



## Principal's Message

TERM ONE, WEEK FIVE

**Kia Ora Koutou,**

Our focus Value is currently Respect, but all our values should be on display every single day- am I right? But for this message I wanted to give my space to my favourite value (if one is allowed a favourite), and that is Integrity through the poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling.

I have selected it because we all have moments when we must stay steady under pressure, hold our centre, carry responsibility, and not lose ourselves.

**If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too...**

It resonates when Kipling ties resilience to service and character:

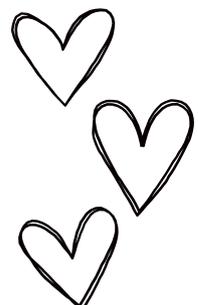
**If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it...**

We frequently talk to St Matthew's about integrity as this poem does. It is about It doing the right thing when it's difficult. The first lines set the tone:

*"If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you..."*

Integrity means holding steady to your values even when others around you are acting curiously. It emphasizes honesty and humility "If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue.." So here is the poem - please enjoy.

Have a safe and joyous weekend. Be your best selves.  
Ngā Mihi



# Rudyard Kipling

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# If

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

# Boarding

Kia Ora Koutou.

In boarding we have little traditions each term that we all enjoy. One of those is taking all our Main House boarders over to Hampton House to watch the Year 12 and 13 boarders and their daygirl friends pose for photos in the hallway before getting on the bus for the much-anticipated Dessert Dance.

Thank you to Mrs Kerry Begg and her team of helpers who popped over to decorate the space earlier on Wednesday afternoon. It looked lovely and a huge thank you to Miss McCoy for her gorgeous photos of the girls. Well done to our 2026 prefects for all their hard work that goes on behind the scenes organising events such as the Dessert Dance. It was great to hear you had a fabulous night!

A reminder it is the second and final exeat for the term so boarding will close around 5pm tonight and will reopen on Sunday at 6pm.

Best wishes to our Duke of Ed girls who have a busy weekend ahead.

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# Integrated Activity Schedule

## Integrated Activities Schedule

Week 8 - Term 2  
Monday 14 Mar 19th - Sunday 19 Mar 19th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Mostert Teachers Onsite</b>	Deborah Percy (Voice) David Heath (Drums)	Deborah Percy (Voice)	Deborah Percy (Voice) Thomas Nikora (Piano)	Deborah Percy (Voice) Thomas Nikora (Piano) Kate Marshall (Piano/Flute)	Kate Marshall (Piano/Flute)		
<b>Before School / All Day</b>							
<b>During School</b>	1:15-2:00pm Shakespeare Practice (Hall) 1:30-1:55pm Junior Dance Troupe @ Lasarus Swimming Pool open - lunch time	1:15-2:00pm Shakespeare Practice (Hall) Swimming pool open- lunch time	Masketon Primary Swimming Champs Depart 8.10am return 12.30pm 1:15-2:00pm Shakespeare Practice, unless in Junior Choir (Hall) 1:30-2:00pm Junior Choir rehearsal (Music Suite) Swimming Pool open- lunch time Cricket 1st XI vs Paraparasemu 1pm @ WaiCol Cricket 1st XI vs WaiCol 4pm @ WaiCol (Seniors collected 12.20pm, all players have lunch 12.15pm at SMS then depart 12.35pm, return approx. 7pm) Cricket 2nd XI vs PNGHS 2nd XI 4pm at PNGHS Vars depart 1.30pm	1:15-2:00pm Shakespeare Practice, unless in Kapa Haka (Hall) 1:15-2:00pm Kapa Haka (Music Suite) Primary Touch Rugby Training for both teams with Audrey @ SMS Field Swimming pool open- lunch time	1:15-2:00pm Shakespeare Practice (Hall) 1:15-2:00pm Jazz Band (Music Suite) Swimming pool open- lunch time		Summer Senior Pent @ SMS
<b>After School</b>	3:30pm-4:15pm- Tennis - lessons Startups and Slicers 4:15pm-5pm Tennis lessons - Aces and hitters 5pm-6pm Regional 1,2+3 Tennis Training 3:30pm-4:30pm Cricket Training Primary Green and Gold 3:30-4:15pm Swim Club @ St Matts pool Volleyball Inns @ Makoura College SMS Lynx vs WaiCol B Red 4.05pm Court 2 (Van departs 3.50pm Pick up 4:30pm) SMS Panthers vs Wharekura Teina 4.30pm Court 1 SMS Cheetahs vs Makoura Whero 4.30pm Court 2 (Van departs 4.15pm Pick up 5pm) 3:15pm-4:30pm Football @ WaiCol turf SMS vs WaiCol Mixed (Mrs Setshimo collect Rethikaale 3pm, Main House 3.15pm Return 4.30pm)	3:30pm Cricket 2nd XI vs WaiCol Development Team 3.45pm @ WaiCol (Girls to wait down to WaiCol) Cricket Development WYE Cricket 1st XI vs Rethikaale College Colts 3:30 @ Rethikaale (Van departs 3:15) Volleyball Inns @ Makoura College SMS Leopards vs SMS 13s 3.40pm Court 1 (Van departs 3:20pm Pick up 4:30pm) 3:30pm-4:30pm Touch Rugby Falcons @ Eagles Training @ SMS Field Fun Tennis with Hannah Beerham 3:30-4:30pm @ SMS	3:15pm Primary Cricket Games SMS Primary Green vs St Marys 3.45pm @ Carrington Park (Van departs 3:15) SMS Primary Gold vs Lakeview Girls 3:45 @ SMS 3:30-4:15pm Senior Dance Troupe @ Lasarus	3:30-4:30pm Cricket training Development 4:00-5:30pm Schola Cantorum (Hall) Touch Rugby @ Makoura College TBC SMS Jays vs SMS Hawks vs SMS Robins vs (Van departs 3.15pm & pick up 4:20pm) SMS Ravens vs SMS Eagles vs (Van departs 3.30pm & pick up 5:30pm) SMS Falcons vs (Van departs 5pm & pick up 6:10pm) Primary Touch Rugby SMS Primary Green vs Lakeview Blues 5pm Field 1 (Van departs 4:30pm pick up at 5:30pm) SMS Primary Gold vs Lakeview Canes 5pm Field 2 (Van departs 4:30pm pick up 5:30pm) 3:20pm-5:00pm Tennis Lessons Primary 4:00pm-4:45pm Tennis Lessons Secondary 6:00pm Regional 3 Tennis Game TBC (Girls to book van here if required)	3:30pm-6pm Tennis SMS Startups vs SMS Hitters 3.30pm @ SMS SMS Aces vs SMS Slicers 3.30pm @ MTC Courts 1, 2, 3		

Live Integrated Activity sheet - available on our website:  
<https://www.stmatts.school.nz/parents/newsletters/>



## Sports Results Week 4



Tennis	
Regional 3	
Gold vs Opaki White	SMS win
White vs Martinborough	SMS Loss
Green vs WaiCol Blue	SMS Loss

Interclub	
Slicers vs SMS Hitters	Cancelled
Acers vs Greytown Team 3	Cancelled
Starlings vs MTC White	Cancelled

Volleyball	
Leopards vs Wharekura Tuakana	Loss
13s vs KC B	Loss
Lionesses vs KC Snr B	Loss by default
Lynx vs Solway 2	Loss
Panthers vs WaiCol Team Blue	Loss
Cheetahs vs WaiCol Team Gold	Loss

Cricket	
1st XI vs Whanganui Collegiate	SMS win
2nd XI vs Solanui	SMS win
2nd XI vs PNGHS	Postponed
Development vs WaiCol Yr 9 Girls	SMS win
Primary Gold vs Hadlow Girls	SMS loss
Primary Green vs Lakeview Girls	SMS win

Touch Rugby	
Primary Green vs Lakeview Canes	0-5 loss
Primary Gold vs Chanel	4-4 draw
Jays vs WaiCol Orange	3-5 loss
Ravens vs WaiCol Mixed	2-7 loss
Robins vs Wharekura Teina	2-9 loss
Hawks vs WaiCol Yellow	4-2 win
Eagles vs KC Blues	1-10 loss
Falcons vs WaiCol Pink	4-2 win

**REMINDER**

# Around School



Welcome

Sign in to SchoolDocs

Username

Password

Show

Term one policies for review on SchoolDocs. Each term, the whole school community is invited to review and comment on specific policies and procedures.



Special Character Review Survey sent this week on behalf of Axis Strategies due Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March



## Karaitianatanga / Christianity Alive

Baptism – He Tohu o te Ora Hou

In our Anglican tradition, baptism is a joyful sign of new life in Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit, we are welcomed into God's whānau and marked as Christ's own forever. As Scripture teaches:

"Go therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." – Matthew 28:19

"Haere, akona ngā iwi katoa, iriiria rātou i runga i te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tama, o te Wairua Tapu."

Baptism is also a sharing in Christ's death and resurrection:

"We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead... even so we also should walk in newness of life." – Romans 6:4

"Na, kua tanumia tahitia tātou me ia i runga i te iriiringa ki te mate: kia rite ki te aranga ake o te Karaiti i te hunga mate... waihoki kia haere tātou i te ora hou."

As a school community, we celebrate baptism as a covenant promise – a beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, learning and service under the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Coming up soon we have four students who have committed to being baptised. If you would like your child or you yourself would like to be baptised along with these four, please make contact with me – [wendy.smyth@trinityschools.nz](mailto:wendy.smyth@trinityschools.nz)

# Around School



**Year 13 Food Tech Visit  
to The Land Girl Pirinoa**

The Year 13 Food class enjoying  
lunch after barista training at  
The Land Girl Pirinoa



**Year 8 Science with Mrs MacKay**

Year 8 science class heading off to  
study the stream at St Matthew's



## Friends of St Matthew's AGM and Special Constution Meeting

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**6.00pm**

**We would love to see you there!**

## Senior College - Dessert Dance



# SMOGA Grants Now Open!

The St Matthew's Old Girls' Association (SMOGA) is delighted to open applications for two exciting student opportunities



**Outward Bound Grant** – A \$2,500 grant (incl. GST) toward an 8-day or 21-day Teen Outward Bound course.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/GW1RJ4qiwJ4tCboK7>

**Spirit of Adventure Grant** – A fully funded voyage aboard the Spirit of New Zealand.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/xDER84v7JRyi2b9Y8>

These grants are open to current students in Years 11–13 who are either daughters, nieces, or granddaughters of SMOGA members, or who join SMOGA as part of the application process.

For full details, please visit:

[www.stmatts.school.nz/academic/scholarships/](http://www.stmatts.school.nz/academic/scholarships/)

## Uniform Shop hours for 2026

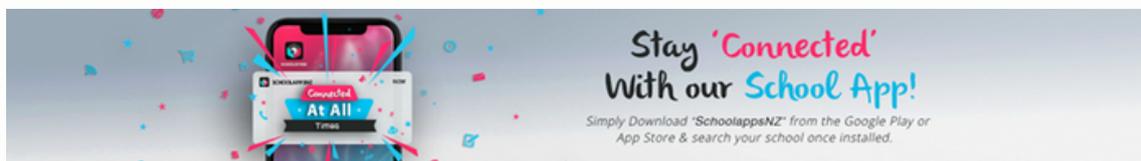
New opening hours: Thursdays 1pm– 4pm during term time.

If you would like to arrange an appointment outside these hours, please email Juliet Smith: [smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz) or [sm.uniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:sm.uniforms@trinityschools.nz)

New Zoggs togs available at the St Matthew's uniform shop @\$49.00 for women's, girls' sizes @\$40.00. Caps are available from the school office for \$3.50

Uniform information:

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



## Key Dates:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Ag Expo Trip

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Yr10 Social Studies Trip

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Yr11 Food tech Trip

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Yr10 Social Studies Trip

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Yr11 PE Trip

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Yr11 History/Geo Trip

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Equestrian Takaporo

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Summer Senior Pent

## 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 5 December





What's on the menu this week?



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



# FUN QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

A FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF COBBLESTONES HERITAGE VILLAGE

20TH MARCH - 7PM

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUB  
123 EAST ST, GREYTOWN

Cash Bar

Awesome prizes!

Light food provided

To register your team contact:  
cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com  
or phone - 0211606088

# ACTING ANTICS

Self Discovery Through Performance™

School Holiday Production  
St Matthew's Collegiate School

## ROSIE

Directed By Deborah Percy



1920s Gangsters and Flapper Girls  
Youth Theatre Ages 8-13yrs  
14/04/2026 - 17/04/2026  
<https://wairarapa.actingantics.com>



# PASEFIKA STUDY HUB THURSDAYS

Yr7 - Yr13

from 3:30pm - 5:15pm!

Yr7 - Yr13

Professional Assistance provided

Snacks Provided !!

Yr7 - Yr13

Homework to catch up on! Need Help!

23 Intermediate Street

Contact: 0800 727 924

[www.pw.org.nz](http://www.pw.org.nz)

