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Term Three, Week Nine

Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou Whānau,

Week 10 is shaping up to be an exciting and busy time for all of us! We are about to celebrate **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori**, deep into rehearsals for **House Music** and gearing up for the competition night. Alongside all this, we will be welcoming **ERO** as they come to evaluate our school, managing cohort rostering home, and continuing with our teaching, learning, and assessments. It is certainly a lot—but a great way to finish the term! So, after next Friday, we encourage everyone to take a well-earned two-week break to rest and recharge.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Although Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is celebrated for just one week each year, for many Māori whānau it holds deep and ongoing significance. This special week reminds us all of the journey and ongoing revitalisation of te reo Māori.

The story began in 1972 with **Te Petihana Reo Māori**, a petition presented to Parliament on September 14 by Ngā Tamatoa, Victoria University's Te Reo Māori Society, and the New Zealand Māori Students Association. With over 30,000 signatures, the petition called for formal recognition and support of te reo Māori.

This movement led to the introduction of Māori Language Day and, from 1975, expanded into the full week we celebrate today. Further progress was made through the WAI11 Māori Language claim and the landmark **Māori Language Act 1987**, which recognised te reo Māori as an official language of Aotearoa New Zealand and established Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (the Māori Language Commission). The commitment was strengthened in 2016 with an updated Act affirming te reo as the indigenous language safeguarded under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

As a school community, we are proud to honour and participate in this important celebration of culture, language, and identity.



Road Safety Reminder: The Traffic Light and the Zebra Crossing

This morning, our local constable reached out to share a concerning incident: she almost hit one of our students who stepped out unexpectedly in front of her police car near St Matthew's. Thankfully, she was driving at 20km/h and was able to stop in time. However, she noted that it's uncommon for vehicles to slow to this speed near a school bus, even though they are required to do so.

This is a timely reminder about the importance of road safety, especially for our young people navigating busy streets. To help highlight this, here's a little children's story that captures the message perfectly:

Once upon a time, in a bustling city, a school sat surrounded by busy roads. Children would sometimes rush out to play, unaware of the dangers nearby. Accidents happened when children crossed without looking or played near traffic lights.

A thoughtful traffic light wondered if it could help by shouting warnings or grabbing children's backpacks to stop them. But the zebra crossing pointed out that relying on these signs alone would be risky — children need to learn to keep themselves safe.

So, the traffic light and zebra crossing decided to teach children the importance of looking carefully before crossing, using videos and daily reminders. This message spread throughout the city, and after three months, all the children were more cautious, and accidents stopped.

The traffic light and zebra crossing were proud because they had helped children understand how to stay safe.

We encourage all our students and whānau to remember the basic rules of road safety: look both ways, use crossings carefully, and never assume a vehicle will stop. Together, we can keep everyone safe.

Strike Action and Rostering Home

This message is to confirm information shared earlier regarding the upcoming strike action in accordance with section 589 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

The strike will take place from **9:00 am on 15 September 2025** until **3:15 pm on 18 September 2025**.

During this period, members of the PPTA will not be teaching, instructing, or supervising students in certain year levels but will continue to teach all other students. Teachers will also continue administrative duties during the times they would usually be teaching affected year groups.

Here is the timetable for the affected year levels:

- **15 September:** Years 12 and 13
- **16 September:** Year 11
- **17 September:** Year 10
- **18 September:** Year 9
- **Years 7 & 8:** Normal instruction throughout the week



Boarding facilities will remain open, and students impacted by the rostering home will be supervised in boarding during this time. All students are expected to attend planned afterschool activities, as outlined in a separate communication regarding Week 10.

We understand that this situation can be difficult, and that there may be some feelings of frustration, concern, and support. Please know this decision has not been made lightly and reflects a collective voice.

Thank you once again for your patience and flexibility as we work through this together. As always have a safe and wonderful weekend.

Ngā Mihi



Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

Yesterday started with an early morning fire drill at 6.50am. Unfortunately those in a deep sleep were woken by a very loud siren. Although fire drills are never pleasant, they are an important part of our health and safety procedures. Thank you to all for your cooperation during our drills.

On Thursday the Kai Council met with Bea and Don from Caterplus. We are very fortunate to have a catering company who is so eager to receive feedback from both day and boarding students. Thank you to those who attend this meeting.

With House Music in its final stages, it is important to clarify our end of term arrangements for boarders.

Monday and Tuesday afternoon- Wednesday-	3.30-5.30pm House Music practices for all students. 3.30pm onwards clean and pack up in boarding/ 6pm End of Term Boarding Dinner.
Thursday- Friday-	2pm onwards House Music preparation. Event starts at 6pm. Compulsory school day for all.

Due to the above schedule, boarders have various options when signing out for the holidays.

1. Sign out Wednesday after our End of Term Boarding Dinner. Rooms must be checked off before leaving. Attend school as a daygirl Thursday/ Friday.
2. Sign out Thursday after House Music. Rooms must be checked off before leaving. Attend school as a daygirl on Friday.
3. Sign out Friday afterschool.

Please remember to use “End of Term Leave” for all Orah passes next week.

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 10

Monday 15th September – Sunday 21st September

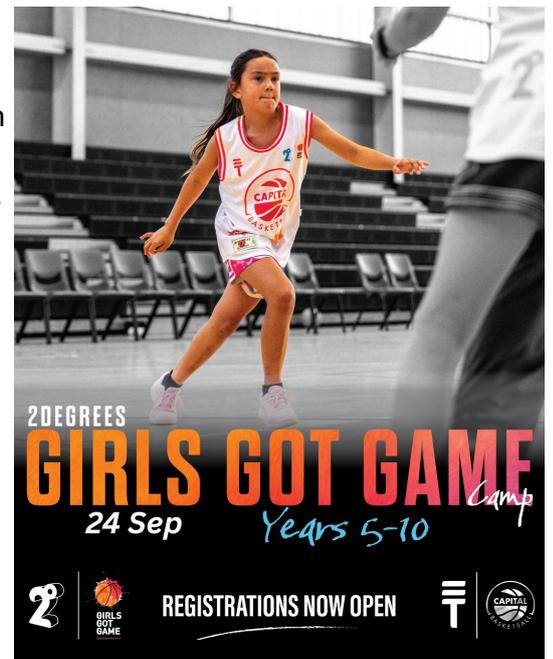
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOUSE MUSIC	<p>Rifle Shooting Van departs 6.15pm. Pickup at 7:30pm and 8:30pm.</p> <p>Fitness Gym Yr 7-13 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. Supervised by Mrs Wallace-Seitshiro. Assistance to learn how to work out effectively.</p>	<p>Boxing 6:30am-7:15am. Meet in front of Main House at 6:20am.</p> <p>Run Group <u>Meet</u> 1:05pm at the gym. Eat lunch after.</p> <p>Pickleball 1:20pm-1:55pm @SMS gym.</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>Tennis Lessons at 3:30pm – 4:30pm @ SMS</p>	



Netball Success

Congratulations to Isobella Shearing who has been selected for the Netball Central Zone: Secondary Schools Tournament Team. The North Zone Team is a Year 12 team (students year 12 and under), made up of players from Whanganui, Horowhenua, Manawatu, Dannevirke and Wairarapa.

We wish you all the best for your tournament Bella



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All Star Camp (Y6–8) → Sep 22–23
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All registrations go in the draw to WIN prize packs!

Financial Assistance Available

Times are tough — we get it. Apply for support through the JT Trust to help make camp possible.

Apply at: www.jttrust.co.nz

Register now:

capitalbasketball.org/bnz-kiwi-hoops-sign-up



Level 1 Archery

Level 1 NCEA PE working at their kotahitanga skills doing Archery on Monday morning down at the rifle



Duke of Edinburgh Service

For her Duke of Ed service, Maddy Lock made 30 new aprons for the art room. Don't they look great? Thank you Maddy!



Religious Education Presentations



This week was the culmination of two terms worth of work for students across the school in RE.

It was delightful to sit with them and experience their presentations, that took on a large variety of types, hearing the researched answers to their chosen questions based on the big idea: Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific's unique history and diversity lead to distinctive ways of understanding religious and spiritual traditions. Their effort grade for Work Ethic coming out next week reflects the quality of their work.

Around School

Year 11 Presentations of Kakahu



The idea to create Kakahu Huru was developed when the Level 1 Technology Achievement Standards were changed two years ago. The new standards meant teachers and or students needed to find a cultural need or opportunity in our community and explore ideas and techniques to develop an outcome to fill this need. We became aware that the only leader in the Trinity system who had a Kakahu huruhuru to wear on formal school occasions was Mr O'Grady. Mrs. Bucknell attended as many workshops as she could and consulted with community experts to develop ideas for developing culturally sensitive contemporary cloaks. During this time she created 8 for leaders at SMC. This learning she passed on to her pupils and last year the Year 11 Fashion students created 10 Kakahu huruhuru for leaders across the three schools. They each selected which leaders they would make them for and used family ties where possible. This year once again the 10 pupils chose a position to create for. They interviewed the people who currently hold that position to come up with ideas and give feedback on designs and techniques. The 11 results have been presented to the Hadlow and Rathkeale position holders this week. The cloaks will remain as a taonga in the school after the current position holder leaves.

Presentations were made this week to

The Hadlow Principal by the whole Year 11 class
Rathkeale Deputy Principals by Isabel Bailey and Phoebe Goodman
Rathkeale Chaplain by Lily Boggs
Rathkeale Deputy head boy Boarding by Natasha Reynolds
Rathkeale Chapel prefect by Eden McCreary
Next Wednesday presentations will, be made in the SMC assembly to:
Prefect Head of Culture by Marese Napier
Prefect Head of Boarding by Sophie Whyte
Prefect Head of Service by Charlotte Macauley
Prefect Head of Sport by Clara Andrew
Prefect Head of Chapel by Emily Kirk

After the presentations on Wednesday all leaders at St Matthew's will have a Kakahu huruhuru to wear on formal occasions.

Thank you to the year 11 Fashion students for the stunning results they have created, making this idea become a reality.

Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

Let the Word Dwell Richly

This week as part of Junior Chapel, we're reflecting on Colossians 3:16:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

“Kia noho nui te kupu a te Karaiti i roto i a koutou i runga i te matauranga katoa; me whakaako, me whakatupato tetahi e tetahi ki nga waiata tapu, ki nga himene, ki nga waiata wairua, me te waiata ano ki te Atua i runga i te aroha noa, i roto i o koutou ngakau.”

At the heart of our school community is a desire to see Christ's Word not just studied, but lived. This verse reminds us that God's truth should saturate our hearts, shape our relationships and overflow in sung worship and gratitude. As we all negotiate our lives in the St Matthew's Collegiate School community, may the Word dwell richly among us – guiding our learning, lifting our voices and building one another up in love.

Rev. Wendy



Trinity Schools Community Survey

As we look ahead to the future for the Trinity family of schools, we want to understand what really matters to our school community. Please click on the link to complete a short survey.

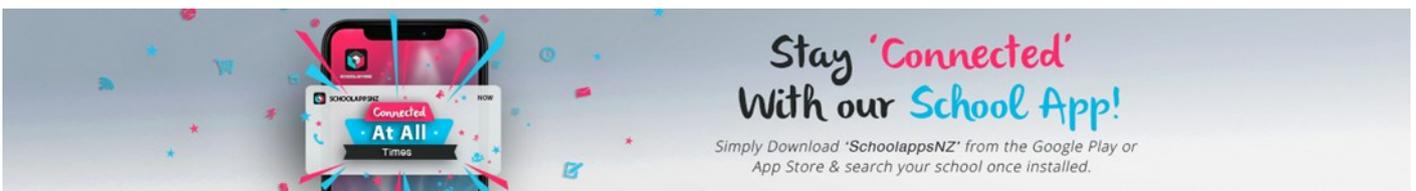
[Here is the link to the parent / caregivers survey.](#)

Cath Archer, CEO, Trinity Schools Trust Board (TSTB)

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](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.





We will be getting rid of all unclaimed clothing lost property on the last day of this term.

School uniform will be gifted to the uniform shop.
Non-uniform clothing will be put into a clothing bin for a charity.

Any unclaimed small items after two terms will be disposed of as follows:

- Bank cards – will be sent back to the bank
- Glasses – donated to Specsavers to the Fred Hollows Foundation
- Rings/Earrings/Bracelets/Necklaces – donated to a charity shop
- Electronics - donated to a charity shop
- Phones – given to a mobile company for recycling
- Snapper Cards – will be destroyed

Thank You

NAME :

Items to be disposed at the end of term are unclaimed items from Term 1:

- 1 x empty airpod case
- 1 x bone carving necklace
- 1 x black watch -Daniel Wellington brand
- 1 x black fit bit
- 1 x pink fit bit
- 1 pair of pearl earrings
- 1 gold hoop earring
- 1 silver hoop earring
- 1 silver necklace with the letter C
- 1 silver necklace with a pisces symbol
- 1 USB charging cord

Key Dates

- Monday 15th September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- Thursday 18th September - Kapa Haka Festival
- Thursday 18th September - House Music Event
- 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



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>



HOUSE MUSIC EVENT

When: Thursday 18th

September 2025

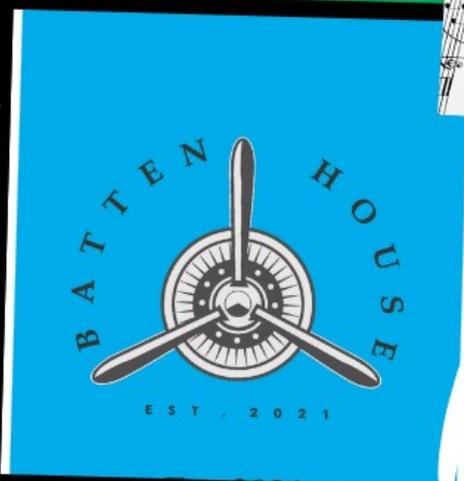
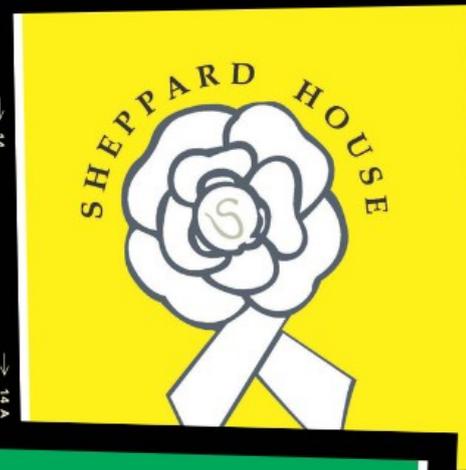
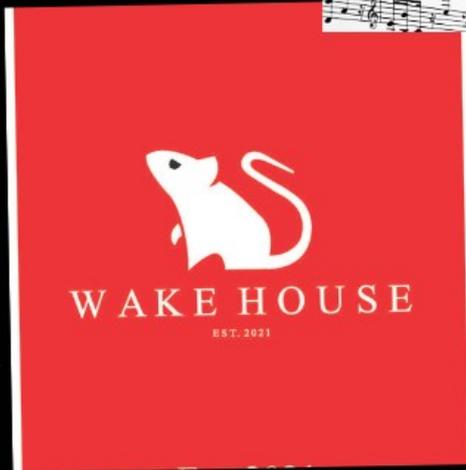
Time: starts 6pm

Venue: Wairarapa

College Hall

Koha Entry

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Donations Welcome

TO ALL OUR WHANAU - WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE FRIENDS RAFFLE FOR THE FETE THIS YEAR. WE WOULD ADORE THOSE ITEMS YOU BOUGHT AND COULD NOT USE, IN FACT SURPRISE US BECAUSE WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ALL DONATIONS TO THE SMCS OFFICE



Thank you!



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.

*"Ma tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai"
Many hands make light work"*

Community News and Events



Yr7 - Yr13

PASIFIKA STUDY CENTRE

WEDNESDAYS

from 330pm - 5pm!
23 Intermediate Street





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Homework to catch up on! Need Help!



Contact: 0800 727 924
www.pw.org.nz




ACTING ANTICS

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Holiday Production - Tuesday 30 September to Friday 3 October

"Aladdin and the Magic Lamp"

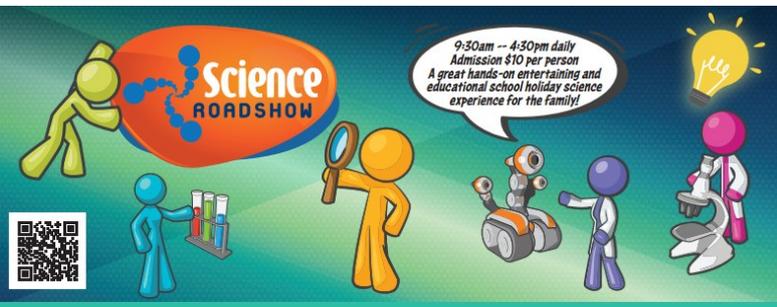
The magic and mystery of far off Arabia come alive as Aladdin and his brother Ishan tangle with two magic genies; Genie of the Lamp and Genie of the Ring. However, Khalifah the Sorcerer and his sister Fatimah, a fortune teller, have also heard about the power of the Genie of the Lamp and are determined to gain control of it. Will they manage to trick Aladdin's Mother into giving up the lamp? Can the street urchins rescue Aladdin & Ishan from the cave Khalifah has imprisoned him in? What happens when Aladdin meets Princesses Ameera and Nashita, the Sultan's daughters? Exotic costumes, stories of riches beyond your wildest dreams, treachery and intrigue abound in this exciting adventure.



Audition, rehearse and perform a fully costumed play in 4 days!
Learn acting, stagecraft & performance skills!
Every student gets a role with dialogue!
Strictly limited places! Fabulous Costumes!

Ages: 8 to 13 years (No previous experience required)
Venue: St Matthew's Collegiate School
Hours: Program operates 9am-3pm - Venue open 8:30am-3:30pm
Free performance on Friday at 3pm
Fees: \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)
Director: Deborah Percy

REGISTER: www.masterton.actingantics.com
ENQUIRIES: deborah@actingantics.com - 021 1832508



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World Environmental Health Day Competition!



WIN A \$50 PREZZY CARD & \$200 SCHOOL DONATION!

List at least 10 sources of air pollution in this picture to enter the draw to win!

This competition is open to all NZ Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students to help acknowledge World Environmental Health Day 2025: 'Clean air, healthy people'

Email your LIST of answers (not a photo) along with your name, age, School and parent/caregiver details to: info@nzieh.org.nz with the subject 'WEHD 2025 Competition'

Entries close 5pm Friday 19 September 2025

(winner to be announced Friday 26 September 2025 via NZIEH facebook page and winner notified via email)

The prize for the winning entry is a \$50 prezzy e-card for the student and a \$200 donation made to your nominated School on your behalf.

To learn more about World Environmental Health Day visit <https://www.ifeh.org/wehd/>

1/2 Price Kids Entry

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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)

NEWS LETTER

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PRE SEASON TRAININGS

YEAR 6-8 HARDBALL OFFERING IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Tuesday 23rd + 30th September
- 9am till 12 noon both Tuesdays
- \$80 for both mornings

SEASON START DATES

JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET
FRIDAY 31ST OCT + SATURDAY 1ST NOV

YOUTH SCHOOL CRICKET
TUESDAY 28TH + WEDNESDAY 29TH OCT

SENIOR CLUB CRICKET
BIDWILL CUP - SATURDAY 18TH OCT
OPEN GRADE 25TH OCT

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS ARE STARTING TO TAKE PLACE

- ### KEY EVENTS
- AGM - 28th October, 5:30pm QE Park Longroom
 - Golf Fundraiser - 14th November, at Masterton Golf Course
 - Pathway Teams raffle - Month of November
 - 9th November first Senior Womens game in Hawkes Bay
 - 28/29th November first Senior Mens game in Taranaki

WAIRARAPA JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET

Hartsborough Junior Cricket
Steph Jaspers: stephjaspers@gmail.com
Greytown Cricket Juniors
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Gladstone Cricket Juniors
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Wairarapa Female Club
Neil Hansen: neil@wairarapacricket.co.nz

NEW PATHWAY TRAINING SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED



MERCHANDISE PRE ORDERS

Dynasty have opened up our Merch store for a limited time for pre orders- closing 21st September

- The range includes: Long Sleeve Tops, Singlets, Hoodies, Shorts, Backpacks, Socks and Supporters Polos
- Link to the store can be found here or via the QR Code:
- <https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/wairarapa-cricket>



QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS

Big thanks to everyone who attended our Quiz night on 5th September, it was a great evening with 24 teams.



PLAYER EOI'S

PATHWAY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN

If you are interested in being part of our Wairarapa Age Group teams for the coming season, please fill in the EOI form below.

- Year 6, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9+10 and Year 11+12 Boys
- Year 7+8 Girls, Year 9+10 Girls and Year 11-13 Girls

Tournament dates are below



Red Clay Tennis Spring Holiday Programme

Join us for professional tennis training these holidays. All playing levels are welcome and groups will be formed based on age and ability.

- Where:
22-26 Sept: Masterton Tennis Centre
29 Sept - 3 Oct: Gladstone Complex
- Who:
Ages 8 and up
Beginners to competitive players
- When:
9am-12pm and/or 1pm-4pm
- Cost:
\$50 per session
\$225 for a full week of mornings or afternoons

Apply:
<https://forms.gle/c4sdCdGy4XtTxGrq9>

Contact:
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PRE SEASON CRICKET

IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- YEAR 6-8'S - MALE AND FEMALE 9AM TILL 12NOON
- BOTH TUESDAYS: 23RD AND 30TH SEPTEMBER
- \$80 FOR BOTH MORNINGS FOR PLAYERS PLAYING HARDBALL OR WANTING TO PLAY THIS SEASON

PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE PLAYHQ LINK OR THE QR CODE

VENUE: YMCA MASTERTON 371 QUEEN STREET

WAIRARAPA CRICKET 2025-26 COACHES

- Year 6 Boys - Matt Crow
- Year 7 Boys - Malcolm Jaspers + Jared van Deventer
- Year 8 Boys - Kurt Portas
- Year 9+10 Boys - Tom Conwell + Peter Gardiner
- Year 11+12 Boys - Regan Fricker + Patrick Wootton
- Year 7+8 Girls - TBC as no expression of interest
- Year 9+10 Girls - Patrick Wootton
- Year 11-13 Girls - Brent Register

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WAIRARAPA CRICKET 2025-26 TOURNAMENTS

Hawkes Bay Cricket Camps 2026

- YEAR 6 BOYS 14-17TH JAN
- YEAR 7 BOYS 12-15TH JAN
- YEAR 8 BOYS 11-14TH JAN

District Cricket Tournaments 2025/2026

- YEAR 10 BOYS Horowhenua Region 12-15TH JAN
- YR 9+10 GIRLS Palmerston North 16-18TH DEC
- YR 7+8 GIRLS Masterton 12-14TH JAN

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WAIRARAPA CRICKET 2025-26 TOURNAMENTS

CB Cricket Tournaments 2025/2026

- YR 11-13 GIRLS Whangarei 7-9TH DEC
- YR 11-12 BOYS Ruahine 8-11TH DEC

Senior Representative T20 Tournaments 2025/2026

- SENIOR MEN 19-21ST DEC
- SENIOR WOMEN 19-21ST DEC

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