



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 3 : Thursday 20th March 2025

REMINDERS:

- **CLASS PHOTOS - Friday 28th March (see more information below)**
- **TEACHERS ONLY DAY - Monday 31st March - school closed**

SCHOOL UPDATE

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

Congratulations to the Y7 / 8 tamariki competing in the Police competency test last week. A timed competition that sometimes has a spread of seconds rather than minutes between teams. Lots of working together to be able to be the quickest through the obstacles. An amazing effort by Isla, Daisy, Kiran and Laurence to win the competition.

Thank you to all of our wonderful whānau members who have been able to join us on our trips to Ferrymead or the art gallery in the past few weeks. Our ākongā | learners have really enjoyed the opportunity to work and learn alongside you.

We certainly had wonderful conditions for running on Sunday with a strong field of approximately 120 runners representing St Martins | Hato Mātene at the City 2 Surf event. Congratulations to all of the participants for getting out and making the most of the day. Thanks to Briana Weaver for organising this event for both our tamariki and the community.

Next week we look forward to our Maths leads having their second session with the Ministry of Education to find out more about the implementation of the new curriculum. We will be sharing this information during our staff only day on Monday 31 March.

This year our focus areas will be based on implementing the new Maths and English curriculums, continuing our work to enhance Positive Behaviour 4 Learning and embed our Te Reo programme of work across the school. We have new learning to put in place as we continue to learn, develop our understanding and adapt to the changing educational landscape.

As a staff we are looking forward to being involved in a number of student | staff activities. The student council and house captains have organised volleyball, lip sync and an 'are you fitter than a Y8' event. To be fair we already know the answer to the last event.

As always if there is something you would like to chat about feel free to catch Alice, Leanne or myself at the Waharoa most mornings before school.

Kia pai te ra - have a great day.

Andrew



CLASS PHOTOS 2025 - FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

The Heritage Photo team will be at St Martins School | Hato Mātene Kura School on Friday, 28 March 2025 for your school photos.

Sibling photos will be taken before school starts between 8am until when classes commence at 8.50am.

To make a booking, please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for a sibling photo or scan the QR code .

After Heritage has completed the photographs and edited the images, they will send you an email with a link to view and purchase your sibling photo.

Registrations for sibling photos close on Thursday, 27 March 2025.

Please be aware that if you have a Hotmail email, Heritage's confirmation emails and the link to purchase sibling photos may end up in your spam folder. They kindly suggest using a different email address if possible.

Class Photos / individual photos will be timetabled throughout the school day on the 28th. Please make sure children arrive that day in their full/tidy school uniform.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions / queries regarding photo day. Ph: 332 6121 or email: office@stmartins.school.nz

PB4L UPDATE

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

To begin the year we have been focusing on the value of Respect. The specific skills being taught and reinforced during weeks 5-7 are using manners. This includes

- 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



WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau

Morning Waiata

The whānau rōpū are holding waiata sessions every Monday morning from 8am - 8.30am.

Come along and join in!

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.

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

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



STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements & events

Methven Adventure Race/Rogaine

Congratulations to the students who attended the Methven Adventure Race on the weekend of 8th March. The team 'Headless Chickens' came away with 1st place in the student category. They were also 3rd overall in the 3 hrs category

CJCA Year 8 Summer Tournament

Earlier this month three of our year 8 students participated in the CJCA Summer Cricket Tournament. It was a successful tournament for all; Lachie Haig achieved a Century with 100 off 64 balls - the first century the club has seen in a 35 over game. Jack Thomson had the best bowling figures of the tournament, taking 4/16 and Fletcher Hill hit the winning runs for his team in the last game of the tournament.

City 2 Surf

Last weekend SMS was represented at the City 2 Surf by over 100 members of our school community- students, parents and teachers. It was so great to see the school community come together and get involved in this fun event. Our fastest time goes to Kiran Ferguson who ran the 12km in under an hour! Thank you to all of the amazing parent helpers who gave up their time to help man the tent.

PTA UPDATE

Product Fundraiser: Our fundraiser is underway with an amazing flurry of sales when we launched a week ago, particularly for the popular cookie dough option. Thanks to everyone who has set up their own fundraising page, will you be the top individual fundraiser to receive some free product? Options are bags of 13 frozen cookie dough nuggets for \$12, and croissants, which come frozen and unproofed in bags of 20 for \$20. Orders close on Sunday 6th April.



CHOCOLATE CHIP



WHITE CHOC
CRANBERRY



TRIPLE CHOC



GINGERDOODLE

How To Order: Place a single order: [PTA Fundraising Page](#) OR Create your own fundraising page to share with family and friends: [Own Fundraising Page](#)

Working Bee: Saturday 5th April, 10am onwards. Postponement date Sunday 6th. More information on specific jobs will be provided closer to the time.

Interested in Joining the PTA? Come along to our meeting this coming Monday, no particular skills required just a willingness to get involved and help the team with events and fundraising to support school. Meeting details below.

Support Our Supporters: Kowhai Vet, 122 Opawa Road - <https://kowhaivet.co.nz/>

Contact Us: info@stmartinschoolpta.org.nz

Facebook: St Martins School PTA

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



Cookie Dough & CROISSANTS

CREATE YOUR OWN FUNDRAISING PAGE ORDER DIRECTLY FROM THE PTA





Autumn Working Bee

Saturday 5th April @ 10am

Meet: Main Entrance
Postponement: Sunday 6th April @ 10am
Light Lunch Provided Afterwards



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)

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: smartins

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Netsafe and Save the Children survey - youth online experiences with social media and gaming

This anonymous online survey is a partnership between Save the Children Fund and Netsafe and open to all children and young people aged 5-18. It will ask questions about young people's online experiences, including social media and gaming. The results will be shared with parents, teachers and decision-makers to help support changes to make online use for youth safer. To complete the online survey please visit

[Tamariki Online! Have your say with Netsafe and Save the Children](#)





SUNDAY
23 MARCH
9AM - 12NOON

HALSWELL RLFC
HALSWELL RD/DOMAIN

Pre-loved maternity, babies, kids and
twens clothes, toys, accessories,
furniture and other nursery items for
families to sell and buy



SPREAD THE WORD

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE
YEAR 7 AND 8 PLAYERS.**

JOIN US THIS
SEASON

FREE SUBS
FOR 2025

This team has an annual trip to
Wellington. Come and be a part of
the tradition!

Feel free to contact us
regarding other grades.

For more information please contact:
Junior Club Captain - Nicole Paton
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email: lytteltonrugbyjcc@gmail.com

Register now



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