

STAR BOARD

SMCS



Term Four, Week Five

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

One of the regular calendar items for me is attending a Special Character meeting. Clearly the focus is around the Anglican part of our makeup and how that is visible in our schools. The meeting is chaired by Reverend John Hughes and each meeting begins with a devotional. This latest meeting's devotional gave time to the story of the Prodigal Son so I have used this as the prompt for my message this week.

The Prodigal 'daughter'

As we reflect on the rhythms of school life and the growth of our young women, we find deep relevance in the biblical story of the Prodigal Son. The story of the Prodigal Son is found in the New Testament, specifically in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15, verses 11–32.

It is one of the parables Jesus tells to illustrate themes of forgiveness, grace, and redemption, and is part of a trio of parables in that chapter, including the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin.

This parable, rich in meaning, offers timeless insights into human development, relationships, and the power of grace—insights that speak directly to the journey of our Year 7–13 students, the role of you as their parents, and the influence of their Haveteachers.

The story tells of a younger son who seeks independence, ventures into the world, makes mistakes, and eventually returns home, humbled and changed. His father, rather than responding with judgment, welcomes him with open arms and celebration. This act of unconditional love and forgiveness is a powerful metaphor for the journey our girls undertake as they grow through adolescence.

In these formative years, our students are exploring identity, testing boundaries, and learning through experience. Like the son in the parable, they may sometimes stray from the path, face challenges, or make choices that lead to growth through reflection. What the story reminds us is that these moments are not failures—they are essential steps in becoming resilient, self-aware, and compassionate individuals.

For parents, the Prodigal Son offers a profound message: that love and presence are more powerful than control or correction. Our daughters need to know that they are held in a space of acceptance, even when they falter. The father's response teaches us that grace—quiet, unwavering, and generous—is the foundation of strong relationships and emotional security.

For teachers, the parable is a reminder of the quiet strength required to guide without judgment, to support with patience, and to celebrate growth even when it comes through struggle. As educators, we are often the steady presence that helps students find their way back—back to confidence, to purpose, and to community. Our role is not only to teach, but to model grace, resilience, and hope.

Te Makakaweka

Yesterday, we also celebrated a significant moment in our school's connection to the land. We blessed our stream *pou* that now stands as a marker of our relationship with the whenua. This ceremony was more than symbolic—it was a recognition of the natural sources that sustain us, the stories of the land that shape our identity, and the importance of grounding our learning in place and culture.

The *pou* represents strength, guidance, and protection. It reminds us that while our girls grow and explore, they are anchored in values, community, and history. The stream, flowing gently through our landscape, speaks to continuity, renewal, and the life-giving essence of nature. By honouring these elements, we affirm our commitment to nurturing not just academic excellence, but holistic wellbeing.

As we move forward, may we continue to walk alongside our students with the wisdom of the Prodigal Son's father—offering grace, celebrating growth, and staying grounded in love. And may our connection to the land inspire us to care deeply for each other and for the world we share.

Have a safe and great weekend
Ngā manaakitanga,



Blessing the Te Makakaweka Stream Pou

Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

Week 5 has been filled with our usual schedule of sports and cultural activities along with a few extra highlights- a Pool Party on Wednesday afternoon, birthday celebrations for Awande, Year 10 boarders (Katelyn and Zeta) trying on their book character costumes, many hours spent in the school pools and our regular crew enjoyed another youth group session last night.

Congratulations to Nell for her participation and completion of the Auckland marathon last weekend! Great effort Nell and great to hear you bumped into Johanna de Groot and her Dad Marco who completed the half marathon, and Annabel who completed the 10km event. Awesome effort!

As the official Melbourne Cup was earlier this week, I thought it was appropriate to share this gorgeous photo of our Year 13 boarders dressed up for the senior college event. The official photo will be displayed in Hampton House for years to come.

Finally, all boarders and boarding whanau will be receiving links to our 2025 boarding survey. Thank you in advance for providing feedback so we can ensure boarding at St Matthew's continues to improve.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Ngā mihi.

Jo



[MAIN HOUSE PARENT/ CAREGIVER SURVEY 2025 – Fill out form](#)
[MAIN HOUSE BOARDER SURVEY 2025 – Fill out form](#)
[HAMPTON HOUSE PARENT/ CAREGIVER SURVEY 2025 – Fill out form](#)
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Sports Board

St Matthew's Collegiate Sports Sheet Term 4 Week 6

Monday 10th November – Sunday 16th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Swim Group</u> 3.30pm-4.30pm.</p> <p><u>Swim/Dive Pool for All</u> 4.15pm-5pm.</p> <p><u>Primary Volleyball</u> Training 1.20pm-2pm @SMS.</p> <p><u>Volleyball</u> @Makoura College Gym. SMS Superstars vs KC Y10 Maroon. 4:30pm (Court 2). Van leaves 4:05pm. Pick up 5pm. SMS Queens vs LV Green. 4:55pm (Court 1). Van leaves 4:30pm. Pick up 5:25pm.</p> <p><u>Tennis Lessons</u> Kowhai 3.50-4.30pm. Regional 3 4.30pm-5.30pm. Lessons 3.20pm-3.50pm: Bella W, Georgia G, Lilah S, Maisie P.</p> <p><u>Cricket</u> Yr7-Yr 9 Nets Session 3.30pm-6pm. Pop along anytime within this time.</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym</u> 3.20pm-4.45pm Year 10-13s only.</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Komarohi</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS Gym.</p> <p><u>Fun Fitness Games</u> 3.45pm-4.30pm @Lazarus/Pool. Yr 7-10s. Bring active wear/togs.</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym</u> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p> <p><u>Development Cricket</u> Training 1:20pm-2pm @SMS. Game vs SMS 2nd XI. 3:45pm @SMS.</p> <p><u>2nd XI Cricket</u> Game vs SMS Development. 3:45pm @SMS.</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Tennis</u> Year 9 & 10 Tennis Tournament. Van leaves 6am.</p> <p><u>JNR Dance Troupe</u> Lunchtime @Lazarus.</p> <p><u>Lunchtime Fun Bowls Session with Bowls NZ- All Welcome on the field!</u></p> <p><u>Primary Cricket</u> Training 1:10pm-1:50pm @SMS. Game vs MIS Girls Waipoua 3:45pm @Masterton Intermediate School. Van leaves 3:15pm.</p> <p><u>1st XI Cricket</u> Game vs Wairarapa College SNR Boys. 3:45pm @SMS.</p> <p><u>2nd XI Cricket</u> Training 4:30pm-5:30pm @SMS.</p> <p><u>Touch Rugby</u> Tuis Training 3.30pm-4.30pm @SMS.</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym</u> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>SNR Dance Troupe</u> Afterschool @Lazarus.</p> <p><u>Komarohi</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS Gym.</p> <p><u>Tennis Lessons</u> Kea & Kiwikiwi 3.15pm-4pm. Private Lessons 4:00pm-4:30pm: Isabelle O & Ella B. Private Lessons 4:30pm-5pm: Brennagh, Lily B, Sasha & Abbey U.</p> <p><u>Regional 3 Tennis</u> SMS Green vs Carterton. 6pm @Carterton Tennis Club (courts 1, 2 & 3). SMS Black vs Opaki Red. 6pm @Opaki Tennis Club (courts 1, 2 & 4). SMS White vs Martinborough. 6pm @Martinborough Tennis Club (courts 3, 6 & 7). SMS Gold vs Masterton Women's Reg 3. 6pm @Masterton Tennis Centre (courts 9, 10 & 11).</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym</u> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p> <p><u>Primary Touch Rugby</u> Training 1:20pm-1:55pm @SMS. Yr 7s BYE. Yr 8s vs Opaki Whitu. 6:30pm @Red Star (Field 3). Van leaves 6pm. Pick up 7pm.</p> <p><u>Secondary Touch Rugby</u> @Makoura SMS Tuis TBC SMS Robins TBC</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Pickleball</u> 1:20pm-1:50pm @SMS Gym. Anyone welcome.</p> <p><u>Interclub Tennis</u> SMS Kowhai vs Masterton Acers. 3:30pm @SMS (courts 1, 3 & 4). SMS Kea vs Masterton Hotshots. 3.30pm @Masterton Tennis Centre (courts 9, 10 & 11). SMS Kiwikiwi vs Hadlow Djokovic. 3:30pm @Masterton Tennis Centre (courts 1, 2 & 3).</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym – closed.</u></p>	

Blue highlight – Info tbc

Sports Results

SMS 7s vs Solway College:2-2 draw

SMS 8s vs Lakeview: 5-4 win to Lakeview

SMS Tuis vs KC Maroon: 1-1 draw

SMS Robins vs MC Girls: Win by default



Primary Cricket cancelled due to weather

2nd XI Cricket cancelled due to weather

1st XI Cricket cancelled due to weather

Primary Cricket vs Solway College 7 & 8s: SMS win by 56 runs

Interclub

SMS Kowhai vs Greytown 1:

SMS Kea : BYE

SMS Kiwikiwi vs Masterton Hotshots:

Regional 3

SMS Green: BYE SMS Black vs Waicol Blue: SMS win

SMS White vs SMS Gold: SMS Gold win 2-1

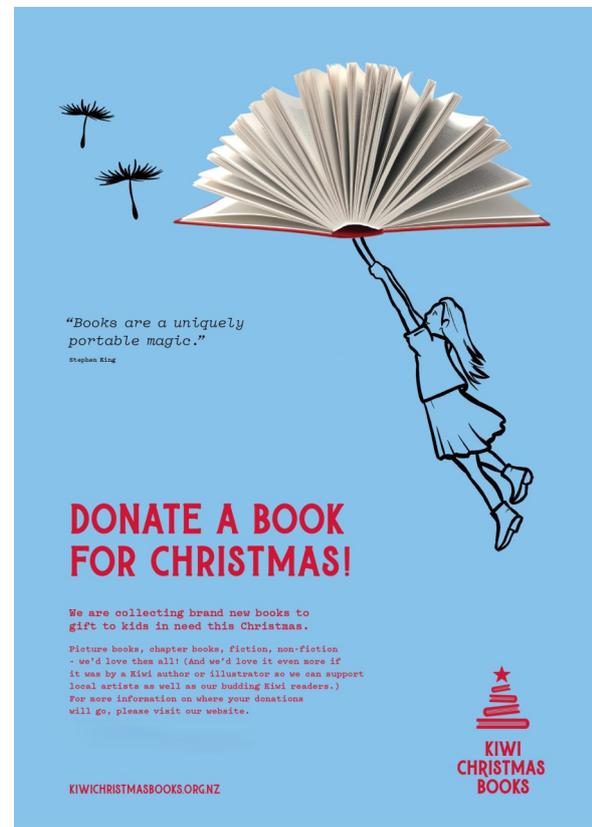


Kiwi Christmas Books

St. Matthew's Collegiate are having a non-uniform day when students dress as a book character next Tuesday 11th November. We are asking for students to donate either a new children's book or cash for the charity Kiwi Christmas books: <http://www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz>. These books will be donated to children from families who may not be able to afford them for Christmas.

Students can drop their donations off at the collection box at the St. Matthew's Collegiate Library from 11th-14 November.

Thank you.



Rathkeale Christmas Fête – 2025



The Friends of St Matthew's (FoSM) would like to thank all the parents, caregivers, staff, and supporters who generously donated goods for the raffles. The FoSM raised more than \$700 from the three raffles at the FoSM stall at the Fête on Saturday.

We would also like to acknowledge the Friends of Rathkeale and the FoSM committee for giving up their Saturday and especially Rachel Garrity who did a wonderful job with the baskets and decorations.

Image: FoSM Stall with committee members (L to R) Trish Thomson, Jo Booth and Rachel Garrity.

Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

All Souls' Day – A Time to Remember and Give Thanks

On **November 2nd**, the Church observes **All Souls' Day**, a time when we remember before God all the faithful departed — those who have gone before us into His nearer presence. It is a moment of quiet reflection, gratitude and hope, as we give thanks for their lives and commend them to God's everlasting care.

All Souls' Day reminds us that in Christ, death does not have the final word.

As Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

"Ka mea a Ihu ki a ia, Ko ahau te aranga, te ora; ko ia e whakapono ana ki ahau, ahakoa kua mate, e ora ano."

— **John/Hōne 11:25**

We trust in the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God:

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life ... indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

"U tonu hoki toku whakaaro, e kore te mate, te ora ranei, e kore nga anahera, nga rangatiratanga ranei, e kore nga mea onaianei, e kore nga mea e puta mai a mua, e kore nga mana, E kore te tiketike, e kore te hohonu, e kore tetahi atu mea hanga, e kaha ki te momotu i a tatou i te aroha o te Atua, i tera i roto nei i a Karaiti Ihu, i to tatou Ariki."

— **Romans/Rōmana 8:38–39**

As a school community, we give thanks for the lives of those who have shaped us — our whānau, friends and teachers — and we pray for all who mourn. In doing so, we affirm our faith in the communion of saints and the hope of eternal life.

Rev. Wendy



Yr 10 Food Tech

Here is Katya and Abby with their sliders!



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

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TRIP TO WAITANGI 2026

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

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Instrumental Lesson Request for 2026

Please complete the attached form if you would like to continue or start Instrumental lessons during 2026.

[Instrumental Lesson Request 2026](#)

Swimming Success

Last weekend Alexandria Bradshaw achieved a bronze medal in the Wellington relay swimming champs under 15 medley with her swimzone national squad team, leading with the best time for her team and they narrowly missing a podium finish for fourth in the freestyle relay.

The next day Alex continued competing and achieved more medals including two gold & a bronze in the Hawkes Bay at a meet.



Key Dates

- **Tuesday 4 November—NZQA Starts**
- **Thursday 6 November—Foodbank Collection**
- **Tuesday 11 November - Book Character Day**
- **Monday 17 - Thursday 20 Nov - Yr9/10 Exams**

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

Squash Success



Sophie was part of the Wellington Squash Junior Rep female team who placed third (nine teams competing) in the Inter-District Team Championships, which was part of the NZ Junior Age Group Championships in Tāmaki Makaurau. Sophie finished 13th in the individuals U19 draw.

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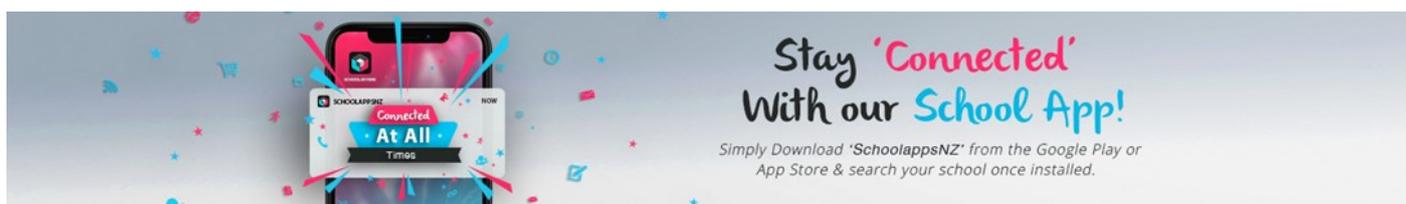
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School App

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.



Community News and Events

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 be brought to the shop at **Wairarapa College** 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

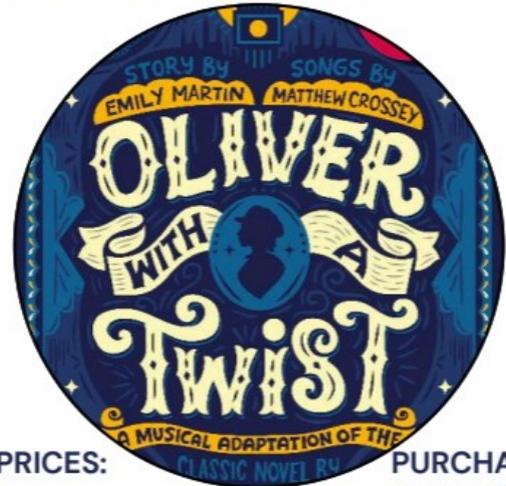


MUSICAL THEATRE

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:

www.mytickets.co.nz

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

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

WAIRARAPA
COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA

LAKEVIEW SCHOOL'S FIRST

BINGO

NIGHT

28th November 7pm

Lakeview School Hall, 74 Te Ore Ore Road

Christmas themed!
Prize for most festively dressed

\$20 PER TICKET
(ticket includes entry & 5 bingo tickets)

All proceeds go towards court upgrades and a brand new turf!

Tickets can be purchased at the school office

Amazing prizes to be won!
Raffles available on the night
Drinks and Food available



WAIRARAPA
Walking Festival

14TH - 23RD
NOVEMBER '25



BOOK AT EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ



LOST PROPERTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

NAME :

Thank You

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Does your daughter carry and Epi Pen?
- Does you daughter carry/require medication?
- Does your daughters medical information need updating?

Please get in touch if you think you may need to advise of any new medical details we hold on file to ensure we have the most up to date information

