



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 4 : Thursday 3rd April 2025

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.

### 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)

### BOARD UPDATE

A reminder that we will be holding board elections later this year, so if you are interested in learning more about what the board does please get in touch or come along to a meeting. Email: [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz)

Thanks

Dan

### SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome to Fraser. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to St Martins School.

We had a wonderful day on Monday looking at the new maths curriculum, thank you Chantal and Paige for leading our staff conversations, direction and implementation of this.

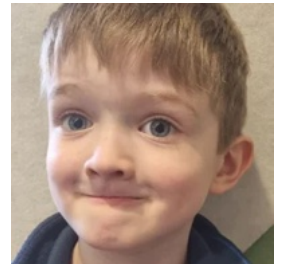
Thanks for your support with our optional uniform days this week. Great to see so many children in hoodies on Wednesday to show our support for autism.

Megan and Nicky have been working on fundraising for the Y7 / 8 Boyle River camp. We have been able to get some outside funding to reduce the cost of camp. The advertised cost of camp was \$320 per student. We are now able to confirm that the cost per student has been reduced by \$120 to **\$200**. Thanks Megan and Nicky for your mahi in supporting whānau for camp.

We head into the last week of the term next week. On Monday we will be sharing a curriculum focus through HERO as part of our reporting process. This will be an aspect of learning that has been completed during term one.

Thank you to the playground committee for the work they have been doing behind the scenes to continue to move this project forward. We are finalising some costs and thinking around the staging of this project. We are hopeful that this project will start in the next few months.

Unfortunately one of our ākonga was knocked off their bike after school last Friday by a car reversing into a driveway to turn around on Albert Terrace. The student was unhurt, but was shaken by the incident.



We ask all of our community to please ensure you are following the correct road user etiquette and remain vigilant when driving around the school grounds. This is especially important as we move into the colder months and during the busy dropoff and pickup times of the day.

Some things to consider are:

- Driving slowly and to the weather conditions
- Take care and double check when coming in and out of driveways
- Ensure you are parking responsibly - do not park across driveways
- Limit your time in the 3 minute car park for quick drop-off / pickups only - please do not queue behind this allocated space or on the yellow lines as this blocks visibility for the Road patrollers

We are looking forward to getting into the school grounds on Saturday at the working bee. Thanks to the PTA for organising this. If you are available feel free to come and join us 10.00 - 12.00pm on Saturday morning (PP day is Sunday) At this stage our focus areas are: the front fence, adding weed matting to two small gardens, clearing some spaces and a few spaces to tidy.

Kia pai te ra - have a great day.

Andrew



**KIWI VOLLEY HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
 Age Year 5 - Year 8  
 Date & Time:  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - 10am - 12pm  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April - 9am - 11am  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 10am - 12pm  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 10am - 12pm  
 Location - Pioneer Stadium  
 Register via the link below!  
 Questions? Contact - office@cva.nz

## 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.



**THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING FOR CHILDREN WITH ADHD**  
 Seeking participants for a study on the impact of horse riding on children with ADHD  
 We need:  
 • Children 8-11 years  
 • Diagnosed with ADHD  
 • Available for 1 riding session per week in term 2 or 3 during school hours  
 • Location - RDA arena 102C Curletts rd, Chch  
 You get:  
 • 1 term free riding lessons with qualified therapeutic riding coach.  
 • Skills and strategies to help manage tricky ADHD symptoms  
 For more information and to see if your child meets inclusion criteria:  
 sarah.ritchie@pg.canterbury.ac.nz  
 This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Research Ethics Committee

### 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

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## PTA UPDATE

**Working Bee:** This Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 12.30pm. Please come to the main entrance to be assigned a job. There are a wide variety of jobs to complete, big and small, we would really appreciate your support. Please check the Hero notice tomorrow / Friday for further details.

**Last Chance to Order!** Bags of 13 frozen cookie dough nuggets for \$12, and croissants which come frozen and unproofed in bags of 20 for \$20. Orders close this Sunday with delivery from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Order Here: [PTA Fundraising Page](#)



**Autumn Working Bee**  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am  
 Meet: Main Entrance  
 Postponement: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am  
 Light Lunch Provided Afterwards



CHOCOLATE CHIP      WHITE CHOC CRANBERRY      TRIPLE CHOC      GINGERDOODLE

**Funding:** At our most recent PTA meeting we were pleased to approve \$4000 funding for the Garden To Table programme and \$700 for literacy resources.

**Move X:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6 - 8pm. A fun night for the children, always a sold out event. \$20 per child. Book here:

[Move X Tickets](#)

**Save the Date:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – QUIZ NIGHT is back in 2025!

**Second-Hand Uniform Sale:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30 - 3.15pm, school library. Cash or online banking. Please leave any donations of uniforms in the school office. Thank you.

**Support Our Supporters:** Prime Range Fresh, 2/303 Colombo Street, Sydenham Christchurch 8023. <https://primerangefresh.co.nz/>

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

**Facebook:** St Martins School PTA

**Next Meeting:** AGM, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, School Hall - new members welcome.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### The Community Dental Service - Holiday hours

Closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Reopening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Five of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

- Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue)
- Woolston (11 Hopkins Street)
- Rangiora (163 Ashley Street)
- Northcote (24 Tuckers Road)
- Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you.



**SCOUTS**  
**ST MARTINS SCOUTS**  
**SECOND HAND**  
**SKI & GEAR SALE**

SKIS SNOWBOARDS TENTS SLEEPINGBAGS PACKS GLOVES  
HATS SKI/SNOW/TRAMPING BOOTS JACKETS GOGGLES  
THERMALS AND ANY OTHER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GEAR

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD 9AM-1PM**  
**GEAR DROP: FRIDAY MAY 2ND**  
**5.30PM-8.30PM**

297 CENTAURUS ROAD

**MORE DETAILS:**  
[WWW.SMARTSCOUTS.CO.NZ/GEAR](http://WWW.SMARTSCOUTS.CO.NZ/GEAR)



**The Walking Festival**  
Saturday 12 April - Sunday 21 April

**Gruffalo Explorers**

**Thursday 24 April**  
Start anytime between 10am and 2pm  
Bottle Lake Forest Information Centre, Waitkin Drive, Burwood.

On this self-guided walk, young walkers can become the mouse, explore the deep dark wood, and meet new friends including snake, fox, owl, and the Gruffalo.  
Make a booking at [Humanitix.com](http://Humanitix.com)

Find out more  
[ccc.govt.nz/gruffalo](http://ccc.govt.nz/gruffalo) In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled.

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**DISCOVER HERSTORY:**  
**SUPER SLEUTH QUEST**

17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AND 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
10:30AM - 12:00PM  
\$5 PER CHILD  
AGES 7-12

BOOK A MORNING TEA WHILE YOU WAIT!



**Christchurch Kids Market**

**A MARKET RUN BY KIDS, FOR KIDS!**  
(& GOODIES FOR ADULTS TOO!)

- ✓ Reduce, Reuse, Relove
- ✓ Pre-loved Toys & Clothes
- ✓ Homemade & Homegrown
- ✓ Support Young Entrepreneurs

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April  
10:30am-12:30pm  
At: Mount Pleasant Community Centre  
Indoor Market - Over 30 Stall holders

**- FREE ENTRY -**  
[CHRISTCHURCHKIDSMARKET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISTCHURCHKIDSMARKET@GMAIL.COM)