

# STAR BOARD

TRINITY SCHOOLS  
ST MATTHEW'S

Term Two, Week 1



## Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

I have always enjoyed the Bette Midler song 'Wind Beneath my Wings' but yesterday saw that wind getting enough gust under my wings that I could have taken flight. I do hope you and your property, unlike mine were left unscathed by the ravages of the gale force winds we experienced. We had to make adaptations onsite, adaptations to which everyone rose.

Despite the recent weather I do hope that the holidays treated you well and that we are ready for the business ahead.

### Welcome

I want to officially welcome Mrs Andrea Didsbury to our school. Mrs Didsbury is our HoD Food and Nutrition and we are blessed to have her as a member of our staff

### Netflix recommendation

A staff member here was effusive in recommending that I should watch a Netflix series Adolescence. To be fair when I watch something on screen in the comfort of my home I gravitate to "happy ending" and "feel good" material because there is daily seriousness at the press of a button- am I right? But following the recommendation of my colleague and looking at the reviews of the series which has ignited significant conversations about youth culture, digital influence, and modern masculinity, particularly among parents, educators, and mental health professionals, I not only watched it but binge-watched it.

To you as parents it is worth the watch. It is an ordinary family living an ordinary life (like we all do). It portrays a family whose son is drawn into an online community and the results of that involvement. The series underscores the ease with which adolescents can access and be influenced by harmful content, leading to distorted perceptions of gender roles and relationships.

As parents, and I have chatted with some of you who have seen it, Adolescence has prompted many parents to reevaluate their understanding of their children's online activities. The series serves as a catalyst for open discussions about digital safety, the impact of social media, and the importance of emotional support in family dynamics.

It advocates for creating supportive environments where adolescents can express their emotions and seek help without stigma, highlighting the role of schools, families, and communities in fostering mental well-being.

For us here at base I also recommended time being given to view Adolescence. If nothing else but to spark dialogue about the influence of online communities, and the need for emotional literacy. To borrow the words of British news 'It encourages critical thinking among students about the content they consume and its potential effects on their behaviour and beliefs'.

## Commitment

The amount of sport participation ramps up at this time of year as do the expectations that accompanies those sports. You will all recall at enrolment meetings when I talked about the schools' values that in referring to the value Commitment I verbalised "You Sign Up; You show Up".

Our students are expected to attend their practices and trainings and of course are expected to turn up for their games.

It is also important that our students do not over commit by playing multiple sports. For sure if they attend each sports' trainings and games as well as fulfilling their curriculum expectations then that is to be applauded. But if that is going to be a struggle then it is probably best to seek out the sports department so that the team and coach who are relying on your attendance are not scrambling for players.

It is also timely to remind you that if you do not show for school or trainings do not be surprised if you do not get to take the court or field.

## Coaches and Managers

Thank you to those in our community who have volunteered to step into these spaces- it makes a difference. We still have gaps and I have been led to understand that there are parents who confidently provide expert guidance with sideline commentary. I may be in contact with you to help us to fill gaps in coaching and managing because your skill is wasted on the sideline – our kids need you.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi



**BE A GREAT  
SUPPORTER**

**Let them play**

These are **KIDS**

This is a **GAME**

Coaches are  
**VOLUNTEERS**

Refs are **HUMAN**



Although this photo could have been claimed by the Sports Department, our new relieving matron Mrs Lou Hight took this when boarders Johanna and Olivia returned to Main House from the Wairarapa Tennis Prizegiving on Tuesday night. [Congratulations](#) girls on your awards.



This term we introduced a new rule in boarding- "No phones or devices until 4.30pm for all Year 7-10 boarders." As you can imagine, not everyone was happy with this change. The approach we are taking is encouraging girls to see what activities are on offer and actually together we have produced an extensive list of things to do. Many thanks to our Sports Department for being so proactive and providing so many activities both boarders and day girls can participate in after school.



Some of our Year 7&8 boarders playing board games in the conservatory in Main House during our device free time  
Left to right: Madi, Charlotte, Michelle, Zoe and Paige.

After a crazy few days weatherwise, it seems fitting to share this photo of Chris and Gary from our property team. These men are a huge asset not only to boarding but school wide, and understandably they have been incredibly busy over the last few days. Thanks so much for all you do.



Hopefully the weather settles in time for the start of the winter sports.

Keep warm.

*Ngā Mihi, Jo*





Well done to the 1st XI Football Team for going unbeaten at the WaiCol Sport Foundation Pre Season Tournament in the holidays.

They came away with 2 wins and a draw- a successful day for the team and we are thankful for the support we received!



# Pre-Season Tournament

## Sport Board

### St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May– Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Boxing</b> 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for minivan. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.  <b>Badminton</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.  <b>Hockey Training</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI</b> 6:30-8pm @Clareville turf. Boarding house minivan departs 6.10pm and picks up 8pm.  <b>SMS Stars</b> 4-5pm @SMS.  <b>Hockey Matches</b> Information TBC. Check Hockey Wairarapa website. Minivan runs TBC.  <b>Football Training</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI</b> 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS with Matt. SNRs please take the first bus back from Rathkeale. <b>Saints &amp; Stars</b> 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS with Joanna. SNRs please take the first bus back from Rathkeale.  <b>Netball Training</b> <b>Primary A</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS <b>Primary 7s</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS <b>Junior Green</b> 3:45-4:45pm @SMS.	<b>Rugby Skills Session with Wairarapa Bush</b> Yr 9-11 All welcome. 1.20-2.00pm @SMS.  <b>Hockey Training</b> <b>Primary 7s Gold</b> 1:20pm-2pm. <b>Primary 7s Green</b> TBC. <b>Senior and Development</b> 6-7pm @Clareville Turf. Boarding minivan to depart at 5.40pm and pick up at 7pm (may need two vans). <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI</b> 5-6pm @TBC.  <b>Football Matches</b> <b>SMS Saints vs SMS Stars</b> @SMS 3.30pm. Kick Off 3.45pm.  <b>SMS Strikers</b> vs Kuranui Maroon @SMS 3.30pm. Kick off 3.45pm.  <b>Netball Matches @Wairarapa Courts.</b> <b>SMS Primary Gold</b> vs Chanelle Aces Court 5 @3:30pm. vs MIS Pomo Court 11 @4pm. <b>SMS Primary Green</b> vs Lakeview Emeralds Court 12 @4pm. <b>SMS Primary A</b> vs FST Black Court 5 @5:30pm. vs MIS Aces Court 6 @5pm. <a href="#">Minivan runs TBC</a>  <b>Netball Training</b> <b>SMS Gold</b> 3.30pm-4.45pm (half court). <b>JNR Black</b> 3.40pm-4.40pm (half court). <b>SMS Pink</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside court).	<b>Boxing</b> 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for minivan. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.  <b>Running Club (lunchtime)</b> Meet @SMS Gym with Ms Borland & Nell.  <b>Football Match</b> <b>SMS 1<sup>st</sup> XI</b> vs Queen Margaret 1 <sup>st</sup> XI @Petone Memorial Park. Seniors to be collected at 3.00pm. Minivan leaving Main House at 3.15pm. <a href="#">Pick up TBC</a>  <b>Netball Training</b> <b>SMS 11s</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS (half court). <b>SMS Development</b> 5:30pm-7:30pm @SMS (full court).  <b>Games with Franny</b> Sport Prefect Fran will run some fun games for any boarders & day girls 3.30pm-4.30pm on the turf.	<b>Hockey Matches</b> Information TBC. Check online. Minivan runs TBC.  <b>Basketball Training</b> Lunch time – have lunch quickly and then head to the gym.  <b>Primary Football Training</b> 1:20pm-2pm @SMS.  <b>Football Matches</b> Primary Football Ferns vs Lakeview @ Lakeview. Minivan leaving Main House at 3.15pm. <a href="#">Pick up TBC</a>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Football S&amp;C</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym with Ms Borland.  <b>Netball Training (@SMS)</b> <b>Yr12 Social</b> 1:20pm-1:55pm outside court. <b>Junior Silver</b> 3:30pm-4:45pm in the gym (½ court). <b>Junior Yellow</b> 3:30pm – 4.30pm outside court. <b>SMS Stars</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm in the gym (1/2 court). <b>Primary 8s</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm outside court. <b>SNR A</b> 5:30pm-7:30pm in the gym.  <b>Strength &amp; Conditioning</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm @SMS fitness gym. <b>*ALL WELCOME*</b>	<b>Hockey Matches</b> Information TBC. Check online. Minivan runs TBC.  <b>Netball Matches</b> Draw will be out during start of week 2 (check Netball Wairarapa Website for updates). <a href="#">Minivan runs TBC</a>	<b>Netball Matches</b> Draw will be out during start of week 2 (check Netball Wairarapa Website for updates). <a href="#">Minivan runs TBC</a>
					SUNDAY

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## ANZAC Day 2025

Our girls were at services across the Wairarapa presenting wreaths to commemorate ANZAC Day - Masterton, Tinui, Gladstone, Carterton, Greytown, Martinborough, and Featherston.



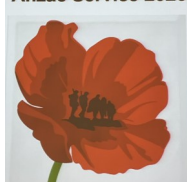
On Wednesday morning we held our ANZAC Service. This commemoration is something that we, at St Matthew's value greatly for the way it reminds us all of the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom in two World Wars and subsequent conflicts

Special thanks to our guest speaker Sergeant Rick Henderson, for not only speaking but also playing The Last Post and Reveille on the bugle for our service. Special mention to the members of our community that attended.

As part of this morning's service, our chaplain, the Rev. Wendy Smyth and principal, Mrs Kiri Gill blessed 70 more knitted/crocheted poppies that will be added to the banner begun in 2014.



Anzac Service 2025



## **School Value – Transform – to transform unjust structures of society; to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation**

In the book of Colossians, a book in the New Testament of the Bible, we read a letter sent to the people at Colossae. In this letter, St Paul is clarifying to the Christians there that Jesus Christ was the visible image of the invisible God. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Because of Jesus, we can challenge the structures of society that are unjust – God is supreme, and humans are all equal under God. Because of Jesus, we can challenge violence and pursue peace and reconciliation. Jesus suffered the ultimate violence to bring reconciliation, with God and each other.

Jesus said,

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbour’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

“Kua rongo koutou i korerotia, Kia aroha ki tou hoa tata, kia kino hoki ki tou hoa whawhai: Na ko taku kupu tenei ki a koutou, Arohaina o koutou hoa whawhai, manaakitia te hunga e kanga ana i a koutou, kia pai te mahi ki te hunga e kino ana ki a koutou, me inoi hoki mo te hunga e whakawhiu ana i a koutou, e whakato ana i a koutou; Kia tupu ai koutou hei tamariki ma to koutou Matua i te rangi: e mea nei hoki ia i tona ra kia whiti ki te hunga kino, ki te hunga pai, kia ua hoki te ua ki te hunga tika, ki te hunga he.”

We need to transform the world by loving, not just our neighbours, but also our enemies, praying for the very people who wrong us. This is not easy, but God has not set us up as judges over each other, He is sovereign, we are equal under Him. Go well.

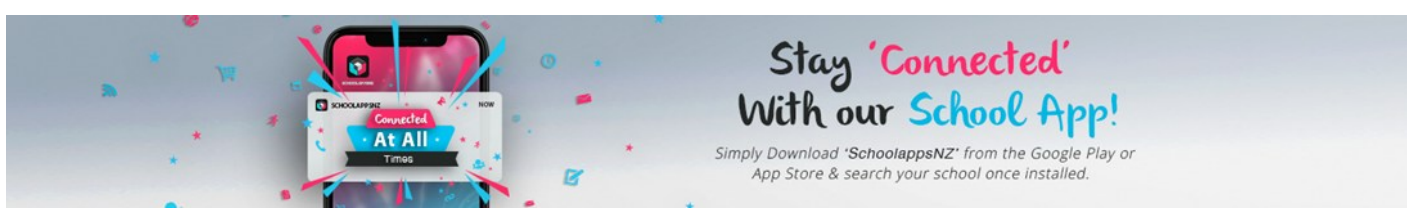


Rev. Wendy

### **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.



## Literacy and Numeracy Exams

- **20th May**      **Literacy Reading**
- **21st May**      **Literacy Writing**
- **22nd May**      **Numeracy**

**All exams start at 8.40am**

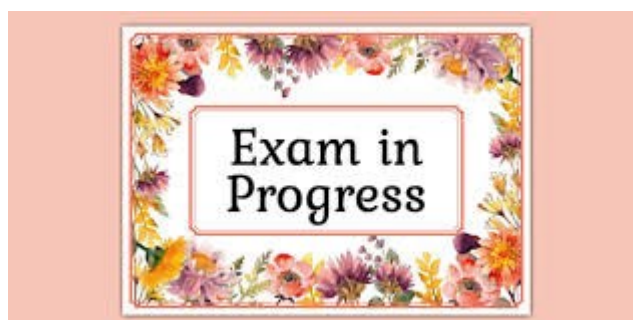
Students will need a fully charged laptop for the assessment and headphones (if they wish to access Polly).

**Special assessment conditions (SAC)** provide extra support for otherwise capable students in addressing various barriers to achievement in assessment. They help students to fairly demonstrate their knowledge and skill without providing an unfair advantage over other students.

NZQA states “The preferred support for students requiring Reader assistance is assistive technology. This is provided through the use of the Polly text-to-speech tool which is built into the platform.” This tool is available for Literacy – writing and for Numeracy. The use of such technologies is encouraged as it most closely aligns with how students would interact with text if facing challenges in their day-to-day lives outside of school.

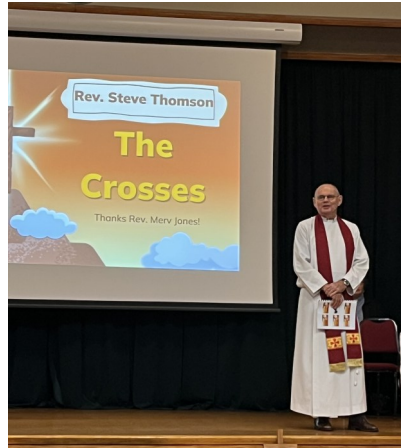
Some students may require writer or typist support. In these cases, the intent from NZQA is “that students complete the assessment themselves using the online assessment platform”; there is basically no time limit so even the slowest of typists are not disadvantaged. If a student is unable to type responses then we can provide a suitably trained typist or writer for the student. However, “The use of a Writer to handwrite on paper should only be used in exceptional circumstances.” (NZQA)

Ultimately the decision as to whether a reader, writer or typist is made available to students sits with individual schools using their professional judgement and knowledge of individual student need. The co-requisites (literacy and numeracy) are intended to be as accessible as possible and have been developed “to encourage maximum agency by ākonga.” Students will have had the opportunity to practice engaging with the co-requisites on a digital platform and will have trialled using the Polly Text-to-Speech tool.



## Cross Blessing Service

Thursday morning, we were honoured to host two priests from St Matthew's Anglican Church in Masterton, Rev. Steve Thomson and Rev. Wendy Scott (priest in charge) in order to bless a raft of exquisite wooden crosses made for our school. Rev. Merv Jones, who also attends St Matthew's Church lovingly crafted these crosses for us out of retired pews so that we can mount them above the doorways of our school buildings, reminding us that we stand under the blessing of almighty God, who loves us and to whom we bring great pleasure.



## 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](https://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

- **Thursday 1 May** - Trinity Service
- **Sunday 4 May** - Grand Piano Fundraiser
- **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—Netball Dresses

New stock of our NETBALL DRESSES has just arrived at NZ Uniforms, 72 Ngaumutawa Rd. These are for general netball players. Please note that a black RACERBACK sports bra will need to be worn with these dresses.

The St Matthew's second-hand shop currently has 2<sup>nd</sup> hand netball dress sizes W10, W14 & W16. Plus limited size G8, W8 & W12.

FYI: The optional St Matthew's sports Thermal is currently available to buy at NZ Uniforms.

The St Matthew's second-hand uniform shop is open during term time Tuesdays & Thursdays 3pm-4pm. Email Juliet: [smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz)

## 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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# Grand Piano Fundraiser Concert

May 4th 2:30PM

St Matthew's Collegiate  
School Hall  
33 Pownall Street

*Andrew Atkins (HOD Music) plays  
Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata*

*Caitlin Morris plays  
Elgar's Cello Concerto*



Tickets \$20  
Cash at the  
Door



To all current and former  
teachers and staff.

SMOGA WARMLY INVITE YOU TO THE

# 2025 Reunion

Please join us King's Birthday weekend to  
reconnect with past students from  
1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 & 2015

Friday  
30/05/2025

6.30PM Cocktail Evening  
Rathkeale Dining Room

Saturday  
31/05/2025

9:30 AM - Chapel  
10AM Morning tea  
both @ St Matthew's

RSVP [bridg.andy@gmail.com](mailto:bridg.andy@gmail.com)

# Sport Notices

## 2024-2025 WAIRARAPA TIMES-SPORTS AWARD CATEGORIES



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.



This award recognises the progress made by clubs in promoting their sports both on and off the field.



Open to any para person who has achieved a high standard of participation in any sport.



Open to teams that have achieved a high standard of participation in any sport at secondary school or 18 and under age group level.



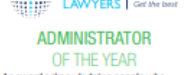
An award acknowledging people who have volunteered their time, labour and talents to improving Wairarapa sport. Recognises the volunteer's entire career span.



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.



Open to senior teams that have achieved a high standard of participation in any sport.



An award acknowledging people who have contributed to the administration of sport. Recognises the administrator's entire career span.



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.



An award acknowledging any person 18 or under who has made a significant contribution to sport including officiating, coaching, or volunteering.



Open to any primary/intermediate school student who has achieved a high standard in any sport.



An award recognising the lifetime achievements of anyone in Wairarapa Sports.



An award acknowledging any person 19 and over who acts as an umpire, referee, or judge.



Open to any secondary school or 18 and under sportswoman who has achieved a high standard in any sport.



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.



An award acknowledging people who have contributed to the coaching of sport. Recognises the coach's successes of the past twelve months.



Open to any secondary school or 18 and under sportsman who has achieved a high standard in any sport.



Helping Wairarapa's up and coming athletes with scholarships to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.



Recognises the Supreme Sports person 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.**



## RAISING A HEALTHY ATHLETE

Wairarapa seminar

**12 May 25 6-7.30pm**  
St Matthew's Collegiate School  
for Girls, Seminar Room, Masterton

**19 May 25 6-7.30pm**  
Kuranui College, Student Center,  
Greytown

Swipe for speakers →



## RAISING A HEALTHY ATHLETE

Wairarapa seminar

### Guest speakers:



**Anna Beetham**  
Sports Podiatrist  
Wairarapa Sports Podiatry



**Ryan Monastra**  
Senior Physio/Director  
Back in Action Clinic

Support the journey  
**Fuel the dream**

**Register now!**

The registration form for these seminars can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PZDF6X>

# Community News and Events

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  
ADULT

\$10  
STUDENT

FOR ONLINE SALES  
SCAN THE QR CODE



OR VISIT  
[WAIKOL.IBDN.NZ/ETICKETS](http://WAIKOL.IBDN.NZ/ETICKETS)

DOOR SALES ALSO  
AVAILABLE



**Rangatahi - Voices for Change**

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

Register Now → 



**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand



## HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR LOCAL CHOPPER

### Quiz Night

**Where:** Red Star Sports Association, 10 Herbert Street, Masterton 5810.

**When:** Thursday 22 May 2025 at 5pm

#### Timetable of events:

- 5.00 - 5.30pm pre Quiz Drinks & Mingle
- 5.30pm - 7.30pm Quiz
- 7.30pm - 7.45pm Prizegiving (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Cash Bar  
Nibbles Provided

Westpac Masterton invite you to enter a Team into this Event to support raising funds towards the Local Chopper.



Please RSVP directly to: [lea.griffith@westpac.co.nz](mailto:lea.griffith@westpac.co.nz)

Book your table and confirm with your payment of \$100 per table by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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Thank you in advance for your support