phases are:

- Phase 1 = Y0 - 3
- Phase 2 = Y4 - 6
- Phase 3 = Y7 - 8

We will be using our Government allocated Teacher only day on **Monday 18 November** to discuss and develop programmes of implementation of the new curriculum to meet the criteria to have these in place and being used at the start of term one, 2025.

Keep an eye on the online calendar this term, we have a lot of exciting events happening across the kura, this could be inside the school eg sharing of Y5 / 6 passion projects, christmas concerts or outside the classroom eg athletics, swimming, Y8 amazing race.

As we enter the summer months, a reminder that all students need to be wearing a hat as part of the uniform. Y0 - 7 children need to wear the school bucket hat while the Y8 children are able to wear a bucket hat of their choosing.

We roll into the final 40 days of schooling at St Martins | Hato Mātene for our lovely Y8 group.

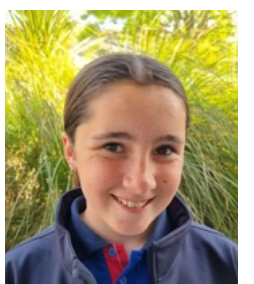
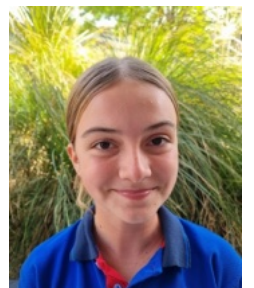
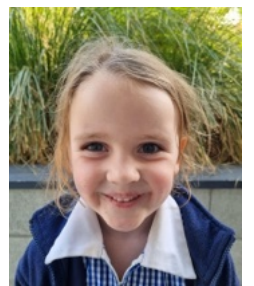
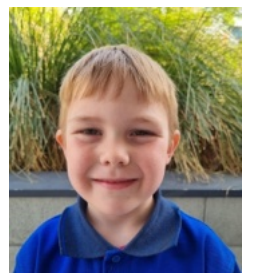
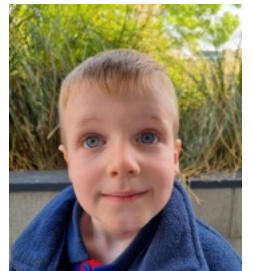
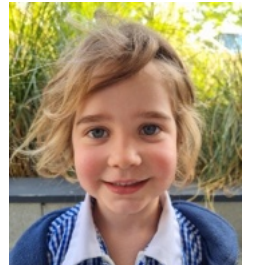
We hope you make the most of this time and get involved in all the exciting activities that are planned. We have a number of educational events and experiences planned both in the classroom and beyond, and I encourage all of you to embrace these opportunities.

Such a lovely morning to spend some time at Hansen Park for athletics training. I think I'll pop down and have a look.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Andrew



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The School calendar of events can now be found at our school website at this [link](#). Or via your HERO app. Please check this regularly to stay up to date with any changes to our events dates / times.

## 2025 TERM DATES

T1 = Friday 31 Jan - 11 April

- Friday 31 and Monday 3 Feb = Whānau connect
- Please note there will be two staff only days in term one, dates TBC

T2 = 28 April - 27 June

T3 = 14 July - 19 Sept

T4 = 6 Oct - 17 Dec (Last day of year we will finish at 12.30pm)

## PB4L

*'To create a positive climate and culture of belonging and engagement for all'*

During weeks 1-3 there will be a whole school focus on "being ready for learning". The specific skills we will be practising are

- being present -working on having your mind engaged and connected to your learning
- being prepared - having the equipment and stationery you need for the day/task
- meeting deadlines- work being completed on time



## SCHOOL POLICY 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.

All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau) to place feedback on the policies that are under review each term.

To review a policy Login [here](#) and go to the 'Current review' tab.

Username: smartins

Password: huntsbury

In term 4 we are reviewing topics in the **Finance and Asset Management Policy** section.

**Reviews for Term 4 must be placed by Monday 25th November.**

- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft



## PTA UPDATE

It's looking like another busy term ahead; we look forward to seeing you at our PTA events to round out the year. We are grateful for all the support the school community has given us this year.

**Today! Second-hand uniform sale in the library, 2.45 - 3.15pm.**

**Touch Rugby:** The season starts next Thursday with 44 teams participating. We would like to thank all the team coaches and managers for getting your teams organised and registered and we welcome all new players to the game. We are very grateful to all our student referees, please remember to give them a high five when you finish your games.

**Help Needed!** As always we need your help to run this event over the seven weeks. Please sign up here if you can help on the bbq for a session or two or be the point of contact at the tent :[Touch Sign Up Form](#)

**Market Day:** We are excited to bring you the **Market Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** in the school hall from 11am. We have a wide range of products available along with a food stall and coffee cart.

We have a few stalls available, if you would like to be a stallholder please register your interest by this Sunday: [Market Stall Form](#)

If you're having a spring clear out of books and children's clothing we would love to take them off your hands for the market! To organise collection, please email us: [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)

**Working Bee:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1 – 3pm, come along and help tidy our beautiful school grounds before summer arrives. Please let us know if you are coming along, [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)

**Karma Keg:** Moon Under Water, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 3 – 5pm. Bring your friends and family along for a relaxing afternoon together.

**Ice Block Friday:** Early December!

**End of Year Thank You Evening:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Protocol to acknowledge the contribution of parents, grandparents and caregivers throughout the year.

**Contact Us:** [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz) **Fundraising Website:** [www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com](http://www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com)

**Next Meeting:** Monday 21st October, 7.30pm, Staff Room





## STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements

### Kiran Ferguson - Inter-regional Cross Country Rep

After coming second in the Year 7 Boys (open) event at the Canterbury Cross Country Championships back in June, Kiran Ferguson travelled to Wellington as part of the Canterbury team at the inter-regional cross country event on 26 September. Representatives from the regions of Wellington, Tasman, South Canterbury and Canterbury competed against each other on a very hilly 3km cross country course. Coming 5th in the inter-regional event last year in Rolleston, this year Kiran came 3rd individually with a time of 10 minutes and 37 seconds and was also part of the gold winning Canterbury team for the Year 7 boys event. Congratulations Kiran, great achievement!



### James Johnston - Canterbury U14 Basketball Rep

Last term, James was selected for the Canterbury U14 basketball squad. After training, he had a four day tournament in Ashburton during the second week of the holidays. James had a great time and his team placed 8th in their grade. Well done James, great work!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Win with the BNZ BREAKERS!

Vote at the link below to win a visit to your child's classroom from the BNZ Breakers on the 4th December.

Also up for grabs tickets to attend the BNZ Breakers vs Melbourne United at Wolfbrook Arena on the 5th December.

Everyone who enters the competition will also get the opportunity for a free children's ticket with every adult ticket purchased for the 24th October BNZ Breakers vs SE Melbourne Phoenix game at Wolfbrook Arena.

The winning classroom will be announced the week of November 25th. Entries close Friday, November 22nd at 5:00pm! Enter today by heading to <https://canterburyrams.basketball/bnz-breakers-competition/>



### Drum lessons on offer!

Drum lessons with Fergus. Ex St Martins School pupil. \$200 per term for ten 20 minute long lessons at St Martins School. Any enquiries about times please email [fergusdmclaren@gmail.com](mailto:fergusdmclaren@gmail.com) OR 0273730620

### Nature Play Working Bee

Join us for our family-friendly working bee at the Nature Play Space in Hansen Park from 10 to 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 19th.

For this session, we are laying cardboard and then spreading bark over an area we have been working on for a while. Wheelbarrows and shovels will be available but if you have your own you are welcome to bring it along. We would love to see you there.

### Thrive Coaching - Health Coaching & Personal Training

Hello! I'm Christine, an experienced personal trainer re-entering the health & fitness industry after over a decade in Human Resources. I have a deep passion for health and I'm eager to help others reach their wellbeing & fitness goals. As a busy perimenopausal mother in my mid-40s and a late-diagnosed ADHDer, I understand the challenges of mental health, fluctuating hormones and energy levels, and overwhelm. You can trust that I offer a judgement-free space where we can work on enhancing your health!

Reach out to me via call or text, and let's chat about how we can work together to help you become fitter, stronger and healthier! Ph: 021 0889 2250



### Pony and Pals Events

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BIRTHDAYS | PARTIES | EVENTS

**027-964-0719**  
**ponyandpalsevents@gmail.com**

\$300 - 2 PONIES, 2 BUNNIES, 1 HOUR  
\$400 - 2 PONIES, 2 BUNNIES, 2 HOURS





Tuesday Trainings  
Sunday Games

## BASEBALL

### ST MARTINS

**Registration open!**

[www.sporty.co.nz/christchurchastrosbaseballclub/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/christchurchastrosbaseballclub/)



### Term 4 workshops open now!

Sign up before  
October 13th!

#### Luminares Singing and Acting Workshops

Our workshop participants will be working towards featured performances as part of a special Christmas event! In the workshops we focus on helping each individual to improve their skills and technique in a fun and supportive environment.

Thursdays at Phillipstown Community Hub  
Singing 4-5pm  
Acting 5.15-6.30pm

Prices are \$150 per term (\$120 Community Services)  
15% discount if you sign up for both  
SCHOLARSHIPS available!

Follow the link to sign up and find out more  
(late enrolments are fine)

<https://forms.gle/iBEncEtwpEU9aKEY9>