



## St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 6 : Thursday 9 May 2024

### SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back to term 2, 2024. We hope everyone had a lovely break with their tamariki at home. Sounds like lots of interesting things happening during the holidays.

Wonderful that everyone is settling back into class routines and learning. With the cooler months starting, remember to layer up with the school uniform if needed.

We have had a number of brisk mornings leading into warm days. The Y 4 - 8s have taken advantage of these conditions to get started on cross country training. Next week on Tuesday we have the Y3 - 8 cross country at Hansens Park. Races start at 9.30am with the Y3 boys. It is anticipated that a new race starts every 10 minutes. If you can join us for some of the morning we would love to see you at the park. Thank you to all the teachers getting ready for this event and in particular Jarad for leading the event. Welcome to Cleo, Gianna, Johnson, Nathan, Otto, Saydi, Sienna, Zachary. We hope you enjoy your experiences at St Martins | Hato Mātene, we look forward to sharing in your learning.

This week the Government has confirmed that each school is to have a staff only day between 27 May and 7 June. Our Kahui Ako | cluster of schools have selected Friday 31 May to join together. This means **school will be closed to students on Friday 31 May**. We have selected this day as it joins up with King's Birthday on Monday 3 June. We hope that you will be able to have a lovely extended four day weekend.

We have enjoyed a couple of games of supervised bullrush in the Y7 / 8 area this term. It is great to have a good number of children involved, mouth guards are essential and a change of clothes are preferable. We have started with the Y7 / 8 ākonga and will invite the Y5 / 6 children later this term. It is an interesting change of dynamic through the years. I remember playing bullrush at St Martins when I was a kid and there was a real mix of genders playing, so far our re- introduction has attracted the interest of the boys. We look forward to starting up our assemblies this week. As usual the Y0 - 4s are 9.00am and the Y5 - 8s 2.15pm. We hope you can come and join us. Kaiako | teachers will let you know if your child is receiving a certificate in assembly.

Thanks to Briana for setting up the school Lip Sync competition this term. We are excited to see who and what they showcase in week seven.

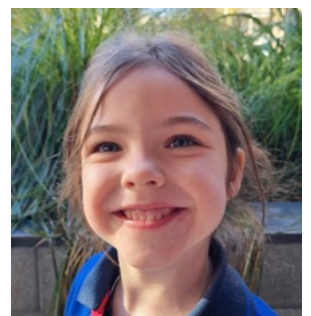
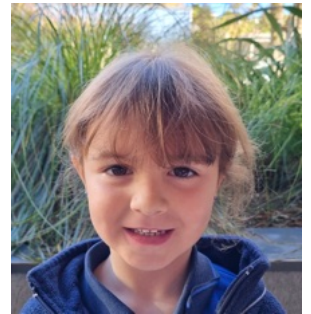
101 children in the Y7 / 8 area are gearing up for the Showquest at the end of the term. It looks to be, as always, an exciting student led performance piece. Thanks to Amy, Alice and Briana for the time and leadership of this large group.

Congratulations to all of the children participating in the William Pike bike ride this week. We had approximately 50 students biking around the Spencer Park trails. Lots of teachers and parents support taking small groups through different areas for the day. Thanks to Alice R for organising this event.

During the break Owen and Ruby spoke at the ANZAC memorial service held in Waltham. We were very impressed with the way you presented for our school. Thank you to the whānau who were able to join us for the event. It sounds like this event will continue and develop further.

Kia pai te wiki mutunga, have a great weekend.

Andrew



## PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS

The Term 2 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is the school value of Responsibility. During weeks 1-3 the focus will be on our responsibilities within an outdoor setting. All students are being encouraged to be mindful of their outdoor environment by using the following etiquette;

- Use correct bins when recycling, take rubbish home
- Keep the playground tidy
- Stay in designated play areas outside
- Use play equipment appropriately

This will be further reinforced through classroom lessons, syndicate hui and school assemblies. It would be great if whānau could help to support these ideas in your discussions at home.

## SCHOOL POLICY - COMMUNITY REVIEW

### SchoolDocs - what is it?

All 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**

Community review topics for Term 2

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Classroom Release Time / Timetable
- Police Vetting

## SCHOOL NOTICES

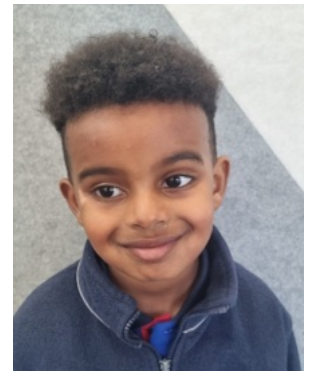
### LOST UNIFORM

We now have 3 large blue bins for lost property, placed around the school grounds and 2 bins in the office. Students and parents are encouraged to check these bins regularly for lost uniform and other items. We will continue to return named items to classrooms as well, so please continue to name your child's school uniform to make this process easier for our team.

### HOW TO RECORD A STUDENT ABSENCE

Just a reminder to families if your child will be absent for any portion of the day please notify us via the correct avenues **Before 9am daily**;

- Email to the teacher (please also cc the office staff on [office@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:office@stmartins.school.nz))
- School website '[Leave and Absence](#)' tab
- Phone message at the office on 3326121



## PTA UPDATE

**Bingo Night:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, doors open 6.15pm, bingo from 7pm! Bring yourself or come with friends, no teams required for Bingo Night. \$30 per person, includes a drink and supper. Definitely an R18 event with live and silent auctions, raffles and lots of humour, be prepared to be entertained... Purchase your ticket/s here: [Bingo Night Form](#)

**Move X Night:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6 – 8pm, \$20 per child. Limited to 120 children. A sold-out event last year, a favourite with the children. Tickets here: [Move X Form](#)

**Tea Towels:** We are placing the order soon. To purchase some of our bespoke St Martins School design tea towels, visit the PTA fundraising website: <https://www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com/> OR order through the Google form: [Tea Towels Form](#)

**Thank You:** The PTA would like to extend our thanks to Kurt Straker of **Straker Accounting** for kindly reviewing the PTA accounts again this year.

**Easter Raffle:** Thanks to your amazing support of the Easter raffle last term, we raised \$2,005 from it.

**Uniform Labels Order Here:** [Current Fundraisers - Precious Labels](#)

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

**Facebook:** St Martins School PTA

**Next Meeting:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, Staff Room



## WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back for term 2. We have Matariki coming up in weeks 9 & 10! Keep an eye out in the school newsletter and on hero for our events during these weeks!

The purpose of our group is to foster a strong sense of whanaungatanga (kinship) and provide a supportive space for whānau to connect, share experiences, and celebrate their cultural heritage. This year we want to hold community based activities and sports events to encourage a more informal gathering of whānau. If you're interested in connecting with other whānau and being a part of a supportive community, this is a great place to start!

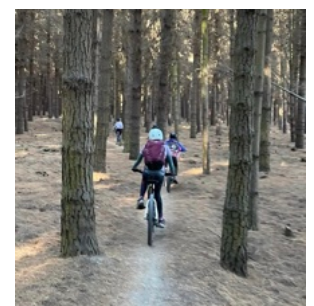
**Meetings are held at 3:30pm in Ms Barakat's room on the top courts.**

Dates for Term 2, 2024: 6 June, 4 July

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Cashmere High School Open Day - change of date

Due to various clashes, Cashmere High School has changed the date of their Open day to **Tuesday 11th June**. The start time has also changed to 3.30pm and 4.30pm for our tours.

### Te Aratai Open Days - Thursday 23rd May, Friday 24th May

Open days: These will run during the kura day. This is an opportunity for whānau to bring their tamariki/rangatahi in for a small guided tour of our kura and to see our kura in action. Whānau must book these visits by calling reception on 03 982 0100. Alternatively you can email for a booking: [office@tearatai.school.nz](mailto:office@tearatai.school.nz)

Open night: These sessions will start promptly at 4.30pm and at 6pm, with Principal, Maria Lemalie addressing our visitors, followed by a guided tour of the kura, connecting with ākonga, kaiako, our cultural narrative and all that Te Aratai College has to offer. Everyone is welcome and no booking is required.

### Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics

Does your daughter like music and dance? Then she will probably love rhythmic gymnastics! Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has fantastic beginner classes 5 days a week with training venues in Bishopdale, Fendalton, Rolleston and Wigram/Halswell. Come along for a free trial class! Email [membership@delta.org.nz](mailto:membership@delta.org.nz) or check us out on facebook.



## TERM 2 2024

3	Mon 13 May	Tues 14 May	Wed 15 May	Thur 16 May	Fri 17 May
	Redzone Recovery event at Tūranga-Minecraft	Year 3 - 8 Cross Country Board meeting 6.30-8.30pm	GTT room 15 & 16	Year 7&8 SUBMIT Speak 4 Planet speeches	Year 7 & 8 Technology
4	Mon 20 May	Tues 21 May	Wed 22 May	Thur 23 May	Fri 24 May
	Yr 5-8 basketball (Pioneer) starts PTA meeting 7.30pm		GTT room 13 & 14 Yr 5-8 Zone cross country	Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
5	Mon 27 May	Tues 28 May	Wed 29 May	Thur 30 May	Fri 31 May
			GTT room 15 & 16	Yr 5-8 Winter Sports starts	Staff Only Day School Closed
6	Mon 3 Jun	Tues 4 Jun	Wed 5 Jun	Thur 6 Jun	Fri 7 Jun
	King's Birthday School closed		GTT room 13 & 14	Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
7	Mon 10 Jun	Tues 11 Jun	Wed 12 Jun	Thur 13 Jun	Fri 14 Jun
		Cashmere High School Open Day	GTT room 15 & 16		Year 7 & 8 Technology
8	Mon 17 Jun	Tues 18 Jun	Wed 19 Jun	Thur 20 Jun	Fri 21 Jun
		Epo8 Internal event - hall	Epo8 Internal event - hall GTT room 13 & 14	Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8
9	Mon 24 Jun	Tues 25 Jun	Wed 26 Jun	Thur 27 Jun	Fri 28 Jun
		Matariki Art Display - hall	GTT room 15 & 16 Canterbury X Country		Matariki School Closed
10	Mon 1 Jul	Tues 2 Jul	Wed 3 Jul	Thur 4 Jul	Fri 5 Jul
	Reports sent home via HERO Yr 5-8 Korfball	Yr 0-4 Cross Country		Newsletter	Year 7 & 8 Technology Last day of term 2 - closing 12.30
Learning Conferences					