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ST MATTHEW'S

Term Two, Week 4

Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

We are thrilled with the overwhelming response to 2026 enrolment opportunities. Our two main entry points are years 7 and 9 and we are certainly open to more looking to join us next year but with such limited spaces they best be quick to contact. Let your friends know to start making contact for 2027.

It is heartening to see such strong interest in our school, reflecting the enduring value of our community and educational offering. What is especially moving, however, is the number of Old Girls now seeking the same rich experience for their own daughters. To see past students return as parents, choosing to entrust us with the next generation, speaks volumes about the legacy and spirit of our school. It is both humbling and a source of great pride to welcome these families home once again. Thank you for your trust.

Sitting ahead is the King's Birthday Reunion weekend where we will once again host St Matthew's students of yesteryear (the year of the 5s) rekindling those joyous days of their youth.

Sideline Support: Let's Keep It Fun (and Kind)

As we head into another busy season of winter sport, I wanted to remind ourselves about something that makes a big difference: positive sideline behaviour.

Our girls give it their all out there—whether they are new to the sport or eyeing future representative honours. But at the end of the day, they are school kids, not professionals (yet!). What they need most is encouragement, support, and the freedom to learn and enjoy the game—win or lose.

Please cheer loudly and proudly but let us leave the coaching to the coaches (who, by the way, are often volunteers—parents, students, or teachers giving up their time because they care). Same goes for our fabulous team managers. A kind word or a quick thank-you can go a long way toward making sure they want to keep coming back.

And let us not forget our referees and umpires—many of whom are also learning. They are not perfect (who is?), but without them, there is no game. Respect on the sideline sets the tone on the field or court.

Our aim is simple: we want all our players to have a positive, confidence-building experience. That means making sport fun, safe, and something they will want to keep doing.

So, bring your enthusiasm, your school spirit, and your loudest claps—but keep it kind, keep it supportive, and keep it in perspective. And maybe save the game debrief for after an ice cream (it is cold – make it a pie) stop on the way home.

Thanks for being part of what makes playing sport at our school something special.

Why Literacy & Numeracy CAAs Matter (Especially in Year 10)

You may have heard your child mention the CAA assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. These Common Assessment Activities are part of a nationwide shift to ensure all students are equipped with the essential skills they need — not just for NCEA, but for life.

So why are they important? The CAAs focus on foundation skills — reading, writing, and maths — that students will need whether they are going to university, starting an apprenticeship, or heading straight into work. They are not about trick questions or testing memory, but about real-world skills: Can students understand information? Communicate clearly? Use numbers with confidence?

And why are we doing them in Year 10?

By offering these assessments in Year 10, we are giving students an early chance to show what they can do — and where they might need more support. If they meet the standard, great! One less thing to worry about in Year 11. If not, we have got time to help them build their skills before NCEA kicks off and they get other attempts.

This early approach means no surprises later on, and more time to focus on subjects. It is about giving every student the best possible platform for success, whatever their pathway. Our tw

We know assessments can sound stressful — but these ones are designed to be fair, accessible, and truly meaningful. Think of them as a helpful checkpoint, not a high-stakes test.

Thank you for supporting your child through this process. We will continue to share updates and guidance as we go — and as always, we are here to answer any questions.

Maths Teacher

I sent this to all Mrs Satya's maths classes recently so I wanted to now share this with the wider community. It is with delight that I inform you that Mrs Rachael Cato has been appointed as a LTR (Long Term Reliever) for Mrs Satya's notice period. This means she will be responsible for the instruction of these maths classes until the end of term two. Mrs Cato was a full-time maths teacher here some years back so we are very pleased to have her capable support in the classroom again.

We have advertised the maths position and have been very pleased with the large volume of applications. Following process, we will look to appoint with a permanent appointment being made for the start of term three.

We thank you for your faith in us and we are also grateful for the additional workload ably handled by Dr Saunders.

Our Mental Health- You are not alone

MŌ TĀTOU, NĀ TĀTOU – TAUTOKO RANGATAHI O WAIRARAPA FOR US, BY US – RANGATAHI SUPPORT WAIRARAPA

You will see a list below of helping agencies and resources available to our community for mental health and addictions supports. This initiative is there to remind us all that we are not alone. As they state you can 'reach out, reconnect, and recover'.

As always have a great and safe weekend
Ngā Mihi





What's on the menu this week?



Launch the Camera App and aim your camera at the QR Code to scan it.



Kia Ora Koutou.

As we are now at the end of Week 4 Term 2, there is much to celebrate.

The painting is now complete in our Year 9 Margaret Mahy dorm, and it is looking stunning!

Our Year 7-10 boarders have completed four weeks of being “device free” from 3.10pm until 4.30pm each weekday. Although many will not say in front of their peers, the majority are enjoying the change.

Caterplus (our catering company) have listened to student feedback from both day students and boarders and have made many positive adjustments.

We are starting to change the way we arrange afterschool transport for all St Matthew’s students. Quite simply, day students will need to “sign up” at the school office by 11am on the day they require a ride. More information will be sent out but this new system will enable us to know how many students need transport and who is travelling in what vehicle. This will be a game changer for those who coordinate van drivers and school runs.

It is Friday and the sun is shining.

Enjoy the weekend.

Ngā Mihi, Jo



Sport Board

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 2 Week 5

Monday 26th May– Sun 1st June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for van. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.</p> <p>Badminton 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.</p> <p>Hockey Training @Clareville 1st XI. 6.30-8pm. Van departs 6.10pm. Pick up 8pm.</p> <p>Hockey Matches @Clareville SMS Stars vs Solway 2nd XI 4.15pm south turf minivan to depart at 3.15pm for girls on sight and 3.30pm for seniors SMS Development vs Solway 1st XI 5.30pm trust house turf minivan to depart at 4.15pm and pick up at 6.30pm SMS Senior BYE</p> <p>Football Training 1st XI with Matt. Saints & Stars with Joanna. 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS. SNRs please take the first bus back from Rathkeale.</p> <p>Netball Training Primary A. 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS. Primary 7s. 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS. Junior Green. 3.45-4.45pm @SMS. SNR A Blitz. Van leaves 5.30pm. Pick up 6.30pm.</p> <p>Squash Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Basketball Training 4.30-5.30pm. SMS vs Kuranui 6.30pm</p> <p>Rifle Shooting Van departs 6.15pm. Pick up 8:30pm.</p> <p>Hockey Training Primary 7s Gold: 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. 1st XI: 5-6pm @SMS. Seniors: 6-7pm @Clareville. Van departs 5.40pm. Pick up 7pm.</p> <p>Football Matches SMS Saints vs Wai. Col. Development @ SMS 3.45pm SMS Stars vs Solway College @ Solway 3.45pm. Minivan to depart 3.20pm and pick up 5pm SMS Strikers vs Solway College @ SMS 3.45pm</p> <p>Netball Matches @Wairarapa Netball SMS Primary Gold vs Greytown 6pm ⚡ 2 minivan to depart at 5.15pm and pick up at 6.45pm SMS Primary Green vs Lakeview emeralds 4pm ⚡ 8 minivan to depart at 3.15pm and pick up at 5pm SMS Primary A vs Lakeview diamonds 5pm ⚡ 6 minivan to depart at 4pm and pick up at 6pm Umpiring - Hadlow Magic 4pm</p> <p>Netball Training JNR Black 3.40pm-4.40pm (half court). SMS Pink 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside).</p>	<p>Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet at 6:20am outside MH for van. Sign-ups only with Ms Veale.</p> <p>Running Club (lunchtime) Meet @SMS Gym with Ms Borland & Nell.</p> <p>Football Match 1st XI vs Newlands College 1st XI 4.15pm @ Ascot Park. Minivans departing at 1.15pm and returning around 7.30pm</p> <p>Netball Training @SMS SMS 11s 3.30pm-4.30pm (half court). SMS Development 5:30pm-7:30pm (full court). SMS Gold NO TRAINING – ATTEND NETBALL SMART THURSDAY</p> <p>Games with Franny Sport Prefect Fran will run some fun games for any boarders & day girls 3.30pm-4.30pm on the turf.</p> <p>YOGA 4-5PM IN LAZARUS ANY STUDENTS WELCOME!</p> <p>Hockey Training SMS Stars – 4-5pm @SMS. Development – 4-5pm @Clareville. Van departs 3:40pm. Pick up 5pm.</p>	<p>Hockey Matches SMS 1st XI vs pugh 1st XI 6.30pm @ Wairarapa Hockey Turf – trust house Minivan to depart at 5pm and pick up at 7.45pm</p> <p>Hockey Training Primary 7s Green: 1:20pm – 2pm.</p> <p>Football Training Primary: 1:20pm – 2pm. 1st XI S&C – 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym with Ms Borland.</p> <p>Football Matches Primary Ferns vs Lakeview @ SMS 3.45pm</p> <p>NETBALL SMART SESSIONS YOUR TEAMS WILL BE EMAILED DETAILS</p> <p>Netball Training @SMS Yr12 Social 1:20pm-1:55pm (outside). Junior Silver 3:30pm-4:45pm (½ court inside). Junior Yellow 3.30pm – 4.30pm (outside). SMS Stars 3.30pm-4.30pm (½ court inside). Primary 8s 3:30pm-4:30pm (outside). SNR A 5:30pm-7:30pm (inside).</p> <p>Strength & Conditioning 3.30pm – 4.30pm @SMS fitness gym. *ALL WELCOME*</p> <p>Squash Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Hockey Matches @Clareville. SMS Primary Green vs SMS Primary 8s vs SMS Primary Gold vs</p> <p>Hockey Training Primary 8s 1:20pm – 2pm</p> <p>Netball Matches @MNC NO NETBALL DUE TO KINGS BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>Netball Matches @MNC NO NETBALL DUE TO KINGS BIRTHDAY</p>

Blue highlight – Info tbc

BE A GREAT SUPPORTER

LET THEM PLAY

These are KIDS

This is a GAME

Be ENCOURAGING

Officials and coaches are VOLUNTEERS

Lets have FUN



SPORTSMANSHIP

noun |spôrts-mən-SHIP|

A person who displays good sportsmanship always plays fair and by the rules. They make an effort to treat opponents, coaches, teammates and referees with respect. Sportsmanship is the golden rule of sports: You should always treat others how you wish to be treated.





Yr11 PE Trip

NCEA PE went to Payton's Bush High Ropes Tuesday, working on kotahitanga skills for one of their internal assessments. It was a great day out with everyone completing all the courses. Kua pai te mahi



Boxing at Wairarapa Boxing Academy



SMS Boxing training for fun and fitness. 6.30am-7.15am Mondays and Wednesdays. See Mrs Shearing or Mrs Veale for more information. Thanks to Laurence at Wairarapa Boxing Academy for his guidance.



Tough Gal Challenge

Year 10 PE enjoyed a challenge at the Tough Guy and Gal challenge in Wainuiomata today.

More photos to come on Facebook later tonight!! Was a great day and the girls had a blast!



Yr9 Fashion

Year 9 Fashion Technology Rotation 1 has ended and this is the dress that Rosie Karaitiana assisted by Willow Kershaw created for the “Dress a Girl Around the World” project.

The dress is thoughtfully modelled in front of a world map by Rosie’s cousin Alice

Yr13 Ag Trip

Yr 13 students out on the Massey Farm discussing pasture species, nitrates and stock nutrition, and in a practical session looking at cheese making and fat content in different milks.



Yr13 Geo Trip

Year 13 Geography students are at Castlepoint & Riversdale to collect data. These photos are at Riversdale.



Term 2 Reporting

Effort Grade Report Three

This report was due to be published next week but now will be published in Week 7.

This will be the only report for the term.

This is because the term is shorter and Year 9/10 subjects have just swapped over. The report will include all subjects.

Effort Grade Report Four will be published in Week 5 Term Three.

Our next Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week One of Term Three, Thursday 17 July from 2.10pm to 5.30pm and Friday 18 July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Details for booking online will be published close to the time.

Year 10 Performance Evening – A Night to Remember

On Tuesday 6th May, our talented Year 10 students took to the stage for their much-anticipated Performance Evening. A total of 20 students participated, each showcasing their skills through a series of three songs, presented as group, duet, or solo performances. The evening featured an impressive 30 musical items in total, reflecting the dedication and hard work students have put in over the past 13 weeks.

The audience was treated to a wide variety of performances, each one demonstrating the students' growth, creativity, and passion for music. It was a truly memorable night and a proud moment for both performers and staff. Well done to all involved!

A Atkins

photo credits: year 12 student Olivia Church



We are starting to celebrate Matariki during our Kotahitanga time—today we enjoyed toasted marshmallows, drawing and starting our Matariki tin lanterns



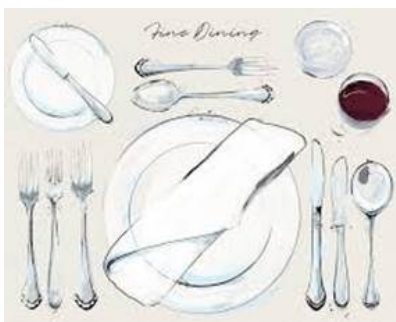
This week our School Value is **Inclusiveness**. It is so incredibly important to be inclusive. This value is taught at school and you can also teach it at home. The other week, students and I were talking about the wonderful diversity we have in our country, due to our unique history. We had a korero about how when we visit other people's houses for a meal, sometimes they do things differently to us. I asked, "Who has noticed that other people do things a bit weird at their house?" and a number of students raised their hands. We went on to consider that perhaps they also think that when they come to our houses too. Maybe we are all actually a bit weird and that should be seen as a celebration of diversity rather than a point of criticism?

In the Anglican Church's Lectionary this week the Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (18th May) is this:

"Make us glad we pray you, gentle God, to give each other your loving care; make us happy to receive it. May there daily grow within us a generous, trusting spirit. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

"E te Atua māhaki, tukua mātou kia harikoa, ki te hoatu tōu aroha tētahi ki tētahi; meinga kia hari koa mātou i te whiwhinga mai. Whakatupua ki roto i a mātou i ia rā, he Wairua oha whirinaki hoki. Mā te aroha ki a koe ka tika ai tā mātou mahi i runga i te harikoa, E ĭnoi ana mātou i roto i a ĭhu Karaiti tō mātou Ariki. Āmine."

Rev. Wendy



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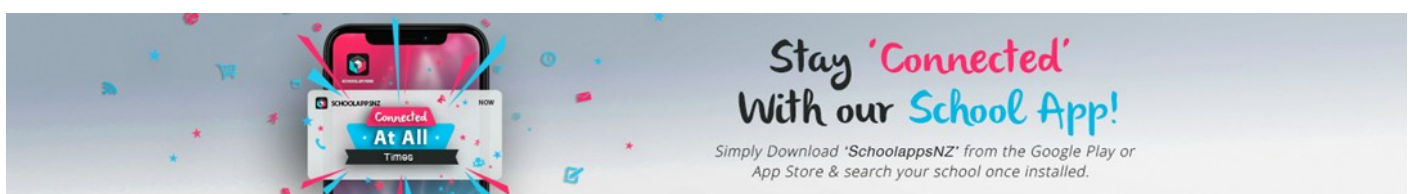
[School Calendar](#)

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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.



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

RSVP bridg.andy@gmail.com

Saturday
31/05/2025

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

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
- **Wednesday 5 June** - Big Sing Wellington
- **Saturday 7 June** - SC Dinner Dance
- **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



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/

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



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

Please let us know
if your contact
details have
changed

sm.office@trinityschools.nz

or complete a change
request through KAMAR

UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

The St Matthew's uniform shop will be closed for the last two and a half weeks of term 2.

If an item of uniform is urgently needed during that time (12th June - 27th June) please get in touch with Principal's PA Haley, email: haley.feringa-howley@trinityschools.nz

On the last weekend of the holidays, if required, Haley is able to schedule you a uniform appointment for Saturday 12th July.

The Uniform Shop will be open to all (as usual on the last Sunday of the holidays)
Sunday 13th July from 2pm-5pm.

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



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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

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Community Organisation
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MASTERTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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



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Driving Lessons

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Aratoi Raffle Fundraiser

Be in to win a Robin White painting!



As part of our fundraising auction Aratoi is raffling a painting by Robin White (first draw) as well as a painting by Linda Tilyard, with Franis Kirkham huia earrings, an Aratoi T-shirt and an Aratoi tote bag (second draw)

First draw: Robin White, War Rug, 2020, acrylic on canvas (size 20cm x 26cm)

Second draw: Linda Tilyard, Strange Times, Francis Kirkham, Huia Earrings, Aratoi Tote bag and T-shirt

Tickets \$10.00 each. There is no limit to how many tickets you can buy. Please pass on, share around to your school community.

Raffle Tickets: available from Aratoi front desk, info@aratoi.co.nz, 06 370 0001



The winner will be drawn at the Aratoi Art Auction on 13 June 2025. You don't need to attend the auction to be in the draw – so get your tickets now!