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Term Three, Week Six

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

Might just be me ... but it has been so busy. Great news we are upright so a pat on the back for that. Peppered through this newsletter will be acknowledgments of the events in which we have seen ākongā engaged: Cadenza, Intercollegiate speeches, Jump Jam, Sport and others.

National Poetry Day August 22

I shared this with staff today so I will now share this with you on this significant day for me as an English teacher:

Christina Bate sent me an email two days ago to say,
She said “you know that August 22nd is National Poetry Day”?
Embarrassed I responded “OMG- no I didn't know”
Verbatim I wrote “and how can that be so?”

So...

I will think of something to write- hopefully witty
Just give me time to come up with my wee ditty
So here are my words for this auspicious occasion
Yes, this is my acknowledgment to this day- my donation.

Because...

I should be embarrassed as someone who nationally marked the essays of those
Year 13 Bursary English students on Shakespeare's Poetry and Prose.
What is important for us all,
Are all the things big and little about which we need to stand tall.
Poetry comes in many beautiful ways and forms...
Perhaps in rap, and songs, and lyrics, and odes, often to challenge norms.
In life we have some big things with which we grapple
And poetry is a clever way to bite into that weighty apple
Because it allows memorability of words that land and stay
To remind us that there are problems with solutions in spaces that are grey
The beauty of being in this school with Kaiako and akonga
Is knowing together we'll shape a brighter tomorrow — ka rawe, ka pai te oranga!”
(Translation: ‘ka rawe, ka pai te oranga!’ how wonderful, how good life will be!”)

Litter

How do I tell you as parents and caregivers that some of your offspring can identify a rubbish bin but are unsure of its purpose? How do I tell you as parents and caregivers that some of your offspring have expended so much energy in peeling the orange or peeling the banana that the very thought of finding a bin for the peel is just too much so they arrive at the decision to simply drop it as they walk.



How do I tell you that if we don't change this behaviour, our beautiful school grounds will slowly turn into a compost heap — not the educational kind, but the kind that attracts wasps, birds, and questionable smells?

The message is simple but crucial: when we don't take responsibility for our own mess, we shift the burden to others — usually our hardworking caretakers, staff, or even other students. And when respect for our shared space breaks down, pride in our environment quickly follows.

The solution? It is not complex — just common sense, modelled consistently ...so I need your help. Let us remind ourselves, and our young people, that bins are not decorative — they are functional.

I try to model it daily. Whether I am on school grounds or anywhere else, I consciously bin rubbish (I know most of us do). Together we need to reinforce that respecting our environment is part of respecting our school and each other.

I am certainly not asking for miracles — just for peels to go in the bin, not on the path. Because a cleaner school is not just nicer to look at — it is a sign that we care. And when we care, we thrive.

Crosses and Signs

We are an Anglican special character school and we are a school in New Zealand. When you walk around St Matthew's you will see both clear and growing evidence of that.

We have dotted around the campus wooden crosses, which have been made for us by the skilled hands of Reverend Merv Jones. These are a visual reminder of our faith integrated existence.

I wrote last week about the 'WHY' of going to Chapel and the importance of this in our school existence.

Recently we have put up signage on key buildings in both Te Reo and English. Using signage and te reo Māori meaningfully in a school is a visible and practical way that we are honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. But it is not just about translation — it is also about recognition, respect, and normalisation of te reo and te ao Māori in the everyday life of the kura (school).

Te Tiriti guarantees the protection of taonga — and te reo Māori is a taonga. Every sign that includes te reo contributes to its normalisation, elevating its status alongside English and affirming its rightful place in Aotearoa.

Our visible commitment to Te Tiriti is in finally using te reo Māori on signage makes our commitment to Te Tiriti tangible — not just words in a policy, but a part of the environment our ākongā and whānau can experience daily.

Signage can become a teaching tool — reinforcing vocabulary and encouraging all ākongā (and staff) to use more te reo naturally. Let me be clear that they are not there to “decorate” the school with te reo.

Currently our Head of Cultures is working on Pou to celebrate CIRIC, the Marks, and our Reo.

Tournament Week

As we head into Winter Tournament Week, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the significance of this event in the life of our school. This is more than just a chance to compete — it is a time for our students to represent St Matthew's with pride, passion, and purpose.

Winter Tournament Week offers our ākongā an opportunity to test themselves not only physically, but mentally and emotionally — to grow through teamwork, sportspersonship, and the highs and lows of competition. These are the experiences that shape strong, resilient individuals and build lifelong memories.

We would like to extend our thanks to the coaches, managers, whānau, and staff who have supported our teams throughout the season — giving up evenings, weekends, and countless hours to prepare our students for this moment. Your dedication makes these opportunities possible.

As our teams travel, compete, and mix with other schools from across the region (and country), we remind all students to carry with them the values we live by every day at school — respect, integrity, resilience, and kotahitanga (unity). Your conduct off the field matters just as much as your performance on it.

Be proud of who you are and who you represent. Compete hard, support your teammates, thank your officials, and take care of yourselves and others. Win or lose, every tournament is a chance to learn, grow, and lead.

To all our teams: go well, play fair, and enjoy every moment. You have earned this opportunity — make the most of it.

As always be your best selves and have a great and safe weekend.

Ngā Mihi



Boarding Note

St Matthew's Collegiate

BOARDING POLICIES

Please see below a link to our current Boarding Policies.
If you would like to give feedback on these please email:
jo.booth@trinityschools.nz

[Click here to see policies](#)



What's on the
menu this
week?



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



welcome

OFFICE HOURS DURING
TOURNAMENT WEEK
25TH AUGUST - 29TH AUGUST

MONDAY	8AM - 2.45 PM
TUESDAY	8AM - 3.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	8.45AM - 2.45 PM
THURSDAY	8AM - 2.45 PM
FRIDAY	8AM - 3.30 PM

*Thank you for your understanding
and support during this week.*



Sports Board

VERSION 1

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 3 Week 7

Monday 25th August – Sun 31st August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Badminton 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym.</p> <p>No Ki-O-Rahi training due to tournament week.</p>	<p>Rifle Shooting Van departs 6.15pm. Pickup at 7:30pm and 8:30pm.</p> <p>Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively.</p>	<p>Yoga 4pm-4:45pm in Lazarus. Free of charge. All welcome.</p> <p>No run group due to tournament week.</p> <p>No boxing due to tournament week.</p>	<p>Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively.</p>	<p>Primary Hockey 11's SMS Stars vs St Mary's Strikers @5pm. Van (if required) leaves 4:15pm.</p> <p>SMS Gold vs Marty 11 Aside @5pm. Van leaves (if required) 4:15pm.</p>	
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Good Luck

To all our Girls going to Tournament week

Netball Senior A- Palmerston North

Football 1st XI - Napier

Hockey 1st XI - Wellington

Hockey 2nd XI - Napier

Equestrian - Taupo

24TH AUGUST - 29TH AUGUST 2025

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://schoolapps.nz.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.

Yr 7 Gold Hockey

What a pleasure it was to coach the YR 7 Gold team this year.

They were a wonderful bunch of young ladies who showed great teamwork and kept positive all season despite it being a challenging one. We focused on growing their skills, a great team dynamic and above all, promoting a love of the game and having fun. This shone through with them.

Their dedication and continuous support for each other (including myself) was nothing short of exemplary. It was an honour to have played a role in their season.

Christian Jorgensen



Netball Achievements

We had an outstanding weekend of netball - taking out College 1,3 & 4 - and runners up in College 2 & 3.

SMS Gold - winners of College 1

SMS stars - runners up of College 2

SMS Yellow - winners of College 3

SMS Green - runners up of College 3

SMS Black - winners of College 4

A great day for St Matt's netball.



Hockey Wairarapa Girls College A Grade Final

SMS Seniors v SMS development team

What a fantastic way to finish the season for St Matthew's Collegiate Hockey.

A great game was played by all, with the Seniors taking the win over their Junior counterparts.

Final score 5-3 to the SMS Seniors

Congratulations to both teams - players, coaches, and management.



Football Annual Match - Wright-Milne Cup

Congratulations St Matthew's 1st XI Football for winning the Wright-Milne Cup in our annual match vs WaiCol! The score was 1-0

Congratulations Fleur Cameron for winning the Kerry Duncan Plate as MVP of the match. A great game played in all seasons of weather and positive sportsmanship was shown from both teams.



Yr 7/8 JUMP JAM



Our amazing years 7 & 8 ...**Totally Smashed The Beat** at Jump Jam!. From your rehearsals it was clear that your energy, teamwork, and moves were going to be even more outstanding – you brought the rhythm, the fun, and the fire to the stage. We're proud of your effort, spirit, and style. Year 7's placed 3rd and the year 8's placed 2nd!!!

Yr 11 PE - Caving

Level 1 PE class caving at Te Whiti cave in Gladstone. Working on Kotahitanga skills for one of their internals

Around School



Senior College Arts Evening

Photos from the SC performing arts evening last Thursday.

Ballet:

Simone Kittow & Samuel Watkins performing a Pas De Deux (step of two)
Senior Dance (Year 12&13)

Performed a Hip Hop dance showcasing old school, vogue, and girly hip hop styles.



Schola Cantorum Shines at Big Sing Cadenza

On the 10th and 11th of August, our talented all-girls choir, **Schola Cantorum**, proudly represented **St Matthew's Collegiate** at the **Big Sing Lower North Island Cadenza** competition held in Whanganui.

This marks a **historic milestone** for our school—the **first time** an all-girls choir from St Matthew's has advanced to this prestigious next stage of the annual Big Sing Competition. With this achievement, Schola Cantorum now ranks among the **top 60 secondary school choirs in Aotearoa!**

The girls performed beautifully, showcasing their hard work, passion, and musical excellence. They also had the opportunity to enjoy and be inspired by other outstanding choirs from across the Lower North Island.

We are thrilled to announce that Schola Cantorum was awarded a **Bronze Award**, presented on a stunning wooden plaque that will now take pride of place in our beloved **Music Suite**.

The experience has left the choir energized and excited for what's next. With sights set on returning to Cadenza next year — or perhaps even **Finale!** —the girls are already looking forward to diving into new repertoire and continuing their musical journey.



Yr10 Social Studies

Today is the final day for Trimester Two for Year 10. In Social Studies one of the classes has been looking at taonga which are significant to them, Aotearoa and other cultures.

They visited museums and undertook research. The end result was the forming of their own museum where they selected taonga and investigated their whakapapa and mana. Today the girls did a peer review on each other's museums.



InterCol Solo Music Competition

St Matthew's Stars Shine Bright

St Matthew's Collegiate was proudly represented by three talented students at this year's Inter-College Solo Competition: **Stella Carrington** and **Olivia Church** in the **Vocal Category**, and **Ceres Chen** in the **Piano Category**.

All three students delivered outstanding performances, showcasing the dedication and musical excellence that St Matthew's is known for. A special [congratulations](#) goes to **Ceres Chen**, who achieved **second place** in the highly competitive piano section—a fantastic result!

The vocal category was particularly fierce this year, with **Wairarapa College** and **Rathkeale College** taking out first and second place respectively. However, **Stella Carrington** was once again recognised for her exceptional talent, receiving the **Adjudicator's Award** for the **second year in a row**—a remarkable achievement!

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, preparation, and passion our students brought to this event. Their performances were a testament to their commitment and love for music. Ka pai, team!



Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

This Week's Mark of Mission is Transform – to transform unjust structures of society; to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

Unjust structures of society involves wealth distribution. Jesus has something to say about wealth distribution and the inequities and unjust structures resulting from it. Jesus tells his disciples that it is difficult for those who are rich to enter the kingdom of God – thus suggesting that the wealth inequity favours the poor this time, not the rich. But why is it difficult? Well, in order to understand that, we need to understand what the kingdom of God is. When Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God, he wasn't talking about a distant heaven, but about a new reality breaking into our present world—a transformed society where:

- The **poor are uplifted** and the **powerless are valued**
- **Unjust systems** are dismantled
- **Violence is rejected** and **peace is pursued**
- **Relationships are reconciled**, and communities are healed
- **Love and mercy** guide how we treat one another

The **Kingdom of God on earth** is not a physical place but a *way of living* and *being* that reflects God's values—**justice, peace, love, mercy, and compassion** – in the here and now. I believe that Jesus is saying it's harder for the rich to access this way of living because in a just society, often it is the rich who stand to lose the most.



Matthew 19:23-24

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

24 I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

Mātiu tekau ma iwa: rua tekau ma toru – whā

23 Ka mea a Ihu ki ana akonga, He pono taku kupu ki a koutou, E tapoko whakauaua te tangata taonga ki te rangatiratanga o te rangi.

24 Tenei ano taku kupu ki a koutou, He ngawari ke atu te haere o te kamera ra te kowhao o te ngira i te haere o te tangata taonga ki roto ki te rangatiratanga o te Atua.

Rev. Wendy

Intercollegiate Speech Competition

On Tuesday 19 August 2024, St Matthew's Collegiate had the pleasure of hosting the Intercollegiate Speech Competition. An audience of close to 100 family and friends were present to hear the speakers. Along with parents, wider whanau and other supporters, we were honoured to have the Mayor of Masterton, Mr Gary Caffell and Mrs Caffell, and Mrs Christine Brewster, Chair of the Trust Lands Trust in attendance.

Overall, the standard of the speeches was very high with a wide range of topics covered, and some different styles evident. Thank you to our Judges The Revd Wendy Scott, Vicar of St Matthew's Church, Masterton, and Mr Steve Cretney, Deputy Mayor of Carterton, Mrs Stella Lennox and the Revd John Hughes, The Hon Mike Butterick, MP for the Wairarapa, Dame Catriona Williams and the Ven May Croft.

Congratulations to our three entrants Yr 9 - Ada Wilkie, Yr 10 - Zena Cole and Senior - Francesca Wells

Congratulations Ada for placing first in the year 9 competition and Francesca for coming second in the senior competition



St Matthew's Collegiate School Board Election Notices

Student Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare:

Ava Wilson duly elected

Haley Feringa-Howley (Returning Officer)

The St Matthew's Collegiate Board advises that a vacancy has arisen on the school board.

In accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020, the board has resolved to fill this vacancy by **selection** rather than by election.

The board invites feedback or comment from the school community and wider local community regarding this decision. If you wish to make a submission or express interest, please contact the board in writing by Friday 19th September.

This notice is issued in accordance with the requirement to consult the community before proceeding with the appointment.

Contact details:

Ian Smith (SMCS Presiding Member)
ian.smith@trinityschools.nz
33 Pownall Street, Masterton

Dated: 22nd August 2025

Key Dates

- Monday 25th August - Start of Tournament Week
- Friday 29th August - Daffodil Day
- Saturday 30th August - Exeat Weekend
- Sunday 31st August - Sheppard House Chapel
- Tuesday 2nd September - Yr7 Vaccinations
- Thursday 4th September - Sport and Cultural Photos
- Thursday 4th September - SM Arts Evening
- Sunday 7th September - 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



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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>



Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's most important fundraising event. It helps support New Zealanders living with cancer by funding research, support services, nurses, and transportation to treatment.



What's Happening at SMCS

- Yellow accessories day - On Friday, Week 7 (29th August), everyone will be expected to wear a yellow accessory.

- Every student at St Matthew's will be asked to bring \$5 as a donation. Please take this to the office, where your \$5 donation will be recorded by your name. You have until Friday, August 29, to do this.

- Bake Sales your year group has been set a date to bring baked goods that will be sold during morning tea and lunch. If you're keen to organise your year group's bake sale, email Amelia Didsbury. (More info to come)
yr7/8 - 7th Aug, yr9 - 14th Aug, yr10 - 21st Aug, yr11 - 28th Aug.

As a school, let's get behind this. Every dollar raised helps fund treatments, supplies, free support services for families and hope for the future.



29th August 2025
**DAFFODIL
DAY**

St Matthew's

ARTS

SHOWCASE

Date: 4th September

Time: 6:30pm

Venue:

St Matthew's School Hall

Admission:

Adults - \$5.00

Students/

Children - Free

Showcasing student work in Music, Drama, Art, Dance, and Fashion. All proceeds will be directed towards funding arts initiatives within the school.



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Community News and Events



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Whether it's crafts, food, gifts, or something totally unique - this is your chance to show off, share your creations and earn some pocket money too!

\$10 A STALL!

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To find out more and apply for a stall, email the Masterton Toy Library at: masterton_toylibrary@outlook.com or message us on Facebook!

Epiphany Church AROUND THE WORLD QUIZ NIGHT



Hadlow School Hall
Saturday 6th 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. RIB event.

Book your team of 6-8 using this link
<https://forms.office.com/r/AJSrjT1fz>

IKAROA KITE TONGA

Maori Netball trials

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October 2025

U13, U15, U17s
9:00am Registration
9:30am Trials

\$100 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required on the day. Non successful trialist will have this refunded after teams have been named. Please prepare for this.

Please register online <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/52843>
Website https://www.sporty.co.nz/iktt_maori_netball
Enquiries phone 0211815712 or email ikaroakitetonga1@gmail.com



Yr7 - Yr13

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19 SEPTEMBER – 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

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MARTINBOROUGH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025 'Bringing the world to Martinborough'

SPECIAL \$15 Student prices

This year's Festival takes place over the weekend of **19-21 September** at the Martinborough Town Hall. We're presenting a fabulous line-up of musicians coming from all over the world to play chamber music by many different composers [MMF Programme](#)

This year we are delighted to offer students (aged 18 and under) specially priced tickets @ \$15 per concert.

Artistic directors **Wilma Smith** and **Donald Armstrong** will be joined by artists coming from Germany, Australia and Russia (via the UK), in a four-concert programme that includes music from Australia, Hungary, France, the US, Russia, Poland, Czechia and Argentina.

Sensational violinist **Natalia Lomeiko** and violist **Yuri Zhislin** will join Melbourne-based violist **Caroline Henbest** and returning artists, cellists **Mathias Balzat** and **Ashley Brown**. Celebrated pianist **Jian Liu**, will also be performing, along with classical saxophonist **Simon Brew**.

The festival's opening concert on Friday 19th features the virtuoso qualities of our visiting artists. Yuri and Matthias will join for a searing performance of Kodály's Duo, followed by Natalia and star pianist Jian Liu in the Chausson Concert for Violin, Piano and String Quartet.

Other highlights include Bach's Goldberg Variations, (one of Natalia and Yuri's favourite works) - Sat 20th 2pm, the Shostakovich Piano Quintet and Dvořák Sextet - Sat 20th 7.30pm and a special Festival commission from New Zealand composer, Louise Webster on Sunday 21st at 2pm.

As there are only a limited number of \$15 tickets available per concert, it is essential to book early - Book at iTicket - [MMF 2025 Bookings](#)

Watch these inspiring musicians bring this wonderful music to life!

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