



## Star Board—Week 6 Term 1

### On the Calendar.....

#### 13 March

Samuel Marsden  
Tennis Fixture (away)

#### 14 March

Senior Chapel

#### 15 March

Assembly

#### 16 March

Peer Mediation (Y11)  
Central Region Field  
Days

#### 17 March

Championship Jumps  
Swimming Sports  
Central Region Field  
Days  
Friends Bingo Night

What a relief to finally be able to hold our Athletics Day. It got off to a jagged start when it rained until about 10.30am. Hats off to our girls for the way they rallied in their houses and we had a great house competition in the gym. This was the first whole school event we have been able to hold and it was a much needed time for the Houses to gel and ignite spirit.

By 11.30am we were back outside and our event was underway. We were able to complete the whole programme apart from the jumps. Cups will be presented in assembly when we have the final results in.

The Year 13 Geography trip headed for the annual Tongariro Crossing trip. A great experience and a trip to remember.

We also had the specialist swimming events after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There were girls doing many events for their house with some great swimming on display.

On Wednesday we welcomed Mr Adam Gordon to our assembly. Mr Gordon is the Head of Senior College and was keen to introduce himself to our assembly and establish connections for the girls on this site and their futures at Senior College. Will McMasters, Service Prefect at Rathkeale was also in assembly to talk about SADD (students against dangerous driving).

On Thursday night the Year 7/8 boarders went over to Hampton to have supper with the Senior boarders. We look forward to this becoming a lovely tradition.

As you know by now, our Swimming Sports have been moved to Friday 17 March. We appreciate your support in our challenges with moving dates and ensuring your daughter is on board.

*Alison Glass, Assistant Principal*

### The Week Ahead..... March 13— 17

### School Value Focus—Compassion

- \* Mrs Gill's newsletter 'Starlight' (March Edition) will be published at the end of Week 7.
- \* Teachers on both sites are working on interim reports. These will be followed by interviews. Senior College interviews will be held on Thursday March 23 and Friday March 24 from 3.30pm-6.30pm. On the SMS site the interims reports for Y9-11 will be on the portal on Friday 31 March with interviews on Wednesday March 5 and Friday March 7 from 3.30-5.30pm. Information on all interviews and booking details will be released with the reports.
- \* For Y7/8 parents, information will be given to you regarding booking for your interview with your daughter's teacher regarding National Standards and goal setting. This will be a manual system to avoid confusion with Y9-11 interviews. Mr Davidson will be in touch with the details.
- \* On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, SMS and Rathkeale will be represented at the Central Region Field Days. If you are heading there to have a look, come and say hello. It is an important event for us to attend and profile the school. It is always good to have a look at what other schools are doing with their promotions as well. It may be the battle of the promotional highlighter pens!
- \* The summer sport season will be coming to a close in the next couple of weeks and then we turn our attention to winter sport and trials for these. Just a reminder all girls are expected to be involved in a winter code.
- \* Swimming Sports begin at 11am on Friday. This will be completed by 3pm. The Friends of SMS will be there to sell food.
- \* Relay for Life is next weekend and we have seniors and staff involved in this.
- \* Summer Quad teams will leave next Sunday 19 March for their tournament at Iona College.