



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 19 : 28 November 2024

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

What a wonderful week we have had. Congratulations to the Y5 - 8 Tuhono performance kapa haka group. Great to see you on the stage in the Town Hall on Sunday. Thank you to the tutors Tania and Willie for their support of the group throughout the year and organising the programme for our kura.

Continuing the performance theme, we really enjoyed the music concert on Monday night. We had a number of instruments being played by our talented children. Thank you to Megan for organising this event and the itinerant music teachers for the time they have put into their teaching this year.

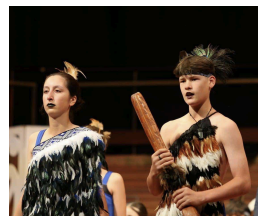
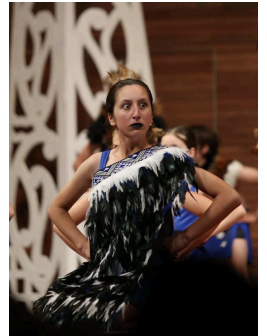
This week all of our tamariki have been involved in top team events. These activities engage children in small groups to work together to gain points throughout the session. Always good to see such positive collaboration from our youngest to oldest ākonga. On these lovely warm days the water stations are always a hit.

End of year report writing is coming along nicely. These will be shared via HERO on Tuesday 10th December. The reports will include information on:

- Reading
- Writing
- Maths
- Student Voice - based on the values
- Involvement in the school - Y3 - 8
- General comment

Reports are released first followed by class placements at 4.00pm. We are hoping that this gives whānau time to celebrate the progress of their tamariki this year before starting to think about 2025. If you are unable to access HERO please come and have a chat with Kate or Megan in the office.

As a part of our class placement process we asked students to identify some children that they would work well with in 2025. We try to place your child with someone from their list either in the classroom or the pod. On Friday 13 Dec all children will meet their new class teacher, classmates and pods. This helps to ensure children can see who they have been placed with as well as where they will be going in the new year.



Yesterday a number of Y5 - 8 children competed at the Canterbury Athletics event at Ngā Puna Wai. Congratulations to all of our athletes and the results you achieved. Thanks to Jarad for organising our tamariki and whānau for this event. Next week the Y8s kick into their dance sessions in preparation for the graduation event on Friday before moving into their final full week of events for the year. In advance thank you for the whānau support during the last few weeks of school with trips, events and swimming. We really appreciate your support.

I have been contacted by a number of families wishing to purchase a chromebook for their child in year 5 - 8 next year. We do not have a preference of the device brand or store you purchase from. But we do ask that you include a bag to ensure the device is kept safe when going in and out of school bags.

I'm hoping this lovely weather carries on into the weekend to get 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 - 18 Dec (Last day of year we will finish at 12.30pm)

NOTICES

Sausage sizzle

Members of the Kaitiaki Crew would like to host a sausage sizzle fundraiser next week on **Thursday 5 December**. The sausage sizzle is for the Discoverers students only.

All money raised will be given as a koha (donation) to the Eco Action Nursery group who have supplied native plants for the Kaitiaki Crew to look after this year.

Sausages will be \$2 each and will be sold at lunch time (12.25-12.55pm). There will be a small number of Vegan and GF sausages available.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Exciting news! The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming to Christchurch, and we are thrilled to announce that St Martins School will have its own group participating in this fantastic event. This group is organised and run by some of the parent community

Event Details:

Date: Sunday 23 February 2025

Location: Jellie Park, Christchurch

Time: 7:00am

Ages: Participants need to be aged over 7 years old on event day to compete in the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two. Participants aged 6 years old on event day can compete in the Splash & Dash.



We invite all parents to register their children for this fun and active event. It's a great opportunity for kids to challenge themselves, stay active, and have a blast with their friends. Plus, there will be a St Martins school

gazebo set up on the day, providing a great meeting spot and a place to celebrate our young athletes.

How to register:

Visit the official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon website: Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Christchurch

Complete the registration process for your child.

Make sure to join the St Martins School group during registration.

Let's make this a memorable event for our kids! We look forward to seeing many of our students participating and having a great time.

For any questions or further information, please contact the group co-ordinator David Winter on 021 940 495, or the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email angela@smcevents.co.nz or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).

Go St Martins!



PB4L

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

For the remainder of the year each learning team has a different focus in response to the emerging needs being identified.

An underlying concept for PB4L is **self regulation** because it helps children learn, behave well and get along with others.

In its simplest form self regulation is having the ability to monitor and manage rising emotions or energy levels that result from either external experiences and/or internal thoughts.

From awareness then comes the development and practice of healthy coping strategies. Self regulation strategies will look different for each age group. A google search will bring up many different activities to support families to foster these skills in their children at home.



PTA UPDATE

We held our last PTA committee meeting for the year on Monday and made good progress with planning for 2025. We welcomed new committee member Amy Jones and acknowledged the resignation of our Secretary Robin Wilson. We were pleased to approve funding of \$5000 for Structured Literacy in 2025.

We are thrilled to report that the inaugural Market Day made a profit of \$3,300. Thank you again to everyone that supported it and we look forward to bringing you the 2025 edition.

Thank You Evening: Wednesday 11th December, 7pm at Protocol.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations: Please drop any good condition second-hand uniform off at the school office. Thank you!

2025 will start with the **second-hand uniform sale** on Monday 3rd February, 12.30-1pm, school library. The popular **Back to School BBQ** is on Friday 14th February from 4pm. After the incredible response and feedback from the **rogaine**, we are hoping to organise another sooner rather than later. Our big fundraising events in 2025 will be a **month-long raffle in May** with 31 prizes available, one drawn every day. We'll be going back to the safety of a **Quiz Night**, with an extra wholesome theme: Mid-Winter Christmas. Obviously there will be prizes for best dressed so make sure you buy those classic Christmas jumpers and accessories now! If any of our school community families can support us in any way (printing, prizes etc) for either of these fundraisers, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz Fundraising Website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 10th February 2025.

STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements & events

OOHM Christmas Concert

On Monday this week we had a wonderful musical recital by the children learning instruments with our Itinerant Teachers. Our violin, trumpet, trombone, cornet, saxophone, clarinet, cello, flute, and our school Orchestra students performed a selection of Christmas music. Well done to all of our talented young musicians



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Huntsbury Preschool

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY
29 NOVEMBER
10 - 11:30 AM

WE OFFER:

- 100% Qualified teachers
- Great teacher/child ratio
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Spaces are currently available. Enroll today!

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PASIFIKA BEACH SOCCER FESTIVAL 2024

CELEBRATING PACIFIC CULTURE THROUGH FOOTBALL!

**FOOD • MUSIC • FREE GIVEAWAYS
FREE ACTIVITIES • FUN IN THE SUN**

Saturday 7th December
at the Outdoor Beach Court
Pioneer Stadium/Centennial Park

Free junior have-a-go
from 10 am to 11 am
FOR BOYS + GIRLS AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD.

Come along and enjoy some free beach soccer activities!
Pasifika Beach Soccer Showcase Games from
11 am to 3 pm incl. Oceania v The Rest of The World!

Email adam@ntfz.co for more information

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