

# STAR BOARD

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TRINITY SCHOOLS  
ST MATTHEW'S

Term Four, Week Three

## Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

Some of what I send to you today was referenced to an assembly of years 7-11 (our normal expectation of 12s and 13s was not to be as school was closed at Rathkeale rendering Senior College closed also.)

### Break in the weather

At the assembly I reminded the students how lucky we were to be at school that day (not all in the audience agreed with me immediately). Seriously, while a lot of other schools had to close because of the wild weather, we were able to stand strong, to show up and the lights were on, still learning and growing. That says something.

Drawing comparisons with the weather I reminded them that life throws storms our way too—not just the rain and wind outside, but the hard stuff inside. Stress. Friendships that get messy. Family stuff. Those moments when everything just feels... a bit too much.

But even when the storm is loud, we can still choose calm. Not fake calm—real calm. The kind that says, *"Okay, this is tough, but I've got this. And I've got people who've got me."*

Of course I referenced a song- *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. There's a line in it that says:

**"Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down."** It is about support. About someone being there for you when the world feels rough. And guess what? We all have those people in our life—parents, teachers, trusted adults. They *want* to help. Asking them for support does not make you weak. It makes you *wise*.

Better days *are* coming. Storms do not last. The sky clears, the sun returns, and so does your strength. We all laugh again. We all feel lighter. And we all feel proud of how far we have come.

So when life gets heavy—pause, breathe, talk to someone. Let them be your bridge. And when someone else is struggling? Be theirs.

### Open school

School was open for all today but sadly many of our flock were weather affected and were unable to return today. We send you positive vibes for cleanups you may be having to do on your properties.

Goodness -usually I have too much to say. That's enough from me this week.

Ngā Mihi

# Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

A shout out to our lovely tutors who are pictured here with Harper Gillies. This photo was taken in boarding earlier in the month when the tutors buzzed into Main House while on their way to a sports event.

A huge thank you to both Nell and Awande for the work they have done this year in both boarding and sport. Although not always super exciting, the role you play is very important and we really could not do it without you. Yesterday it was great to have Awande running some sports activities with those boarders who stayed in for the day before we headed to the food tech room for a mini bake off.

A few final reminders for all boarders-

1. The Boarders' Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December and all boarders are expected to attend.
2. A boarding survey will go out to all boarders and boarding parents/ caregivers next week. Please keep a look out for this as your feedback is key to ensuring boarding continues to improve at St Matthew's.
3. For those senior girls going on Study Leave, please ensure your Orah details are correct as we need to know when you will next be in boarding.
4. Both boarding houses close today at 5pm and they will reopen on Monday at 6pm.

I hope everyone manages to take a break over the long weekend after a crazy few days of weather.

Take care. Jo



# Sports Board

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>LABOUR DAY</b></p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><b>Komarohi</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS Gym.</p> <p><b>Fun Fitness Games</b> 3:45pm-4:30pm @Lazarus/Pool. Yr 7-10s. Bring active wear/togs.</p> <p><b>Fitness Gym</b> 3:20pm-4:45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> <b>Development</b> Training: 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. Game vs <b>Kuraouhi</b> @3:45pm at SMS</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket</b> Game vs <b>WaiCol Dev</b> @3:45 at <b>WaiCol</b>. Van departs 3:15pm</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><b>JNR Dance Troupe</b> <u>Lunchtime @Lazarus.</u></p> <p><b>Primary Cricket</b> Training: 1:10pm-1:50pm @SMS. Game vs Solway College 7&amp;8s 3.45pm @ SMS</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket</b> Game vs Rathkeale College White 3:45pm @Rathkeale HPC. Van departs 3.20pm (coach to drive).</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket</b> Training 4:30pm-5:30pm @SMS.</p> <p><b>Touch Rugby Tuis Training</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS.</p> <p><b>Fitness Gym</b> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><b>Primary Touch Rugby Training</b> 1:20pm-1:55pm @SMS.</p> <p><b>SNR Dance Troupe</b> Afterschool @Lazarus.</p> <p><b>Komarohi</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS Gym.</p> <p><b>Tennis Lessons</b> <b>Kea &amp; Kiwikiwi</b> 3.15pm-4pm. <b>Private Lessons</b> 4:00pm-4:30pm: Isabelle O &amp; Ella B. <b>Private Lessons</b> 4:30pm-5pm: Brennah, Lily B, Sasha &amp; Abbey U.</p> <p><b>Regional 3</b> <b>SMS Green:</b> BYE <b>SMS Black vs WaiCol Blue</b> 6pm @ MTC Courts 4, 5, 6 <b>SMS White vs SMS Gold</b> 6pm @ SMS</p> <p><b>Fitness Gym</b> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p> <p><b>Primary Touch Rugby Games @Red Star</b> Yr 7s vs Solway College. 6pm on Field 3. Van departs 5:30pm. Pick up 7pm. Yr 8s vs Lakeview 7s. 6:30pm on Field 1. Van departs 6pm. Pick up 7pm.</p> <p><b>Secondary Touch Rugby Games @Makoura</b> <b>SMS Tuis TBC.</b> <b>SMS Robins TBC.</b></p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 1:20pm-1:50pm @SMS Gym. Anyone welcome.</p> <p><b>Interclub Tennis</b> <b>SMS Kowhai vs Greytown 1.</b> 3.30pm @SMS (courts 1, 3 &amp; 4). <b>SMS Kea BYE.</b> <b>SMS Kiwikiwi vs Masterton Hotshots.</b> 3.30pm @Masterton Tennis Centre (courts 4, 7 &amp; 8).</p> <p><b>Fitness Gym – closed.</b></p>	

Blue highlight – Info tbc

## Sports Results



**Yr 7s vs Kura Rangatahi:** 10-0 loss  
**Yr 8s vs Wainuiora Taniwha:** 3-0 loss  
**Robins vs Chanel 2:** Robins win by default  
**Tuis vs Solway Girls:** 9-3 to Tuis



**SMS Queens vs WC Gold:** 1-1 Draw  
**SMS Superstars vs WC Blue:** 1-1 Draw



**SMS Kowhai vs WaiCol Yellow:** Loss for SMS Kowhai  
**SMS Kiwikiwi vs SMS Kea:** Overall win to SMS Kea



## Year 11 Fashion

Year 11 Fashion Technology student Natasha Reynolds is completing work on a unit of work for Level 1 NCEA. She designed a dress for a 4-year-old girl for the “Dress a Girl Around the World” project and used deadstock fabric to create another 5 identical dresses. Natasha has created more dresses than any other student at our school for this project. Natasha is a perfectionist, and every dress is beautifully made. Her cute model is Esther Truill daughter of our school receptionist Selena.



### For your planning here are our Swimming / Athletics 2026 dates:

- Athletics Sports Feb 20 at the Sportsbowl 8.45am-3pm (students to meet at St Matthews to get on buses at 8.10am)
- Athletics Sports Postponement Feb 23
- Swimming Sports March 6 at St Matthews pool 11am-3pm
- Swimming Sports Postponement March 9
- Intercollegiate Athletics Feb 27
- Intercollegiate Swimming TBC

Based on feedback and changes at regional and national level we are making some changes to our athletics and swimming sports next year:

- Athletics sports will be at the Sportbowl so that we have the use of an all-weather track, throwing cages etc
- Swimming sports will start at 11am (students will be in class periods 1 and 2) in the hope it is warmer
- Athletics age groups will move to primary, junior (under 15), intermediate (under 17), senior (under 20) to align with regional and national school events
- Swimming age groups will move to primary, 13 and under, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and over to align with regional and national school events
- Due to these new age groups, we will be retiring the current trophies to archives to preserve the history (if your family donated one the Sports department will be in contact) and restarting our school records based on these age groups.

# Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

## Celebrating Our Patron Saint, Matthew – Apostle and Evangelist

This coming week, our school community joyfully celebrates Saint Matthew, one of Jesus' twelve apostles, co-author of the Gospel according to Matthew and our Name Sake. Once a tax collector, Saint Matthew answered Jesus' call with a willing heart, leaving everything behind to follow Him. His life reminds us of the power of God's grace and the transformation that comes from saying "yes" to Christ.

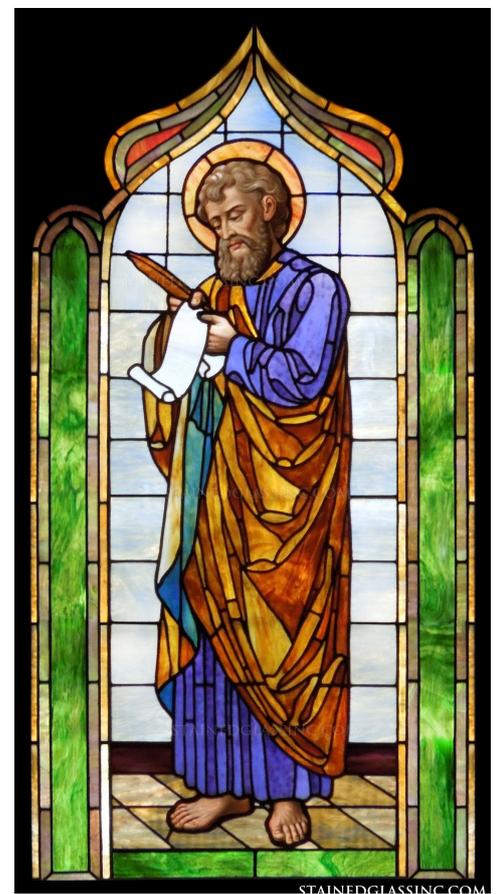
To honour Saint Matthew, students will participate in a special combined Chapel Service on Tuesday, including Scripture readings, and a video that highlight his journey of faith and his role in spreading the Good News. As we celebrate, we encourage families to talk about how we, too, are called to follow Jesus and share His love in our daily lives.

### Jesus Calls Matthew

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

9 A, i a Ihu e haere ana i reira, ka kite ia i tetahi tangata, ko Matiu te ingoa, e noho ana i te wahi tango takoha; a ka mea ki a ia, Arumia ahau. Na

Rev. Wendy



Tuesday Winds and clean up

TREE REDUCTIONS & REMOVALS  
PRUNING & TRIMMING  
HEDGING & SHAPING  
STUMP GRINDING

Free no obligation quotes  
Andy Trail  
027 450 9207  
trail@live.com

## 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.

Stay 'Connected'  
With our School App!

Simply Download 'Schoolappsnz' from the Google Play or App Store & search your school once installed.

# 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

- Saturday 25 October - Exeat Weekend
- Monday 27 October - Labour Day
- Thursday 30 October - Last day for Seniors
- Thursday 30 October - Senior College Prizegiving
- Tuesday 4 November—NZQA Starts

## 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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## 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

## LOVE FROM SEVENTEEN FUNDRAISING Program

USE THE DISCOUNT CODE

**STMATTHEW**

for 5% off\* your order at [www.lovefromseventeen.nz](http://www.lovefromseventeen.nz)

# 15%

of all sales using the discount code will be donated to support

**ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL  
TRIP TO WAITANGI 2026**



Enter the discount code above at checkout.  
Code is valid from 15/10/2025 to 30/11/2025.

\*Excludes shipping cost, any discounted products; is not valid for use with any other offers or discount codes.



# 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.

*"Mā te hui, mā mano, ka rapa te whai.  
Many hands make light work"*

## MASSEY UNIVERSITY YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME, 2026



Massey University is offering a Young Women in Leadership Programme at its Palmerston North campus, that aims to provide young women, who would not normally consider or be considered for leadership positions, with the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of leadership. We are inviting **students who will be in Year 12 in 2026** to apply for a place in this programme.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Open to students who:
  - Are interested in developing leadership skills
  - Can commit to delivering a project
  - Have support from their school

#### **Programme Includes:**

- Full-day workshop on **19 March 2026**
- Half-day follow-up with presentation of projects on **20 May 2026**

The final shortlist will be determined by Massey University and preference will be given to young women who are **not** currently in leadership positions within their school. Places are limited to **30 participants**. For additional information and to apply, please scan and complete the application form by October 31, 2025.



## Rathkeale Christmas FÊTE 2025 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 ★ 9.00am - 3.00pm ★



ARTS & CRAFTS STALLS

CHRISTMAS DECOR & GIFTS

PLANTS & FLOWERS

LIVE MUSIC

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

GOURMET FOOD

DEVONSHIRE TEA GARDEN

# Community News and Events

GERALDINE INDER SCHOOL OF DANCE & DRAMA PRESENTS

# Cinderella

Venue changed to Wairarapa College

WAIRARAPA EVENTS CENTRE  
SATURDAY 25TH 4PM, SUNDAY 26TH 4PM,  
TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 6PM 2025

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# MUSICAL THEATRE

PERFORMANCE BY WAIRARAPA KIDS' CHOIR

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 6.45PM ST MATTHEW'S  
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2025 2PM COLLEGIATE HALL

COME AND ENJOY OUR AMAZING LOCAL WAIRARAPA TALENT



TICKET PRICES:

Adult: \$10

Child: \$5

Family: (2 Adult, 3 Kids) \$30

PURCHASE NOW:

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Search for: Oliver with a Twist

LIMITED DOOR SALES - CASH ONLY

## Defensive Driving Course with Lee Quayle

*My next course will be on 1, 3, 8 and 10 December 2025. 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 ph me on [021 154 7346](tel:0211547346)

Thank you



Wairarapa Community Orchestra  
Presents

## Summer and Celebration

With  
Musical Director  
Ruth Eckford

Friday 7 November 2025  
Kuranui College, Greytown 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 8 November 2025  
St Matthew's Anglican Church, Masterton  
2.30 p.m.

Tickets  
Adults \$ 20.00  
Students and Children free

Door Sales Available

  
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