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ST MATTHEW'S

Term Four, Week Eight

Principal's Message



Kia ora koutou,

As the year winds down, the values that guide our school community—through the highs and the tough moments—are still as important as ever. These last few days might feel more relaxed, but our expectations haven't changed. Let's finish strong and end the year on a positive note.

Resilience and Tough Times

Life will always bring moments that test us. These challenges are not roadblocks; they are opportunities to grow. Resilience is about learning to adapt, to keep moving forward even when things feel hard.

Remember this whakataukī: “Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.”

Pursue that which is precious, and if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

It reminds us that while obstacles are real, our goals and values should remain high. Asking for help when needed is a sign of strength, and trust that there are supports to assist you through tough times.

Boundaries with Phones

Technology is part of life, but it should never control it. Setting boundaries around phone use—both at school and at home—helps us stay focused and respectful.

Phones can connect us, but they can also distract us from learning and relationships. I encourage and applaud families talking openly about expectations and modelling healthy habits.

At school, we will continue to reinforce these boundaries so that our classrooms remain places of engagement and connection.

In 2026, we'll make some adjustments to our phone-use expectations. The 'away for the day' principle will stay in place, but we'll introduce practical systems to support students, especially to the benefit of those who have found it challenging to keep phones away all day. I'll share more details soon about the steps we're taking to make this expectation clearer and easier to follow.

Choosing Kindness

Kindness is powerful. It costs nothing but can change someone's day. In a world that often feels rushed, taking time to be considerate and empathetic makes a real difference. A smile, a helping hand, or a word of encouragement creates a culture where everyone feels valued.

Accountability Matters

Every choice we make has an impact. Being accountable means owning our actions—both the good and the not-so-good—and learning from them. Accountability builds trust and integrity, qualities that will serve us all everyday.

Thank you to our students, parents, and staff for continuing to uphold these values. Together, we are shaping not just learners, but compassionate, resilient, and responsible citizens.

Ngā Mihi

Boarding Note

Kia Ora Koutou.

As we head into the last week of the school year there are plenty of events still to come.

A reminder to the St Matthew's Boarding Community-

1. Our annual Boarders' Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 4th December at 6pm. All Year 12 boarders are asked to return by 2pm on Thursday to help set up. Thank you to Audrey and Ruby for rounding up the Year 12 girls.
2. Before signing out of boarding for 2025, all rooms must be cleaned and then checked by a boarding staff member.
3. Those girls boarding on Friday night who require transport to and/ or from Prizegiving on Saturday are asked to please see your House Manager so transport can be arranged.
4. Both boarding houses will close at approximately 2pm on Saturday 6th December. Please get in touch if this is an issue.

Thank you to all who completed the online boarding survey. Your responses will enable us to make some positive changes for the coming year so thank you for the feedback.

We look forward to seeing you at our end of year celebrations.

Ngā mihi.
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What's on the
menu this
week?



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



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*

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>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.TBC</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym</u> 3.20pm-4.45pm. Year 10-13s only.</p> <p><u>Development vs 2nd XI Cricket</u> GAME @ SMS 2pm</p> <p><u>1st XI Cricket</u> Training @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. GAME vs MIS Girls Waipoua @ SMS 3.45pm.</p> <p><u>1st XI Cricket</u> GAME vs Rathkeale College Red 3:45pm @Rathkeale. Van leaves 3.15pm</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>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> ALL TBC SMS White vs SMS Gold vs SMS Green vs SMS Black vs</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>Pickleball</u> 1:20pm-1:50pm @SMS Gym. Anyone welcome.</p> <p><u>Interclub Tennis</u> ALL TBC SMS Kowhai vs SMS Kiwikiwi vs SMS Kea vs</p> <p><u>Fitness Gym – closed.</u></p>	

Sports Results



Primary Cricket vs MIS Girls Whero: SMS win by 8 wickets

Development Cricket vs Kuranui /Solway: SMS loss by 7 runs

SMS 2nd XI vs WaiCol Development: SMS win by 8 wickets

1st XI Cricket vs WaiCol: SMS win



SMS Superstars vs Solway Green: SMS loss

SMS Queens vs WC Yellow: SMS loss

Interclub

SMS Kowhai vs Hadlow Sinner: SMS Kowhai loss

SMS Kiwikiwi vs Masterton Hotshots: SMS Kiwikiwi win

SMS Kea vs Gladstone: SMS Kea win

Regional 3

SMS Green vs Opaki Red:

SMS Black BYE

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



SMS Tuis vs **SMS Robins**: Tuis win 5-2



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.



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

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Girls set off to complete the Jumbo circuit as part of their qualifying journey of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Around School



Yr10 Boxing

Year 10 PE classes were lucky enough to be put through their paces at The Masterton Young Citizens Boxing Club yesterday. Thank you to Daniel Miller and the club for this great taster opportunity.



Yr10 Strength Nation

Year 10 PE Hyrox session today at Strength Nation gym



Regional Athletics

Wellington Regional Athletics was a great success. Our year 7 and 8 competitors achieved the following results

Te Arawa Martin
2nd year 7 girls shot put
12th year 7 girls discus

Louisa Wilkie
7th year 7 girls shot put
14th year 7 girls vortex

Paige Shearing
7th year 8 girls vortex

Hetty Shaw
18th year 8 girls vortex

Melody Bazley
7th year 7 girls 1500m
17th year 7 girls 200m

Rosie Falloon
15th year 7 girls 1500m

The year 10 students did an outstanding job running the events on the day. Many compliments were received from spectators and officials.



Year 8 Food Technology



Year 8s made bread this week. Here is Charlotte with her pita bread

Year 8 Fashion Technology

The year 8 Fashion Technology class have just completed their 18-week unit of work, 1 period her week. The students research and study the history of aprons then use traditional tailoring techniques to create a hard-wearing chef style apron with patch pockets and a detachable hand towel. The students will use these aprons in their future Food Technology classes to stop bacteria transferring from their uniforms to food they are preparing and to keep their uniforms clean. The girls are very proud of their efforts and are excited to take their outcomes home to show their families.



This week we light the **fourth candle of Advent**, known as the **Candle of Love or The Angel's Candle**. As Christmas draws near, this candle reminds us of God's great love shown to the world through the birth of Jesus. The love represented by this candle is not just a feeling but a way of living—showing kindness, compassion and care to everyone around us.

The Bible reminds us of this gift of love:

- **1 John/Hoani 4:7** – “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God, E hoa mā, me aroha tātou ki a tātou anō, nō te Atua hoki te aroha.”
- **John/Hoani 3:16** – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son ... I arohaina nuitia e te Atua te ao, ā, nā tōna aroha i tuku tana Tama kotahi, kia whiwhi ai te hunga e whakapono ana ki a ia ki te ora tonutanga.”



As we reflect on the Candle of Love, we encourage our school community to look for simple ways to share love—through words of encouragement, acts of kindness and generosity toward others. May this final week of school fill our hearts with gratitude and prepare us to celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

Rev. Wendy

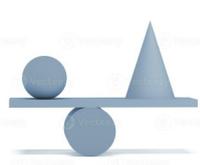
Dress a Girl Around the World Project.

Wednesday morning Reverend Wendy blessed the dresses that our Year 9 and Year 11 girls have made for the Dress a Girl Around the World Project. Some of the dresses were modelled by our Year 7 and 8 girls. The year 9 girls each make a dress choosing from 6 styles all in a Size 10. They use preloved and donated cotton fabrics for their project. Each girl writes a letter with a blessing to the recipient and raises a gold coin to offset transport costs.

The year 11 girls design their own dress to DAGATW specifications, they chose their size from a 4 – 14 then obtain preloved cotton fabrics and make a sample dress. After trialling the dress they cut and make as many as they can out of their fabric pieces, because the unit of work focuses on sustainability. This year the students made between 3 and 6 dresses. Lastly all scraps and left over fabrics are made into accessories such as panties, shorts, scrunchies and stuffed toys. The level 1 students use this unit of work to earn 6 Internal credits and 4 External credits.

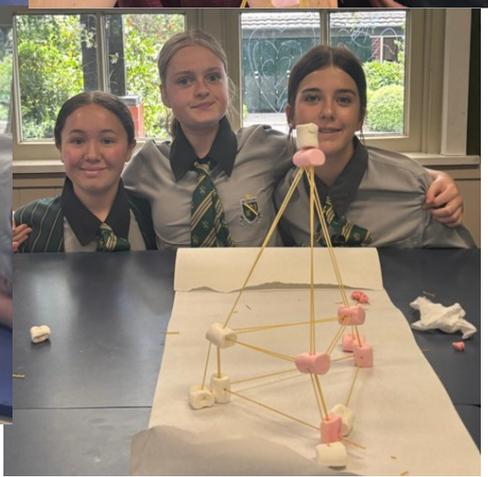
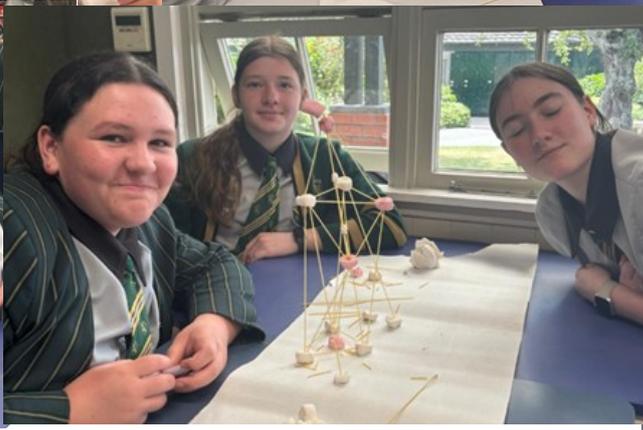
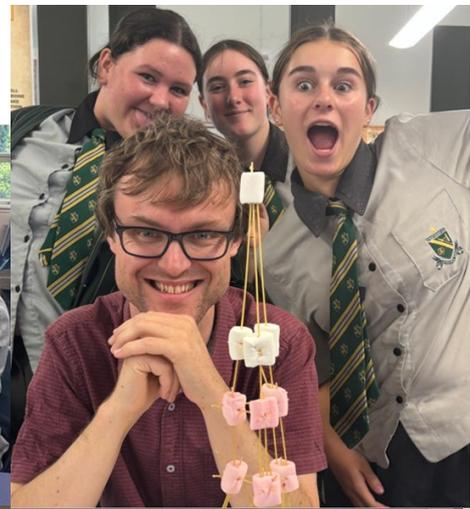
The dresses will now be sent to our NZ ambassador in Invercargill who will prepare them for transport and distribution to countries where girls are far less fortunate than our privileged students who made the beautiful dresses.





Year 9 Maths

Photos of Year 9 maths students exploring the strength and balance of different



Yr10 UCOL Taster Day

The year 10 cohort experienced what UCOL has on offer today. The students split into three groups and moved around a variety of courses including nursing, electrical, beauty, construction, automotive and mechanical engineering. As always this was a great opportunity for our students to get a taste of life beyond the classroom. Thanks, UCOL Masterton for the fun day.



Uniform 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

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 families (who haven't already had an appointment) may make an appointment the week Tuesday 20th January – Friday 23rd January. An appointment may also be made that week for anyone to bring **second hand uniform** in to sell.

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/>

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](#)

Key Dates

- **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**



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 5th 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 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



a celebration



SMCS Yr10 Students Proudly Present

DECADES



50s, 60s

Tuesday
2 DEC
6pm



70s & 80s

ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
5TH DECEMBER, 2025

Celebrate the true spirit of Christmas with beautiful music, timeless hymns, and community togetherness.

START AT 5.30PM
ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
CHURCH STREET, MASTERTON
ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

Last day of School Programme

All students must be in correct school uniform, including regulation jewellery and no make-up. Grey Shirts Friday. White Shirts Saturday (summer formal apart from Y12/13 who will be in skirts)

- 8.45 AM** Whanau Time for Year 7-10 only
School Clean-up – lockers/classrooms etc
End of Year Whanau Celebration
- 9.30AM (YEAR 11 IN)** Year 11 in to Meet Miss Glass in the dining room
- 10AM (YEAR 13 IN)** Year 13 in for magazine photos
- 10.00AM** Morning Tea
- 10.30AM - 10.50AM** Year 13 to meet Reverend Wendy at the Chapel to rehearse the Leavers' part of the Carol Service
- 11AM -12PM (YEAR 12 IN)** Whole School 7-13 Prizegiving/Carol Service Rehearsal - Hall
- 12.00PM** Lunch Begins
12pm Y7-9, 12.10pm Y10, 12.15pm Y11, 12.20pm Y12/13
- 1.00PM-2.30PM (APPROX)** Final Assembly
- 5.30PM** Carol Service/Leavers Service – seated by 5.20pm (St Matthew's Parish Church)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

SMCS Prizegiving

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER
 9.30AM
 RATHKEALE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Leaver's Breakfast - Saturday 6 December 7.30am
Prizegiving - Saturday 6 December 9.30am Rathkeale College

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18 FEBRUARY 2026

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- RING SPONSORS FOR EACH JUMPING ARENA
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE DONATIONS
- PRIZE DONATIONS – ANY KIND, NOT JUST EQUESTRIAN

BENEFITS:

- Logo in event schedule
- Promotion on Facebook, website & newsletters
- On-day exposure – signs, flags, banners
- Prizegiving opportunities

PLEASE CONTACT:

Olivia Goodsir: olivia.goodsir@trinityschools.nz

Community News and Events

Community Dental Clinic | Wairarapa

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste
for two minutes twice a day



Spit, don't rinse after
brushing



Drink tap water and milk



Eat snacks with no added sugar



Have a dental exam every year.
Dental care is FREE for under 18s

Get your teens booked in now if they haven't been seen recently!

Wairarapa rangatahi are taking great steps towards healthier smiles, with almost 75% of young people under 18 accessing free dental care each year through the Adolescent Dental Programme. Youth Oral Health Coordinator Rachel Clarke is excited to see the numbers climbing. "In my six years in the role, uptake has grown from 70% to 75%. What really stands out is the bounce back after Covid-19, when rates dropped to 62% in 2021. "While 75% is fantastic, this does mean we still have around a quarter of our rangatahi who are missing out on the free dental care they're entitled to" she says.

Rachel encourages whānau to get their teens booked in, if it's been more than a year, since their last visit. "It's great for their smile, their health, and their general wellbeing to have a healthy mouth and strong teeth. And best of all, it's government-funded – so why not make the most of it!"

If you or someone you love is a young person under the age of 18, get along to the dentist if you or they haven't been seen in the past year – and help us reach our target of 100% uptake!

What's on offer?

All young people from Year 9 up until their 18th birthday are entitled to FREE dental care – no matter whether they are at school, in training, working, home schooled, or unemployed. Services include:

- Annual check-up
- Fillings
- Tooth extractions
- Fluoride application
- Sealants
- X-rays

(Note: orthodontic care and tooth whitening are not included.)

How to enrol

If you've recently moved to the Wairarapa or are not enrolled with a dentist - enrolment is simple – just head to your local dental practice (all except Masterton Dental) and sign up at reception. Practices providing this free service include:

- Grace Dental (Masterton)
- Kevin Wong Dental (Masterton)
- Lumino Dental (Masterton)
- Greytown Dental (South Wairarapa)
- Martinborough Dental (South Wairarapa)
- Park Rd Dental (Carterton)
- True Dentistry (Carterton)



Want to learn more?

- Visit the Wairarapa Oral Health website.
- Email Rachel directly at Rachel.clarke@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz.
- Call the Community Dental Clinic, Masterton, on 06 377 9071.

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- Every student gets a role with dialogue!
- Learn acting, stagecraft & performance skills!
- Strictly limited places!

December 16-19

SANTA CANCELS CHRISTMAS

Blitzen has put his hoof down and refuses to be ZAPPED, in fact he refuses to be zapped ever again! This creates a huge problem for Santa, as Blitzen's antlers are Santa's GPS. Will Christmas have to be cancelled or can Captain Dasher, Grand ToyMaker Frieda and the Elf ToyMakers save the day? What will happen when the Reindeer Council passes sentence on Blitzen and the rebel reindeer? So much to do and so much confusion, especially when Ollie, Head of Elf Logistics, gets involved!



January 20-23

Thunder Palace

There is great concern amongst the Tameleon Princesses Neve, Samara, Xanthia, Serephina and the Warrior Princess D'hara. Their brother Thor has stolen the Staff of Aiden and is raining an eternal winter on the Land of Tamelea. Keylor, Keeper of the Staff of Aiden, summons all who wish to save the people and lands of Tamelea, but will the Dramelian Dragons and their gypsy riders help? And what of Lexus, Keylor's sister. Will she support Keylor or has she already moved to the dark side?



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
Performance: 3pm on the final day in the Auditorium
Fees: \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)
Director: Deborah Percy

In association with **St Matthew's Collegiate School**

REGISTER: www.wairarapa.actingantics.com, ENQUIRIES: deborah@actingantics.com - 0211832508



Wairarapa Youth Orchestra

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument? The **Wairarapa Youth Orchestra** is offering **scholarships for beginner musicians** in 2026!

What's included?

- \$10 per week for lessons with experienced tutors.
- Instruments and music provided free of charge.
- Opportunities to perform in a full youth orchestra.

Who can apply?

- All primary and secondary school students.

Apply now: <https://forms.gle/uhbgvKbr2AUPiMjf8>

Questions? Email scholarships@wyo.org.nz

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New Zealand Government

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