

STAR BOARD

TRINITY SCHOOLS
ST MATTHEW'S

Term Two, Week 3

Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

It is entirely apt to acknowledge the focus that has been placed on anti-bullying and support staff appreciation this week. So here goes!

If you tell someone every day that they are ugly, no matter how beautiful we know them to be, they will ultimately believe they are ugly—and the damage we have done will take time to repair. Imagine if every day we saw the strength of our words in lifting a person and we decided to say how amazing someone was... what a difference. Why are we motivated in NZ to cut down (the tall poppy syndrome) when the difference in celebrating each other would make such a big difference?

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is important - but it should be more than just a week. The values behind it - kindness, empathy, courage - need to be lived out daily. Bullying does not just happen in schoolyards; it echoes in workplaces, homes, and online. It often hides behind sarcasm, “banter,” or silence when we should speak up. In a country like ours, where humility is admired, we must remember that building others up does not make us smaller - it makes us stronger as a whole.

I will give a plug to St Matthew's Anti-Bullying process STAND. It is not just a concept- it is a series of actions to demonstrate all belong in our school.

It is time we flip the script. Instead of waiting for a campaign to tell us to be kind, let's choose it every day. Celebrate someone's success. Compliment their effort. Defend those who can't defend themselves. Words can wound, but they can also heal- let's choose healing

Support Staff Appreciation Week

As we talk about kindness and lifting others up, it is the perfect time to recognise another important group in our school - our incredible support staff. This week is Support Staff Appreciation Week, and it is a moment to acknowledge the vital role these people play in the daily life of our school.

From our admin team who keep things running smoothly behind the scenes, to our teacher aides who work patiently alongside students to support their learning. From the grounds and maintenance staff who care for our environment, to the matrons who support our boarders wellbeing, to the library/archivist team who nurture our history, curiosity and love of reading, to our accounts people who balance our books. Our cleaners ensure our spaces are safe and welcoming, and our sports and co-curricular staff bring energy and opportunity to life outside the classroom.

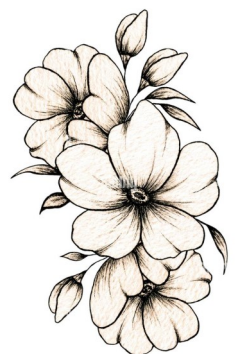
They are the quiet champions of our community - the people who show up early, stay late, stay overnight and always give their best. They are the cogs that work seamlessly with our teaching team to make sure every student is supported, seen, and set up for success.

While not officially part of our school's support staff, we also want to acknowledge the many parents, caregivers, and community members who generously give their time and energy to support our school. Whether serving on our Boards, coaching teams, managing sports, volunteering through our Old Girls' Association, giving immeasurable time to the Friends, or supporting the work of our school's foundations - their contribution is deeply valued. These volunteers play a vital role in enriching student life and strengthening our school community. Their behind-the-scenes efforts sometimes go unnoticed, but their impact is lasting. We are truly grateful for the spirit of service they bring to our school.

So, this week, it has been about showing our appreciation of those who support our core business. But like Anti-bullying should be an everyday expectation, every one of these Support people should be appreciated every day- we all need to appreciate each other every day. Say thank you, give a smile, a kind word - it is small things like that, just like I have said, that can make a big difference.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi



For those of you who were either at school for the Open Day or you just happened to pop into school on Tuesday afternoon, you may have seen many of our Main House and Hampton House girls taking tours through boarding.

It was lovely to see so many of our girls stepping up to be tour guides and those I saw were outstanding. I know some of you missed the photos taken but a huge thanks to you all.

Finally, the photo of Jorja and Meg (Year 13 boarders) with Grace (Year 10 boarder) chatting to Pete our relieving van driver says it all- Connect, Contribute and enjoying being part of the St Matts Boarding Community!

Have a great weekend.

Ngā Mihi, Jo

Boarding Note



Sport Board

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

Monday 19th May– Sun 25th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for minivan. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.	Basketball SMS vs Makoura College Kohine @SMS 5:30pm Training 4.30-5.30pm	Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for minivan. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.	Hockey SMS 1st XI vs Whanganui Collegiate 1 st XI Girls @5:30pm Hockey Manawatu. Minivan to leave @3pm Primary 7s Green Training: Lunchtime 1:20pm – 2pm Primary Football Training Lunchtime 1:20pm – 2pm	Hockey Matches @Clareville. SMS Primary Green vs MIS Mana @5:40pm. SMS Primary 8s vs Lakeview Remutaka @ 6:30pm. SMS Primary Gold vs Coasties Kwik Sticks @4:50pm. Minivan departs 4:20pm Hockey Training Primary 8s Lunchtime 1:20pm – 2pm Netball Matches @ MNC SMS Snr A vs CNC JK & CO Maroon @6pm (Court 2). SMS Development vs Te Kopi @7pm (Court 1). SMS Gold vs Makoura College A Squad @7:30 (Court 3).	Netball Matches @ MNC SMS Senior Stars vs Wairarapa Junior B @10am (Court 1). Yr 13 Social vs Wairarapa Senior C @12pm (Court 5). Yr 12 Social vs Kuranui Junior White @10am (Court 2). SMS Jnr Green vs Makoura Development @10am (Court 4). SMS Jnr Yellow vs SMS 11s @2pm (Court 4). SMS Silver vs Chanel Development @1pm (Court 5). SMS Jnr Black BYE SMS Jnr Pink vs Solway College Junior White @11am (Court 8).
Badminton 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.	Rifle Shooting Minivan to depart 6.15pm and pick up 9.30pm	Running Club (lunchtime) Meet @SMS Gym with Ms Borland & Nell.	Primary Football Training Lunchtime 1:20pm – 2pm Football Primary Ferns vs MIS Whero 1st XI Football S&C - 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym with Ms Borland.		
Hockey Training 1st XI - 6.30-8pm @Clareville. Boarding van departs 6.10pm. Pick up at 8pm.	Hockey Training Primary 7s Gold: 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. 1st XI: 5-6pm @SMS. Seniors: 6-7pm @Clareville. Boarding van departs 5.40pm. Pick up at 7pm.	Football Match SMS 1st XI vs Wellington High School 2 nd XI @Wellington HS, 4:15pm. Seniors to be collected at 1.15pm. Minivan leaving 1.15pm. Return approx. 9pm.	Netball Training (@SMS) Yr12 Social 1:20pm-1:55pm outside court. Junior Silver 3:30pm-4:45pm in the gym (½ court). Junior Yellow 3:30pm – 4:30pm outside court. SMS Stars 3:30pm-4:30pm in the gym (1/2 court). Primary 8s No Training. SNR A 5:30pm-7:30pm in the gym.		
Hockey Matches @Clareville SMS Stars vs Solway College 3 rd XI @4:15pm. Minivan departs 3:30pm. Pick up 5:30pm. SMS Development vs McKenzies Electrical WaiCol Blue @6:45pm. Minivan departs 6:00pm. Pick up 7:55pm. SMS Senior vs Kuranui Girls 1 st XI @5:30pm. Minivan departs 4:45pm. Pick up 6:40pm	Football Matches SMS Saints vs Solway College 1 st XI @3:45PM at Solway. Minivan leave 3:15 SMS Stars vs Kuranui Blue @ Kuranui 3.45pm. Minivan leave 3:15 SMS Strikers vs Chanel Girls XI @SMS. Kick off 3:45.	Netball Training SMS 11s 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS (half court). SMS Development 5:30pm-7:30pm @SMS (full court). SMS Gold 3:30pm-4:45pm (half court).	Strength & Conditioning 3:30pm – 4:30pm @SMS fitness gym. *ALL WELCOME*		
Football Training 1st XI with Matt, Saints & Stars with Joanna. 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS. SNRs please take the first bus back from Rathkeale.	Netball Training JNR Black 3.40pm-4.40pm (half court). SMS Pink 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside court).	Games with Franny Sport Prefect Fran will run some fun games for any boarders & day girls 3.30pm-4.30pm on the turf.	Squash At Red Star Squash Club @3:30 . Van Departing 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm		
Netball Training Primary A - 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS. Primary 7s - 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS. Junior Green - 3:45-4:45pm @SMS.	Netball Training JNR Black 3.40pm-4.40pm (half court). SMS Pink 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside court).	Hockey Training SMS Stars - 4-5pm at SMS Development - 4-5pm @Clareville Turf. Boarding minivan to depart at 5.40pm and pick up at 7pm.			

Blue highlight – Info tbc

Congratulations to all our St Matthew's girls who participated in the Wairarapa Cross Country. Our top 10 ten results from the day are:

Yr 9 + U15

1st Ada Wilkie

4th Olivia Kooiman

6th Annabelle Wyeth

8th Tilly Giesen

9th Charlotte Jaspers

U16

10th Abbey Upshon

U20

2nd Riley Galbreath

5th Ava Wilson



Cross Country



Scots Fixture - Year 7/8 Netball and Football

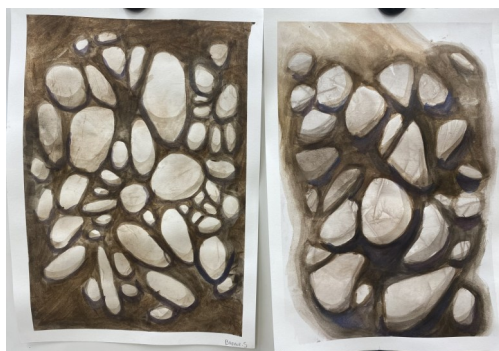
Well done to our Year 7/8 Netball and Football students who travelled over to Scots Collegiate today. Scot's were very strong and won all games.

Players of the day went to:
Football - Bella Rodger,
Primary A - Holly Johnston,
Primary B - Louisa Wilkie



40 Hour Famine Convention

A great time was had by all at the World Vision Youth Conference this Tuesday. A group of Year 13s and 11s lapped up the scintillating presentations, motivated to go forth and serve, in order to make the world a better place. Watch out for their upcoming invitation to be part of the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge!



Yr 8 Art

Year 8 Art students have been painting watercolour stones based on the work of artist Charlotta Blomgren.

Level 2 Academic Results 2024 -Updated

Level 2		
Excellence	Merit	Achieved
India Bartlett Sally Booth Man Ching Merryyn Ceres Chen Morgan Dudley Georgina Donald Daniella Duckett Jorja Fountaine Evangeline Leach Ramona Lively-Masters Poppy Tatham Francesca Wells Sophie Williams	Alexandria Anstis Milly Fletcher Rita Hodson Charlotte Kirk Riley McAlister Peta McKay Dina Morrison Marci Pillar Maiah Purcell Lilly Reynolds Meg Speedy Maia Svenson Sophie Sweeney Maggie Thomson Kaitlyn Williams	Phoebe Bell Alice Bourke Tessa Buckley Stella Carrington Isobella Edge Jayla Grant Madeleine Heathcote Madeleine Kennedy Nuntaporn Lamnao Ana Long Ellie MacDonald Catherine Martin Phillippa McLaren Hannah Neilson Millie Norris Lauren Paulsen Ava Register Ava Snelgrove-Waij Ivanna Southey Summer Stokes Priya Williams Zahara Winyard

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Anti Bully Day activity at Senior College this week—chalk drawing. Below Girls out and about at Senior



Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
[#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ](https://twitter.com/PINKSHIRTDAYNZ)

Mark of Mission – Treasure –

to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew life on earth.

In Genesis Chapter 1 we read how God created the heavens and the earth. He placed the stars in the sky, including our planet, with such precision that life flourishes here. He created our flora and fauna and viewed it as good. God then tasked his human creation to care for it all. What is concerning is that mankind has done a very poor job of doing that. Our challenge, through this Mark of Mission is to take our task seriously.

Genesis 1:28-30:

Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

Na ka manaakitia raua e te Atua, a ka mea te Atua ki a raua, Kia hua, kia tini, kia kapi hoki te whenua i a korua, kia mate hoki ona tara i a korua: ko korua hei rangatira mo te ika o te moana, mo te manu hoki o te rangi, mo nga mea ora katoa an o hoki e ngokingoki ana i runga i te whenua. A ka mea te Atua, Na, kua oti te hoatu e ahau ki a korua nga otaota katoa e whai purapura ana i runga i te mata o te whenua katoa, me te rakau katoa, he hua rakau tona e whai purapura ana; hei kai ena ma korua: A kua hoatu ano e ahau nga otaota matomato katoa hei kai ma nga kararehe katoa o te whenua, ma nga manu katoa o te rangi, ma nga mea katoa hoki e ngokingoki ana i runga i te whenua kei roto nei i a ratou he wairua ora: a ka oti.



Rev. Wendy

SMOGA Grants Now Open!

The St Matthew's Old Girls' Association (SMOGA) is delighted to open applications for two exciting student opportunities

Outward Bound Grant – A \$2,500 grant (incl. GST) toward an 8-day or 21-day Teen Outward Bound course.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/HpwLqLJw1BUp99tD6>

Spirit of Adventure Grant – A fully funded voyage aboard the Spirit of New Zealand.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/wbx2Wtu2tj9JtZVA>

These grants are open to current students in Years 11–13 who are either daughters, nieces, or granddaughters of SMOGA members, or who join SMOGA as part of the application process.

For full details, please visit: www.stmatts.school.nz/academic/scholarships/





Key Dates

- **Sunday 25th May** - Cooper House Chapel
- **Saturday 31st May** - Exeat long Weekend
- **Saturday 31st May** - Reunion Weekend
- **Monday 2 June** - King's Birthday stat day
- **Tuesday 3 June** - Teacher Only day
- **Friday 20th June** - Matariki
- **Friday 20th June** - Exeat weekend
- **Sunday 22nd June** - Batten House Chapel

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



ANZAC poetry competition

A poetry competition was held to recognise ANZAC day and to coincide with the Library display. Most of the competitors were from Year 9. Rosie's poem won and her winning poem is:

Australian and New Zealanders a bond so strong
Noble soldiers you fought all day long
Zooming bullets across what was once land
Always remembered with stories to be told
Courageous soldiers we will remember

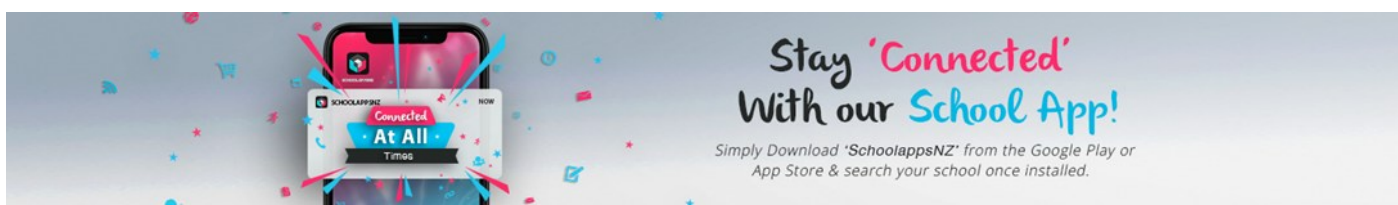
Pictured are the prize winners: Phoebe, Rosie and Tanisha.

Christina Bate, Librarian

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.



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

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Does your daughter carry an Epi Pen?
- Does your daughter carry/require medication?
- Does your daughter's medical information need updating?

Please get in touch if you think you may need to advise of any new medical details we hold on file to ensure we have the most up to date information



2025 Wairarapa Kings Birthday Open Tournament

31st May - 2nd June 2025

Masterton Tennis Centre

Grades: 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u, Open Mens & Women

Entries now Open, closing midnight Tuesday 27th May
Enter via Tournament Planner

 **DUNLOP**



 Wairarapa
Tennis

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please let us know
if your contact
details have
changed

 sm.office@trinityschools.nz

or complete a change
request through KAMAR

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CREATIVITY & CONNECTION WORKSHOPS

Thurs 8 May	Repair Cafe Lip Balms		10.30 - 12 @ Women's Centre 2 - 5pm @ Skate Park Hub
Thurs 15 May	Rosemary Hair Tonic		10.30 - 12 @ Idea Services 2 - 5pm @ Skate Park Hub
Thurs 22 May	Achey Muscle Balm		10.30 - 12 @ Women's Centre 2 - 5pm @ Skate Park Hub
Thurs 29 May	Aromatherapy Spritzers		10.30 - 12 @ Idea Services 2 - 5pm @ Skate Park Hub

Our FREE weekly 'Creativity & Connection' workshops provide our participants with an opportunity for making sustainable, eco personal care products that support **whanaungatanga** (connection & relationships), **auahatanga** (creativity), and **mana motuhake** (capability & self-determination).

Thank You **COGS** Community Organisation Grants Scheme **MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** for funding these FREE workshops

✉ divinerivernz@gmail.com ☎ 021 425 099 Divine River NZ on &

Rangatahi - Voices for Change

When: 20th May 2025
Where: Pataka + Art Museum, Porirua

Register Now →

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Community News and Events

TedX speaker
Jo Robertson
presents

WELLINGTON
ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Parenting in the Digital Era

Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm
For parents of kids 4-13+

Thursday 22 May
Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

JO ROBERTSON FEATURED ON

Limited tickets – Book Now at MeowNui.com

FREE
Health & wellbeing
Whānau Day

Featherston Community Centre, 14 Wakefield Street
Saturday 17 May 2025 • 10:30am – 2:30pm

Come along to our FREE health and wellbeing day for the whole family!

- Health & Blood pressure checks • HPV (cervical) self-screening • Midwife support •
- Whaea Edith's Rongoā • Childhood & pregnancy immunisations • General health information •

• Face painting • Music • BBQ • FREE raffles for kai basket & firewood •

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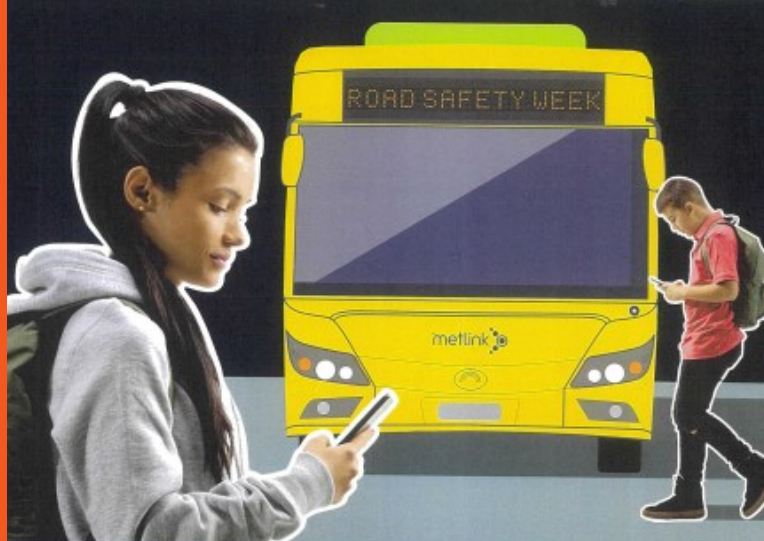


WAIRARAPA 50 HOUR FILM PROJECT

**MAY 23 - 25TH 2025
LIGHTS! ACTION! MAGIC!**

\$5000 PRIZE MONEY!

MAKE A SHORT FILM WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE
AND YOU COULD WIN! SCAN HERE FOR DETAILS



HEADS UP! PHONES DOWN

Before crossing, press pause
on your phone and feet.



Road Safety Week

Defensive Driving Course with Lee Quayle

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

Go to the web-
site 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



Wairarapa Tennis

Matariki Open Tournament 2025

~Friday 20th June - Sunday 22nd June~
~Masterton Tennis Centre~
Enter via Tournament Planner, Entries Close: Tuesday 17th June

DUNLOP
Official Ball Sponsor 2024

Grades:: 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u, mens & womens Open
Singles & Doubles
Full info Sheet: available on Wairarapa Tennis website

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