S'Mart Community

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The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: <u>https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/</u>

Sausage Sizzle - This FRIDAY (24th August)

The weather report says rain clearing, so what better way to celebrate the sunshine than with a snack and a play? Come and grab a sausage and let the kids blow off some steam after the school week!

When: Friday 24th August after school Where: By the adventure playground Cost: \$2 per sausage

Postponed if wet.

BREAKING NEWS: QUIZ NIGHT ALMOST SOLD OUT!

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to the S'Mart Community Quiz Night, what an amazing response! We are almost all sold out (get in quick for the last few tickets!) and it looks like it's going to be a fabulous night!

For anyone driving, there is car parking available in the Peterborough St carpark across the road from the entrance. Guests can bring their carpark ticket to the venue and ask bar staff to validate it for a complimentary car park.

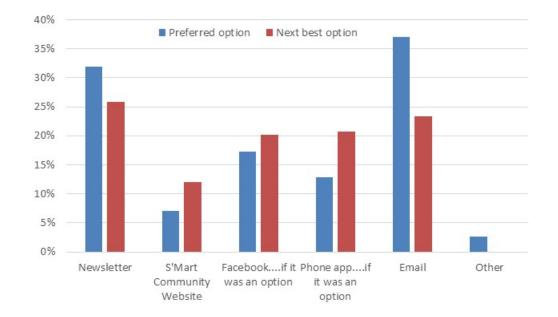
Do consider coming in a few minutes early to give you a chance to bid on our fabulous silent auction. There will be opportunities to buy an answer, and also a game at halftime, so some spare change might come in handy. SHARE, From Our Table to Yours, the St Martins School cookbook will also be available to purchase on the night. Remember to let your ticket collectors know if you're looking for a table to join and we can find you one.

See you there!

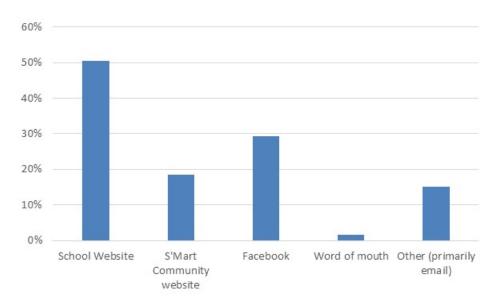
What you said!...Follow-up Survey Results

Thanks to those 120+ people who filled out our follow-up survey to just tease out a little more about modes of communication and rationale for considering the library a high priority for funding...

Soooo, it seems that despite receiving lots of emails, email remains the preferred way in which people want to hear about upcoming events and opportunities to be involved (see below). This was closely followed by the S'Mart Community newsletter, with the trend reversed for the next preferred option. There was some support for facebook or phone apps...although we did receive more negative views about the use of facebook than positive, with some of those positive responses being people keen to help run a facebook page – thanks for your offer!



In terms of finding out more general information about the S'Mart Community, the School website was most preferred, followed by facebook and then the S'Mart Community website (see below)... **So, how many people know there already IS information on the School website**? Our challenge is that this information is restricted to one page, and there was only so much information you can capture on one page! You can find out a whole lot more on the S'Mart Community website!



Finally, more than 70% of you simply thought the library was a valuable resource and should be adequately funded rather than seeing that specific aspects of the library needed to be funded.