



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene Newsletter 17 : Thursday 31 October 2024

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Last week we welcomed Max, Billy and Seb. We look forward to you being a part of the St Martins | Hato Mātene whānau, the learning you will engage in and the contributions you will make.

We congratulate Mrs Amy Kenel on her recent appointment to Selwyn House. Amy has had a connection with our kura for approximately 20 years in a variety of roles. These have included our performing arts specialist as well as classroom kaiako. Amy moves from the Y5 / 6 area of our school to the Y5 / 6 area of Selwyn House. We wish Amy all the very best with this very exciting new opportunity. We welcome Miss Emily Smith to the St Martins | Hato Mātene teaching team in 2025. Emily has been in our school as a student teacher in our kura this year. Emily will be joining the Explorers Team teaching Y1 / 2s with Miss Paige Hampton as her pod partner. With Amy's new appointment we will hold off sharing staff placement until the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Miss Paige Hampton on her recent engagement. We wish Billy and Paige all the very best for a wonderful future together.

Last week we had a marvellous athletics event at Hansen Park. It was great to see all of the Y5 - 8 children getting involved in the run, jump, throw events. Lots of fun in the sunshine for the day. Thanks to the whānau members who were able to join us throughout the day. Always great to get some family support for our athletes. The hotly contested house relay finished off the day with the results going to the teachers. Thanks to Jarad for his organisation of the day. Good luck to the tamariki moving on to the Zone athletics competition next week.

Thank you for the information around placement of children in 2025. All teaching staff are currently involved in the placement of children for next year. We start with the children staying within the same team, before joining together in larger groups to discuss the placement of children as they move from one team to another. As we have previously advertised in the newsletter we use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects.

Early this term the Year 7 tamariki were given the opportunity to apply for leadership roles in 2025. As always we are very fortunate to have so many children wanting to be involved. The process we follow for this is:

- Children nominate themselves for the various roles
- Children identify three others in the cohort they believe would make great leaders in our school
- I meet with children that have selected to be considered for heads of school
- Senior school and the senior leadership team meet to nominate children
- We compare the nominations from students and teachers to make decisions for the leadership roles
- Leadership roles are shared in the final assembly

Good luck to everybody applying.

It is exciting to have the Royal NZ Ballet join us today with workshops for the children and a performance tomorrow. Who knows, it might pique the interest of some of our ākonga



to join the Hip Hop or Contemporary dance groups next year. We have also been very fortunate to have basketball representatives in the school to take separate girls and boys sessions of drills. Lots of variety in the school to expose ākonga to. Have a lovely weekend everyone, I hope that you and your whānau will be able to enjoy some time outside.

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'

This week we continue with our whole school focusing 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.

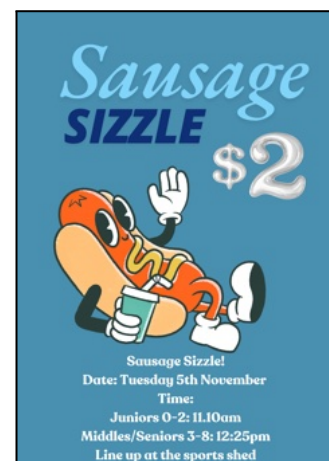
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In term 4 we are reviewing topics in the **Finance and Asset Management Policy** section.

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

Working Bee: This Saturday, 1 – 3pm, come along and help tidy our school grounds before summer arrives. There will be sand to top up the sandpits and bark for spreading around the junior playground. Please bring named shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves and garden tools if you are able. Great opportunity for some last William Pike hours. Postponement day Sunday 9am.

Market Day: It's nearly here, **Sunday 10th November, 11am – 2.30pm**, school hall. There will be a huge range of products for sale with over 30 stalls. Come along and support our students and community members and get some Christmas shopping done.

Check out the PTA facebook page to see some of the stalls: [St Martins School PTA](#)

The PTA will be selling baking. We will be calling on your baking skills to support this stall so please look out for a Hero notice next week. Lots of indoor and outdoor plants, children's and adults books, children's clothing and jigsaw puzzles are also being sold by the PTA. Donations of these items are still being accepted, please email us to organise collection: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Can You Help? Please sign up here if you can help on a PTA stall at the market: [Market Day Helpers](#)

Uniform Sale: Thank you for all the donations of second-hand uniforms for the recent sale. The sale was once again busy and made \$735, bringing the year-to-date total for second-hand uniform sales to \$5348 – this is our second biggest fundraiser, and we are grateful for the support of Elizabeth and her team for organising these every term.

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Fundraising Website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 25th November, 7.30pm, Staff Room.

STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements & events

Jack Thomson - Monster Rockers Club

Congratulations to Jack Thomson (year 7) who is one of 6 students from across Christchurch to be accepted into the **Monster Rockers**. The "Monster Rockers" is an exclusive group of Monster Music students who have earned the prestigious gold wristband through their hard work and dedication. To join the Monster Rockers club, students must complete a series of specific challenges. The first step is to get a recommendation from your child's tutor, based on factors like practice routines, attitude, punctuality, attendance, and musicianship. In addition to scoring a limited edition gold wristband, Monster Rockers get awesome perks like paid gigs, invitations to exclusive events, and extra one-on-one training with senior tutors. For more information about Monster Music visit their website:

<https://www.monstermusic.nz/>

Om Patel - Cashmere High Academic Scholarship Winner

After scoring the highest overall test results out of over 450 Year 8 students, Om Patel has been awarded Cashmere's Academic Scholarship. A huge congratulations for your tremendous achievement, well done Om!

Canterbury Music Festival 2024

The Senior Choir group made their mark at the recent Christchurch Music Festival. They participated in the massed choir, singing a variety of songs. Additionally, talented musician Sophia Hickman represented the school in the Concert Band where she played her cornet. Congratulations to all involved on their outstanding contributions to the festival.



Build Ōtautahi Minecraft Education Event

On the last day of Term 3, 5 student teams from St Martins school participated in the 'Build Ōtautahi Minecraft Education Event' at the 'Smart Christchurch Innovation Expo' held at Te Pae: Christchurch Convention Centre. They focused on using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to create what they believe should be built on the vacant plots of red zone land around the city in a revamped version of the Build Ōtautahi Minecraft education world. The teams consisted of four students, and they had 40 minutes split into 20 minute halves to complete their build during this exciting competition. The teams created some incredible sustainable designs. Finn, Mahe, Matthias, and Erik formed a team that won the 'Best Teamwork Award' for their outstanding effort.

Huxter Bike Race

On Wednesday 23rd October The Huxter Bike Race was held at Mcleans Island. Huxter is a mountain bike race where riders aim to complete as many laps as they can within a time frame. St Martins School students represented on a large scale with 22 children competing on what was a very hot day of mountain biking. Well done to all of those who attended, we hope you enjoyed the event!

Plant donations from Zealandia

Thank You to [Zelandia Horticulture](#) for the amazing plant seedlings they donated for our students to use as part of the Garden to Table programme. Lots of yummy veggie seedlings for us to grow this summer.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

BUY/SELL PRELOVED MARKET

Maternity / Babies /
Kids / Tweens

Halswell Rugby League
Football Club

17 NOV

9AM-12NOON

fbbtmarket@gmail.com

COMPLETE FOOTBALL

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

WITH NATIONAL LEAGUE COACHES AND
PLAYERS

DATES

TBC
3:15-4:15PM
TERM 4

Boys & Girls
6-11 Years Old

Location
School Fields

Contact Us
completefootball7@gmail.com
sign up on WhatsApp:
+614092290768

\$15 Per Session



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**Tāima
Kōrero
Time
2 Talk**

ONLINE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HURTING YOUR CHILDREN

2pm, Saturday, November 2
Hao Hall, Halswell Library, 339 Halswell Rd

Please join us for an eye-opening & informative presentation by Brett Harvey of Tāima Kōrero - Time 2 Talk on what parents need to know about devices, online media and protecting our kids from the harmful effects of digital content.

Register here

FOR PARENTS &
CAREGIVERS OF
CHILDREN AGED
5-16

Or here: tinyurl.com/ACTT-Event

This is a Bilingual (EN/CN) event - free entry

Seeking enthusiastic
singers to join our mass
ensemble!!

KEEN SINGERS WANTED

Luminaires is excited to announce a family concert and arts market on 8th December and we are seeking enthusiastic singers to join our mass ensemble!

If you are aged 7-25, love to sing and enjoy working with a team of like-minded peers then we'd love for you to join us. Click on the link below to find out more and to register your interest!

<https://forms.gle/r9H1Be8Cv7MackM6>

Or email:
luminairescharitabletrust@gmail.com

