



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 5 : Thursday 1st May 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & 2025 SCHOOL DATES

Attached to the bottom of this newsletter is a Calendar of Events for Term 2 as it currently stands. A paper copy of this newsletter will be coming home tomorrow (Friday) feel free to put the calendar somewhere handy to refer to at home.

For live updates to the school calendar visit this [link](#) or view via your HERO app. Please check this regularly to stay up to date with any changes to our events dates / times.

2025 TERM TWO DATES

T2 = 28 April - 27 June

Friday 30th May - Staff only day - School closed

Can you add in the public holidays - King's birthday / Matariki

SCHOOL UPDATE

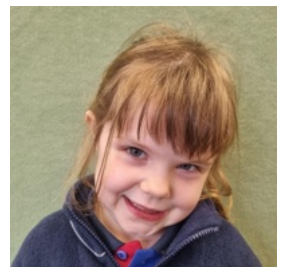
Thank you to Kiran and Scarlett for representing the school at the ANZAC service last week. This year we laid a wreath in recognition of those that went before us. It was wonderful to see a number of families from the St Martins community join the local service. We are always exceptionally appreciative of the support from Graham playing the last post at school. Monday was a warm afternoon to gather at the Waharoa and hear the Last Post being played.

Welcome to Eden, Elisa, Xanthe, Ellie, Angus, Holly, Estelle, Lila and Jake. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your wonderful contributions to St Martins School.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the break with their tamariki at home. Hopefully you were able to have some time together either during Easter or through the break at some stage. There were lots of great holiday happenings including wet weather games and inside activities.

We are hoping to get out to practice for our cross country event in week three. Please remember to make sure your ākonga have appropriate footwear in case we get a break in the weather to either get out and do some running games or have a good crack at the cross country course. This year all of the children will compete / participate on the same day, feel free to come along to Hansen's park on 13th May from 9.30am (PP Fri 16 May) The Government has set the goal of having **80% of students present for more than 90% of the term by 2030**. The reason behind this is the clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Higher levels of educational achievement can mean better health, higher incomes, better job stability, and more participation in communities. This all makes society stronger and more connected. It is pleasing to be able to share that our **term one attendance meets this target with 80% of ākonga having regular attendance (over 90% of the term)**. Congratulations everyone, thanks for supporting your tamariki with the opportunities to engage in the fabulous learning environment of St Martins | Hato Mātene.

The Y7 / 8 High Fliers team are prepping for their Boyle River Camp experience. Camps are always a highlight of being at school, I am sure this one will be no different. There are



lots of exciting activities to be involved in, as always, camps are 'challenge by choice', so get involved with as much as you can. Push your own limits to see what you are capable of. Thank you to the kaiako for planning, liaising and coordinating this event. Thanks to the many whānau members who will be joining us on this camp experience.

This term we will be celebrating Matariki with a focus on Ako, focussing on the togetherness of tuakana teina as we learn. The Culturally Responsive team have planned a day with activities in buddy classes, sharing of our manu korero competition and a walk through of classes for whānau in the afternoon. Feel free to book the date of Monday 16 June. We also have a number of classes visiting Rāpaki Marae this term.

Next term (yes, we are starting to gear up for this already) we will be holding a St Martins | Hato Mātene Extravaganza. This will see all of the children on stage in a performing arts experience. The dates have been confirmed as August 26 - 28. Next term some teachers may ask for parent support with costuming (creating, sourcing, organising), backstage on the night, props construction, possibly a myriad of things. As we get closer to the time, classroom teachers may be in contact with specific aspects. It will be exciting to get everyone back on the stage in 2025.

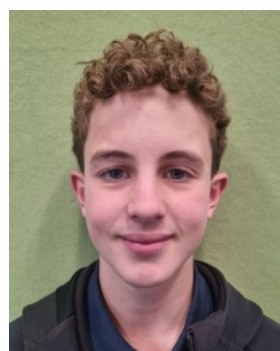
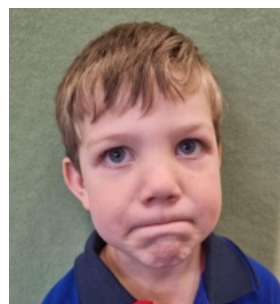
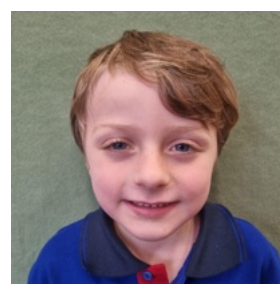
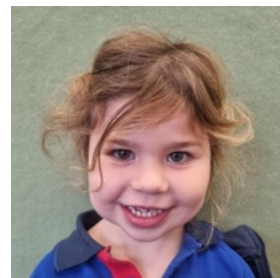
On Monday this week team newsletters were sent home. These provide a wealth of information for you and your child. An outline of the learning for the term, anticipated costs and key dates. Might be worth keeping your copy handy to refer back to.

As always if you would like to catch up with Alice, Leanne or myself, we can often be found at the Waharoa before school.

Looking forward to a fabulous term ahead, we hope you may be able to join us for some of the events on offer.

Kia pai te ra - have a great day.

Andrew



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

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises (board)
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis (board)
- Emergency Closure (board)
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class Photos 2025

Heritage Productions visited our school recently to take our annual school photos. An order card has been produced for each child present on the day of the photo session.

The order card contains the following information:

- Photo proof
- Unique passcode. This enables you to view and order your child's images online.
- QR code and website details for ordering

To place a photo order please either scan the QR code or visit their website listed on the order card. Their website contains all the information on pack sizes and pricing. Payments are online via credit or debit card.

Orders for FREE delivery to school close on 22 May 2025 at midnight.

Orders placed after this date will be posted and shipping applies. You will receive an order confirmation by email.

PB4L - Positive Behavior for Learning

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

During the first 2 weeks of our Term 2 Responsibility focus, students will be revisiting the character of integrity. Integrity means to do the right thing even when there is nobody watching. It shows that you are a trustworthy person and builds strong friendships.

PTA UPDATE

Move X: Saturday 17th May, 6 - 8pm. A fun night for the children, numbers are limited. \$20 per child. Book here: [Move X Tickets](#)

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Monday 5th May, 2.30 - 3.15pm, school library. Cash or online banking. Please leave any donations of uniforms in the school office or email us to collect. Thank you.

30 Days / 30 Prizes Raffle: Ticket sales start next week for our month of June raffle, 30 chances to win with a prize every day. Minimum prize value \$50 up to \$300. Tickets \$10. Email us to reserve your tickets. We would greatly appreciate you selling to family, friends and work colleagues to help us raise the last of the PTA contribution to the school playground.

Save the Date: Saturday 26th July - **QUIZ NIGHT** is back in 2025 with a wholesome mid-winter christmas theme!

Support Our Supporters: Cocoa Black - our local cafe who have kindly donated a \$100 voucher towards the June raffle.

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Facebook: St Martins School PTA

Website: <https://www.stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz/>

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday 12th May, 7pm, School Hall - new members welcome.





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SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Uniform to donate?
Email us to arrange collection or drop off at the school office prior to Friday 2nd May.

-  **Monday 5th May**
-  **2:30pm - 3:15pm**
-  **Library**

CASH OR ONLINE BANKING

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NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE
PRODUCTION OF

CATS
Young Actors Edition

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Based on the book of PRIMAVAL CATS by T.S. Eliot

23-25 May | Isaac Theatre Royal, Christchurch

 [TICKETEK](https://www.ticketek.co.nz) [nyt.nz](https://www.nyt.nz)

Featuring Your St Martin's School Students

Lyla Topping as Bill Bailey,
Eryn Topping, Olivia Brandt,
Daisy Holten as Carbucketty
& Dominic Canard

BOOK NOW!
Tickets via TICKETEK





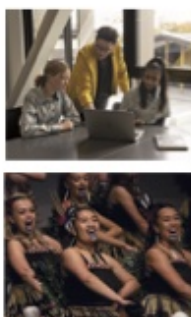
Term 2 2025 Calendar of Events

2	Mon 5 May	Tues 6 May	Wed 7 May	Thur 8 May	Fri 9 May
	2.30-3.15 Uniform Sale (library)	William Pike Rock Climbing		GTT (Rm 13 & 14)	<u>Assembly</u> 9 - 9.45am Y0-4 2.15 - 3pm Y5-8
			12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	Yr 4-6 Rippa Rugby Tournament	12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club
3	Mon 12 May	Tues 13 May	Wed 14 May	Thur 15 May	Fri 16 May
	7.30pm PTA AGM (school Hall)	8 - 9am Y0-2 Huff n Puff Hansen Park (PP 16 May) Y3-8 School Cross Country Hansen Park (PP Fri 16 May) 6.30pm Board meeting (staffroom)	10am - 3pm Rock Discovery trip - Discoverers 12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club 6 - 7pm HF Camp Parent meeting (Room 11)	GTT (Rm 15 & 16) School Newsletter	Pink Shirt Day 12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club (PP) Y0-8 H&P/Cross Country <u>Sat 17th May</u> MoveX night
4	Mon 19 May	Tues 20 May	Wed 21 May	Thur 22 May	Fri 23 May
	Discoverers Halswell Quarry Trip Rm 14: 9 - 12.30pm Rm 13: 12 - 3pm		Discoverers Halswell Quarry Trip Rm 16: 9am - 12.30pm Rm 15: 12pm - 3pm 12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	GTT (Rm 13 & 14) Yr 8 Winter Sports	<u>Assembly</u> 9 - 9.45am Y0-4 2.15 - 3pm Y5-8 12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club
	Highflyers Boyle River Camp Camp 1 (Rooms 9 and 10): Monday 19th May – Wednesday 21st May Camp 2 (Rooms 11, 12 and 21): Wednesday 21st May – Friday 23rd May				
5	Mon 26 May	Tues 27 May	Wed 28 May	Thur 29 May	Fri 30 May
		Explorers Art Gallery Trip	12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club Yr 5 - 8 Zone Cross Country (PP Fri 30th May)	GTT (Rm 15 & 16) School Newsletter Yr 8 Winter Sports	Staff only day (School closed)
6	Mon 2 June	Tues 3 June	Wed 4 June	Thur 5 June	Fri 6 June
	King's Birthday (School closed)		12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	GTT (Rm 13 & 14) Yr 8 Winter Sports	Assembly 9 - 9.45am Y0-4 2.15 - 3pm Y5-8 12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club
7	Mon 9 June	Tues 10 June	Wed 11 June	Thur 12 June	Fri 13 June
		9am - 10.30am HFs Tournament of the minds taster		GTT (Rm 15 & 16)	12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club
			12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	School Newsletter Yr 8 Winter Sports	
8	Mon 16 June	Tues 17 June	Wed 18 June	Thur 19 June	Fri 20 June
	Matariki Celebration		12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	GTT (Rm 13 & 14) Yr 8 Winter Sports	Matariki (School closed)
9	Mon 23 June	Tues 24 June	Wed 25 June	Thur 26 June	Fri 27 June
	9am - 3pm Navigators Marae Trip Rm 19/20 - Monday. Rm 17/18 - Tuesday		12.25 - 12.55pm Te Reo Club	GTT (Rm 15 & 16) School Newsletter	Last day of term 2
	Korfball Tournament	11.45 - 2.45pm Junior Zone Cross Country (Hillview)		Yr 8 Winter Sports	12.20-1.15pm Kaitiaki Club



Te Puna Wai o Waipapa
Hagley College
YEAR 9 2026
Auripo Auditorium
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
22 MAY OPEN NIGHT

www.hagley.school.nz



Te Aratai College Open Days

Thursday 22nd May, Friday 23rd May, 2025

These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/ rangatahi in for a small guided tour and to see our kura in action. Whānau must book these visits by contacting our taupaepae-reception.

For Open Days please contact reception to make a booking by calling 03 982 0100 or emailing office@tearatai.school.nz

Te Aratai College Open Night

Tuesday 27th May, 4.30pm - 6pm

The Open Night Tour will start promptly at 4.30pm with Principal Maria Lematie addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākonga, kalako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome.

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