

# STAR BOARD

TRINITY SCHOOLS  
ST MATTHEW'S

Term One, Week 11

## Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

You will find a poem I wrote for our term one final school assembly to acknowledge a job almost done.

I wanted to reference a line from that poem, which you will soon enjoy, that reads, 'A journey long, with highs and peaks'. What I am acknowledging is that with all journeys there will be moments of success, joy, or achievement "highs" and "peaks", but also likely some struggles or challenges that make those highs even more significant.

As I reference that, I want to quickly note the significance of the Star metaphor which peppers our communications, sits on blazers, all because our motto is 'Ad Astra Per Aspera' - to the Stars through Endeavour.

Your daughter (or daughters) is a star in your eyes. She always was, from the moment you first dreamed of her, when she was born, and she is today. She will always be that star. For us at school, she truly has 'star qualities'—all bright, shining, and sparkling. But for us, she is also part of a greater constellation. This means she may not necessarily outshine all the other stars, but her unique brightness contributes to the collective glow of St. Matthew's, making us all shine together.

But it is also important to remember that, while she is shining bright, she is entering or well into adolescence, and—whoa! —this can be a time when you, as parents or caregivers, might wonder, 'Where did my little shooting star go?' There might be a lot of 'bangs'—moments that leave you wondering, 'What's happening here?' In fact, for many of us, this could be the first time you are experiencing the changes that come with teenagers. Those of us at school have seen this stage over the years, for 40+ years, and we can assure you it is normal. It is not about what you are not doing, or what the school is not doing—this is just part of the process of growing teenagers, and we are with you on that journey. They might be less open in their responses or not engage at all. You might find yourself in situations where you are trying to 'save the day' based on limited information, and they may turn to their peers for advice long before coming to you. But please know that this is all normal. They will make mistakes, but that is how they learn. Sometimes they may fall down—but they will get back up.

## The Term That Was: A Poetic Reflection

The term has passed, eleven weeks, A journey long, with highs and peaks. New students came with hearts aglow, Their courage strong, ready to grow.

We ran, we swam, we played with grace, Athletics, swimming—each found their place. Jazz Thornton's tale, a beacon bright, A voice for hope, against the night.

Cricket bats and balls did fly, Primary and secondary reaching high. Our wins at Intercollegiate, full of cheer, In swimming and touch, we had no fear.

From Scots to Nga Tawa, the exchanges true, Building bridges, both old and new. Assessments came, ... we stood tall, Through prefect assemblies, we answered the call.

Friends made strong, hearts in tune, From chapel services to lessons at noon. Yachiyo Shoin's visit brought grace, A cultural touch, a smile on each face.

Mrs. Cronin left, and will leave again, But her return brought joy, her loyalty unfeigned. Tracey moved on, Haley arrived, With new energy, we have thrived.

Attitude over aptitude, we know the truth, Our altitude soars from a steady youth. Attendance strong, need ninety percent, We gave our best, each moment spent.

Shakespeare rehearsals, a final cheer, A term so rich, we hold it dear. To St. Matthew's Old Girls and the Friends, we raise a toast, For this term's memories, we cherish most.

Through every challenge, big or small, We stood as one—together, we stand tall. And though the term is ending now, We carry the lessons with us, and vow—

To continue the journey, side by side, With faith, strength, and hope as our guide.

We thank our staff – teaching and support From each of them this term much has been sought They are just as exhausted from the 11 weeks as you

That we are two days away from a break- all we can say is PHEW

A shout out to Sal - and her team adds twelve Your first term as your school's leaders you have demonstrated best selves

No doubt you will continue your leadership in that same vein

With wisdom and grace, we are certain you will maintain.

So, as we journey to the holidays

Don't forget extra study -honestly dividends it pays

Yes, you should rest up preparing for next term

But your pursuit of your qualifications- on that stay firm

Be safe and have fun over the April into May vacation

See you next term ...yes right here - different outfit- but same location.



### **Staff Changes**

We farewell Mrs Katherine Cronin who came out of retirement to fill the HoD Food and Nutrition role whilst we searched for the right person. Katherine has been pivotal in that hunt and we can now announce that joining us from term two is Mrs Andrea Didsbury. Andrea has previously taught at Kuranui and Wairarapa Colleges, and she owns a successful café. We look forward to all she will bring to St Matthew's.

All the very best Katherine- it has been an honour and a pleasure.

To you all enjoy the break, take it easy, avail yourself of opportunity and make wise and safe choices.

Ngā Mihi Nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. L.' or similar, written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Boarding Note



We have had a lovely end to the term in boarding with our special End of Term Dinner on Wednesday, and last night all Main House boarders were lucky enough to go and watch our Hampton House girls depart for the Dessert Dance.

A big thank you to Meg Speedy our Boarding Prefect, Lily Eales our Head of Main House for Term 1, our Year 13 and 11 Boarding Leaders, and our boarding staff for their hard work throughout the term.

A reminder will go out to boarding families during the holidays on Orah, but please note that the boarding houses will reopen from 3.30pm on Sunday 27th April. All boarders (both full and part time) must return to boarding by 5pm at the latest dressed in formal winter uniform.

Wishing all members of the St Matthew's community a happy and well deserved break.

*Ngā Mihi, Jo*





# Sport Notice

## 2024-2025 WAIRARAPA TIMES-SPORTS AWARD CATEGORIES

**OSBORNE GROUP**  
ACCOUNTING, TAX & BUSINESS COUNSEL  
**JUNIOR SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
Open to teams that have achieved a high standard of participation in any sport at primary/intermediate school level, or under 13 age group level.

**KIWISPAN**  
**SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR**  
This award recognises the progress made by clubs in promoting their sports both on and off the field.

**MITRE 10 MEGA**  
**PARA SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any para person who has achieved a high standard of participation in any sport.

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COACHES  
**YOUTH SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
Open to teams that have achieved a high standard of participation in any sport at secondary school or 18 and under age group level.

**dpa**  
COUNTIES ACCOUNTANTS  
**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
An award acknowledging people who have volunteered their time, labour and talents to improving Wairarapa sport. Recognises the volunteer's entire career span.

**SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any sportswoman who has achieved a high standard in any sport, participating at national and/or international events. Limited to Wairarapa residents or representatives of Wairarapa teams.

**EASTWOOD**  
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**SENIOR SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
Open to senior teams that have achieved a high standard of participation in any sport.

**GAWITH BURRIDGE**  
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**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**  
An award acknowledging people who have contributed to the administration of sport. Recognises the administrator's entire career span.

**WAIRARAPA EVENTS CENTRE**  
**SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any sportsman who has achieved a high standard in any sport, participating at national and/or international events. Limited to Wairarapa residents or representatives of Wairarapa teams.

**MASTERTON WHAKAORI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**JUNIOR CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT**  
An award acknowledging any person 18 or under who has made a significant contribution to sport including officiating, coaching, or volunteering.

**BREADCRAFT**  
**JUNIOR SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any primary/intermediate school student who has achieved a high standard in any sport.

**CORE LEGAL**  
**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
An award recognising the lifetime achievements of anyone in Wairarapa Sports.

**MASTERTON WHAKAORI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**  
An award acknowledging any person 19 and over who acts as an umpire, referee, or judge.

**BELLST**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE  
**YOUTH SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any secondary school or 18 and under sportswoman who has achieved a high standard in any sport.

**G.J. Gardner. HOMES**  
**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**  
An award for Wairarapa residents to have a direct say as to what finalists they believe should be recognised for their contribution to local sport. This award is awarded to the finalist with the most public votes.

**wbs**  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
An award acknowledging people who have contributed to the coaching of sport. Recognises the coach's successes of the past twelve months.

**CYCLING TEAM BIKE SHOP**  
**YOUTH SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**  
Open to any secondary school or 18 and under sportsman who has achieved a high standard in any sport.

**WAIRARAPA SPORTS EDUCATION TRUST**  
Helping Wairarapa's up and coming athletes with scholarships to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.  
**SUPREME AWARD**  
Recognises the Supreme Sportsman or team of the Year chosen from the 15 category winners.

Organised by the *Wairarapa Times-Age* the awards celebrate the achievements and dedication of Wairarapa's sporting community.

You can nominate students of your school that have outstanding achievements. You can send us one email, with multiple nominations, but please indicate which category each nomination is for. Keep it brief, i.e., a bullet point format regarding sporting achievements during the indicated time-frame.

The awards cover sporting achievements in 18 categories for the period 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025.

**Individuals, clubs, teams, schools can nominate themselves.**

The Administrator, Volunteer and Lifetime Achievement Awards are not restricted to a specific time frame.

For more information on relevant categories, please see the attached.

**Hurry nominations close Wednesday 7th May at 4.30pm.**

## Touch Finals—Thursday 10th April

Congratulations SMS falcons who won the girls touch final against Kuranui 6-1





The SMS 7s team participated in the Wairarapa Secondary Schools tournament on Wednesday. A team of 12 students, 8 who were new to tackle rugby. Their confidence grew in every game and some great tackles and tries were performed. Thank you to Tom and Cam from Wairarapa Bush for training the team and Guy Williams for coaching the team on the day. Well done to all to the students. A great group across all year levels. Bring on next year!

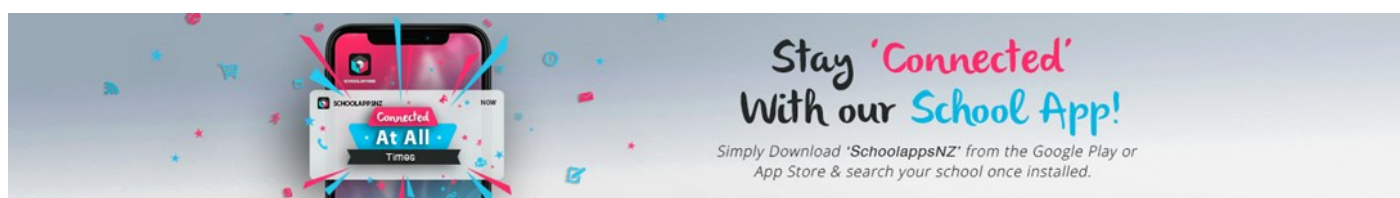


Another fantastic annual Football fixture with Hadlow yesterday!  
SMS 1st XI vs Hadlow 1st XI- win by Hadlow.  
SMS Saints vs Hadlow 2nd XI - win by St Matts.  
Thank you Hadlow and St Matts players for a fun and energetic afternoon on the field. See you next year.



## School App

If you are new to St Matthew's Collegiate, or have yet to download, please follow the link to install our school app <https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/install>. For current families, please update your subscription groups by clicking on the cog in the top right hand of the screen. It will take you to the groups for you to change.





## School Value – Respect

In the New Testament of the Bible, the Apostle Paul gives advice and guidance to the new Christians and the new Christian churches. In this passage, Paul is writing to the church at Thessalonica, and he says, “Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.”

“He mea ia tenei na matou ki a koutou, e oku teina, kia mātou ki te hunga e mahi ana i roto i a koutou, e tohutohu ana i a koutou i roto i te Ariki, e whakatupato ana i a koutou; Kia nui whakaharahara ano o koutou whakaaro ki a ratou i runga i te aroha, me whakaaro ki ta ratou mahi. Kia mau ta koutou rongō ki a koutou ano.”

We need to respect our leaders. At times we may not quite agree with their decisions, but we can be rest assured that they work hard, and their decisions have been worked through with diligence and wisdom. Like all of us, leaders need to be loved. We are our best selves when we are at peace with one another.

Enjoy the holiday break as you head into Holy Week and then Easter. Go well.

*Rev. Wendy*



## Shakespeare Festival

Well done to all our players at the Shakespeare Festival last night. 🏆

15 minute performances of Hamlet by SMC and King Lear by Senior College. Senior College also performed a 5-minute piece on the Twelfth Night





# EASTER MARKETS



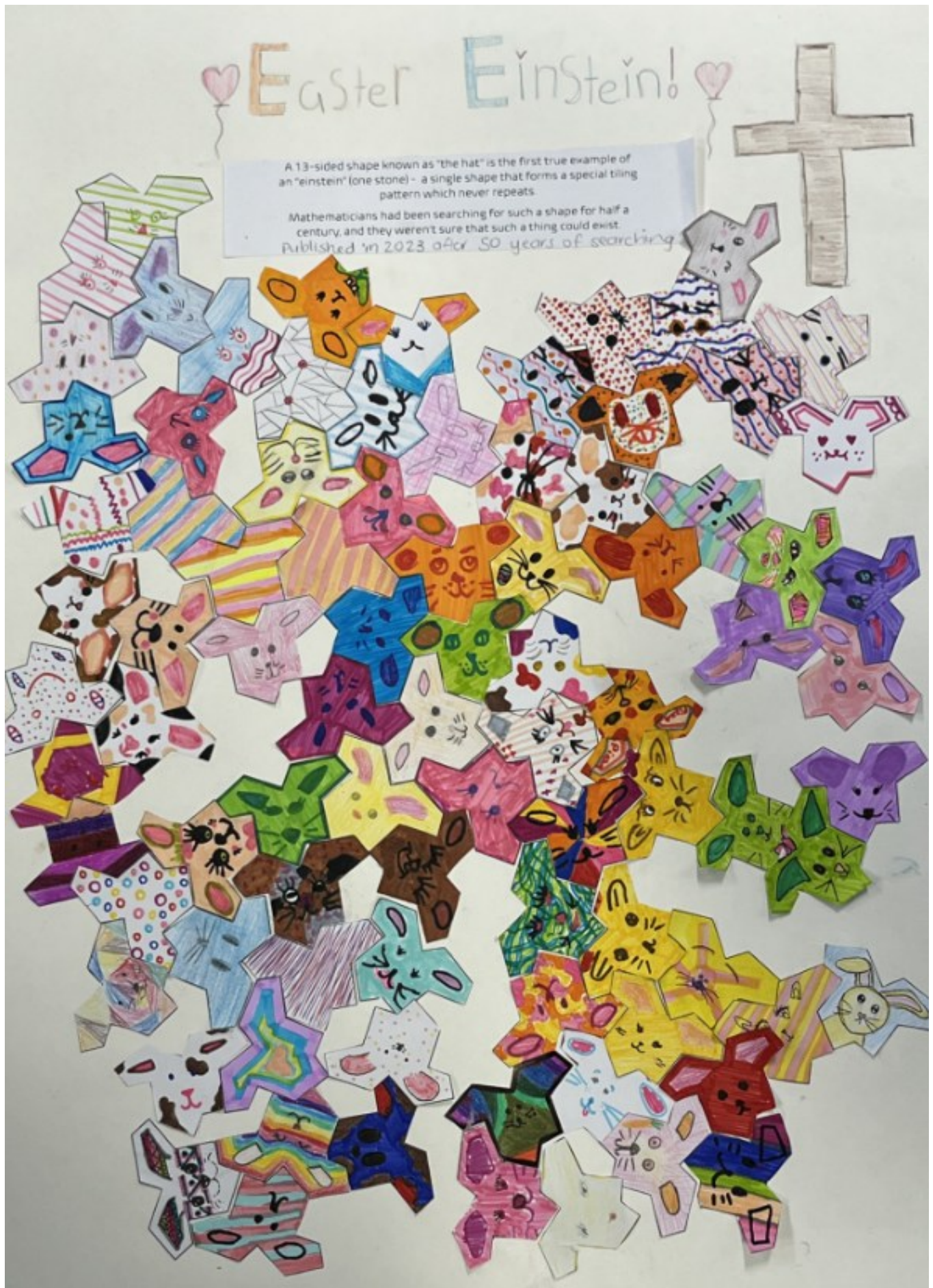
Year 11 Commerce set up a Easter Market on Thursday as part of a class project. Was a great treat. Well Done!



This poster was a collaboration between year 7 to 11 students in Dr Saunders' maths classes.

The shape we used is a 13 sided poly kite that can tile a surface without repeating. The existence of this one-stone ("ein"-“stein”) shape was purely theoretical until a team of research mathematicians discovered it and published their amazing finding in 2023. In Dr Saunders' math classes this week we've made this aperiodic monotile, known as "the hat", into an Easter themed display.

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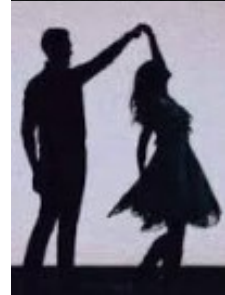


Level 1 Dance students who performed their first live internal performance, a Contemporary Dance to the school on Thursday 10th April



DANCE

# Dessert Dance 2025



*Best*  
**Dressed**



Yr 13 girl Nadia Lamnao runner up Evie Leach  
Yr 12 girl Fiona Lim runner up India Williams  
Yr 13 Boy Lucas Judd runner up Junior Kubunavanua  
Yr 12 Boy Albert Donworth





## Change to Bus Route

We have been notified by the Ministry of Education that bus route D090508 will be changing effective 28 April (Day 1 of term 2)



See the information below which outlines the route changes.

- Curtail Blairlogie-Langdale Road. Students on Blairlogie-Langdale Road will need to make their own way to Masterton Castlepoint Road.
- Move route starting point to Tinui School. This is a central point for all beyond this point to travel to and catch the bus.

We have not yet received the updated timetable from the bus operator, This will be sent this to you as soon as we receive it.

[School Calendar](#)

[School Notices](#)

## Defensive Driving Course with Lee Quayle

**Next course will be on 19, 21, 26 and 28 May 2025,  
Course Cost \$279**

Go to the website [defensivedriving.aa.co.nz](http://defensivedriving.aa.co.nz)

Select Masterton

Then select Quayle's Driving Instruction

Then complete the form.

Once I have the form, I can send you course details and an invoice.

Thank you



**OPEN  
AFTERNOON**

**Tuesday 13 May  
2-5pm**

**33 Pownall Street,  
Masterton**



### **ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE**

We are an integrated day and boarding school for years 7-13 with Anglican Special Character.

Established in 1914, we have a rich history with strong traditions. At years 12 and 13 our girls attend Rathkeale/St Matthew's Senior College.

Limited boarding and day places available for 2026.

Phone 06 370 0067 | [www.stmatts.school.nz](http://www.stmatts.school.nz)



## Key Dates

- **Friday 11 April** - Last Day of Term
- **Thursday 1 May** - Trinity Service
- **Tuesday 13th May** - OPEN DAY
- **Monday 2 June** - King's Birthday stat day
- **Tuesday 3 June** - Teacher Only day

## 2025 Term Dates

**Term One** - Monday 27th January to Friday 11 April

**Term Two** - Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June

**Term Three** - Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September

**Term Four** - Monday 6th October to Saturday 6 December



## Uniform Shop Holidays Hours

During the holidays, an appointment can be booked for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, please email Juliet: [smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz) to arrange a time.

The St Matthew's uniform shop will be open to all on the last Sunday of the holidays, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2pm-5pm.

Shop hours during term time: 3pm-4pm Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Uniform information on our website: <https://www.stmatts.school.nz/parents/uniform/>

## Guidance Counsellor Hours

From Term Two our school counsellor Georgie's hours will be:

Monday 8.30- 3.30pm

Tuesday 8.30- 5.30pm

Wednesday 8.30-3.30

Thursday 8.30-3.30.



You are welcome to make an appointment by emailing:

[georgie.reid@trinityschools.nz](mailto:georgie.reid@trinityschools.nz)



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# Community News and Events

## SLAYING sustainability

### A waste & sustainability focused... School Holiday Programme

**When:** Tues 15 & Weds 16 April  
**Where:** Carterton Events Centre  
**Times:** 9.00 am to 3.00 pm  
**For who:** Suitable for Year 7 & 8s  
**Cost:** \$20 per child



For more information and to register visit <https://www.cartertonec.co.nz/whats-on> call 06 379 4030 or email [info@cdc.govt.nz](mailto:info@cdc.govt.nz)



## TĀKARO POP UPS

APRIL 2025

FEATURING WĀKA TAKARO  
THE PLAY TRAILER

### Monday 14

Martinborough School  
(Community Hall if wet)  
10.30am-12.30pm

### Tuesday 22

Greytown School  
10.30am-12.30pm

### Tuesday 15

Pirinoa Hall  
10.30am - 12.30pm

### Wednesday 23

Carrington Park, Carterton  
10.30am-12.30pm

### Wednesday 16

Clifford Square, Featherston  
10.30am - 12.30pm

### Thursday 17

Queen Elizabeth Park Green,  
Masterton  
10.30am - 12.30pm

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ALL



## ACTING ANTICS

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April 14-17 Holiday Production

## "ROCKETMAN"

Journey into the outer reaches of the Galaxy with Princess Zara and her fearless Solar Knights, Lunar, Starlet & Neutron as they battle against corrupt members of the Space Federation Council.

Rumour has it that ex-President of the SFC, Regano, has escaped from Alcatraz and is planning a comeback assisted by his fearless Androids.

Can Princess Zara, the Solar Knights, Commander Wang and Lieutenant Wing stop Regano entering the Star Gate? How will Froth & Perk from the Jupiter Bean Café and Memento & Secondo from the SFC find out who the real traitors are? But more importantly, what is Rocketman doing back in action, and whose side is he really on?



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**Venue:** St Matthew's Collegiate School

**Hours:** Program operates 9am-3pm - Venue open 8:30am-3:30pm

**Free performance on Thursday at 3pm**

**Fees:** \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)

**Director:** Deborah Percy

**REGISTER:** [www.masterton.actingantics.com](http://www.masterton.actingantics.com)

**ENQUIRIES:** [deborah@actingantics.com](mailto:deborah@actingantics.com) - 021 1832508

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE WORKSHOP

### HIPHOP BOOTCAMP

3 DAYS OF FUN, CREATIVITY & MOVEMENT

TUESDAY 15TH  
WEDNESDAY 16TH  
THURSDAY 17TH  
APRIL 2025

VENUE: YMCA 371 QUEEN STREET, MASTERTON

#### WHATS INCLUDED?

FUN CHOREOGRAPHY & PERFORMANCE SKILLS  
CONFIDENCE BUILDING & CREATIVE EXPRESSION  
AGE APPROPRIATE MUSIC & SUPPORT STAFF  
MINI SHOWCASE FOR FAMILY ON THE FINAL DAY!

#### WORKSHOP LEVELS (SCHOOL YEAR)

YEAR 3/4 8:30AM - 10:30AM  
YEAR 5/6 11:00AM - 2PM  
YEAR 7/8 2PM - 5PM

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Wairarapa  
Tennis



# 2025 Wairarapa April Open

Friday 25th April - Sun 27th April 2025  
~Masterton Tennis Centre~

Singles & Doubles, Grades: 10/12/14/16/Open



WAIRARAPA  
BALLOON  
*Festival*  
EASTER 2025

# FAMILY CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY 19 APRIL**

TICKETS AND DETAILS  
[www.nzballoons.co.nz](http://www.nzballoons.co.nz)

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.



WAIKARARAPA COLLEGE PRESENTS

# CHICAGO

MUSIC BY  
John Kander

BOOK BY  
Fred Ebb & Bob Fosse

LYRICS BY  
Fred Ebb

TEEN EDITION

## SHOW DATES

THURSDAY 15TH MAY 7PM    FRIDAY 16TH MAY 7PM  
SATURDAY 17TH MAY 1PM    SATURDAY 17TH MAY 7PM  
SUNDAY 18TH MAY 1PM

## TICKETS

\$27  
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\$10  
STUDENT

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When: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Where: Pataka + Art Museum, Porirua

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