



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 9 : Thursday 26th June 2025

School closes at 12.30 on Friday 26 June (tomorrow)

2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

This year is an Election year for our School Board.

We have 3 current members stepping down therefore 3 nomination spaces to fill. If you have ever wondered what the school board are all about please consider joining a meeting or contact Board Chair Dan Levett on bot@stmartins.school.nz to register your interest.

Nominations can be submitted between Friday 18th July - 6th August.

Please keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and hero posts for more information about how to do this.

Below is the election timeline.



Join us!

St Martins | Hāto Mātene
School Board Midterm elections
2025

Nominations open 18th July

For more information contact
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Parent & Staff Election Timetable		
Election Stage	10 September Election Date	For other election dates
Appoint Returning Officer By	Wednesday 9 th July	At least 63 days before election day
Close Main Roll	Wednesday 16 th July	56 days before election day
Call for Nominations	Friday 18 th July	At least 54 days before election day
Close Supplementary Roll	Monday 4 th August	37 days before election day
Nominations Close	12 noon on Wednesday 6 th August	At noon on 35 days before election day
Voting Papers Issued	Wednesday 13 th August	At least 28 days before election day
Election Day	Wednesday 10 th September	Election day
Close Poll	4pm on Wednesday 10 th September	4pm on Election day
Count Votes & Declare Results	Tuesday 16 th September	6 th day after election day
Board Takes Office	Wednesday 17 th September	7 th day after election day

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 THREE DATES Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

School is closed: Friday 12th September - Staff only day

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Thank you for taking the time to connect with us this week. It is always great to be able to share the progress that has been made during the first half of the year. Lots of highlights to be proud of. We continue to develop assessment and reporting in line with the refreshed curriculum and the phases outlined. We appreciate the feedback, that as a community many enjoyed the graphs showing progress against expected levels. We hope to have these again for term four reporting, this will depend on the Government's guidelines around the descriptors they would like us to use. The draft descriptors may have been shared with you this term. At the moment there are four, already there is a conversation around adding a fifth. We are very much in a fluid position at the moment.

After 21 years of wonderful service to our school community, we extend our warmest wishes to Cate van Leuven as she embarks on her new role in Itinerant Music at Hagley High. Cate's remarkable commitment has touched many lives, particularly through her invaluable work in Reading Recovery, where she has consistently fostered a love of reading and empowered our young learners. We are incredibly grateful for her contributions and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter.

Next term we welcome Miss Keisha Gilling as a Year 1 Teacher working alongside Charlotte Bates. Keisha and Charlotte will be working in Rooms 5 and 6. Miss Jorja O'Sullivan joins the transition hub next term as a release teacher. We look forward to Keisha and Jorja joining the wonderful St Martins | Hato Mātene team, we know that you will make a positive difference for our youngest learners.

This week the children in Y1 - 4 competed in the zone cross country held at Hillview Christian School. We were really impressed with our tamariki, fabulous efforts across all year levels. Special mentions go to Finn - 2nd in the year 4 boys, Serenity - 4th in the year 3 girls and the Y4 girls coming first in the teams event. Thanks for the amazing whānau support, awesome to see such great adult support for all of our runners.

We hope everyone enjoyed the presentations, performance and creativity shared during Matariki last week. We appreciate the number of parents who were able to join us last Monday. Although a chilly start, the Discoverers waiata performance was warmly received. What would Matariki be without shared kai, whether it was milo or shared breakfast, joining together was the key.

Next term we'll have our last Ministry of Education staff only day based on Maths. We will be joining with a number of primary schools in our Kahui Ako to listen to Rob Profitt White based on three key themes: basic facts, rich tasks vs word problems and assessment on the go. **School will be closed on Friday 12th September.** Please note this will not affect Navigators 1 Camp.

Congratulations to all of the Y7 / 8 korfbal competitors. Having teams in both division finals is an amazing effort. Have a wonderful break, I hope that you will be able to spend some time with your tamariki during the two weeks. We look forward to seeing you all back for an amazing term three, getting everyone on stage for our extravaganza will be a highlight.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew



SCHOOL NOTICES

40 Hour Challenge Results

Huge congratulations and a heartfelt well done to all our students and our wonderful school community for exceeding our fundraising goal, raising an incredible \$6,225 through the 40 Hour Challenge for World Vision.

This is a truly outstanding achievement and will make a real difference in the lives of children in the Pacific region. Your generosity, effort, and commitment are something to be proud of.



A special thank you to our 40 Hour Challenge leaders – Clara Reid, Penny Brooks, Sylvie Targett, Rohan Grummitt, Caleb Johnston, and Lara Condron. You were an inspiring, supportive team who led with enthusiasm and encouraged others every step of the way.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone involved – what an amazing community effort!



The poster is for a school event titled "St Martins School EXTRAVAGANZA!". The background is a dark red with a subtle pattern of vertical lines. At the top, there are logos for "The WIZARD of OZ", "St Martins School Te Kura o Hato Mātene" (a blue square with a white 'm'), and "Footrot Flats". The title "St Martins School EXTRAVAGANZA!" is in a large, white, stylized font. Below the title is a large black circle containing a red letter 'N'. The subtitle "Once Upon a Stream" is in a black, cursive font. The event details are listed in white text: "Time: 6-8 PM", "When: 26th-28th August", "Where: Hillview Christian School Gym", "Act 1: Juniors 6-7 pm", and "Act 2: Seniors 7.15-8 pm". Ticketing information is in black text: "Ticketing Available: Week 1" and "Term 3". The bottom features the text "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" in large yellow letters and "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" in a blue, stylized font. The sides of the poster are decorated with vertical text and logos for various movies and TV shows: "MATILDA", "hairspray", "SHREK", "MOANA", "FINDING NEMO", "Trolls", "THE LION KING", "THE LITTLE MERMAID", "BACK TO THE FUTURE", "QUICKED", "SING", and "THE SOUND OF MUSIC".

The WIZARD of OZ

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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 7 and 8, with a particular focus on being responsible for property. This means ...

- Return items left outside to designated areas
- Lost property, sports gear etc
- Look after school and individual belongings / equipment

Our lost property box is overflowing with unnamed items. We can not emphasise enough the importance of having all personal belongings named. This way items are more likely to make their way back to owners.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Christchurch Music Festival selection

Congratulations to the following St Martins School Students who auditioned and were rewarded a place in the upcoming Christchurch Music Festival. It is extremely hard to get into this groups so we are very proud them all:

- Henry Lewis-Maddick - selected for Junior Choir
- Peter Hickman - Selected for Concert Band Trombone
- Sophia Hickman - Selected for Concert Band Cornet

PTA UPDATE

Raffle: Thank you for your amazing support of the raffle, making just over \$10,000 which will go directly towards playground equipment. Congratulations to our raffle winners from 13th – 26th June: Andreas Michaelides x2!, Rosemary Brooks, Lauren Cooper, Isaac Devine, Oliviah Theyers-Collins, Torika de Rooy, Chrissy Fastier, Dave Fahey, Graeme Noble, Richard Fantham, Sara Brown, Leanne Parnham and Louise Sheppard.

Good luck for the remaining few days, our fingers are crossed for you!

Quiz Night Saturday 26th July: We are down to the last few spaces, team numbers are limited. If you need to join a team, register using the form below and we'll match up with some other quizzers. This year we are offering VIP tables! Get the best seats in the house with a personal Christmas Elf. All information is provided with the registration form or email us at: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz **Register Here: Quiz Registration Form**

Rogaine: Being held on Friday 22nd August with the support of our amazing school rogaining families and PAPO. Entry will be \$5 per person with the latest start time of 5pm and everyone finishing by 6pm. You can then come back to the hall for some tasty hot food and a warm milo while the results come in. Yr 6 and under will need to be accompanied by an adult on the course, Yr 7 and older can participate without an adult but with compulsory gear. Look out for the entry form early next term.

Second-Hand Uniform: We are unable to hold a second-hand uniform sale in Term 3 due to the low levels of stock. We have plenty of smaller size fleeces if you are in need of one, please email us below. We are very grateful for all your uniform donations, please keep them circulating and drop into the school office, thank you.

Support Our Supporters: Black Cat Cruises just in time for the holidays: www.blackcat.co.nz

Next Meeting: Monday 21st July, 7.30pm, Staff Room.

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Facebook: St Martins School PTA

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



WHĀNAU GROUP

Our Whānau group was established in order for our whānau to have a safe place to voice their ideas and suggestions. The Whānau Group works together with our Kura, Board of Trustees and the wider community to set goals that will raise the culture and the achievement of all of our tamariki. Having a Whānau Group in our school helps families become more involved with what is happening within the school community.

Our hui are informal; we share kai and kōrero while our tamariki play together. Meetings are twice a term in Miss Barakat's classroom, located beside the school gardens on the top courts.

Wednesday Morning Te Reo Māori and Waiata Group Come and hang out with your friends and learn te reo Māori through games, crafts and pūrākau (stories) and waiata. Every week at 8am. We welcome all families to come and join us.

Alexis Barakat | Whānau Group Representative

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Join our Facebook! [Te rōpū whānau o Hato Matene](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monster Music Rock-a-thon - featuring St Martins Students

We've found the most talented primary & intermediate school bands across Canterbury — now they're hitting the stage to show you what the next generation of Kiwi rockstars can do! Each band is bringing a 15-minute set, including at least one original song.

An epic afternoon of live music by Canterbury's best young bands!

Sunday, July 13th 1-4pm at 'A Rolling Stone, Christchurch

Koha entry at the door (around \$10 is sweet as!)

Featuring performances by:

- **Loose Units** (St Martins School's very own Jack Thomson and Tor Prince)
- The Aftershocks
- Wired
- The Real Deal
- Lies & Lullabies (St Andrew's College)
- Bromley Beast (Bromley School)
- Special guests: The Lost Haven

The band that brings the biggest audience wins a \$200 Music Planet voucher — so make sure you tell us who you're there to support when you arrive!

All ages welcome — bring your whānau, your mates, your nan, and your neighbour. Let's pack the place and give these young legends the crowd they deserve!



BUILD-A-TRAP DAY

Predator Free Ports Hills are offering the St Martins community the opportunity to build a trap for free on the first Sunday of the school holidays (29th June) from 1-3pm. BYO hammer and cushion to kneel on, everything else is supplied! Please see the flyer attached for details.

The Community Dental Service - upcoming school holidays

Closed from Friday 27th June, Reopening on: Monday 14th July.

The following community dental clinics will be open in Christchurch during this School Holiday period:

- Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
- Woolston (11 Hopkins Street)

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

