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Term Three, Week Seven

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

As we come to the close of this week—one filled with competition, courage, generosity, and growth—it is worth pausing to reflect not just on the scores or the results, but on the deeper lessons we have learned together. I needed a bit of help with this and as always, its themes come from the week we have all but completed.

We have been reminded that our actions matter. Whether on the sports field, in the classroom, or in how we treat one another—there is accountability. Owning our choices, whether they lead to success or setbacks, is part of growing into the kind of people we hope to become, honest, humble, and strong in character.

This week has also shown us the power of grace in defeat. It is never easy to lose. But we have seen girls offer handshakes with sincerity, cheer for the opposition, and hold their heads high—even when the scoreboard did not go their way. That is not weakness. That is strength. And when the win is ours, we need celebrate—with humility, knowing that victory is sweeter when shared in good spirit.

There is so much to learn from loss and failure. It is a hard but valuable teacher. Loss and failure help us reflect, reset, and refocus. It shows us where we can grow, how we can train harder, listen more, and support each other better. If we let it, loss and failure can shape us into better athletes, better teammates, better ākongā, and better people.

We also want to acknowledge the role of our parents—not just as cheerleaders, but as the ones who, over the years, have helped shape our values. The discipline we show on the field does not begin at practice—it starts at home. Your positive support, your encouragement from the sidelines, your calm presence in both wins and losses—it matters more than you know. It lifts us up, gives us confidence, and reminds us that our worth isn't tied to a scoreboard. We all must remember that when support turns into pressure, or passion into frustration, we all lose something valuable. We want to be in a space where our young women feel safe to try, to fail, to grow, and to thrive—knowing they are backed by unwavering, positive support.

And a word about decisions. One of the toughest parts of team sport is understanding that sometimes, not everyone plays every game. The decision about who starts and who sits belongs to the coach—who sees the bigger picture, balances strategy with development, and carries the weight of making the best call for the team. It is not always easy to accept, but it is part of learning to trust, to wait our turn, and to contribute in whatever role we are given.

Finally, we have seen that giving generously—whether time, effort, or resources—has real power. The causes we supported this week are not abstract or distant. They are real. And what we gave mattered—to the recipients, yes—but also to us. Because when we give with open hands and hearts, we grow. We understand more. We become more connected, more compassionate, and more aware of the difference we can make in the world.

To every person who played, supported, gave, and grew this week: well done. You have done more than compete. You have built character, shown courage. And you have lived the kind of values that last far longer than any final score.

Have a safe and great weekend, and be your best selves. Ngā Mihi

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

Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

This morning Miss McCoy took these photos of boarders before they headed out the door. It is great to see our students getting behind our yellow accessory day in support of the Cancer Society.

It has been a fairly quiet week with so many of our girls across all year levels away at their various sporting tournaments. Those who returned last night were understandably exhausted from days of back to back competition so were pleased there was a slightly slower start to the day.

A reminder this is the final exeat weekend for Term 3. The boarding houses will close at approximately 5pm tonight and will reopen on Sunday from 6pm.

Looking ahead, please note that our House Music Competition is on the last Thursday of term so those from out of town might like to start to make arrangements for this. Remember all students are expected at school on the last day of term.

Enjoy the weekend.

Ngā mihi
Jo



What's on the
menu this
week?



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



Sports Board

VERSION 1

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 3 Week 8

Monday 1st September – Sunday 7th September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Badminton 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS gym. Ki-O-Rahi Training	Rifle Shooting Van departs 6.15pm. Pickup at 7:30pm and 8:30pm. Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively. Ki-O-Rahi Tournament	Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet in front of Main House at 6:20am. Yoga 4pm-4:45pm in Lazarus. Free of charge. All welcome. Run Group Meet 1:05pm at the gym. Eat lunch after.	Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively. Wairarapa Rugby Tournament? Mon-Fri	Primary Hockey 11's @Clareville SMS Stars vs Kia Kaha MIS @4pm. Van (if required) leaves 3:15pm. SMS Gold vs St Mary's Strikers @5pm. Van (if required) leaves 4:15pm.	

Tournament Week

Sunday -Senior A Netball

Day one of Lower North Island Netball Championships was a success for our Snr A Netball team with one win against Kaputi College and a loss to Wellington Girls. The team are in great spirits. The support crew are amazing. And all are thoroughly enjoying the tournament so far,



1st XI Hockey

3-0 loss to Westlake Girls

1st XI Football

6-1 loss to Taradale High
 3-2 loss to Horowhenua College

Snr A Netball

38-30 loss to Whanganui Collegiate
 38-31 win over Whitby Collegiate

2nd XI Hockey

4-0 win over Onslow College

Monday Results



Tuesday Results

Tuesday results from **Winter Tournament Week** an showing there is tough competition out there.

Keep up the hard work people:

Snr A Netball : win over Havelock North High School 33-14; Loss to Wairarapa College 38-26. We remain in the A Grade for LNISS.

1st XI Hockey: Loss to Wellington Girls 2-1, Loss to St Andrew's 3-1

1st XI Football: Win over Taupo High School 1-0, Loss to Botany High School 3-1

2nd XI Hockey : Loss to Colombia High 2-0, Loss to Napier Girls High School 2-1



Wednesday Results

Snr A Netball

Loss to Dannevirke High School 30-22

Win against Inglewood High School 35-20

1st XI Football

Draw with Upper Hutt College 1-1

1st XI Hockey

Loss to Christchurch Girls High School 2-1

2nd XI Hockey

Win against Nga Tawa 4-1



Thursday Results

Snr A Netball:

two wins.

21st in A Grade.



Equestrian- Bella Wallace has been a stand out. Bella's best results were: 11th Two-Phase (SJ), 9th Dressage, 7th Accumulator (SJ), 3rd Show Hunter. There were 67 in the Show Jumping (SJ) classes!



U13 Rugby

Congratulations to Te Arawa Martin (Year7) for her achievements of in this years Under 13 (Year 8) rugby competition.

Te Arawa plays for Marist and has had an absolutely amazing season, earning "Most Improved Player" at the awards night.

Te Arawa last weekend, played in the Wairarapa Bush North v South rep game. She played an outstanding game.

Te Arawa dream is to play for the Black Ferns.

The photo is of her from the North v South game.



North Island Primary School Ski Champs

After a big day Monday skiing **Zara Jorgensen** managed to place 44th overall in the Parallel Slalom, Tuesday morning winning both her races in the same category. Well done Zara.



Senior College Barista Course

First day of Barista course - students working on theory.



Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

At the heart of a Christ-centered community lies the value of **respect**—a reflection of God’s love in our relationships with others. Respect means treating each person with kindness, dignity and honour, recognising that every individual is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

The Bible teaches us, “Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honouring each other,” (Romans 12:10). This spirit of humility and mutual regard builds unity in our classrooms, boarding houses and homes.

Jesus modeled perfect respect – not only toward God the Father but also toward people from all walks of life. He reminded us, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12). As we follow His example, we learn that showing respect isn’t just good manners – it’s an act of obedience and worship.

Let us continue to grow in respect, encouraging one another and building a school environment where every voice is valued and every person is seen as a beloved child of God.

Romans 12:10 - Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.

Rōma tekau ma rua v tekau – Ka aroha ki nga teina, kia tino pono te aroha tetahi ki tetahi; ka whakahonore, kia nui ta tetahi i tetahi.

Rev. Wendy



ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE



ARTS Showcase



Featuring student work in

MUSIC • DRAMA • ART • DANCE • FASHION

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 6:30PM

ADULTS \$5 CHILDREN & STUDENTS FREE



THE FRIENDS OF RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Donate Designer Clothing & Make a Difference!

We are looking for donations of designer and brand-name clothing for our pre-loved charity clothing stall at the upcoming Rathkeale Christmas Fete.

Help us turn high fashion into high impact! All proceeds go directly to the Friends of Rathkeale to support student resources.

We are collecting: (clean and in great condition)

- Adult and teen clothing
- Designer handbags and shoes
- Popular labels

Please only donate items in **great condition**, just one or two quality items would be greatly appreciated.

Donation Drop-Off:

Please drop any donations into either the Rathkeale or St Matthews school office during September and October.

Thank you for your support.

*“Uā tini, mā mano, ka rapa te whāi
Many hands make light work”*

Curriculum

A good deal of work is being done to look at what a St Matthew's education looks like. The following image, while a work in progress, will see every header linking to further information.

The centre part will look at all curriculum areas and how they progress through each year level.

The Curriculum committee is enjoying some great discussion and is currently further developing the Graduate Profile. A draft [Graduate Profile Handbook](#) is ready and we would value your input. Please click on the link above to see the year 9-11 handbook. Year 7-8 and Year 12-13 will have a modified version of the same.



Mrs Sandie Sherwen and the Curriculum Committee

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Iwi and Whānau Consultation Form – Supporting Māori and Pasifika Ākonga at St Matthew's Collegiate

We are proud of our ākonga and their cultures, and we recognise the richness that Māori and Pasifika learners and whānau bring to our kura. We are committed to creating a place where all ākonga can thrive, feel seen, and be successful in ways that are meaningful to them and their whānau. As part of our journey to strengthen that commitment, we want to hear your voice.

It is our hope that this consultation is not about looking for what is wrong — it is about building on what we are doing well, identifying where we can grow, and making sure we are walking in partnership with you. Your ideas and aspirations will help guide our priorities moving forward. [Click here to go to pdf form](#)

You can return this form via email to sm.principalspa@trinityschools.onmicrosoft.com

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>



Key Dates

- 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
- Monday 15th September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- Thursday 18th September - Kapa Haka Festival
- Friday 19 September - Last 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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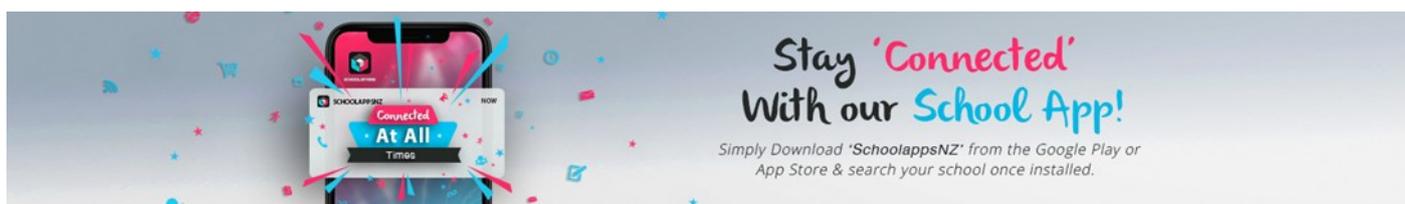


Sheppard House Chapel this Sunday

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.



TOURNAMENT WEEK FUNDRAISER

Hot Chips

\$5 a pottle



THURSDAYS - 7TH AUG - 14TH AUG & 4TH SEP
LUNCHTIME

Bring extra cash for sweets or baked goods

Community News and Events

DO YOU LOVE MAKING, BAKING OR CREATING?

Youth Market

16 YEARS & YOUNGER

SEEKING ALL YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO BE PART OF OUR UPCOMING MARKET DAY!

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!

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER
AT THE SPOT, MASTERTON

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Your ultimate holiday camp adventure! Off-Grid Adventure Camps provide 9-13 year olds with a transformative, device-free holiday experience focused on personal growth, fun, adventure and spending time in nature. With our team of experienced Camp Instructors and Chefs, our camps offer 6 days of exciting activities, delicious healthy meals, and a place to build great friendships and memories. Give kids the time of their lives, with an enriching camp experience!

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Sunday 28th Sept - Friday 3rd Oct
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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/AJSrjJT1fz>

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/ikt_maori_netball

Enquiries phone 0211815712 or email

ikaroakitonga1@gmail.com



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THUR 11 SEPT
6pm

\$210 per table [Max. Team of 6]

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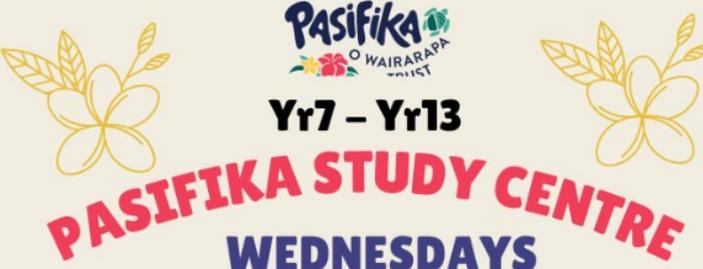
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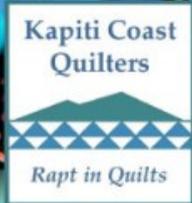


Pasifika CAREERS EVENING

Wednesday 17 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm | Rutherford House Foyer
Pipitea campus | 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea

- Open to all – especially Pasifika students (high school & tertiary) and families
- Meet Pasifika professionals from a range of careers
- Explore career and study pathways
- Free entry + light refreshments
- Please RSVP via the form!

More information: pasifika-events@vuw.ac.nz | 022 563 6974 (Fabie) | 022 655 2685 (Mela)



Quilt Exhibition 2025

Southward Car Museum

Otaihanga Kapiti Coast

13 - 14 September

9am to 4pm

**PLUS...Aotearoa Quilters
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Merchant stalls

Raffles

Community quilters at work

Light refreshments

Entry \$10 - Eftpos available

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MARTINBOROUGH MUSIC FESTIVAL

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!

SELLING YOUR UNIFORM SECOND HAND

The St Matthew's Uniform Shop sells second hand uniform, on your behalf.

When an item of clothing sells, the shop retains a 30% commission, the amount owing to you is then credited to your daughter's school account. For uniform that is sold after your daughter leaves, a bank account, name of the account and email address will be required.

Clothing will get the best price when it is CLEAN; the Blazer, Tunic Dress and Senior Skirt should be dry cleaned. Please attend to discoloured underarms and collars before soaking white blouses in a stain removing laundry soaker (don't use bleach as this will fade the crest).

Uniform can be brought into the shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 4pm during term time. Uniform may alternatively be left at the school office, marked "For Sale, attention UNIFORM SHOP". Please make sure that it is securely boxed up, with your daughter's name included.

Ties and Caps are sold second hand, but any money generated will be a donation to the shop.

ITEMS NOT SOLD SECOND HAND IN THE UNIFORM SHOP:

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

JAZZ IN MARTINBOROUGH 4-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

Programme

Thursday

7.30pm O'L KING COLE *Town Hall*

Friday

1.30pm LOCKIE BENNETT *Nara*

4.00pm ELI MULHERON TRIO *Runholder*

7.30pm APRIL'S FOOLS *Town Hall*

Saturday

11.00am STEFAN BROWN TRIO *Cool Change*

2.30pm TRAVIS JORDAAN TRIO *Nara*

3.30pm SAM COOKE *Martinborough Brewery*

4.00pm NOIR *Parehua*

7.30pm RNZAF JAZZ ORCHESTRA *Town Hall*

Sunday

11.00am SCARLET *Margrain*

1.00pm KEVIN CLARK & FRAN BARTON *Palliser*

3.30pm DUSTY NEEDLE *Martinborough Brewery*

SOLD OUT!

PROGRAMME IS CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING. PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - follow our FB page for updates.