



Star Board—Week 7 Term 1

On the Calendar.....

20 March

Summer Quad (Iona)

21 March

Senior Chapel
First XI Hockey Trials
SMS A Netball Trials

22 March

Assembly
GATE Zoo Trip
Tennis—Kurinui

23 March

Senior College
Assembly
Nga Tawa Equestrian
Wellington Athletics
Senior College Interviews

24 March

Prefects Assembly
Senior College Interviews

Another busy week comes to an end and we have finally been able to complete our two major sporting events of the term. A big thank you to our seniors who graciously gave up their day off to come into school and make the Swimming Sports what it was. It is always a great carnival event with lots of fun and opportunity for our champion swimmers to shine. Thank you to the Friends for their efforts with providing the girls with treats and doing this among their own busy schedules.

We had two fixtures cancelled this week due to weather, our annual tennis fixture with Samuel Marsden and the Dannevirke High School Equestrian event. These may be scheduled for Term 4.

On Thursday a group of Year 11 girls participated in Peer Mediation training with Reverend Lesley and Mrs Harper. This is part of our new pastoral system where our older girls demonstrate leadership in helping younger girls solve problems. Over the next few weeks the girls will receive information on how they can access this service.

Tutoring continues to be available for girls on Thursday after school in the library. It is hoped that as the school year progresses more students will sign up for this initiative.

The weather was kinder this year at the Central Districts Field Days. Our stand in the lifestyle tent is a great vantage spot. Attending this event is important for the profiling of the school and in particular our focus on raising boarding numbers. Rathkeale and SMS work together on this and we believe it is a successful formula. We give out a lot of information and our students are there to represent us in school uniform.

Alison Glass, Assistant Principal

The Week Ahead..... March 20— 24

School Value Focus—Commitment

- * *Our Tennis, Softball and Cricket teams head to Iona this weekend for Summer Quad. A huge thank you to our coaches who are accompanying our teams.*
- * *The Friends of SMS meeting has been deferred to Monday 27 March at 5.30pm. Your presence would be most welcome. Not only is it a fundraising arm but a chance for parents to get together in a social context. Please contact Monica France on 021554131 if you would like any information.*
- * *Our winter sport trials begin for our first teams for Hockey and Netball. Well done to all girls who have been attending fitness in preparation for this. It will be interesting to see the final team lists.*
- * *Senior College interviews take place this week. A letter was emailed from Senior College with details on how to book interviews online. Interviews on this site are later in the term.*
- * *Our front gate is a busy place at 3.10pm. A reminder for day girls parents to collect your daughter from Pownall street to avoid our gate altogether. It is particularly busy on Fridays when boarders are being collected for the weekend.*
- * *We are reminding girls their phones must be away in class, in the dining room and in between classes.*
- * *If your daughter requires a medical appointment we would appreciate, where possible that the appointment could be made outside school hours.*