



Star Board—Week 11 Term 1

On the Calendar.....

Week One, Term Two

- 1 May**
Annie Rehearsal
- 2 May**
Senior Chapel
- 3 May**
ANZAC Commemoration
Service
Year 10 Debating
(GATE)
- 4 May**
Year 10 Debating
(GATE)
- 5 May**
Prefect Assembly

**Open Evening
Tuesday May 9
4-7pm**

It is certainly satisfying to get to this stage of writing Star Board for the last week of the term. We have had a lot to celebrate this week in our Final Assemblies. Grades have been coming in and our Year 11-13 students have been excelling across the curriculum and Principal's Excellence Awards presented. We have also acknowledged the girls involved in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare and the many sporting successes over the term.

As Mrs Gill pointed out in assembly this week, we had many starts and stops with our main events and we were able finally to present the Athletics cups. The girls farewelled Miss Knottenbelt today and wished her well for her travels through Sri Lanka and India. Adela has done many good things for sport at St Matthew's and her enthusiasm and knowledge will be missed.

On Tuesday we welcomed the children from Cole Street Early Learning to be part of a ceremony to lay our ANZAC crosses by our flagpole. Year 9 girls were involved in this and joined the children for morning tea afterwards. This is set to become a regular part of our ANZAC celebrations.

From Term Two onwards we welcome Mrs Harper to the role of Year 9 Dean. Mrs Booth has stepped aside as she will be juggling two schools next term, taking up a part-time position at the Makoura Teen Parenting Unit. Mrs Booth will still be teaching at St Matthew's but will only be onsite two days a week. Mrs Harper and Mrs Booth work closely together with their classes and we are confident this will be a smooth transition for our Year 9 girls.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our hockey players had the privilege of working with Sean Dancer, Assistant Coach of the Black Sticks and involved in high performance for New Zealand Hockey. Our girls were able to fine-tune their technical skills and set goals for their futures in the sport.

It has been a long and very fulfilling term and it is now time to rest. Best wishes to all our families for the holidays, safe travels and stay warm and dry!

Alison Glass, Assistant Principal

Holiday Events and Term Two Dates:

- * *We have a large number of our Youth Group students attending Easter Camp in Fielding, beginning on Friday. With the weather forecast the organisers have moved this event indoors.*
- * *Our prefects, with other students will be representing St Matthew's at the ANZAC Dawn Service on 25 April. If your daughter would like to attend and be with the school party we are meeting outside the Genesis Recreation Centre at 5.30am. The girls will need to be dressed in winter formal uniform.*
- * *Our First XI Football and Hockey are involved in pre-season tournaments over the holidays. Hockey are heading to Auckland and Football are playing locally in a tournament hosted by Wairarapa College.*
- * *Forms have been coming into the office for girls wanting to be involved in our Open Evening on Tuesday May 9 from 4-7pm. A reminder to all girls that these forms need to be back at school by the Friday of the first week. We need to do a calculation for catering and minibuses needed for the end of the night. Last year the atmosphere was wonderful with girls involved in the many aspects of school life. We hope your daughter can give service to her school by being a part of this important event in our school year.*