

STAR BOARD

TRINITY SCHOOLS
ST MATTHEW'S

Term One, Week 9

Principal's Message



So, we now have two weeks before the holidays. An eleven-week term is a slog but when I look back at the 14-week terms we once had I am confident that we can cope with this.

Winter Sports and sports in general - Attitude is the first part of training



Once again, I am about to be nostalgic.

In my youth summer sports season was clearly separate from winter sports. Now they appear to blend into each other like a Dick Frizzell painting. That is neither good nor bad- it is just the way it is.

The one thing we must never lose sight of is the consistent expectation of maintaining an impeccable attitude. The winter sports season is competitive and fun. It is important to remember that success is not solely determined by natural aptitude or skill alone. This quote comes to mind: "It is not aptitude but attitude that will determine your altitude." This is particularly relevant as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead in the season ahead.

While talent is undoubtedly an asset, it is a positive, growth-oriented attitude that often makes the difference between being good and being great. In what can sometimes be a competitive environment of winter sports, students who possess resilience, determination, and the willingness to learn and improve, often rise.

It is important for us all to understand that sports teams are not just about placing individuals in top positions, but about fostering a team mentality, developing leadership, and encouraging personal growth. The athletes who maintain a strong work ethic, stay open to feedback, and demonstrate commitment to both their team and their individual development will consistently perform.

As the grown-ups it is essential to remember that success in sports goes beyond the physical game. The character and attitude our young ones demonstrate—whether it is resilience in the face of setbacks, a willingness to push through tough practices, or the ability to support teammates—will contribute to their overall success, both on and off the field. Our focus is helping our students develop into well-rounded athletes who will succeed at whatever level they reach, based on their attitude, effort, and growth mindset.

As we move into the winter sports season, let's all keep in mind that while competing at the highest level is a goal, it is the journey of growth, attitude, and resilience that will truly determine the stars our students reach.

International Relations

This week we have played host to our sister school Yachiyo Shoin High School from Chiba Japan. In years pre COVID we had a bi-annual exchange with Yachiyo Shoin but global change affected domestic life. One of the other victims for previous occurrences was the decline in international student numbers and this has become a growth driver for us.

The visit was a demonstration of incredible Manaakitanga from our school under the wonderful guidance of Lucy Clearwater who is our International Director. But you may well ask what the importance is of maintaining strong international relations and of having international students in our schools. What a fab question and here is my fab response.

Our world is interconnected. We want our students to grasp global events, issues, and trends. New Zealand, as part of the global community, has relationships with various countries that influence its

economy, politics, and culture. Basically, we want our students to understand New Zealand's role on the world stage.

International students bring diverse cultures, traditions, and perspectives into New Zealand schools. By interacting with our peers from other lands, New Zealand students can develop cultural awareness, empathy, and respect for different viewpoints. This is essential for fostering inclusivity and creating a more tolerant and open society.

It is also a way to promote global citizenship. The role of international students we hope will encourage our ākonga to think beyond their immediate surroundings and to develop a sense of responsibility as global citizens. This mindset is essential for addressing worldwide challenges. Trying now to be clever with the 'Ws' of the World Wide Web- "We are woven into the world wide web, where every connection sparks endless possibilities and every link ignites global excitement!"

Interestingly one of the generous gifts the staff of Yachiyo Shoin left us was a glass which looked like Mt Fuji. The opening of the glass makes me think that here is an opening to fill this glass with fresh international opportunities.

Prayers and Support

I want to close by writing that there is so much suffering near us and across the world. If things are tough, please know that as a school and as me I send Aroha.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi



Around School

Boarding Note



Finding the right balance for our Main House boarders can be tricky at times. When girls return from school and they are tired from a big day of learning, some just want to relax. However, when the sun is shining and we have our very own lacrosse specialist on staff, it was an opportunity not to be missed! Thank you to Nell for sharing her expertise and running this afterschool session for all junior boarders on Wednesday. What started as a brief introduction to lacrosse turned into a full-on game which was topped off with a swim before dinner. Fantastic! *Ngā Mihi, Jo*



Sport Sheet

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 31st March – Sun 6th April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Strength and Conditioning 3:45-4:45pm. Football Preseason 1st XI. 3:30-4:45pm @SMS Field. All footballers. (unless playing summer sport). 3:30-4:45pm @SMS field. Tennis trainings/lessons Lunch time: Ruby 1-1.30pm. Daphne 1.30pm. College ladder & Yr11s (3.30-4pm): Amelia, Simone, Gemma, Aleisha, Riley M, Gita, Georgia, Lizzy, Phoebe G. Champs tennis teams training (4-5pm): Sophie B, Georgie D, Katelyn C, Olivia MC, Simone, Gemma, Orlagh, Sarah K, Lauren W, Tilly G. Regional 2 Tennis team training (5-6pm). @SMS tennis courts. Volleyball has finished for the term. First XI Hockey Training 6:30pm-8pm @Clareville.	Cricket 1st & 2nd XI training. 3:30pm-5pm @SMS nets. Rugby 7s Training 1.15pm on the field. Volleyball has finished for the term.	Tennis Lunch time: Brennagh & Abbey 1-1.30pm. Katelyn 1.30pm – 2pm. Primary Volleyball Training 1:20pm-1:50pm @SMS. Primary Netball Trials 2pm-3pm @SMS. Rugby 7s Training 1.15pm on the field. Primary Football Training 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS. Tennis: Regional 2 – no more matches. College Ladder Games. Yr 7 & 8 group lessons (3.15pm-3.45pm): Madison, Sasha, Bonnie, Molly, Zoe, Elise, Charlotte, Bella, Rosie, Zara, Nina, Elise, Lily D, Zoe P. Yr 9 & 10 lessons (3.45-4.15pm): Ella, Olivia K, Elise, Georgia G, Ruby W, Phoebe S. Junior Interclub teams (4.15-5.15pm): Paige S, Hetty S, Holly J, Daphne, Ruby B, Hattie, Lexi, Nhia, Riley F, Briella, Bella W, Louisa W. Touch Rugby – no more matches. <i>We are looking at organizing an internal friendly tournament on Wednesday 9th April so please keep this date in mind.</i>	Strength and Conditioning 3:45-4:45pm. Primary Volleyball Training 1:20pm-1:50pm @SMS. Primary Netball Trials 2pm-3pm @SMS. Rugby 7s Training 1.15pm on the field. Primary Football Training 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS. Tennis: Regional 2 – no more matches. College Ladder Games. Yr 7 & 8 group lessons (3.15pm-3.45pm): Madison, Sasha, Bonnie, Molly, Zoe, Elise, Charlotte, Bella, Rosie, Zara, Nina, Elise, Lily D, Zoe P. Yr 9 & 10 lessons (3.45-4.15pm): Ella, Olivia K, Elise, Georgia G, Ruby W, Phoebe S. Junior Interclub teams (4.15-5.15pm): Paige S, Hetty S, Holly J, Daphne, Ruby B, Hattie, Lexi, Nhia, Riley F, Briella, Bella W, Louisa W. Touch Rugby – no more matches. <i>We are looking at organizing an internal friendly tournament on Wednesday 9th April so please keep this date in mind.</i>	Tennis: Interclub Tennis Games: SMS Kiwikiwi Finals – info TBC. SMS Kikorangi. SMS Rizzlers. Placing matches – info TBC. SMS Kakariki, SMS Kowhai. Finals – info TBC.	
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Not yet changed Info tbc

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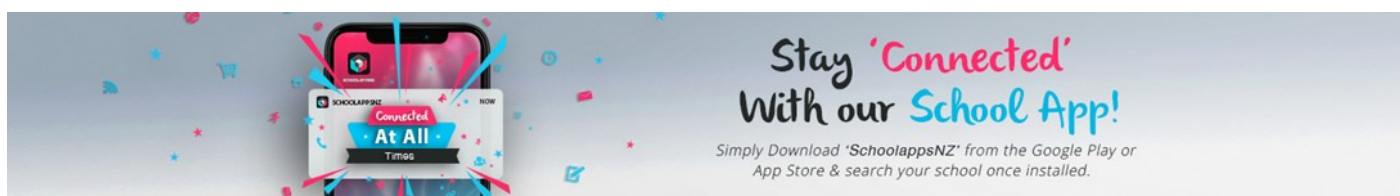
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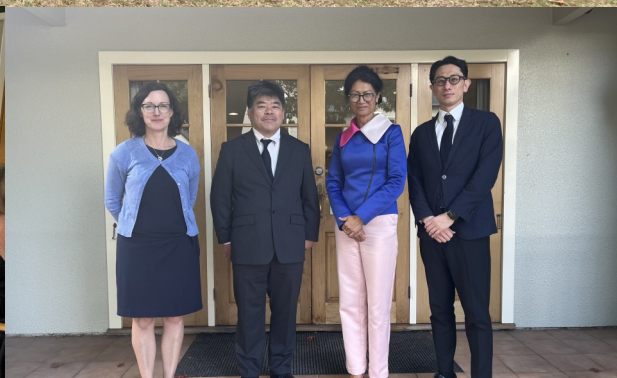
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[Website](#)

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](https://schoolapps.nz.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.





This week we received 26 students and two teachers from Yachiyo Shoin school in Japan. We have a long-standing relationship with Yachiyo Shoin and previously ran a school exchange programme with them when we taught Japanese. The group were shown around our school by the SMOSLs, culminating in a morning tea of pikelets. One brave student decided to try hers with Marmite! They then went to The Woolshed to see sheep shearing as well as the spinning and weaving of wool. This was a new experience for these students, who live just outside Tokyo, as most of whom had never seen a live sheep before! After lunch in the dining room, they enjoyed making Anzac biscuits in the cooking room with Mrs Cronin or a Māori art activity with Ms Theng and Mrs Hannon. It was lovely how welcoming our girls were towards the Japanese students, how kind and curious they were. Several of our students told me they would love to go to Japan in the future as a result of their interactions.

Mrs Clearwater



Duke of Edinburgh



Last Friday, our Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award participants travelled over to Makahika to undertake a weekend of training and tramping. The girls were challenged mentally and physically, saw sunshine and rain and enjoyed gourmet dehydrated food!

The instructors were impressed with their attitude, fortitude and team spirit.

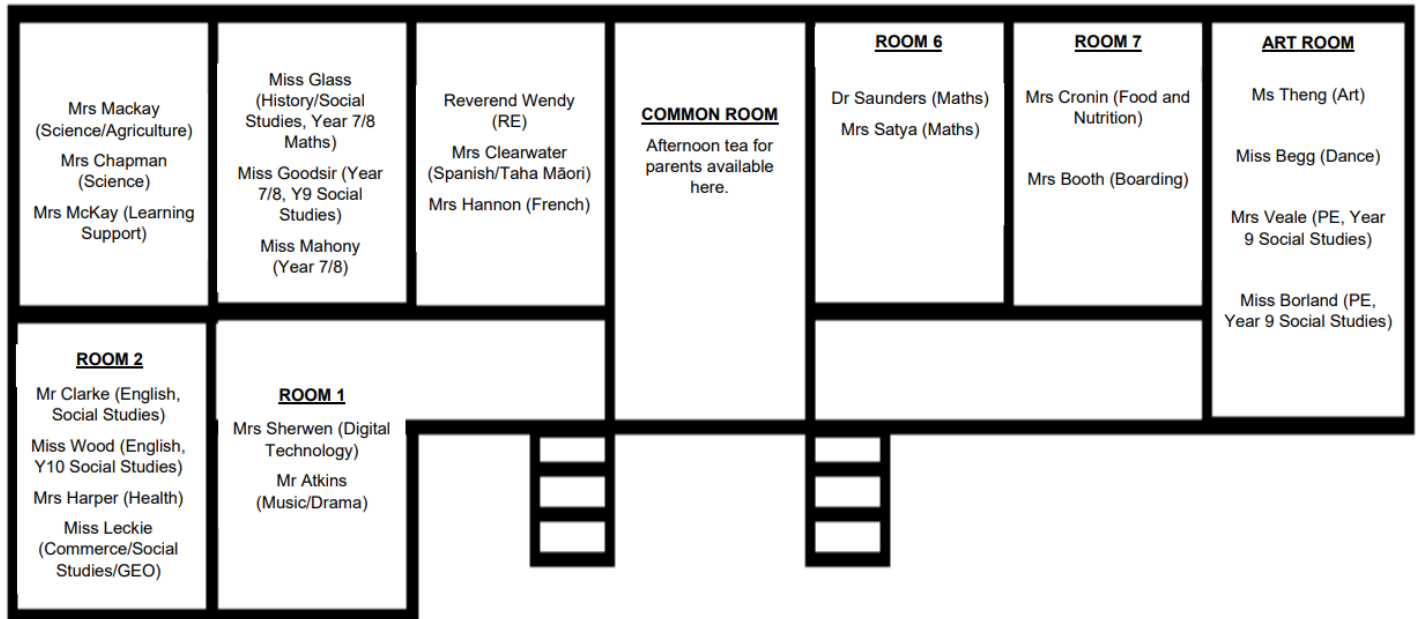
It was a pleasure to take them away and we now look forward to their qualifying journeys later in the year

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are next week on Wednesday and Friday from 3.30pm - 6pm. Above is a map of where the teachers will be located.

Interview Spaces

Map of Upper Classroom Block



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.



Voices of Hope Visit

Voices of Hope visited St Matthew's on Wednesday. A mental health charity, founded in 2017 by Genevieve Mora and Jazz Thornton.

There mission is to spread hope through the voices of lived experience and to provide a safe place for people who may be struggling with their mental health, to feel inspired, supported and empowered. For more information visit their website:

<https://thevoicesofhope.org/>



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

Key Dates

- **Saturday 29 Match**—Relay for Life
- **Wednesday 2 April**—Curriculum Interviews
- **Friday 4 April**—Curriculum Interviews
- **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



SELLING YOUR UNIFORM SECOND HAND

The St Matthew's Uniform Shop sells second hand uniform, on your behalf.

When an item of clothing sells, the shop retains a 30% commission, the amount owing to you is then credited to your daughter's school account. For uniform that is sold after your daughter leaves, a bank account, name of the account and email address will be required.

Clothing will get the best price when it is CLEAN; the Blazer, Tunic Dress and Senior Skirt should be dry cleaned. Please attend to discoloured underarms and collars before soaking white blouses in a stain removing laundry soaker (don't use bleach as this will fade the crest).

Uniform can be brought into the shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 4pm during term time. Uniform may alternatively be left at the school office, marked "For Sale, attention UNIFORM SHOP". Please make sure that it is securely boxed up, with your daughter's name included.

Ties and Caps are sold second hand, but any money generated will be a donation to the shop.

ITEMS NOT SOLD SECOND HAND IN THE UNIFORM SHOP:

Hoodies / Togs / Hockey & Football Socks / Shoes & Sandals / Black Ankle Socks / Old Style PE Tops & Shorts



Congratulations to Ava Wilson who competed and came runner up, in the Race Unity Speech Awards Tuesday night in Wellington.

Great job representing St Matthew's Ava!
We hope you enjoyed the experience.

WINTER Uniform Message

The St Matthew's second-hand uniform shop is currently well stocked with winter uniform. If just a couple of items are needed, please come to the shop during opening hours: 3pm-4pm Tuesdays & Thursdays (during term time). **New students** who need to try on and purchase everything - please make a 20 minute appointment outside of the shop hours (this avoids having to wait in a queue). Email Juliet: smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz to arrange a time.

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

Community News and Events

Win the chance to
**Showcase
your art**



Let your artistic talent shine in the community



Whitecliffe

**Epiphany Church
Movie Night Fundraiser**
**Saturday 29 March
6 pm
@ Copthorne Hotel**



**\$15 PER PERSON
KIDS UNDER 5 FREE
INCLUDES
POPCORN, SAUSAGE
SIZZLE,
JUICE, COFFEE &
TEA
OTHER DRINKS CAN
BE PURCHASED
AT COPTHORNE**

PARISH OF EPIPHANY
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Ref: Movie & Name
or payment at the
Church office
Contact:
lindawilbec@gmail.com
022 515 4843

**When a reluctant basketball
coach has to lead the cross
country team,
he learns his only runner has
a history that will challenge
both of their beliefs.**

Special thanks to Copthorne Hotel for hosting
Epiphany Church's movie fundraiser.

WAIRARAPA
**BALLOON
Festival**
EASTER 2025

**FAMILY
CARNIVAL**
SATURDAY 19 APRIL



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

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18
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New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Going overseas for the school holidays?
Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

Its FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

If you're travelling as a family or group and completing multiple declarations, the [NZTD app](#) allows you to copy your travel details into another declaration, making it easier to complete multiple declarations for the same journey. The submitted declarations are then all easy to see within the app.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information and aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand. It replaces the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.

To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand.



**Travelling
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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer with us at the NZ House & Garden Tours in Wairarapa

Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March 2025

Morning Shift - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Afternoon Shift - 12:15 pm to 4:30 pm

All day Shift - 8:30 am to 4:30pm

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



Breast Cancer
Foundation NZ



Breast Cancer Foundation NZ is so proud to be the charity partner of the NZ House & Garden Tours 2025, which is coming to the Wairarapa.

This is a fantastic volunteer opportunity for Year 12 & Year 13 students. The tour dates are Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March 2025. Volunteers play a vital role in the success of the tours - ensuring that the homes are kept safe and that tourgoers are looked after.

Each house will be looked after by a team of volunteers - the number of volunteers per team varies from 4 to 10 people depending on both the size and any special requirements of the house.

Students can sign up alongside friends and be allocated to the same house together too. We're happy to provide all students that help a letter to acknowledge their volunteering work.

Community News and Events

Quiz – Sip – Repeat

READY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

COBBLESTONES MUSEUM

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

Register - cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com
or by phone - 0211606088

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUBROOMS
TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

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Scan the QR code or visit www.reachteam.nz to become a walker today!



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Meet Kyraarn

Kyraarn, an aspiring basketballer, has been walking for REACH for 9 months. He won a REACHUP contribution in July where we supported Kyraarn with a financial contribution towards his basketball goals.

Kyraarn's team won the U13 basketball competition undefeated this season! Kyraarn was also named finals MVP and he is in the top 5 players for Canterbury!

Achieve your goals by becoming a walker for REACH scan the QR code above or visit www.reachteam.nz

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