



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 14 : Thursday 5 September 2024



Has the time come for you to be making decisions about your preschooler's school journey?

You may want to consider St Martins School. Enrolments are currently open for the following terms/year. Follow the QR code to our website. Expressions of interest are welcome from those Out of Zone.



SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Great to have this lovely spring weather to be able to get outside and soak up the vitamin D with our friends. The Y7 / 8 William Pike group enjoyed the walk through our local hills yesterday, thanks to Briana for organising this and the whānau and kaiako supporting the event.

The Y7 / 8 tamariki have a number of exciting events outside of school coming up. Please remember to check HERO for permissions. If in doubt, have a look at the calendar below or our online calendar and check in with your child to see if they are involved.

We have had another wonderful basketball season during the term. Congratulations to all of the children involved. Thank you to the parents who picked up the coaching and managing roles to support the players.

This week we welcome Frankie. We look forward to being a part of the St Martins | Hato Mātene whānau, the learning you will engage in and the contributions you will make.

A quick uniform reminder. If your child has hair over their collar this needs to be tied up. We do this for both health and safety reasons.

Last week in our assemblies we were talking about gratitude, being thankful for the things others do for us. This could be something our friends do, in the classroom being supported by our peers, an enjoyable teaching session or a reliever in the class. As a school we have stepped up on the sports field with the expectation of captains showing appreciation for the referee and team coaches. We are seeing and hearing this across the school. It could also be the small things that we model, thanking people at checkouts and counters so our tamariki can hear it in context often. We hope that this may also be carried into your home as well.

During the past few weeks we have been given the draft English and Maths curriculums. Our maths team has looked at the draft document, compared our current programme to the aspects we are being asked to

implement. We believe we are very much on the right track, making some adaptations to our current maths teaching and learning. In the next few weeks the literacy team will be meeting to do the same thing. This is a great opportunity to reflect on our current programmes and compare these to learning across the motu. We will be having a teacher only day on the first Monday of the holidays so all teachers are starting to build capacity to implement the new document frameworks.

Do you have a child who will soon be joining us at St Martin's School in the coming term or year? If the answer is yes, please click [here](#) to fill in an online enrolment. This will help us anticipate class sizes and staffing in the future.

Next term we will be completing our 2025 class organisation. Class placements involve a number of discussions to enable us to make the best decisions for each student. We take into consideration a number of factors, meeting together on numerous occasions to discuss the make-up of groupings.

At St Martins School | Hato Mātene we have mixed ability classes. We use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects. As with previous years we extend an invitation to you, as parents, to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process, rather than an invitation to select your child's 2024 teacher. Please be aware that there is a close off for this information – **Friday October 11 2024**. Please use the [link to the survey to share your information](#). If you have children to enrol or are transitioning to another school could you please let the office know.

Have a lovely weekend, we hope that you will be able to get outside and enjoy what is on offer in our community.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew

2025 TERM DATES

T1 = Friday 31 Jan - 11 April

- Friday 31 and Monday 3 Feb = Whānau connect
- Please note there will be two staff only days in term one, dates TBC

T2 = 28 April - 27 June

T3 = 14 July - 19 Sept

T4 = 6 Oct - 18 Dec (Last day of year we will finish at 12.30pm)

PB4L *'To create a positive climate and culture of belonging and engagement for all'*

Our values focus shifts to **caring** for the remainder of the term. Weeks 7 and 8 will pay particular attention to **caring for our environment**. Some of the learning contexts are;

- Walking on paths
- Playing in appropriate places
- Using equipment for its intended purpose
- Looking after nature

SCHOOL POLICY 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.



Caregivers and parents of St Martins School have the opportunity to review and place feedback on the policies that are under review each term. **Reviews for T3 must be placed by Monday 9th September.**

Login here and go to the 'Current review' tab to review the following policies;

Username: smartins

Password: huntsbury

Community review topics for Term 3

- Media
- Professional Development
- Staff Conduct
- Staff Leave

PTA UPDATE

Rogaine: Make history and be part of the first school community rogaine event on Friday 13th September. A fun introductory level opportunity to try rogaining in a familiar environment with family and friends. Everything you need to know is on the entry form: [Rogaine Form](#)

We would appreciate the support of the school community to provide on course supervision, please sign up if you are able to help: [Rogaine Sign Up Form](#)

Touch Rugby: Back in Term 4 for seven weeks, start date 24th October, held at Waltham Park, \$30 per player, Yrs 0 – 8, no experience required!

Team Finder: [Team Finder Form](#) Team Registration: [Registration Form](#)

Sign Up Genius: [Touch Sign Up Form](#)

Touch coaching session: Wednesday 25th September at 6.30pm, school hall. We encourage all coaches to come along as the course provides lots of practical and fun ways to teach touch skills. Please see the poster or go to the website: [Coaching Poster](#)

Market: We are looking forward to bringing you a pre-Christmas market on Sunday 10th November in the school hall. Any students wanting to sell some bric-a-brac or members of our school community that would like to be a stall holder can register interest here: [Market Stall Form](#)

If you are having a spring clear out of books and children's clothing we would love to take them off your hands for the market! To organise collection, please email us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Fundraising Website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 16th September, 7.30pm, Staff Room

STUDENT CORNER *Celebrating student achievements*

Canterbury School's Adventure Race

Congratulations to the team of year 7 and 8 students, Owen Eastbrook, James Johnston, Daniel Saxon-Clarke and Josh Head who won the Canterbury School's Adventure Race championship last weekend at Spencer Park. An epic 3 hours of running, biking and rogaining!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Hansen Park Nature Play Project
COMMUNITY WORKING BEE
Dates and Times Below

Come and join us for a family-friendly working bee and nature play session at the Nature Play Project.

WHERE: Meet at the Nature Play Sign beside the basketball court in Hansen Park.

DATES AND TIMES

- Monday 9th Sept @ 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 23 Sept @ 3.30-4.30pm
- Saturday 19th Oct @ 10-12pm
- Tuesday 29th Oct @ 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 18th Nov @ 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 2nd Dec @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

BRING: Bring gloves, and if you have a small or large spade or a bucket..

Facebook: Hansen Park Nature Play Project
Email: celia@littlekiwisnatureplay.com



TOUCH PAL & FOUNDATION
PRACTICAL TOUCH COACHING COURSE

FUN INTERACTIVE RELATIVE

Learn simple Touch hacks to more fun, growth, comfort and knowledge as a helper or coach

2 Hours

In Association with **TOUCH CANTERBURY**

6.30pm Wed 25th Sept 2024

St Martins School Hall - 24 Albert Tce, St Martins, Christchurch

Facilitated by: Provincial leaders in the sport

REGISTER: Scan QR or go to link to fill in rego www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/241469

PRE-REQUISITE: Foundation Online

COST: Free for the first 20



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SYDENHAM JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

New players welcome!

Sydenham Junior Cricket Club offers fun for all ages. From SMASH PLAY for kids just starting out, to Kiwi Cricket and modified rules to suit each age - we bring our passion to every level of the game.



If you'd like to learn more we would love to hear from you.
Libby Hickford, Junior Convenor
lhickford@xtra.co.nz 021 269 3000

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY 2024/2025
<https://sydenhamcricket.co.nz/junior/>



Christchurch Envirokids
UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER

WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 1PM
WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens
FREE

- 7** Microgreens with Para Kore at Turanga
Join us at the TSB Function room at Turanga to learn about microgreens and make your own tray to take home!
- 14** Bee Awareness Day with Bee Awesome
Make seed bombs, test your probiscus, and learn all about bees with games from Bee Awesome!
- 21** Virtual Reality with BLAKE NZ
Join us for an unforgettable VR experience with BlakeNZ in addition to other marine based educational games.
- 28** DIY Upcycled Bird Feeders
Using upcycled materials, make a bird feeder that is easily compostable once it has fed all the birds in your neighbourhood!

For more information: [f @ChchEnvirokids](https://www.facebook.com/ChchEnvirokids)



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Take control of your health and build resilience physically, mentally and emotionally with **Taoist Tai Chi™** practice.

Introductory sessions beginning Thursday September 5, 7pm-8.30pm, with continuous intake,
at St Martins School hall, 24 Albert Tce, St Martins, Christchurch. Phone Helen 021 024 19266 to register.

Visit our website for more information:
www.taoisttaichi.org

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TERM 3 2024

To stay up to date with any changes to our events calendar visit our school website at this [link](#). Or access the calendar via your HERO app.

	Mon 9 Sept	Tues 10 Sept	Wed 11 Sept	Thur 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept
8	Y5 - 8 Canterbury Duathlon		St Johns visit the Navigators GTT Rm 13 & 14	Westland Sport Exchange - Hokitika St Johns visit the Navigators Mihi Comp (hall) Year 5-8 winter sports Pō Whakangahau - Kapa Haka Comp 4.30-6.30pm	Year 7/8 Technology Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
	Aims Games - Tauranga				
	Mon 16 Sept	Tues 17 Sept	Wed 18 Sept	Thur 19 Sept	Fri 20 Sept
9	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Ake ake ake – A Forever Language				
	Y5 - 8 Korfball tournament	Yr7 - 8 Speech Comp 9-10am	Navigators Camp - Living Springs		
	PTA meeting (staffroom 7.30pm) Touch Rugby y3&4 House comp/Referees Training	Board meeting (staffroom 6.30pm) Touch Rugby y3&4 House comp/Referees Training	GTT Rm 15 & 16	Yr7 - 8 Rotary Speech Comp Newsletter	Year 7/8 Technology
			Unite Hip Hop regional competition Queenstown		
	Mon 23 Sept	Tues 24 sept	Wed 25 Sept	Thur 26 Sept	Fri 27 Sept
10	Yr 8 Cashmere HS entrance testing	Y7 / 8 Koru Games			Year 0-4 assembly 9.15 - 9.45 Year 5-8 assembly 2.15 - 2.45
	Yr 5-8 Korfball Tournament				Last day of Term 3