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Term Three, Week One

Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

I hope the recent break provided you with some precious time together as a family. After a full and fast-paced Term Two, the holidays were a much-needed pause—an opportunity, perhaps, to slow down, reset, and enjoy the company of your daughters beyond the usual school routines.

Whether the time was filled with travel, rest, catching up on long-postponed tasks, or simply enjoying quiet moments at home, I trust it brought a mix of what you needed, what you hoped for, and, as often happens, what life required of you.

Term two into term three

As we make our way into this term, I want to repeat information which closed term two.

We have secured a permanent replacement for Mrs Satya who left last term. Mrs Joanne Sacké (ex-Kuranui) will join our Maths team in week three once she has fulfilled her period of notice. She brings a wealth of experience and we look forward to her arrival. I want to acknowledge the commitment we have seen from Ms Rachael Cato who stepped into the maths equation for us. She has been stunning and we thank her for bringing us her maths expertise and her care.

Driving seniors

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and wellbeing, I took a moment yesterday with our driving seniors to explain why we, and schools in general, have clear expectations and protocols around student drivers.

We understand that gaining the independence of a driver's licence is a significant milestone for many of our senior students. However, with that independence comes responsibility—not only to themselves, but to others in our school community.

1. Student Safety is Our Top Priority

Teenagers are still developing both the cognitive and decision-making skills that safe driving demands. Young drivers, especially those with restricted licences, are at higher risk on the road. By setting limits—such as requiring students to drive directly to school, or mandating school bus use for travel to Senior College—we are working to minimise risk and ensure every student gets to and from school safely.

2. Legal Responsibilities and Duty of Care

Schools in New Zealand have a legal duty of care for students during school hours and on school-related activities. When students drive themselves—or others—to external classes or events, we must be confident that this is done in a way that aligns with legal guidelines and our pastoral responsibilities. Requiring a school-issued driving licence helps us manage that process safely and transparently.

3. Practical Considerations

School campuses often have limited parking, and increased student traffic can pose safety risks during peak times. By regulating who may drive and park on-site, (and offsite for us) we are able to manage congestion and ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors.

4. Supporting Good Decision-Making

We know that peer pressure can be a real factor for teenage drivers. Students may feel pressured to give rides, make unscheduled stops, or push boundaries. By setting firm rules—such as not transporting other students without written permission—we are helping students avoid difficult situations and make safe, responsible choices.

5. Upholding Our School Values

One of our core values is **integrity**—doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Driving rules are an opportunity to practise that value in a meaningful way. By following expectations, students are demonstrating maturity, respect for school processes, and personal responsibility.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we work together to ensure that every student can enjoy the benefits of growing independence while staying safe, supported, and aligned with our school community's values.



Finally, I thought that I would share with you the sentiments of my opening of term three assembly.

‘Good morning, everyone, and welcome back to Term Three. I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break, with time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and perhaps even do a little preparation—especially for our seniors—as we begin the business end of the school year.

Before we dive into what is ahead, I want to acknowledge and congratulate all of you who participated in sports and co-curricular activities over the holiday break. Whether you were competing, training, or supporting your teammates, or winning in Rockquest, your commitment and spirit are noticed and appreciated. Thank you for representing yourself and your community with pride and energy.

To our senior students—this is it. You have 13 weeks- ish left of school. That is not very long. Every day counts from here. If you used part of your break to revise, plan, or catch up on work, well done. If you did not, now is the time to shift gears. Make every moment count.

As we return, I want to remind all of you—no matter your year level—that our expectations remain high. Our school standards do not take a holiday. That includes how we present ourselves, how we treat each other, and how we follow our school's guidelines and rules.

In particular, I want to speak to our student drivers. As you know, if you are driving to school, you must have a valid school driving licence. No exceptions. This means you must drive directly to school, and when attending Senior College, you are expected to travel on the school bus—again, no exceptions. These rules exist for your safety, and they are not negotiable.

One of our core school values is **integrity**. Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. That applies to how you treat others, how you represent our school in the community, and yes—even how you follow the driving rules. It is easy to cut corners or convince yourself that a rule does not apply to you. But showing integrity means making the right choice, especially when it is not convenient.

Term Three is an important one. There is still much to achieve, and many of you are working towards some significant personal and academic goals. Whether you are in Year 7 or Year 13, the effort you put in now sets the tone for the rest of the year—and beyond.

Years 7,8,9, 10- now this is not rocket science for most of you so thank you for getting it. But to those of you who have not got it just yet ...when a staff member, who has a job description they must fulfil or curriculums they are required to complete- requires you to complete a piece of work, do something in class or something else- this is not them starting a negotiation with you. If they require it then you do it.

Let's bring our best. Let's get organised, lift each other up, stay on top of what is expected, and make the most of the time we have.

We are heading into the business end of the year. Let's do it with purpose, with positivity—and with integrity.

So Welcome back. Let's get into it and have a great term three”

Be your best selves and have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi



SMCS vs Scots Exchange

St Matthew's Collegiate X Scots College Fixture

22nd July 2025 at St Matthew's Collegiate

9.40am arrival	Scots College Welcome in gymnasium
Hockey	
10.00am	Hockey head to Clareville Turf
11.30am	SMS Seniors vs Scot's 2 nd XI (15 min quarters)
12.45pm	SMS 1 st XI vs Scot's 1 st XI (15 min quarters)
2.00pm	Teams return to St Matthew's Collegiate
Football	
11.30am	SMS u15s vs Scot's U15s (30 min halves)
11.30am	SMS 1 st XI vs Scot's 1 st XI (30 min halves)
12.50pm	Football teams to have lunch in dining room
Netball	
11.00am	SMS Jnr Pent vs Scot's Jnr (10 min quarters)
12.30pm	Jnr netball teams to have lunch in dining room
12.30pm	SMS Snr A vs Scot's Snr A (15 min quarters)
1.45pm	Snr netball teams to have lunch in dining room
2.15pm	Farewell speeches in the gymnasium



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Boarding Note

It was lovely to welcome back our boarding community on Sunday afternoon. It has become a boarding tradition at St Matthew's for both full and part time boarders to return the night before the term begins so that girls can set up their room, reunite with friends they may not have seen during the holidays and to hear about any changes in boarding.

One such change for Term 3 is the way we utilise our common room areas in Main House. Previously the common rooms have been separated into junior (Year 7 -10) and senior spaces (Year 11), but with the senior common room being underutilised, we are trialling the idea of simply an open area where students can work, play or just hang out. It also enables our younger students to be able to have access to the small kitchen area which means they will be able to make toast, hot drink etc.

We also have the "Main House Makeover" competition running until week 8 where boarders have the opportunity to redesign features of the foyer area in Main House. As this really is the hub of boarding at St Matthew's, it is important it reflects our boarding values and culture.

With the term now underway it is great to see so many of our girls buzzing with activity, whether it is with production rehearsals, choir practices, sporting events, youth group, trips to the park, and early morning boxing sessions to name a few.

It sounds like another action packed term at St Matthew's!



What's on the menu this week?



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



Sport Board

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 3 Week 2

Monday 21st July – Sun 27th July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Badminton 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.</p> <p>Hockey Training @Clareville 1st XI. 6.30pm-8pm. Van departs 6.10pm. Pick up 8pm.</p> <p>Hockey Matches SMS Senior BYE. SMS Development vs Kuranui Girls 1st XI. 4:15pm @Trust House Turf. Van leaves 3:15pm. Pick up 5:30pm. SMS Stars vs Solway College 2nd XI. 6:45pm @Trust House Turf. Van (if needed) leaves 5:45pm. Pick up (if needed) 8pm.</p> <p>Football Training 1st XI with Matt. 3:30pm-3:45pm @SMS. Saints & Stars with Mrs Wallace-Seltshiro. 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS.</p> <p>Netball Training @SMS Primary A 3.30pm-4.30pm. Primary 7s 3.30pm-4.30pm. Junior Green 3.45pm-4.45pm.</p> <p>Netball Match (College Cup) SNR A vs Makoura College A. Court 3 @5:30pm. Van leaves 4:45pm. Pick up 6:40pm.</p> <p>Squash Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p>SCOTS COLLEGE FIXTURE</p> <p>Rifle Shooting Van departs 6.15pm. Pickup at 7:30pm and 8:30pm.</p> <p>Hockey Training Primary 7s Gold: 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. 1st XI: 5pm-6pm @SMS. Check with coach. Seniors: 6:30pm-7:30pm @Clareville. Check with coach if this is still on due to Scots. If on, van departs 6:10pm. Pick up 7:30pm.</p> <p>Football Matches SMS Stars BYE. SMS Strikers BYE. SMS Saints vs Kuranui Blue. 3:45pm @Kuranui. Van leaves 3:10pm. Pick up 5pm. Drivers TBC.</p> <p>Netball Matches @MNC SMS Primary Green vs Lakeview Emeralds. Court 11 @4pm. Van leaves 3:30pm. Pick up 5pm. SMS Primary Gold vs Nga Whetu. Court 10 @5pm. Van leaves at 4:30pm. Pick up 6pm. SMS Primary A vs MIS Aces. Court 2 @6pm. Van leaves at 5:30pm. Pick up 7pm.</p> <p>Netball Training JNR Black 3.40pm-4.40pm (1/2 court). SMS Pink 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside).</p> <p>Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seltshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively. This is the only time year 7-9s can use the gym.</p>	<p>Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet in front of Main House at 6:20am.</p> <p>Running Club (lunchtime) Meet 1:05pm @SMS Gym with Ms Borland & Nell. All abilities welcome. Eat lunch after.</p> <p>Football Match 1st XI vs Sacred Heart College 2nd XI. 5pm @Petone Memorial. Van leaves 1:45pm from SMS & Rathkeale. Return 8pm.</p> <p>Netball Training @SMS SMS 11s 3.30pm-4.30pm (half court). SMS Gold 3:30pm-4:45pm (half court). SMS Development 5:30pm-7:30pm (full court).</p> <p>Hockey Training Primary 7s Green 3:30-4pm @SMS. SMS Stars 4-5pm @SMS. Development 4-5pm @Clareville. Van departs 3:40pm. Pick up 5pm.</p>	<p>Hockey Matches SMS 1st XI vs PNGHS 1st XI. 4:15pm @Hockey Manawatu. Van leaves 3:45pm approx TBC.</p> <p>Football Training Primary: 1:20pm-2pm. 1st XI S&C: 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym with Joanna.</p> <p>Football Match Primary Ferns vs Lakeview. 3:45pm @Lakeview. Van leaves 3:15pm. Pick up 4:50pm.</p> <p>NETBALL UMPIRING 1:15pm-2pm in the gym. Will run for 2 weeks. Don't need to get changed. Have lunch first. For all Yr 9-13 netball players who want help with umpiring.</p> <p>Netball Training @SMS Yr12 Social 1:20pm-1:55pm (outside). Junior Silver 3:30pm-4:30pm (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 gym. *ALL WELCOME*</p> <p>Squash Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Hockey Matches @Clareville SMS Green vs Kahutara Warriors @4pm. Van leaves 3:20pm. SMS 8s vs Marty Black @5:40pm. Van leaves 5pm. SMS Gold vs Solway Green @5:40pm. Van leaves 5pm.</p> <p>Netball Matches @MNC JNR Pink vs Solway JNR White. Court 7 @7pm. SMS Development vs Pioneer. Court 1 @7:30pm. SMS Gold vs Solway Silver. Court 7 @7:30pm.</p>	<p>Netball Matches @MNC SMS Silver vs Chanel Development. Court 3 @10am. JNR Yellow vs Kuranui Development. Court 4 @10am. SNR A vs CNC Maroon. Court 2 @11am. SNR Stars vs WC JNR Blue. Court 4 @11am. JNR Black vs Makoura Development. Court 6 @11am. Yr13 Social vs WC Senior C. Court 5 @1pm. JNR Green vs Solway Green. Court 6 @1pm. SMS 11s vs WC JNR Red. Court 7 @1pm. SMS Gold vs Kuranui SNR Blue. Court 1 @2pm. Yr12 Social BYE.</p>

Blue highlight – Info tbc

Sport Results T2 Wk9

Football

- SMS Primary Ferns v MIS Kahurangi
- SMS Saints v Solway 1sts: 3-2 to Solway
- SMS Stars v Kuranui Blue: 8-1 win to Kuranui
- SMS Strikers v Chanel: 4-1 win to Chanel

Hockey

- SMS 1st XI: No game
- SMS Development vs SMS Seniors: 5-1 to SMS Seniors
- SMS Stars vs WaiCol Blue: 3-1 to SMS Stars
- SMS Yr 8's vs Kahutara: 7-2 to Kahutara

Basketball

No game

Netball

- SMS Yr 12 Social vs WC Snr C: 26-9 to WC
- SMS Snr Stars vs Chanel Development: 19-8 to SMS
- SMS Silver vs WC Jnr Blue: 15-26 to WC
- SMS Jnr Green vs SMS Jnr Yellow: 11-8 to SMS Green
- SMS 11's vs WC Jnr Green: 19-9 to WC
- SMS Jnr Black vs KC Jnr Maroon: 9-18 to SMS
- SMS Jnr Pink vs Chanel Swifts: 11-5 to SMS

Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

Our Gospel reading this week from the Lectionary for the Juniors (Thursday) is from Matthew 11:25-30 and is a very famous passage in the church. It speaks of what real Christianity is – walking our regular every day lives with the sense of God’s presence with us through His Spirit. It reads:

28 Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

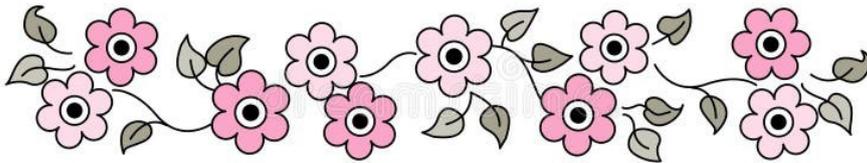
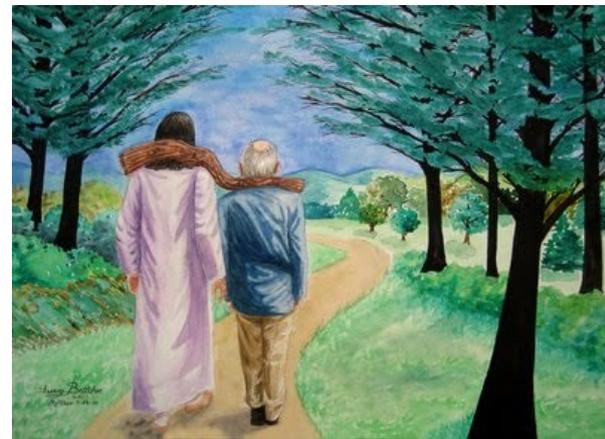
Or

28 Haere mai ki ahau, e koutou katoa e mauui ana, e taimaha ana, a maku koutou e whakaokioki. 29 Tangohia taku ioka ki runga ki a koutou, kia whakaakona koutou e ahau; he ngakau mahaki hoki toku, he ngakau papaku: a e whiwhi koutou ki te okiokinga mo o koutou wairua. 30 He ngawari hoki taku ioka, he mama taku pikaunga.

Being a follower of Jesus or a Christian isn’t so much about going to church and following rituals; it is about understanding who we are, who God is and walking with Him finding rest for our souls.

Thank you very much / tēnā rawa atu koe,

Rev. Wendy



ST MATTHEW’S COLLEGIATE BOT TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 5 September 2025

What are triennial elections?

Every three years, school communities vote for the representatives that will govern their schools.

Schooled are running our online Parent Elections and will send all information directly to your email.



Parent Election Timeframe

Nominations Open	Sunday 13 th July
Nominations Close	Friday 1 st August at 12pm
Voting Papers Issued	Friday 8 th August
Election Day	Friday 5 th September Poll closes at 4pm

For more information on becoming a board member visit:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/become-a-board-member/>

Staff Election Timeframe

Nominations Open	Sunday 13 th July
Nominations Close	Friday 1 st August at 12pm
Voting Papers Issued	Friday 8 th August
Election Day	Friday 5 th September Poll closes at 4pm

Student Eligibility - All students enrolled full-time in year 9 and above at the school are eligible to be placed on the electoral roll and to nominate, stand as a candidate, and vote in the student election.

Student Election Timeframe

Nominations Open	Thursday 14 th August
Nominations Close	Wednesday 20 th August at 12pm
Voting Papers Issued	Wednesday 26 th August
Election Day	Friday 5 th September Poll closes at 4pm

For more information on becoming a board member visit:

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St Matthew's Collegiate 1st XI retain the Dunce Cup!

Congratulations to the 1st XI Hockey team for retaining the Dunce Cup for the 8th year in a row! Both teams played a great game and should be proud of the performance they put out there. Well done to the team, coaches and management. Thanks to all who came along to support – it was a great vibe!



Yr7/8 Life Education

Harold visits the intermediate department



Yr12 Ag Trip

Year 12 Ag Students learnt about running a Dairy farm using Halter technology with Fraser Smith at Leydon Downs (David & Renee Smith's farm). Nic and Rob Bassett also showed our students through their Farm, with emphasis on soil health and environmental mitigation. Students helped out by planting swamp flaxes for an area of riparian planting.

Thank you for a great learning opportunity.



Schola Cantorum Big Sing Success!



I am thrilled to announce that Schola Cantorum has been selected to compete in the Lower North Island Cadenza Competition, taking place in Whanganui on August 10th and 11th this term!

Earlier this year, over 500 choirs participated in the Big Sing Regional Festivals across Aotearoa, with around 250 vying for a coveted spot in the Finale or Cadenza competitions. Only the top 24 secondary school choirs are chosen for the Big Sing Finale in Dunedin, while a further 36 choirs are selected for the Upper North Island, Lower North Island, or South Island Cadenza events. This incredible achievement places Schola Cantorum in the top 60 choirs nationwide!

Now in its second year, Schola Cantorum has taken the place of Viva Camerata and Trinity Voices as St Matthew's Collegiate's premier auditioned choir.

Reaching this level of national recognition in just 18 months is a remarkable feat—many choirs spend years striving for this honour.



As HOD of Music and Director of the choir, I am immensely proud of our talented young singers and the dedication they've shown. Please keep an eye out for our fundraising efforts in the coming weeks and help support these incredible young ladies on their choral journey!

Andrew Atkins (HOD Music and Choir Director)



The Wizard of Oz



Around School



Some photos of our wonderful cast for our upcoming junior production The Wizard of Oz.



**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
To support Schola Cantorum's trip to Cadenza**

Limited seats available





Key Dates

- Thursday 24 July - NZSS Swimming Champs
- Friday 25 July - Hokonui Fashion
- Sunday 27 July - Wake House Chapel
- Monday 28 July - Wizard of Oz Production
- Tuesday 29 July - Wizard of Oz Production
- Wednesday 30 July - Wizard of Oz Production
- Friday 1 August - NZSS Squash
- Saturday 2 August - Exeat Weekend

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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SMOGA Grant Now Open!

Gretchen Williamson Excellence in Commerce Scholarship

Applications are now open for the Gretchen Williamson Excellence in Commerce Scholarship, available to Year 13 students intending to study Commerce at tertiary level. This prestigious scholarship offers \$5,000 in funding over two years, as well as mentorship from Gretchen Williamson — a leading financial adviser and St Matthew's Old Girl. Gretchen is passionate about supporting young women into careers in finance and investment. This scholarship is part of her ten-year commitment to helping close the wealth gap for women through education and opportunity.

Applications close on **24 October 2025**, with the recipient announced at Prizegiving in December.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://forms.gle/adGVwP9CMqPqpdyg7>



