



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 2 : Thursday 6th March 2024

### BOARD UPDATE

Thank you to the Literacy team for presenting the school data, it is great to see the data sitting at 81% of students working at or above the expected level in reading. We have a lot of accelerated learning happening within the school. Teaching teams have identified next steps to implement throughout the year to make a targeted difference. We are implementing the new curriculums in classroom programmes. Our curriculum leads continue to engage in professional learning to find out how we can continue to support our learners.

2025 is a triennial board election year and we will be looking for 3 new members this election. If you have a background in accountancy, project / property management / education, you might want to consider submitting a nomination when the call goes out later this year.

We encourage our school community to learn more about [what we do as a school board](#) on our website, where you can also find meeting minutes and upcoming meeting dates. If you would like to see us in action, come along to a meeting, please RSVP to the board email below, giving at least 2 weeks notice of a meeting date.

Thank you to all our hardworking staff who are always pleased to hear from parents, whatever their celebrations or concerns. A reminder to all that staff will make it a priority to answer any email queries as soon as possible, within the school hours of 8am and 5pm.

Ngā mihi,

Dan Levett

Presiding member

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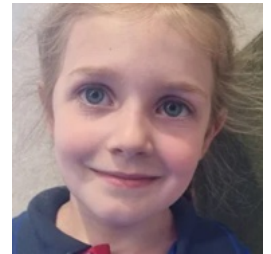
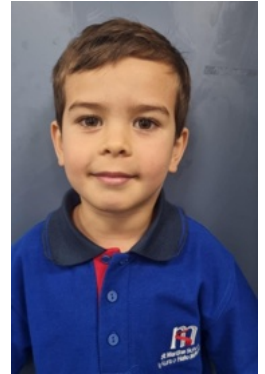
### SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome to Caiden and Emilia. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Thank you to the student council for running a very successful 'walk or wheels' week. Great to see so many of our ākongā involved and engaged in supporting the week. We have a large number of families involved in the City to Surf this year. Thanks to Briana Weaver for getting this underway and promoting this across the school. If you are having a go, good luck with your training during the next few weeks leading up to the event.

The tamariki in the Explorers team enjoyed their day focussed on safe scootering, the group of Kaitiaki the Discoverers were out and about at the climate change campus, the Navigators enjoyed their first lesson with Mixx Korbball and are looking forward to putting their new skills to the test in a competition at the end of the term. High Fliers enjoying engaging in learning based on sea week, the VR session seemed to be a big hit.

This year sees a change in classroom release time as well as opportunities for further professional learning based on the new English and Maths curriculum. Most teachers will have five days per term, others may have seven with Beginning Teachers and Team Leaders having 12 days release per term. This



means that it can be expected that there are a greater number of teachers in the classroom throughout the year. We have employed release teachers to offer consistency, however, we may need to use different relievers when teachers have professional learning.

We have been allocated two teacher only days to focus on the new Maths curriculum.

We will also be using a Teacher Only Day for our Kahui Ako (cluster of schools day).

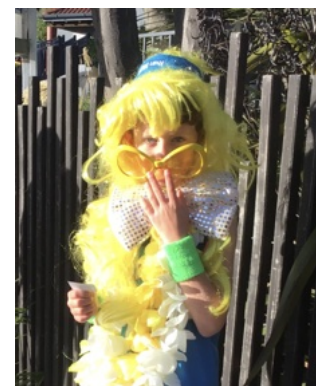
At this stage the Teacher only days are:

- Monday 31 March
- Friday 30 May

With one or two yet to be confirmed depending on the professional learning dates the Ministry of Education provides.

Kia pai te ra - have a great day.

Andrew



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS & 2025 SCHOOL DATES

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

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)



### STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements & events

Hi my name is Kaea and I have been doing the school karakia over the intercom. One day Fletcher, our senior leader, was away so my Nan, Ms Barakat, came and got me to do it. I had no notice of this so on my first time I was excited but a bit scared. All the teachers were happy with how I did and that made me happy too. Now I love doing it and enjoy being part of the school whanau leading the karakia with Maya, Fletcher and Billie.

Ka rawe e te whanau! Kaea and Nan (Ms Barakat)



### PB4L UPDATE

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

Weeks 5-7 continues to practise elements of 'Respect' with a particular focus on using manners.

The skills that we are encouraging are:

- Greeting appropriately
- Following instructions
- Considering others
- Being patient
- Opening doors for others
- Walking up stairs on the left
- Checking in on others
- Waiting to join conversations



### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### Lunchonline - Pure Sushi Ltd

Lunchonline will not be taking orders from 07/04/2025 to 11/04/2025 for Pure Sushi as they are unable to deliver lunches on these dates. Lunchonline apologises for any inconvenience.



## SCHOOL POLICY TERM 1 REVIEW

### SchoolDocs - what is it?

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. If you would like to know more about how SchoolDocs works and your involvement as a caregiver please visit the Parents and Whānau section of the SchoolDocs website.

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

**Username:** stmartins

**Password:** huntsbury

- Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy (board)
- Safety Management System (board)
- Risk Management (board)
- Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation
- Healthcare (board)
- Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness



## PTA UPDATE

**Product Fundraiser:** Next week we will start our Go-Raise-It Cookie Dough and Croissant fundraiser. There will be a three-week sales period from 14th March to 6th April with pick up from school on 1st May (or as otherwise organised). The on-line ordering options will be available on 14th March for you to share with your family and friends to enhance our fundraising potential! All proceeds will go towards the new junior playground.

Options are bags of 13 cookie dough nuggets for \$12, they come frozen to bake these big and delicious cookies on demand. Also, croissants which come frozen and unproofed in bags of 20 for \$20.



CHOCOLATE CHIP



WHITE CHOC  
CRANBERRY



TRIPLE CHOC



GINGERDOODLE



### Interested In Joining The PTA?

Come along to our next meeting! No specific skills required, just a willingness to get involved and help with events and fundraising to support school.

**Support Our Supporters:** Blue Acorn - <https://blueacorn.co.nz/> for all your stainless steel needs from lunch boxes to pegs and lots of other eco friendly products for your home.

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

**Facebook:** St Martins School PTA

**Website:** [stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](http://stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)

**Fundraising Website:** [stmartinspta fundraiser.com](http://stmartinspta fundraiser.com)

**Next Meeting:** Monday 24th March, 7.30pm, Staff Room

## WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau

We were thrilled to see some of our Hato Mātene whānau participating in the NZHL X-Race last weekend. Our tamariki had a fantastic morning and enjoyed working with their family to complete a number of different tasks. Well done to everyone who took part.



Tino pai!

### Morning Waiata

The whānau rōpū will be trialling waiata sessions every Monday morning from 8am - 8.30am beginning in week 7. To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, we kindly ask that you have an adult that will be responsible for your child at these sessions as they are being run by a parent not the school.

Keep an eye on Hero for a post to confirm if you and your child/children would like to attend.

### Meetings for Term 1:

Meetings are twice a term in Ms Barakat's classroom, located beside the school gardens on the top courts. Our next meeting is at 3:20pm Friday 4th April .

Ngā mihi

Alexis Barakat | Whānau Group Representative [alexisbarakat22@gmail.com](mailto:alexisbarakat22@gmail.com)

Join our Facebook! [Te Rōpū Whānau o Hato Matene](#)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Peninsula and Plains Orienteers National Orienteering champs & the Summer Sprints

This event will be run in Christchurch and north Canterbury this year. More details can be found here:

<https://ochamps.nz/>

The Summer Sprints in Christchurch are ideal for first time orienteers. If you are wanting to try it for the first time and are new to orienteering, please let us know at registration so we can find some helpers to give you some tips before you start.

More on the Summer sprints on our website here:

<https://papo.org.nz/series/view/40/summer-sprint-series-2025>

### Sydenham Rugby Rippa & Footy Fun program

A fun, non-contact rugby initiative designed to introduce Year 1 & 2 tamariki to the game in a safe, engaging, and supportive environment. Learn fundamental movement skills, make new friends, and most importantly—have fun! The program is open to all tamariki in the Sydenham, Beckenham, St Martins, Waltham, Spreydon, Barrington, Somerfield, Opawa, Addington, Hoon Hay & Cashmere areas.

Based on feedback from whānau, we have rescheduled the start date to better align with summer sports commitments and ensure more tamariki have the opportunity to take part.

 17 New Start Date: Friday, March 28th

 Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

 Location: Sydenham Park

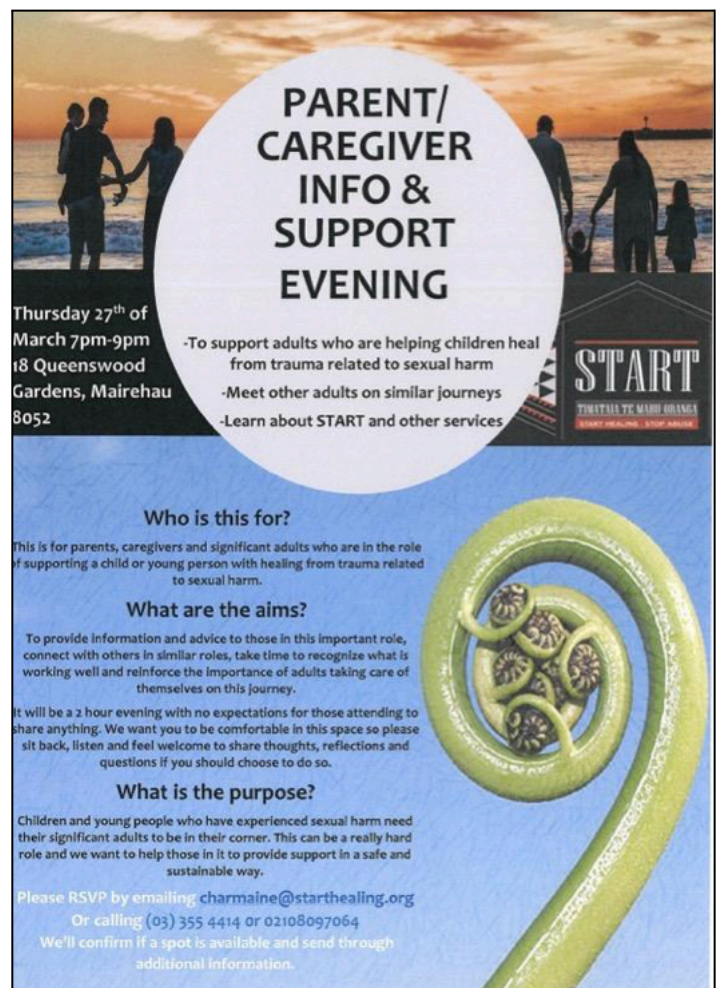


**Children's Wellbeing and Resilience webinar!**

Tuesday 18th February  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Bookings essential  
<https://events.humanitix.com/child-wellbeing-and-resilience-with-anna>

**real parents**



**PARENT/  
CAREGIVER  
INFO &  
SUPPORT  
EVENING**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of  
March 7pm-9pm  
18 Queenswood  
Gardens, Mairehau  
8052

- To support adults who are helping children heal from trauma related to sexual harm
- Meet other adults on similar journeys
- Learn about START and other services

**Who is this for?**

This is for parents, caregivers and significant adults who are in the role of supporting a child or young person with healing from trauma related to sexual harm.

**What are the aims?**

To provide information and advice to those in this important role, connect with others in similar roles, take time to recognize what is working well and reinforce the importance of adults taking care of themselves on this journey.

It will be a 2 hour evening with no expectations for those attending to share anything. We want you to be comfortable in this space so please sit back, listen and feel welcome to share thoughts, reflections and questions if you should choose to do so.

**What is the purpose?**

Children and young people who have experienced sexual harm need their significant adults to be in their corner. This can be a really hard role and we want to help those in it to provide support in a safe and sustainable way.

Please RSVP by emailing: [charmaine@starthealing.org](mailto:charmaine@starthealing.org)  
Or calling (03) 355 4414 or 02108097064  
We'll confirm if a spot is available and send through additional information.

**START**  
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STAR HEALING. STAR AHAU