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Term Four, Week Six

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

Week six of Term Four 2025 is at its end—oh my goodness! Life's journey reminds me of that kayaking trip down the Whanganui with our Year 11 cohort in 2021. The river's twists and turns, calm stretches, and sudden rapids mirror the week and the year we've just navigated together.

There were moments of smooth paddling—celebrations, achievements, and laughter that lifted us. But there were also rapids we couldn't avoid—deep loss felt by some of our whānau, challenges that tested our strength and unity.

Just as we supported each other on that river, we've leaned on one another. Every bend brought lessons in courage, compassion, and connection.

The river flows on, and so do we—carrying the memories, the lessons, and the aroha that bind us as a school community.

What moments have pulled us to the river's shore this last week?

The NCEA exams are in full swing, and it's wonderful to see the focus and determination shining through. A gentle reminder to wear your uniform with pride—it's part of the integrity we value as a school.

Our Year 10 students have been setting sail on their work experience journeys, docking in workplaces that may become exciting destinations in the years ahead. What an incredible way to explore future possibilities!

Summer sports have taken the stage, with tennis and cricket replacing hockey sticks and winter balls. It's always fabulous to see our students out in the sunshine, active and enjoying the season.

Life is busy—and that's something to celebrate! The energy around campus is electric, and we're so proud of the way everyone is embracing these term four opportunities.

Reminders

The temperatures are climbing, so let's stay sun smart and keep hydrated throughout the day. While the sunshine is tempting, the New Zealand UV levels are extremely harsh, and tanning can put your skin at risk.

We strongly encourage everyone to protect themselves—seek shade, wear sunscreen, and look after your wellbeing.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi

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



Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

Although Term 4 is whizzing by, there are a lot of events happening in and around school between now and the end of the year. Next Thursday we look forward to hosting our incoming boarders for 2026. This is a great opportunity for the girls to experience a night in boarding while connecting with those who will be boarding alongside them next year.

At the start of the term I took some photos of one of the Year 11 dorms that was undergoing a makeover. I am sure you will agree the before and after photos speak volumes and when the girls decorate the rooms with their belongings, they will look even better.



Before



After

All boarders and their whanau should have received a boarding survey to complete. Thank you to those who have managed to find time to fill these in. I look forward to reading through all the replies at the end of the month.

[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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A few final reminders:

1. All Year 11-13 boarders who are on exam leave please ensure you are completing your Orah passes so we know when to expect you in boarding.
2. Our Boarding Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 4th December. All boarders are expected to attend.
3. Both boarding houses remain open until Saturday 6th December.

Take care and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need too.

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

St Matthew's Collegiate Sports Sheet Term 4 Week 7

Monday 17th November – Sunday 23rd 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 Solway Green. 3:40pm (Court 1). Van leaves 3:20pm. Pick up 4:10pm. SMS Queens vs WC Yellow. 3:40pm (Court 3). Van leaves 3:20pm. Pick up 4:10pm.</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>GAME</u> SMS 2nd XI vs SMS Dev 3:45pm @ 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>MSTN PRIMARY CLUSTER</u> <u>ATHLETICS @ SPORTS BOWL</u> <u>VAN DEPARTS 8.10AM</u></p> <p><u>Komarohi</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm @SMS Gym.</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. Match vs Kuranui/Solway. 3:45pm @ Douglas Park Van leaves 3:15pm</p> <p><u>2nd XI Cricket</u> Match vs WaiCol Dev. 3:45pm @SMS.</p>	<p><u>Swimming Pool Open at Lunch</u></p> <p><u>JNR Dance Troupe</u> Lunchtime @Lazarus.</p> <p><u>Primary Cricket</u> Training 1.10pm-1.50pm @SMS. Match vs MIS Girls <u>Wotaco</u> 3:45pm @ SMS</p> <p><u>1st XI Cricket</u> Match vs Kuranui College Boys. 3:45pm @KC . <u>Van Leaves</u></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: Brennah, Lily B, Sasha & Abbey U.</p> <p><u>Regional 3 Tennis</u> SMS Green vs Opaki Red . 6pm @Opaki Tennis Club (courts 1, 2 & 4). SMS Black BYE SMS White vs SMS Gold . 6pm @SMS</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 TBC Yr 8s TBC</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 Hadlow Sinner 3:30pm @Hadlow (courts 1, 3 & 4). SMS Kea vs SMS Kiwikiwi . 3:30pm @SMS (courts 1, 3 & 4).</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym – closed.</u></p>	

Blue highlight – Info tbc

Sports Results



Primary Cricket vs Greytown School Girls: SMS win by 7 wickets

Development Cricket vs Wairarapa College Development: SMS win by 27 runs

2nd XI Cricket vs Kuranui/Solway: SMS win by 36 runs

1st XI Cricket vs Wairarapa College Jnr Boys: SMS Win by 7 wickets



Interclub

SMS Kowhai BYE

SMS Kea vs Gladstone Gold: SMS loss

SMS Kea vs Hadlow Djokovic (rescheduled game: SMS loss

SMS Kiwikiwi BYE

Regional 3

SMS Green vs WaiCol Blue: SMS win

SMS Black vs Carterton Reg 3 Women: SMS Win

SMS White vs Masterton Womens Reg 3:SMS loss

SMS Gold vs Martinborough Tennis Club: SMS loss 3-0



SMS Superstars vs WC Blue: SMS loss 2-1

SMS Queens vs LV Yellow: SMS loss 2-0



SMS 7s vs Hadlow Dumpers: SMS loss

SMS 8s vs Chanel Kowhai: SMS loss

SMS Tuis vs Chanel 1: SMS loss 8-0

SMS Robins vs KC Maroon: SMS win 4-2



Kiwi Christmas Books and 'Dress as a Book Character' day

Tuesday was a colourful day as students and staff dressed up as book characters as part of a book drive for the charity Kiwi Christmas books. Students and staff donated new books which will be gifted to kids in need this Christmas. The costumes were amazing and a lot of time had been taken to make the outfits. 97 new books were collected as well as some cash to buy some books. Many thanks to the school community for their generous support of this charity.



Around School

Team Glinda or Team Elphaba?

Friends of St Matthew's Movie Fundraiser

The Screening Room
Sunday 30th November
 Movie starts at 3pm

\$30 a ticket includes a wine, beer or non alcoholic drink

To arrange a ticket message
 Trish 0274605838 or Rachel 021472249

See you there!





Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

This Thursday we mark the **Second Sunday of Advent**, this is because we will not be at school during advent, but I would like the students to learn about this church season. The Second Sunday is a time of **preparation and peace** as we continue to ready our hearts for the remembrance of the coming of Christ. Advent reminds us to pause amidst the busyness, to reflect and to remember what Jesus' birth meant to the world.

John the Baptist called out in the wilderness, urging God's people to prepare the way for the Lord. In this season, we too are invited to turn our hearts toward God, living with hope, kindness and faith.

Scripture:

“Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.”

— *Mark 1:3 (NIV)*

“Whakaritea te ara o te Ariki, whakatikaia ōna huarahi.” —

Māka 1:3

As we light the **second candle of Advent**, the **Candle of Peace**, may we be reminded that true peace is found in Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Rev. Wendy



Voice Students Shine in End-of-Year Production: *The Toymakers Chest*

Our talented voice students brought magic to the stage in their end-of-year production of *The Toymakers Chest* on Thursday the 30th of October. This enchanting performance showcased not only their vocal skills but also their creativity and confidence as young performers.

The story unfolded in a whimsical world where toys come to life, and our students captivated the audience with expressive singing, and dynamic character portrayals. The students worked hard in the lead-up to the performance, and for many it was their first time performing to a live audience on stage.

Special thanks to our voice teacher Deborah Percy for her imaginative original script and for guiding the students through this journey, and to the parents and community for their ongoing support. This production was a wonderful celebration of artistry, teamwork, and the joy of performance.



Christmas Tree Decorating at St Matthew's Church

Year 8 Santa's helpers — Zoe Cates, Michelle Kooiman, Amelia Smith, Lexi Standen, Nhia Witinitara and Molly Wrigley — were warmly welcomed by Reverend Wendy Scott, the Vicar in charge, as they joined Principal Mrs Gill and school Chaplain Reverend Wendy Smyth to decorate the first of many Christmas trees, bringing festive joy to the parishioners of St Matthew's Church



Yr10 Work Experience

The year 10 cohort have been out in about in the community on work exploration this week. From lawyer's offices, classrooms, pharmacies, and cafés. To beauty therapist's, florist's vets and film makers, the students have had to step out of their comfort zones and explore what life might be like in the future. Thank you to all the businesses in our community and beyond who have supported this initiative. Without you, the students would miss an invaluable opportunity.



Thank you!

Hockey Wairarapa Awards

Congratulations to all who were finalists in the Hockey Awards last night. Finalists from St Matthew's: Olivia Kooiman, Grace Johnson, Francesca Wells, Sam Huggins, and Isobella Shearing.

Winners in their categories were: Francesca Wells - Megan Hull award for U18 female player of the year; Isobella Shearing - U15 female player of the year ; Boarding house driver Peter Herrick was awarded Supporter of the Year



Junior School Tennis Stars Shine at Wellington Competition

On Wednesday, 12th November, seven of our junior school students from year 9 and 10 represented us proudly at the Wellington Junior Tennis Competition held at the Renouf Tennis Centre. The day was blessed with perfect Wellington weather, creating the ideal backdrop for some exciting matches.

Our students displayed fantastic sportsmanship and skill throughout the event, competing against strong players from across the region. Their hard work paid off with outstanding results: **Tilly Giesen - First Place in the Silver Grade** and **Sophie Beetham - First Place in the Silver Consolation Grade!** These achievements reflect their dedication and passion for the game.

A big thank you to the parents and coaches who supported the team, and [congratulations](#) to all the players for making this a memorable day.



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

Uniform notice

Important: If shopping for new uniform at NZ Uniforms and your size is not out in the shop, please ask at the counter – they may have it out the back

Please note: The St Matthew's uniform shop will be closed over the December/January school holiday break.

At the end of January the shop will be open to all (no appointment needed) for 4 days in the last week of the summer holidays, 10am - 3pm each day: Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January. The shop will also open on Sunday 1st February 2pm - 5pm.

New Zoggs togs available at the St Matthew's uniform shop @\$49.00 for women's, girls' sizes @\$40.00

Uniform information: <https://www.stmatts.school.nz/parents/uniform/>

New shop hours for 2026: Thursdays 1pm- 4pm during term time. If you would like to arrange an appointment outside these hours, please email Juliet Smith: smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz or sm.uniforms@trinityschools.nz



Key Dates

- Monday 17 - Thursday 20 Nov - Yr9/10 Exams
- Tuesday 18 November - TFP Community Session
- Thursday 20 November - Dame Catrina Williams Celebration
- Friday 28 November - Yr10UCOL Taster Day
- Wednesday 3 December - Activity Day
- Thursday 4 December - Boarders Christmas Dinner
- Friday 5 December - Carol Service
- Saturday 6 December - Prizegiving
- Monday 8 December - Leavers Ball

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



2026 Term Dates

- Term One** - Monday 2nd February to Thursday 2nd April
Term Two - Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July
Term Three - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term Four - Monday 12th October to Saturday TBC December

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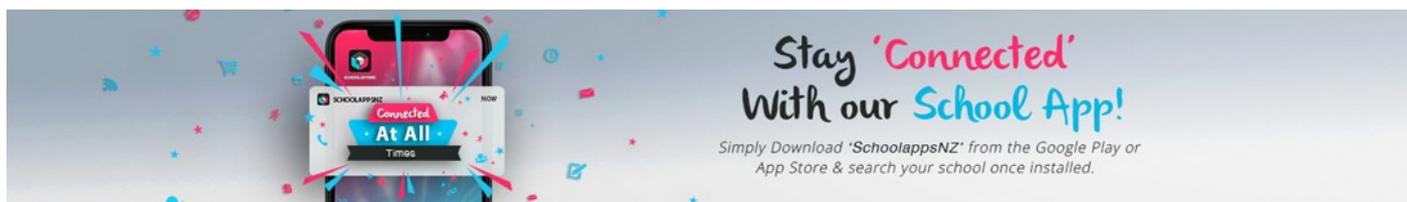
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School App

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

Congratulations to Tranzit – 100 years!

It was a significant milestone for our transport partner Tranzit at the weekend, as the fourth generation, NZ family owned company celebrated 100 years.

As part of these celebrations, Brian James attended a Gala dinner on behalf of the Trinity Schools that saw speeches by Hon Nicola Willis and Wairarapa MP Mike Butterick.

In addition a special exhibition opened at Aratoi Museum of Art and History in Masterton called Tranzit - Driven to Succeed that is on until February 8, 2026. This brings Tranzit's remarkable history to life through memorabilia, photos, old uniforms, oral histories and objects that celebrate its people, innovations and the future of the company.

It also features meticulously painted original oil paintings by former Tranzit team member and artist Wally Trickett, who in 2021 painted this Ford bus leaving St Matthews in 2021. There is also an accompanying book researched with help from respected historian Gareth Winter.

Be sure to check it out.

<https://www.aratoi.org.nz/exhibitions/2025-11/tranzit-driven-succeed-100-years-innovation-and-exploration>



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



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 Thursdays 1pm - 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



Apply now



Applications are now open for Rito o te Pāremata, Parliament's youth reference group. Rito's aim is to increase youth engagement with democracy. This opportunity is open to all rangatahi, age 16-20.

Applications close 3rd December



POLITICS CLUB LAUNCH

4 DECEMBER 2025

5:30PM



CARTERTON COMMUNITY COURTHOUSE,
HOLLOWAY STREET

JOIN US AS WE LAUNCH OUR POLITICS CLUB AND DIVE INTO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WAIRARAPA Walking Festival

14TH - 23RD
NOVEMBER '25



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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