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Term Two, Week 9

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

As this busy and rewarding term comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who brings St Matthew's to life — especially those whose dedication often happens quietly, behind the scenes, but whose impact is lasting and deeply felt.

With Gratitude to Our Learners and Whānau

To our ākonga and their whānau — thank you. Your support, your trust, and your shared commitment to learning help make our school the community that it is. Your presence and partnership truly matter.

To the Staff – Past, Present, and Future

There has been a little movement among our team this term — comings, goings, and 'returnings'. We have farewelled some, welcomed others, and soon we will greet more.

Through all the change, I'm incredibly thankful that we are fully staffed — something not all schools can say right now. More than that, we are blessed with a team of people who give generously of themselves. Our staff work not just with skill and dedication, but with heart — for me, for each other, and above all, for our ākonga.

To all of you, thank you.

Honouring a Life of Service – Mrs. St Matthew's

It's with sadness and deep respect that we acknowledge the passing of Judy Young, a woman whose contribution to St Matthew's spanned decades, touched countless lives, and left a legacy.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Elsje Neal, our school archivist, who captured Judy's life of service in these words:

“Last Friday the St Matthew's community sadly learnt that a great stalwart of the school had passed.

Judy Young was an amazing woman who gave generously of her time, talents and expertise to St Matthew's and the wider Trinity System.

Her amazing energy and dedication to St Matthew's cannot be underestimated but possibly can best be illustrated through a listing of the positions she held over the decades.

Chairperson, Friends of St Matthew's 1983; Chairperson, 75th jubilee Committee; Chairperson, St Matthew's Board of Trustees (6 years); Member of the Trinity Schools Trust Board (10 years); Chaired the St Matthew's Site Committee; Member of the Hadlow Board of Trustees; Member of

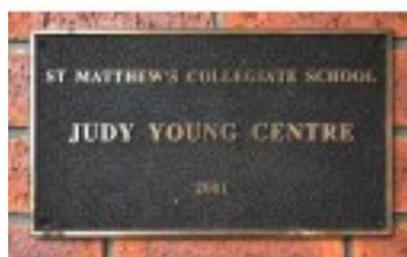
the Centennial Committee. With this level of involvement and dedication you can understand that those who wished to contact her knew to ring St Matthew's.

Facing the economic realities of the Stock Market crash of 1987 Judy knew that St Matthew's would require close management. During the economic aftermath she was a strong voice for Integration and ensured that she had the necessary skills and expertise so as to obtain the best outcome for St Matthew's when negotiating with the Department of Education.

Over the years her commitment has been recognized in numerous ways by the St Matthew's Community. In 1989 SMOGA made her an Honorary Old Girl gratefully for her leadership of the SMS Jubilee Committee. In 1995 she received the Gillian Sumner Award rosebowl, recognizing the work of any member of the School Community, who regardless of personal cost, makes an outstanding contribution to the life of the school, or to women's education. This recognition was further underscored when the opening of the new staff block in 2001 was dedicated to her, becoming the Judy Young Centre. In 2005 she was Awarded the Bishop's Medal by Bishop Tom Brown beautifully honouring Judy Young's lifelong commitment."

Judy Young was a guiding presence through times of change and challenge — her leadership, especially during difficult economic times, ensured that St Matthew's stood strong. Her name is woven into the very fabric of our school. She gave not only her time and talents, but her vision, her strength, and her heart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Robert and their three daughters — all proud St Matthew's Old Girls — Karen, Megan and Bridget.



Thank You, and Take Care

To everyone who serves this school — staff, volunteers, trustees, caregivers, whānau — thank you. Your presence here, your time, and your care are never taken for granted. You help shape not just a school, but a place where young people grow, belong, and strive for more.

Have a safe, restful, and joyful break.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Phil".



Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

The last day of term is always enjoyable in boarding. While there is lots of cleaning and packing up to do, everyone is excited about the holiday break.

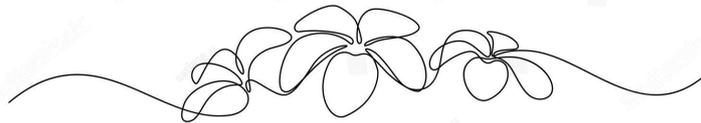
At dinner last night we acknowledged our Year 13 and Year 11 boarding leaders, those who have attended the Boarders Council meetings, our boarding tour guides for the Open Day in May, and those who have helped others in some way throughout the term. All volunteers went into our Good Sorts draw which was won by Ella-May, one of our lovely Year 9 boarders. We are always encouraging the girls to get involved and contribute positively to our boarding community so thank you to all who were nominated.

Please note that the boarding houses will be closed for the holiday period later today and will reopen Sunday 13th July at 3pm. Boarders are welcome to arrive anytime from 3pm but they must all be in by 5pm at the latest. Parents/ Caregivers, there will be an opportunity to come together for afternoon tea at 4.30pm to hear about catering and the new ideas we have for Term 3.

If you need to make contact over the holiday period, please email me and I will come back to you as soon as possible.

Happy holidays everyone. Enjoy the change of routine and spending time with those who are special to you.

Ngā mihi.
Jo



Cater PLUS

What's on the menu this week?

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

The advertisement features a hand holding a smartphone displaying a food menu. To the right is a large QR code. Below the QR code is the text 'Launch the Camera App and aim your camera at the QR Code to scan it.' At the bottom right is the logo for Trentham School, which includes a shield with a cross and the text 'TRENTHAM SCHOOL'.



Sport Results Wk8



St Matthew's Collegiate Term 2 Week 8 Sport Results

Netball

SMS Snr A vs Carterton OG's: 36-55 to Carterton OG's
SMS Development vs Coasties: 39-21 to Coasties
SMS Snr Stars vs Solway College Silver: 9-32 to Solway
SMS Yr 13 Social vs Wairarapa College Junior B: 23-28 to SMS
SMS Yr 12 Social vs Makoura College B: 20-12 to SMS
SMS Jnr Gold vs Wairarapa College Snr C: 20-22 to SMS
SMS Jnr Silver vs Kuranui Development: 10-34 to SMS
SMS Jnr Green vs Solway College Jnr Navy: 14-24 to Solway
SMS 11's BYE
SMS Jnr Yellow vs Wairarapa College Jnr Red: 6-15 to SMS
SMS Jnr Black vs Kuranui Jnr Maroon: 4-6 to SMS
SMS Jnr Pink vs Solway College Jnr White: 4-7 to Solway

SMS Primary A vs Featherston Black: 24-4 to SMS
SMS Primary Gold vs MIS Flames: 15-14 to MIS
SMS Primary Green vs MIS Tika: 4-9 to SMS

Hockey

SMS 1st XI vs Whanganui High School: 6-0 win
SMS Seniors Cancelled

SMS Development BYE

SMS Stars Forfeit

No primary hockey due to Matariki

Football

SMS 1st XI vs St Orans 1st XI: 8-0 win to St Orans

SMS Stars Rescheduled

SMS Saints BYE

SMS Strikers vs Makoura College: 3-2 to Makoura College

SMS Primary Ferns Rescheduled due to weather

Basketball

SMS vs Waicol: 22-66 to Waicol

Rifle Shooting

Name	17-Jun	
Elizabeth Andrew	74	
Eva Diamond		
Lily Boggs	86.1	
Ella Brader		
Fleur Cameron	58	
Thea Collinson	45	
Abi Craig		
Kayla Donald		
Maddison Duckett		
Fiona Ebbitt	62.1	
Ruby Ferguson		
Audrey Hall		
Grace Jaspers		
Charlotte Kirk		

Olivia Kooiman		
Amy Kuipers	73	
Eva MacManus	75.1	78
Charlotte Macauley	87.1	88.1
Kiera McKenzie		
Madison McKenzie		
Tess Mckenzie	85.1	
Isabelle Olds	85.1	
Katia Shi	69	
Katherine Squires	79.1	
Ruby Wrigley		
Ava Wilson		
AVERAGE		
IST TIMER		
Georgia green ham		
Emily Wasson		
Willow kershaw		

Wellington Regional Primary Cross Country Champs



Well done to the following students for competing at the Wellington Regional Primary Cross Country Champs on Tuesday:

Isabel Watson- yr 7 - 46th place
 Tayla Clarke - yr 7 - 63rd place
 Zara Jorgensen - yr 7 - 65th place
 Hetty Shaw - yr 8 - 58th place
 Bonnie Shen - yr 8 - 55th place



Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

It is always great to look at a Psalm from the Bible every now and then.

This week our **School Value** is **Integrity** and **Psalm 139:1-11** speaks to this rather well. It reads:

- 1 O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
- 3 You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
- 4 You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
- 5 You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

- 7 I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
- 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
- 9 If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.
- 11 I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—



or in Te Reo Māori:

- 1 Ki te tino kaiwhakatangi. He Himene na Rawiri. E Ihowa, kua tirohohia ahau e koe, kua mohiotia ano e koe.
- 2 E matau ana koe ki toku nohoanga iho, ki toku whakatikanga ake; e mohio ana koe ki oku whakaaro i tawhiti.
- 3 E kitea putia ana e koe toku ara me toku takotoranga iho; e matatau ana hoki koe ki oku ara katoa.
- 4 Kahore rawa hoki he kupu i toku arero, i toe i a koe te mohio, e Ihowa.
- 5 Kua hanga a muri, a mua, oku e koe: kua pa ano tou ringa ki ahau.
- 6 He mea whakamiharo rawa, kei tawhiti atu hoki i ahau, tenei matauranga: kei runga noa atu, e kore e taea e ahau.

- 7 Me haere ahau ki hea i tou wairua? Me oma ranei ahau ki hea i tou aroaro?
- 8 Ki te kake ahau ki te rangi, kei reira koe: ki te wharikitia e ahau toku moenga i roto i te reinga, kei reira ano koe.
- 9 Ki te tango ahau ki nga pakau o te ata, a ka noho ki nga topito o te moana;
- 10 Kei reira ano tou ringa hei arahi i ahau, tou matau hei pupuru i ahau.
- 11 Ki te mea ahau, He pono, tera ahau e hipokina e te pouri, a ko te marama i tetahi taha oku, i tetahi taha, ka meinga he po;

What jumps out of this for you around integrity? For me it's – If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. or Ki te tango ahau ki nga pakau o te ata, a ka noho ki nga topito o te moana; Kei reira ano tou ringa hei arahi i ahau, tou matau hei pupuru i ahau. How beautiful that God is everywhere guiding and strenghtening me – such joy!

Thank you very much / tēnā rawa atu koe,

Rev. Wendy



Hockey

SMS Seniors played SMS Junior Development on Monday evening at Clareville. It was a great game by both teams. SMS Seniors took the win (4 -1).

We had three families with daughters in both teams. No doubt it was a tough decision on who to cheer for!

Both teams play in Pool A of the Wairarapa Hockey College Girls grade



Primary Speech Finals

We are very proud of our two competitors Ruby Bremner and Zara Jorgenson who competed in the Wairarapa Primary Speech finals Tuesday night.

We are delighted to also announce that Zara won the Year 7 Section, so well done to her!



Around School

Dress A Girl Around the World



To the left is a photo of the beautiful dresses that our 3rd rotation of Year 9's made at the end of 2024.

They were blessed in junior chapel today then over the holidays they will be boxed up and sent to our NZ agent who will check them to make sure they all meet the strict specifications of the project. Karen Wilson the agent then catalogues each dress and awaits a call up for the sizes that are required in different locations and prepares the parcels for the transport that has been arranged to get them there.

Each dress that is sent from St Matthew's goes with a blessing and letter to the recipient in one pocket and a pair of panties in the other.

We started participating and contributing to this project in 2020 and estimate that we have made a difference in the lives of 500 girls so far.

The dresses that the girls make are displayed in the foyer of the tech block for the following trimester. You are welcome to view and appreciate them.

We do our best to make this a sustainable project, using repurposed cotton fabrics and notions. Donations are always welcome. Thank you to Deborah Percy for her recent very generous contribution of threads and trims – a win win for both of us -she decluttered, and we boosted our stash.

This project encourages the students to think of those less fortunate than themselves and makes them more thankful for what they do have.

Taking Online Safety Seriously – Learning the Importance Early

At our school, we are committed to addressing the challenges and dangers that come with living in an increasingly digital world. We believe it's essential that our students begin learning from a young age how to navigate online spaces safely, responsibly, and thoughtfully.

As part of this commitment, Sergeant Nick Bunny visited some of our junior students during Kotahitanga – a dedicated time each week where we come together to strengthen our sense of community and focus on topics that support student wellbeing.

Sergeant Bunny's visit provided a valuable opportunity to talk about the importance of being a responsible and law-abiding citizen, both online and in public. He spoke about the rights of young people, and how their actions – even seemingly silly ones online – can have real-world consequences.

Our students were highly engaged throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions that showed a genuine understanding of the issues being discussed. It was clear that they are beginning to grasp the seriousness of online behavior and the impact it can have on themselves and others.

Watching the discussion unfold, it was inspiring to see such critical thinking and curiosity. Among the students, we may well have some future police officers, lawyers – and even a judge or two.

By having these conversations early, we aim to empower our students to be safe, respectful, and informed digital citizens.

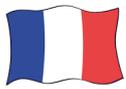


Poly Power at Pasifika Fusion!

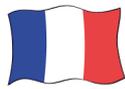
Tamalia, Persia & Anahera representing with pride, mana, and alofa at our first **Pasifika Fusion 2025** in Palmerston North!

A great day of culture and community with support from our Year 7s and other Wairarapa schools





Yr 10 French



Year 10 French class. celebrating the end of the term with a raclette, a Swiss dish popular in France and consisting of melted cheese poured over potatoes, gherkins and ham.



Yr 9 Readers Cup



Last night St. Matthew's Collegiate competed in the annual regional Readers Cup competition at Wairarapa College. Students read 6 books beforehand and at the competition answered 10 questions on each book. Team St. Matthews Yellow came a creditable 4th, half a point behind third placegetters, Kuranui College. St. Matthew's Green team competed well and consistently. Our reading teams mascot, aka the St Matthew's Library bear, enjoyed the competition and felt our students applied themselves well and "barely hesitated when answering the questions". Wairarapa College won the competition. Congratulations to the 2026 Year 9 St Matthew's Collegiate competitors.



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

THURS 17TH JULY | 2.10-5.30PM

FRI 18TH JULY | 3.30 -5.30PM

This is the first week of Term Three
Details will be emailed to you in the last week of this term.



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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.

Key Dates

- **Friday 27th June** - Smokefree RockQuest
- **Friday 27th June** - Last day of Term 2
- **Monday 14th July** - First day of Term 3

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



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ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE PRESENTS

The Wizard of Oz

We would like to invite you to our Junior Production
The Wizard of Oz

Monday 28 July 7pm
Tuesday 29 July 7pm
Wednesday 30 July 7pm

St Matthew's Collegiate Hall

Entry: Koha

Limited seats available



Trinity Schools Sports Update



Trinity Schools Sports Update: Building a Foundation for Healthy Athletes

June 19, 2025

Celebrating Our Sports Community

On June 2nd, Trinity Schools Sports hosted its inaugural Coaches and Managers evening at St Matthews, celebrating our incredible sports volunteers. With approximately 150 volunteers and staff coaching and managing across our Trinity schools, these individuals are essential to delivering the sporting opportunities our students want.

Expert Insights on Youth Sport

The evening featured three key speakers sharing crucial insights on supporting young athletes:

Ryan from Back in Action and **Anna from Wairarapa Sports Podiatry** emphasized a holistic approach to raising healthy athletes, focusing on maximizing enjoyment while minimizing injury risk. Their message: successful youth sport extends beyond technical skills to encompass proper injury prevention and, most importantly, preserving the joy that draws children to sport.

Chloe from Nuku Ora presented the "Balance is Better" approach, which aligns perfectly with our Trinity Schools Sports Strategy. The core reminder: children play sports primarily to enjoy themselves with friends, and our role is to create positive sporting cultures that support this.

Supporting Our Volunteers

As part of implementing our Trinity Schools Sports Strategy, we're introducing two significant initiatives:

Fee Concessions for Parent Coaches & Managers

We're implementing fee concessions on student sports fees for parent coaches and managers, recognizing their substantial contributions to our programs.

Sports Documentation

We're releasing essential TSSS documents including trial and selection procedures, codes of conduct, and concerns and disputes procedures. These provide clarity and consistency across our sports programs.

Resources & Next Steps

All presentation materials from our speakers are available on our TSSS website, including comprehensive "Balance is Better" resources for ongoing support.

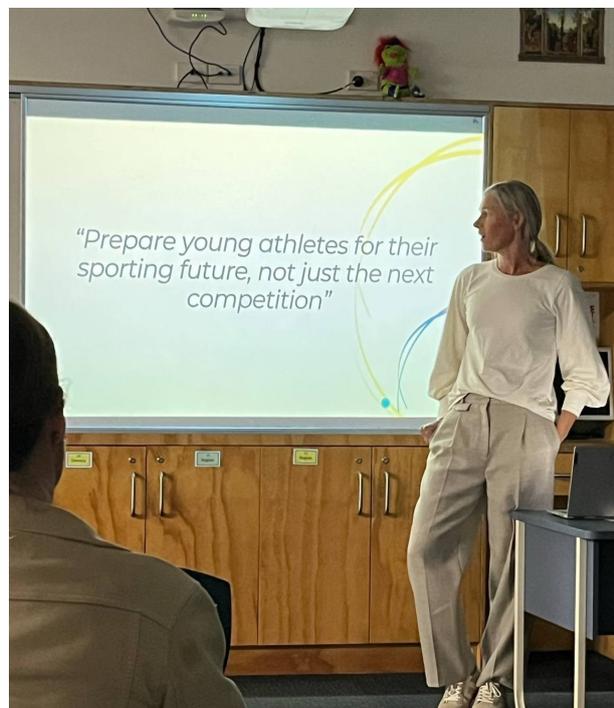
- Full presentation materials: [here](#)
- Balance is **Better** resources: [Balance is Better - The Home of Youth Sport in New Zealand](#)
- Trinity Schools Sports documentation: [TSSS Website](#)
<https://sites.google.com/hadlow.school.nz/trinity-sports-strategy/home?authuser=0>

This evening and these new initiatives represent significant first steps in implementing our Trinity Schools Sports Strategy. We'll continue with regular volunteer evenings, expanded development opportunities, and enhanced support systems.

Get Involved

Interested in supporting Trinity Sports? We'd love to hear from you. For questions about our strategy or initiatives, contact: trinitysport@trinityschools.nz

Working together to create positive sporting experiences for all our students.



Rathkeale School House Update

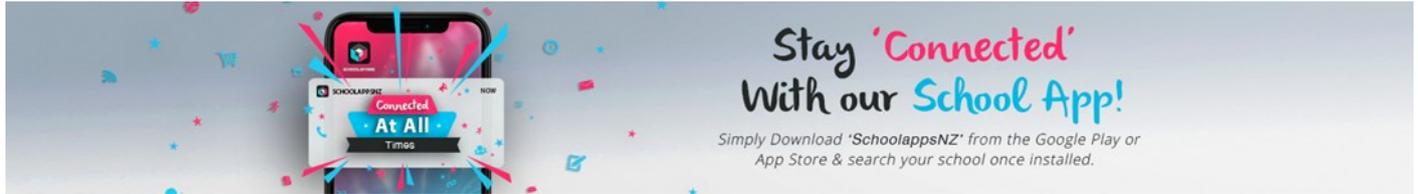
School House Project Newsletter
Issue #2

<https://mailchi.mp/rathkeale.school.nz/school-house-preservation-project-issue-2-13909102>



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.



Community News and Events

Defensive Driving Course with Lee Quayle

Next course will be on 28th & 30th July and 4th & 6th August, Course Cost \$279

Go to the website 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



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UPCOMING ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING DATES

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE AT 6PM

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY AT 6PM

REGISTER AT WWW.YOUREducation.CO.NZ

High School Exchanges!

If you want to know more about overseas High School Exchanges from Your Education, register your interest for our next online Information session on Wednesday, 18th June at 6.00pm or Wednesday 2nd July at 6.00pm.. All interested parents and students Y9–Y13 welcome. An experienced staff member and returnee will share information about the destinations we are offering in 2025 and 2026. RSVP on our website www.youreducation.co.nz/next-steps.

Follow us on Instagram @youreducationexchanges for regular updates and stories from us.



School Holiday Workshop with Linda Kirkland

Wednesday 9 July 2025, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Wesley Wing- Education space

COST: \$35 per child

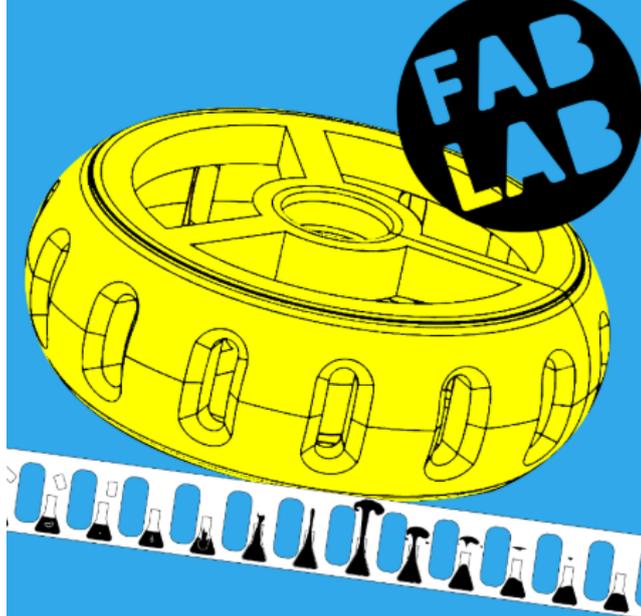
Immerse your child in a world of colour and creativity with the *Under the Sea* collage workshop, led by experienced educator Linda Kirkland.

Drawing inspiration from the bold, large-scale collages of Henri Matisse—who famously described his technique as *painting with scissors*—Linda will guide the children through an exciting exploration of shape, colour, and composition. Her engaging teaching style will inspire the young artists to create vibrant and unique masterpieces that bringing the underwater world to life.

COST: \$35 per child (All materials supplied)

Payment must be made with booking.

Suitable for ages 8-12 years. Limited spaces available.



Fab Lab School Holiday Workshops
Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
COSTS: \$5 per child

Over the Winter school holidays, the team from Fab Lab bring two exciting workshops to Aratoi, in connection with the exhibition Kaleidoscope over the weekend of 28 and 29 June.

Workshop A: kaleidoscopes and spectroscopes
Workshop B: zoetropes

Make your own kaleidoscope and spectroscope or zoetrope to take home!

The sessions will begin with health and safety explanations, suggested outcomes, learning about the process and how the object will work. A more advanced version of each item will be available to show how the ideas can be advanced.

Suitable for 8-12 year olds.

Check out the dates and workshop on www.aratoi.org.nz/events
 \$5, payment must be made with booking. Limited spaces available.
 Funded by Masterton Creative Communities



Ko te amorangi ki mua; ko te hapai o ki muri

Tree Planting at Papawai Farm

"A Chance to give back."

Mark this on your calendar, wear your gumies and warm clothing. We'll be there. This event will go ahead, Rain or Shine!

Saturday 12th July OR Saturday 19th July. Come and join us for either day or both days. Meet at Papawai Farm, the south end of Tilsons Road, Greytown. Starts at 10.00 am. Kai will be provided - Bring your shovels and your whanau. We will be adding to the Wetlands planting on day 1 and re-visiting the "Picnic Block" the following weekend.

Please RSVP for catering purposes.

You can call us on [06 370 2952](tel:06-370-2952) or email us at office@pktrusts.nz



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Ngā Manu
 Nature Reserve

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS

- Fri 4 July** **MOVIE: THE WILD ROBOT**
 11am - 1pm | Koha Entry
- Mon 7 Jul** **ZAPPO THE MAGICIAN**
 11am or 1pm | \$5.00 per ticket
- Thu 10 Jul** **MOVIE: MOANA 2**
 11am - 1pm | Koha Entry

FOR ALL THE INFO AND TICKETS SCAN HERE



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