



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 6 : Thursday 15th May 2025

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS & 2025 SCHOOL DATES

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

28 April - 27 June

School closed the following days:

- Staff only day - Friday 30th May
- King's birthday - Monday 2nd June
- Matariki - Friday 20th June
- Learning conferences - Friday 27 June - school closes at 12.30pm

### BOARD UPDATE

Firstly we'd like to thank the PTA for inviting us to the AGM on Monday. It was great to hear about the fundraising activities and the community events they are planning. Many thanks to you all for giving up your valuable time to help fundraise for projects such as garden to table and the new junior playground. You really make a difference to our school.

As previously mentioned we are holding school board elections later this year, so invite anyone interested in the governance of our school to get in touch to learn more about it. We are especially seeking a finance professional to assist in the financial aspects of the role.

Best regards

Dan Levett

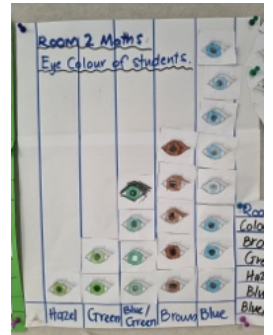
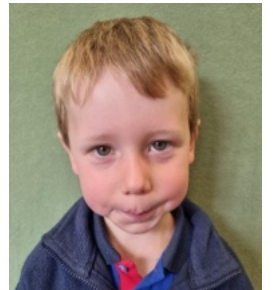
### SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you for the wonderful attendance at the cross country this week. It was great to have the whole school utilising Hansen Park for the morning. Thanks to all of the senior students supporting our younger tamariki with their run, leading them around the course before sending them down to the finishing line. As always thanks to Jarad for organising the event. As this is a new event for the whole school we are going to review our organisation and processes. Two aspects have come up for consideration; the possibility of requesting dogs remain at home, and some parent-help support on the track to increase adult presence for our runners.

The next stage is to get our runners ready for the zone events coming up. Good luck to Emily and Jarad with their next training focus.

We welcome Zac and Hugo to our New Entrant space. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your wonderful contributions to St Martins School.

We are thrilled to see our students gearing up for camp next week. These experiences are invaluable, offering opportunities for our tamariki to grow in confidence, resilience, and teamwork. At the heart of our camp philosophy is 'Challenge by Choice,'



empowering each child to participate in activities at a level they feel comfortable with. This approach allows them to stretch their boundaries while feeling supported and safe. We know these camps are made truly special by the wonderful support of our parent community, and we'd like to extend our thanks in advance to all who contribute their time and energy to make these adventures memorable and enriching. We're looking forward to another fantastic experience together.

Term two continues to be a reporting term. We are collecting data in a variety of ways. This year we have been asked to report using the new English and Maths curriculums. We will be doing this by using the learning goals in HERO. As usual we will be offering learning conferences in week nine (the last week of the term). We hope to see you at these to be able to talk through and clarify new aspects of our reporting. Alice Denley will be sharing information about what will be reported in the next few weeks.

We enjoyed the SMS | HM Rock Band 'Lost Property' playing yesterday. Thanks Charlie for the great work you are doing with our amazing musicians. Tomorrow we finish off the week with a performance from 'Strike Percussion' - always a hit with our ākonga. If you would like to catch up with Alice, Leanne or myself, we can often be found at the Waharoa before school.

Kia pai te ra - have a great day.

Andrew

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The William Pike students had an awesome two days last week in the sunshine planting over 500 native trees in our local community, as well as learning to rock climb, abseil and belay.

We had some special guests from the Home and Family Charitable Trust join us for our senior assembly on Friday, and present our school with a very special certificate. St Martins school students raised over \$600 for this amazing charity as part of their William Pike service and they popped in to give the kids a big thank you in person.

<https://www.homeandfamily.net.nz>

### Poem by Lindsay - Room 19

The drums of liberation  
Sound like light and joy  
They are beating in my heart  
They are the path to light  
And they defeat darkness  
The freedom of joy is created by the drums  
The drums give me joy itself  
This is the path I will take

## SCHOOL POLICY TERM 1 REVIEW

### SchoolDocs - what is it?

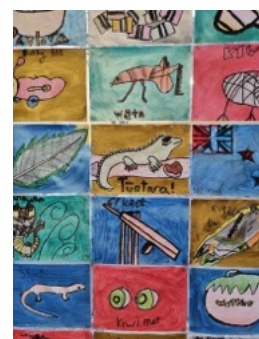
NZ schools are governed by a school board and a range of policies and procedures. Our policies are hosted by SchoolDocs Ltd, an online policy and procedure service for New Zealand primary and intermediate schools. If you would like to know more about how SchoolDocs works and your involvement as a caregiver 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;

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- 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

### George's new jersey!

Thank you to our lovely school parent, Amy (mum of Ella & Saydi) who has crocheted a gorgeous wee winter jersey - complete with a St Martins School logo, for George our school dog. As you can see, he absolutely loves it!

### 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'*

We continue to work through aspects of the **Responsibility** value for weeks 3 and 4, with a particular focus on being responsible for our outdoor spaces.

This includes:-

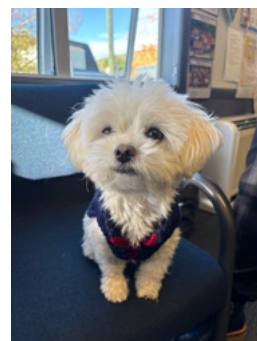
### Recycling/rubbish disposal

- Use correct bins, take rubbish home

### Playground

- Keep tidy
- Stay in designated play areas
- Use play equipment appropriately

The Discoverers team were guardians of our grounds earlier this week and collected a huge amount of avoidable waste. St Martins school encourages families to make litter free lunches. This can be achieved by opening snack packets at home and swapping them out for smaller **named containers** that can be reused. The use of smaller containers also prevents the need to use plastic wrap.



## PTA UPDATE

**Raffle Time:** 30 Days, 30 Prizes for the month of June. Total prize pool \$3571.

**Can you help us sell tickets please?** We are keen for the school community to get behind the raffle and sell tickets to family, friends and work colleagues. Please get in touch if you would like a pack of 10 tickets to sell, returns accepted, email [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz)



**How To Purchase Tickets:** After school today (Thurs) and tomorrow and next week Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) and Tuesday **or** by putting your name on the office raffle list **or** email us [info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz](mailto:info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz) above, with your ticket request.

**Move X:** There are a few tickets remaining for this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6 – 8pm. \$20 per child. Book here via Sign Up Genius: [Move X Tickets](#)

**Cookie Dough and Croissant Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who purchased from the recent fundraiser which made \$2,500. All the product has now been distributed. If you are now wishing you purchased more, the raffle prize on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June is a box of product, value \$136 – buy a ticket to be in to win!



