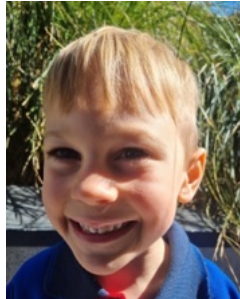
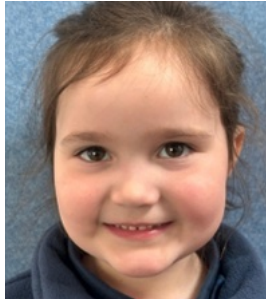




St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 15 : Thursday 19 September 2024



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Ka rawe te mihi ngā tamariki. For the past few weeks our ākonga have been developing, learning and sharing their mihi with each other in the class setting. This culminated in our 2025 mihi competition last week. Congratulations to all of the tamariki sharing their mihi both in the classroom and to their syndicates. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear the finalists and to also listen to the feedback from this year's judge Te Kurawhiti Hutchinson. Always good to hear where we are succeeding and our next steps to continue to grow.

This week we welcome Bowie, Cleo, Bertie, Simon and Amelia. 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.

Thank you to the PTA for running an amazing rogaine event last week. It was awesome to see whānau running through the hills and school to find as many points as possible. Sounds like the burgers were a hit as well. This event had a community focus rather than fundraising. Looking at the numbers we had participating, this was a highly successful event. Thank you to everyone involved in the smooth organisation and running of this experience.

We have much to be thankful for this term, from the engaging teaching and learning programmes in the classrooms, musical talents of the strum, strike, blow group, itinerant and monster music groups, the creative thinking and building of the EPro8 teams, extension lego robotics for our teina (younger students), olympic house spirits, chess and knitting clubs, mihi and Y7 / 8 speeches, walks up and down Rāpaki, as well as the many sporting events at school, representing the school and travelling to the coast. We are always impressed with the gracious attitude the children bring to these events, it has been nice to read the feedback from the events and receive emails from whānau acknowledging the positive impact of our kaiako | teachers to support our learners in these experiences. When we look back on our own early educational experiences it is often these extra events that we tend to recall, the fun we had with our mates at the time and how we were supported to give things a go. We finish with a flourish with the Navigators Y5 / 6 team on camp this week and the High Fliers Y7 / 8 team participating in a range of sports at the Koru Games. Thanks to all of the work and effort our kaimahi | staff put into the learning we offer across the kura.

Next week we will be updating our reporting with each team sharing an aspect of the curriculum through your tamariki's HERO account. This supports the focus we have on the core curriculum at the end of terms two and four.



As we head into the holidays we thank you for your support of the school during term three and look forward to a wonderful finish to the school year. An interesting statistic I came across this term related to the use of social media.; 74% of students surveyed want to go off social media but haven't yet because they would miss out on knowing what is happening in the world around them. Perhaps in the break as adults we could role model a starting point with the commitment to less screen time and increasing the time to experience the world around us with our tamariki.

Although we have another week to go, this is our last newsletter for the term. As always, have a great break, get outside in the sunshine, enjoy time with your family and your mates. Have a wonderful time, I look forward to hearing about your holidays next term.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua | care for the land, care for the people, look forward.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew



TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The School calendar of events can now be found at our school website at this [link](#). Or via your HERO app. Please check this regularly to stay up to date with any changes to our events dates / times.

NEW ENROLMENTS WELCOME

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.

2025 CLASS PLACEMENT SURVEY

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.

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)



Has the time come for you make a decision about your preschooler's school journey?

You may want to consider St Martins School.
Enrolments are currently being taken for 2024/2025.
Follow the QR code to our website.



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



PTA UPDATE

Rogaine: Thank you to everyone who came out on Friday and supported our first ever school Rogaine! We had a fantastic response with over 150 people navigating around the school grounds and surrounding streets and Mt Vernon Park to collect points in the 1-hour time limit. The rain held off until after the event and it was great to see families enjoying the delicious burgers afterwards.

Congratulations to Team Sprattle who won the year 7-8 category and the Noble Navigators who just pipped the Sushi Rolls to win the year 0-6 category. Results can be found here: [Rogaine Results](#)

A huge thank you to Sara Prince and Matt Scott for designing and setting up the course. We are very grateful to the Peninsula and Plains Orienteering Club for the loan of their equipment and a special mention to Douglas Wood from the club who came along and helped time the event. PAPO run many events during the year, if this is something you and your family are interested in there is more information on their website: <https://papo.org.nz/>

Thank you also to the Mt Vernon Park Trust for allowing us to hold the event within the park boundaries. Thank you to the kitchen helpers and lastly a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped marshal the course, we could not safely hold events like this without you giving up your time.

Touch Rugby: Last date to register your team is Friday 27th September. You can add players later, the important part is the team registration. Team Registration: [Registration Form](#)

As always we need your help to run this event over the seven weeks. Please sign up here if you can help on the bbq for a session or two or be the point of contact at the tent: [Touch Sign Up Form](#)

Touch Coaching Session: Wednesday 25th September at 6.30pm, school hall. We encourage all coaches to come along even if you've coached for a few years, the course provides lots of practical and fun ways to teach touch skills. Please register here: [Coaching Form](#)

Market: We are looking forward to bringing you a pre-Christmas market on Sunday 10th November in the school hall from 11am. Any students wanting to sell 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

Term 4 Working Bee: Save the date - Saturday 2nd November @ 1pm.



Term 4 Uniform Sale: Thursday 17th October, 2.45 - 3.15pm, school library.

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Fundraising Website: www.stmartinsptafundraiser.com

Next Meeting: Monday 21st October, 7.30pm, Staff Room

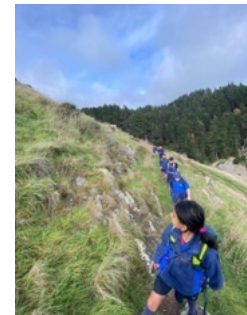
STUDENT CORNER Celebrating student achievements

Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival

Many of our St Martins School Students attended the Canterbury School Orienteering Festival held recently at South Brighton Domain and Bottle Lake forest.

Congratulations to all those who attended this exciting event and to those who came away with an award:

- **Year 0-6 Girls & Year 7/8 overall winners** - St Martins School.
- **South Brighton / Year 7/8 Boys:** 3rd - Tor Prince, 5th - Henry Pratt
- **Bottle Lake Forest Year 7/8 Boys:** 2nd - Tor Prince
- **Year 5/6 Girls:** 3rd - Ellena Pratt



Year 7/8 Westland Sports Exchange

Last week, a group of 26 Year 7/8 athletes travelled to the West Coast to compete against Westland High School in a sports exchange programme. Students played netball, korfball, basketball, rippa-rugby and futsal. The wet weather did little to dampen their spirits. Students played hard, but fair, and represented the school exceptionally well. A very special thank you to our fantastic parents helpers — Kate, Mark, Dan, Brodie, Johnny and Tim.

Korfball Competition

On Monday 16th September, seven Year 7/8 teams and two Year 5/6 teams participated in the Year 7/8 Mixx Korfball Tournament. The teams played well all day, with some amazing results, taking out first place in both the A and B Grades.

Our Year 7/8 'A' Team won the A Grade final against Hillmorton in a tie-breaker shoot out. This is the first time that our school has won the A Grade final since 2019.

Impressively, we also took out the B Grade and our invitational Year 6 team took out third place in the Year 7/8 B Grade. How exciting!



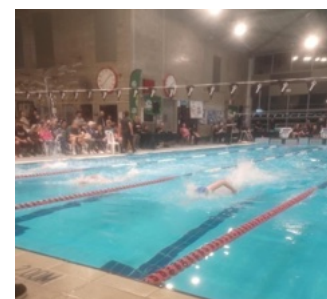
Lachie Memorial Cup

Last week we held the Student vs Teacher Lachie Memorial Football Cup in remembrance of Lachie Sutherland who was a student at St Martins School. It's fair to say that the students led strongly from beginning to end, taking out the trophy for yet another year. Well done students!

Aims Games

St Martins School had three students competing alongside 12,500 Year 7/8 students from around NZ and the South Pacific in the Aims Games in Tauranga last week. Zooni competed in badminton, Daniel in rock climbing, and Tyronne in swimming. Daniel placed third in quarters, third in semis and fourth in finals. His highlights were getting to the final five and climbing with his friends from Uprising. Zooni won all her games until the semi finals where she lost to the eventual winner, she placed fourth overall. Her highlights were getting to play against really good players, and running on the beach!

Tyronne placed 6th in the breaststroke final. His highlight was swimming a PB in the 100m freestyle.



Room 13 Rāpaki track walk

On a cold Monday morning, Room 13's Literacy group took a wander up Rāpaki track. This was after writing persuasive letters to Mr Mouat convincing him that this walk would be a beneficial experience. The whole team did an amazing job of firming the elements, walking over some tough terrain and learning more about our community environment. Thanks to all the parents who helped make this trip a memorable one for tamariki!

Pinewood Derby Competition - by Sam Copson

On Saturday the 7th of September my brother and I travelled to West Melton to compete in the annual Pinewood Derby competition. The Pinewood Derby competition is organised by Scouts and you get to choose a type of car/truck kit and it comes as one block of wood and you have to carve it into a car or truck then paint and lubricate it. Next, you go to the race track to compete against other Scouts and their entries. The vehicles can also be judged on design and other competitors vote for their favourite. I designed an Aircraft transporter and I placed 2nd in my division, and was also awarded a standout award. My brother designed a car called Adrenalin Goldfish, he won some heats and got 9th in his division. It was a great afternoon celebrating everyone's hard work!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drum lessons on offer!

Drum lessons with Fergus. Ex St Martins School pupil. \$200 per term for ten 20 minute long lessons at St Martins School. Any enquiries about times please email fergusdmclaren@gmail.com OR 0273730620

Support Life Education and Your School - Sunday 3rd November

Get ready to quack up some fun! Join Life Education at the Annual More FM Canterbury Duck Race, from 12pm at the Bridge of Remembrance on the Avon River in Christchurch.

Community Race for all supporters - \$10 per duck! Meet Harold, Activities for kids, prizes for race winners

The school with the highest percentage of entries based on student numbers will win \$500 worth of books for their library and 1 free day of Life Education's Healthy Harold Program. The more entries we get, the better chance we have of winning!

For more information and to register your duck, visit www.lifeeducationcanterbury.org.nz/community-duck-race