

# STAR BOARD

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TRINITY SCHOOLS  
ST MATTHEW'S

Term Three, Week Two

## Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

I will start by acknowledging my sources Bing, ChatGPT (AI has its place), and a massive amount of my grey matter.

In just a few moments, we will be swept away by the magic of St Matthew's onsite production—our own journey *“over the rainbow”*, where imagination and effort collide in a world of possibility. And so, it feels fitting that I borrow a few lines from this much-loved classic (she writes, tongue firmly in cheek):

*“Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,  
And the dreams that you dare to dream, really do come true...”*

These words are not just lyrics; they speak to the heart of what we believe for our students—that dreams are possible, but they are not passive. They require courage, effort, and discipline.

To dream big and to succeed, our students must meet their deadlines, stay committed to their studies, and live out the values we hold dear—respect, responsibility, and resilience.

Rules exist not to limit, but to guide. Respect is not optional; it is foundational. And when mistakes are made—as they inevitably will be—we remind our students that failure is not the end, but part of learning. Growth comes through reflection, not perfection.

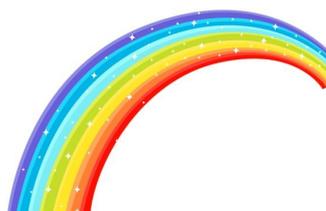
That said, every choice has a consequence. Whether it is skipping a task or crossing a line, the outcomes follow. But just like Dorothy found her way back home through challenge and self-discovery, our young people can also find their way—when supported, held accountable, and reminded of who they are becoming.

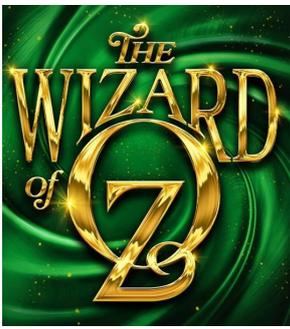
So in the next few days, as we watch our tamariki take the stage, may we celebrate not just their talent, but the lessons that brought them here: hard work, teamwork, and perseverance.

Because if happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow—*why then, oh why can't I?*

### **Kaitiakitanga—Guardianship**

As we will soon gather to enjoy the incredible talent of our students, I want to linger a little longer on the lyrics that have echoed throughout the rehearsal spaces and, no doubt, your homes:





*“Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me,  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops,  
Away above the chimney tops—  
That's where you'll find me...”*



*Cleaning up my mess  
Or those left by the rest  
That's where you'll find me...*

That longing—for a world that is calmer, brighter, and more hopeful—is something we all share. But such a world does not appear out of thin air. It is built—one action at a time, one choice at a time. That includes the way we look after our surroundings.

You will have seen me referencing in my Ata Mārie 'Be Tidy Kiwis' because something that needs to be named gently but firmly is a growing disconnect between us and the care of our environment. Litter left behind, shared spaces untidy, belongings treated as disposable—these things tell a story. And it is a story we can rewrite.

Because *somewhere over the rainbow* is not just a dreamland—it is a vision of a place where people take pride in where they are. Where we respect not just each other, but the world around us. If we want to live in that kind of world, we have to *start modelling it now*.

Our students are in a generation that is rebuilding a culture of kaitiakitanga—guardianship—of their classrooms, their school, and their shared spaces. We remind them that respect is not something we switch on during lessons and off at lunch—it is a way of being (well it should be). And that “somewhere” they dream of reaching? It starts right here, with clean lunch areas, responsible choices, and pride in our shared environment.

*“If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow—  
Why, oh, why can't I?”*

The answer is: you can. And we will. Together.

### **Board Representation — Take the Yellow, I mean Green Brick Road**

Just like Dorothy and her friends each had a special role to play on their journey over the rainbow, our Board of Trustees is made stronger by the unique gifts and voices from our community.

We have been well served by those who have walked this, maybe more St Matthew's green than yellow path before us—guiding St Matthew's with care and commitment. Now, with elections ahead, the yellow/green brick road is open for new (and current) governors to step forward.

This is your chance to help shape the future of our school, continue the good work already underway, and add your own special sparkle to our story.

So, as the bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, ask yourself: “*Why, oh, why can't I?*” Put your name forward and grow the school alongside us.

Together, we will make the dreams that we dare to dream really come true.

Have a great and safe weekend, and be your best selves

Ngā Mihi Nui

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



# Boarding Note

The first entry has been officially received for our Term 3 boarding competition. The “Main House Make over” is our current competition open to all boarders which is aimed at making our entranceway in the Main House foyer more inviting and a reflection of what boarding at St Matthew’s is all about.

As you can see in the pictures above, the photos that lined the walls previously have been relocated so girls can visualise where their ideas may go. Along with their own suggestions, there are also some must haves to include in their designs such as the boarding values, a Boarding Prefect board, a map showing where boarders call home, and an acknowledgement of the various cultures in boarding to name a few.

The competition runs until the end of Week 8, and entry forms can be found at both Main and Hampton House offices. The prize for the competition will be a dinner date for the winner and her dorm.

Please note that next week is our first exeat for the term. The boarding house will remain open on Saturday morning for any boarders who have a sporting commitment. Both houses will reopen Sunday at 6pm.

Enjoy the sunshine.

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.



*Home sweet home*

# Sport Board

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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Badminton</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.</p> <p><b>Hockey Training @Clareville</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI. 6.30pm-8pm. Van departs 6.10pm. Pick up 8pm.</p> <p><b>Hockey Matches</b> SMS Stars vs Wai Col Blue Team. 4:15pm @South Turf. Van leaves 3:15pm. Pick up 5:25pm. SMS Senior vs Kuranui Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI. 5:30pm @Trust House Turf. Van leaves 4:30pm. Pick up 6:40pm. SMS Development vs Wai Col Dvt Team. 6:45pm @Trust House Turf. Van leaves 5:45pm. Pick up 7:55pm.</p> <p><b>Football Training</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI with Matt. 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS. Saints &amp; Stars with Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. 3:30pm-4:45pm @SMS.</p> <p><b>Netball Training @SMS</b> Primary A 3.30pm-4.30pm. Primary 7s 3.30pm-4.30pm. Junior Green 3.45pm-4.45pm.</p> <p><b>Squash</b> Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Rifle Shooting</b> Van departs 6.15pm. Pickup at 7:30pm and 8:30pm.</p> <p><b>Hockey Training</b> Primary 7s Gold: 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. 1<sup>st</sup> XI: 5pm-6pm @SMS. Seniors: 6:30pm-7:30pm @Clareville.</p> <p><b>Football Matches</b> SMS Stars BYE SMS Strikers vs Kuranui Maroon 3:45 @SMS SMS Saints vs Solway College 1st XI 3:45 @Solway. Minivan leaves 3:15pm</p> <p><b>Netball Matches @MNC</b> SMS Primary Green BYE. SMS Primary Gold vs CPN JK &amp; Co Maroon. Court 3 @5pm. Van leaves 4:25pm. Pick up 6pm. SMS Primary A vs Featherston Black. Court 1 @6pm. Van leaves 5:25pm. Pick up 7pm.</p> <p><b>Netball Training</b> JNR Black 3.40pm-4.40pm (½ court). SMS Pink 3.30pm-4.30pm (outside).</p> <p><b>Fitness Gym</b> Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively. This is the only time year 7-9s can use the gym.</p>	<p><b>Boxing</b> 6:30am-7:15am. Meet in front of Main House at 6:20am.</p> <p><b>Running Club (lunchtime)</b> Meet 1:05pm @SMS Gym with Ms Borland &amp; Nell. All abilities welcome. Eat lunch after.</p> <p><b>Football Match</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Wellington 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. 6:15pm @Petone Memorial Park. Van leaves 3pm from Rathkeale and 3:10pm from SMS. Return 9pm approx.</p> <p><b>Netball Training @SMS</b> SMS 11s 3.30pm-4.30pm (½ court). SMS Gold 3:30pm-4:45pm (½ court). SMS Development 5:30pm-7:30pm (full court).</p> <p><b>Hockey Training</b> 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><b>Hockey Match</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs FAHS 1<sup>st</sup> XI. 5pm @Trust House Turf. Van leaves 3:45pm. Pick up at 6:15pm.</p> <p><b>Football Training</b> Primary: 1:20pm-2pm. 1<sup>st</sup> XI S&amp;C: 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym with Joanna.</p> <p><b>Football Match</b> Primary Ferns vs Lakeview @3:45. Minivan leaves 3:20</p> <p><b>NETBALL UMPIRING</b> 1:15pm-2pm in the gym. Don't need to get changed. Have lunch first. For all Yr 9-13 netball players who want help with umpiring.</p> <p><b>Netball Training @SMS</b> 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>Yr13 Social vs WC Senior @5:30 Colombo Road Netball courts. Van leaves 4:50pm</p> <p><b>Strength &amp; Conditioning</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS gym. *ALL WELCOME*</p> <p><b>Squash</b> Red Star Squash Club. Van departs 3.20pm. Pick up 4.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Hockey Matches @Clareville</b> SMS Green vs Marty Black @4pm. Van leaves 3:20pm. SMS 8s vs SM Saints @4:50pm. Van leaves 4:10pm. SMS Gold vs Chanel Yr7&amp;8 @4:50pm. Van leaves 4:10pm.</p> <p><b>Netball Matches @MNC</b> Draw TBC. Check Netball Wairarapa website for updates.</p> <p><b>NZSS Squash tournament</b> 1:15pm-2pm in the gym. Don't need to get changed. Have lunch first. For all Yr 9-13 netball players who want help with umpiring.</p>	<p><b>Netball Matches @MNC</b> Draw TBC. Check Netball Wairarapa website for updates.</p>

Blue highlight – Info tbc

## Sport Results T3 Wk1

### Hockey

SMS 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs WaiCol 1<sup>st</sup> XI (Dunce Cup): 0-0

SMS Seniors vs WaiCol Development: 3-2 to WaiCol

SMS Development vs Solway: 3-1 to Solway

SMS Stars vs Solway 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: 7-0 to Solway

### Football

SMS Saints vs WaiCol: 3-2 to SMS

SMS Stars vs Solway 1<sup>st</sup> XI: 10-0 to Solway

SMS Strikers vs Solway 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: 4-2 to SMS

SMS 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs Paraparaumu College : 3-2 to Paraparaumu College

### Netball

SMS Snr A vs Celtic: 43-33 to SMS

SMS Development vs CNC Black: 29-12 to SMS

SMS Development vs Greytown: 33-14 to SMS

SMS Gold vs WC Jnr B: 24-16 to SMS

SMS Yr 13 Social vs SMS Yr 12 Social: 24-15 to SMS

SMS Snr Stars vs SMS Silver: 13-15 to SMS

SMS Jnr Green vs KC Development: 21-6 to SMS

SMS Jnr Yellow vs Solway Green: 29-8 to SMS

SMS Jnr Black vs WC Jnr Yellow: 10-9 to SMS

Rifle Shooting Name	24-Jun	15-Jul		
Elizabeth Andrew			81.2	84.1
Eva Diamond	85.0			
Lily Boggs	84.0		89.1	
Ella Brader				
Fleur Cameron				
Thea Collinson			71.1	
Abi Craig				
Kayla Donald				
Maddison Duckett				
Fiona Ebbitt	85.1			
Ruby Ferguson				
Audrey Hall	88.4		81.2	84.2
Grace Jaspers	80.2		88.0	
Charlotte Kirk				
Olivia Koolman				
Amy Kuipers				
Eva MacManus	78.0	79.0	83.0	81.0
Charlotte Macauley	82.1	89.1	84.4	86.2
Kiera McKenzie				
Madison McKenzie	83.0			
Tessa McKenzie				72.1
Isabelle Oida				84.0
Katia Shi	80.0		78.0	83.0
Katherine Squires	86.0		76.0	
Ruby Wrigley	86.0			
Ava Wilson				
AVERAGE				
IST TIMER				
Georgia Greenham				
Emily Wasson	78.0		87.0	81.0

# SMC & Scots College Exchange

An exciting day hosting Scots College with six winter sport games being played throughout the day. A great display of sportsmanship and the St Matthews values was shown on the court/field/turf.

## Results:

Hockey Seniors: 11-1 to St Matts

Hockey 1sts: 7-2 to St Matts

Football 1sts: 2-1 to Scots

Football U15: 6-1 to Scots

Netball Jnr : 31-8 to St Matts

Netball Snr A: 48-17 to St Matts

## St Matthew's MVP's

April Wyeth u15 Football

Georgie Didsbury Jnr Netball

Ava Edge Snr A Netball

Mia Sayers 1st XI Football

Sophie Williams Hockey 1st XI

Poppy Tatham Hockey Seniors



## Policies Under Review—Term Three

The following policies are currently under review. Please visit Schooldocs. User: stmatts Password: starrs

Term 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• <b>Child Protection</b>	Board review
• <b>Abuse Recognition and Reporting</b>	Board review
• <b>Food and Nutrition</b>	
• <b>Safety Checking</b>	Board review
• <b>Police Vetting</b>	
• <b>Missing Student Procedure</b>	

# Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

This week during chapel, our school community will come together to celebrate the Eucharist—a sacred time of worship, reflection and unity in Christ. As we take Holy Communion, students and staff will think about Christ’s love and sacrifice, and the deep bond we share as the body of Christ. It is a beautiful time to pause, give thanks and refocus our hearts on God’s grace and presence in our daily lives. We’re grateful for these times of spiritual renewal and the opportunity to grow in faith together.

*Rev. Wendy*



## Karuwhā

On Wednesday we were honoured to host Naomi Reese Nicholas and Lillian Murray who came to talk to our students about Karuwhā, an initiative of the Anglican/Hāhi Mihinare Communion of Aotearoa New Zealand. Karuwhā seek to engage Aotearoa New Zealand in a conversation about identity and history in order to help people know the story they are a part of. They do this by connecting communities through haerenga, story and service. They also research important and less-well-known stories about our shared past. Each year, Karuwhā connect with Te Tii, the marae situated on the lower treaty grounds in Waitangi, to support them in the week preceding and during Waitangi Day, by providing a team of volunteers to help with food preparation, rubbish management and ablutions cleaning. They also, during that week, take their team on outings that give narrative to our history, in the locations that it came to pass, in order raise awareness of their importance and value.

Next year, St Matthew’s Collegiate School will be taking a group of students to volunteer with Karuwhā. Lillian and Naomi have outlined a beautiful picture of what these students will be supporting and the value in their service. We are so grateful to have hosted them today and we wish them well in their mahi.



## 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/adGVwP9CMqPqpdvg7>



## Tuakana Teina session



This week we introduced a new concept with our younger students. Our Tuakana Teina session with the prefects, Year 9 and 10 was focused on building connections and listening to their thoughts on school. We are looking to do more of this in the future.

## Food Tech

Gorgeous heart shaped scones by Eva McManus and Maya Rosenbach Y9



*Girls Rule*

## Girls Who Own Programme

Congratulations to Morgan Dudley who was selected for the incredible Girls Who Own Programme, an initiative run by Foodstuffs to inspire and support the next generation of young women exploring leadership and ownership in retail. Along with 28 other girls across the North Island this was a week of learning - from shadowing New World owners, one-to-one coaching with Foodstuffs inspiring leaders and getting involved in stores across Auckland with learning, inspiration and hands on experience.

The girls left with strong connections to each other, Foodstuffs and a wealth of knowledge to set them up for an exciting career no matter what their goals.

A proud New World Masterton team moment!



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

- 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
- Monday 4 August - NZ School Library Week
- Sunday 10 August - Big Sing Cadenza
- Sunday 10 August - Senior Quad

## 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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## 2026 Senior College Subject Selection Information Evening

RATHKEALE COLLEGE DINING HALL  
FRIDAY 15 AUGUST, 3.30PM TO 5.30PM

All Yr11 and 12 Students, and their parents are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the evening is to provide information about subjects which will be offered at Senior College in 2026.

Subject displays and staff will be present to answer any questions.

Careers information will be available and personnel from some tertiary institutions will be present.

## 2026 Term Dates

**Term One** -

Monday 2nd February to  
Thursday 2nd April

**Term Two** -

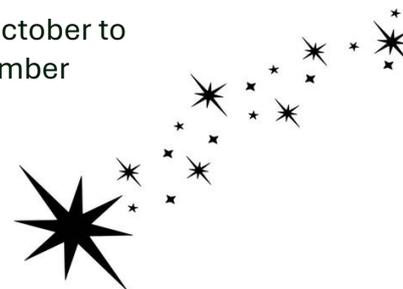
Monday 20th April to  
Friday 3rd July

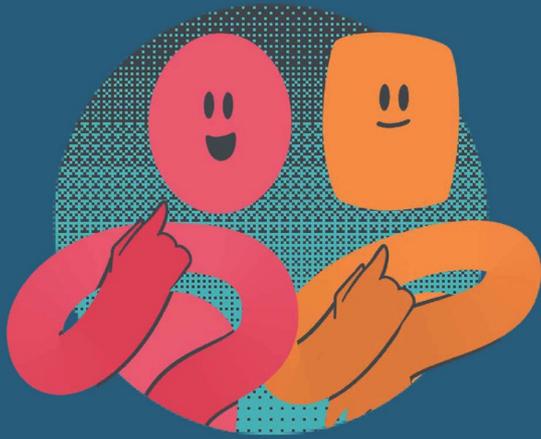
**Term Three** -

Monday 20th July to  
Friday 25th September

**Term Four** -

Monday 12th October to  
Friday 11 December





# Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

SCHOOLED ELECTION PILOT - Nominations close 1st August, 12pm



Nominations for our Triennial School Board Elections close next Friday 1 August. Head to our Returning Officer's website <https://www.electionpilot.nz/> to make a nomination.

For more information about being on a school board, visit <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>

# Traditional Piupiu fundraiser for

*Ngā Manu  
Tioriori o Kāretī  
o Hato Matū*

(THE SONGBIRDS OF ST MATTHEW'S)



PIUPIU (FLAX SKIRTS) ARE TRADITIONALLY WORN BY KAPA HAKA GROUPS TO ENHANCE THE VISUAL AND RHYTHMIC EFFECT OF THE PERFORMANCE.

A SET OF TRADITIONAL PIUPIU WOULD BECOME A TAONGA BELONGING TO THE SCHOOL THAT WOULD BE USED FOR MANY YEARS BY GENERATIONS OF GIRLS AT ST MATTHEW'S.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

PLEASE CONTACT

LUCY.CLEARWATER@TRINITYSCHOOLS.NZ

# Wake House Chapel this Sunday



SCHOOL HOUSE  
1925 - 2025  
100 YEARS of HERITAGE



TRINITY SCHOOLS  
RATHKEALE  
COLLEGE

ORIGINAL SCHOOL HOUSE  
WELSH SLATE ROOF TILE

*A small number of original Welsh slate roof tiles were salvaged when School House was reroofed some years ago.*

*For \$100, you can own a piece of history and art for your home or a memento for your child.*

*The tile is 500mm x 250mm and the design is laser etched with a choice of portrait or landscape orientation.*

*All proceeds will be for the landscaping works outside School House.*

Contact the office: 06 370 0175 or  
[office@rathkeale.school.nz](mailto:office@rathkeale.school.nz)  
to secure your piece of art.

# 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](http://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.

Or you can text or phone on 021 154 7346 -



## Epiphany Church **AROUND THE WORLD QUIZ NIGHT**



Hadlow School Hall

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Doors open 6.00pm, quiz begins 6.30pm  
\$30 pp or \$240 per team (maximum of 8)

Dinner included

Cash bar, raffles, auction

Costumes are encouraged. R18 event.

Book your team of 6-8 using this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/AJSrjjT1fz>



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