



Star Board—Week 6 Term 2

On the Calendar.....

Week Seven, Term Two

12 June

Y9 Cultural
Extravaganza
Annie Rehearsal

13 June

Grey House Chapel

14 June

Big Sing—Junior
Choir and Y11
Choir
Y13 Ag Trip Leave

15 June

Y9 Debating
BOT Meeting

16 June

Prefects Assembly
Friends Bingo 7pm

It has been great to have a short week and despite this there has still been many activities around the school and beyond.

Our teachers enjoyed a day out at Wairarapa College on Tuesday for professional development, curriculum meetings and key note speakers. The main message was the speed of change and what education may look like in five, even ten years. This will be the challenge for many schools across the country.

Yesterday Viva Camerata ventured to Wellington for the annual 'Big Sing' Competition. This is the high point of their year with many hours of rehearsing under their belts before the big event. They did us proud by winning the 'Victoria University of Wellington College of Education Cup' for best performance of a New Zealand composition. Thanks to the Friends of SMS for supporting Viva in the purchase of new robes for their performances.

Teachers on both sites are busy writing Reports for the first half of the academic year. Senior College reports are due to the portal today. For St Matthew's Reports for Years 7-11 will be published at the end of the term with interviews scheduled for the first week back to school. Over the holidays it will be a time to pause and evaluate the year so far and look to what the rest of 2017 could look like academically.

We farewell Mrs Christine Ames from the uniform shop. Mrs Ames has made the move to the Manawatu to be closer to family. We thank her for her many years of service in the uniform shop and the school, and wish her well for the next chapter of her life. Mrs Juliet Smith, who is in charge of the Hadlow uniform shop, will be taking over the reins.

Finally, our girls had their Whanau Meetings this morning. It is always lovely to see older girls mixing with their younger peers in their House groups.

Alison Glass, Assistant Principal

The Week Ahead.....June 12-16 June

Value Focus— Compassion

- * *On Friday night the Friends of SMS will hold another Bingo night. This will be held in the dining room at 7pm. No entry fee, cash only needed for bingo cards, supper provided.*
- * *We have a large number of girls heading to 'Big Sing' in Palmerston North on Wednesday. Please can all girls have a look at their uniform to check all their buttons are present and shoes are clean. The girls will be required to wear white shirts as they would do normally on a Wednesday.*
- * *Just a reminder about the Entertainment Books—to be returned to the office if not wanted. If your family would like to purchase one they need to fill out the information on the envelope and return it to school as well. These are not going through the school accounts.*
- * *There are still a large number of girls leaving school after sport in their PE gear alone. The evenings have been very cold and to see a girl at the gate in shorts and short sleeves is worrying. The girls need to carry their tracksuits in their bags which must be worn outside the school grounds.*
- * *If your daughter requires a black jacket these can be ordered from the Uniform Shop. The new tracksuits are also available for girls to purchase across all year groups.*