

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK TWO

Kia Ora Koutou,

Today I am going to share with you what I delivered to the students in Assembly on Wednesday.

Noticing, and What We Do With It

From Friday afternoon last week until Tuesday this week, I was not here.

I was with my sisters.

One of my sisters was admitted to hospital.

Not suddenly, not because of an accident – but because, over time, she stopped caring for herself.

She became unwell... quietly.... gradually.

My younger sister has stepped in as her carer. She did what so many people do – she managed, she coped, she carried it. But things reached a point where more help was needed.

And in truth, they didn't really want me to know. Families often try to protect one another by carrying things alone for as long as they can.

Eventually, they reached out to me their big sister.

So, I went. With my daughter. With my nieces.

What we found wasn't dramatic. It wasn't shocking. It wasn't a crisis in the way television shows you.

It was ordinary.

A house that had slowly become hard to manage.

Dishes that had piled up.

Laundry that felt overwhelming.

The kind of mess that happens when life becomes heavy and energy runs out.

So, we cleaned.

We scrubbed.

We sorted.

We opened windows.

We didn't fix everything. But we made things better.

That experience has stayed with me.

Because what struck me most was this:

None of this was about laziness. None of it was about failure.

It was about overwhelm –and how easily that can go unnoticed.

All of us in this room – students and staff – live lives that are, in different ways, fortunate.

That doesn't mean life is perfect. It doesn't mean people here don't struggle.

But many of us are supported –by routine, by people, by systems – before things fall too far.

That is not something to feel guilty about. But it does come with responsibility.

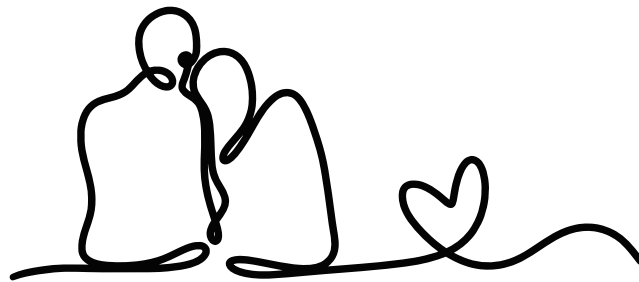
During this season – from Easter through to Pentecost –we have been talking about tending, about compassion, about looking outwards.

And I want to be clear: Compassion is not always dramatic. It is not always loud.

And it is not always comfortable.

Sometimes compassion looks like noticing –when someone becomes quieter...
when routines start slipping...when “I’m fine” starts sounding rehearsed.
Sometimes it looks like asking again. Staying a little longer. Offering help without trying to fix everything.
And sometimes – just as importantly –compassion looks like allowing ourselves to be helped.
My sister is strong. Capable. Independent.
And still, she needed others to step in.
If there is one message I want you to take from this – especially you as young women – it is this: Needing help does not mean you are weak. Struggling does not mean you have failed.
And when you find yourself in a position of stability –when your plate feels manageable – use your position well.
With kindness. With humility. With courage.
And when you are on the other side –when life feels heavy, and ordinary things begin to pile up –know that you are allowed to say so.
Asking for help is not a disappointment. It is part of being human.
Communities do not stay healthy because nothing ever goes wrong.
They stay healthy because people notice –early, quietly, and with care.
That is what I saw these past few days. That is what I hope for this place. And that is what I ask of all of us

Ngā mihi nui



St Matthew's Collegiate School



OPEN AFTERNOON

Thursday 7th May 2.00pm-5.00pm

Day & Boarding School for Girls Years 7-13



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Boarding

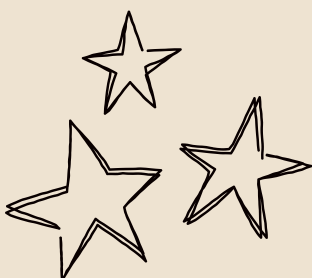
Kia Ora Koutou.

Yesterday we were excited to see our much anticipated "Welcome to St Matthew's Boarding" and our "Boarding Values" artwork come to life in the Main House foyer. This has been in the pipeline for some time, and it was fabulous to see it come to life, especially with our Open Day next Thursday. Going forward, we would like to do something similar in Hampton House. Feel free to pop in for a look when you are next in boarding.

With the first Saturday of netball tomorrow, a reminder that boarders must be organised in terms of their weekend arrangements.

I hope all students enjoy their first winter sports match.

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Sport Schedule

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Week 3 - Term 2

Monday May 4th - Sunday May 10th

Before School / All Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Junior Dance Troupe 1.10-1.55pm @ Lazarus	Hockey Primary Sticks Training 1.15-1.50pm	Netball Jnr Black Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS	Hockey Primary Stars Training 1.15-1.50pm	Hockey Green Training Lunchtime at Rathkeale	Netball Games @ Colombo Road Courts SMS Development vs Kuranui College Snr A Ct 2 12pm	
	1st XI Football Training 4-6pm @ SMS Field Football Trainings @ SMS Field Saints 3.30-4.30pm Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm	Football Game SMS 1st XI vs SMS Steel 3.45pm @ SMS Field SMS Saints vs SMS Strikers 3.45pm @ SMS Field SMS Stars BYE	Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs MIS Kahurangi @ ?? 3.45pm	Netball Games @ Colombo Rd Courts Snr A vs CNC JK&C OGs Ct 2 7.30pm	SMS Jnr Gold vs SMS 13s Ct 5 11am SMS 12s vs SMS Stars Ct 6 11am SMS Yellow vs SMS Jnr Silver Ct 4 2pm SMS Green BYE SMS Jnr White BYE SMS Jnr Pink vs WaiCol Jnr Blue Ct 6 12pm SMS Jnr Black vs Solway College Black Ct 6 2pm	
	Netball Primary Kiwikiwi Training 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts	Netball Senior Green Training 3:30 -5pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Development Training 4-5.30pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Jnr Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Gym Netball Primary Kakariki Training 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts	Primary Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf St Matt's Sticks vs Hadlow White Field 1 Southern Turf 6pm Van departs 5.20pm, pick up 6.50pm		
	Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf SMS 2nd XI vs Solway College 1st XI 4pm South Turf Van Departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.20pm SMS Gold BYE SMS Green vs Chanel Girls 7pm South Turf Van Departs 6.15pm, pick up 8.20pm Hockey 1st XI Game vs Wellington Girls College 5.30pm @ Maidstone Park Van Departs 3.30pm	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kiwikiwi v MIS Steel Ct 6 4pm SMS Kowhai v Mareikura Ct 4 4pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.40pm SMS Kakariki v Chanel Ct 3 5.30pm Van departs 4.50pm, pick up 6.10pm	Netball Snr Yellow Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Jnr White Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Jnr Silver Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Snr A 5.30-7pm @ SMS Gym	St Matt's Stars vs Feathy Green Field 2 Southern Turf 4pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm		
	Badminton @ SMS Gym 3.30-4.30pm	Hockey 1st XI Training 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.40pm, pick up 6.40pm	Football Primary Ferns Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Fields	Hockey 2nd XI Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Turf			

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

MASTERTON STRAPPING CLINIC



- STARTING 1ST MAY
- FRIDAYS 4PM-5PM
- BOOK OR WALK-IN
- \$20 / 10 Trip \$170
- ALL WELCOME!



Please note: If you have a new injury that has not been assessed you will need to book a full consultation at another time.

06 377 4422 (extn 1)
www.getbackinaction.co.nz



Workshop - Hadlow Ambrose Golf Tournament 2026

Masterton Golf Club Friday, 1st May 2026

On **Friday 1st May 2026**, Friends of Hadlow are running their annual corporate 'Golf Day'. This is Friends of Hadlow major annual fundraising event that raises over \$10,000 each year. All proceeds from the 'Workshop Hadlow Ambrose Golf Day' goes back to Hadlow School which directly benefits all our children.

The 'Workshop Hadlow Ambrose Golf Day' will be held at the Masterton Golf Club on the Lansdowne course.

Thank you to all our hole sponsors who are sponsoring a hole in 2026. We will have a full list of the sponsors in next week's Bulletin.

To those golfers in our school community, book yourself in for a wellbeing day on **Friday 1st May**. Further details about the 'Workshop Hadlow Ambrose Golf Tournament 2026', will be communicated over the coming months.

Email office@hadlow.school.nz to have an entry form emailed to you or pop into Hadlow School to collect an entry form.



Around School



Register now. TSTBs new online Trinity Schools Community Portal is now live.

The Trinity School Trust Board (TSTB) has just launched a new online Trinity Schools Community Portal. A dedicated space created to keep our Trinity staff and parents/caregivers connected and informed about the Trinity Futures initiative which is focused on future planning for our schools.

The online portal is the next stage of our engagement with our school community. Since we started Trinity Futures, we have engaged with over 1,000 members of our school community including our learners, Trinity staff, parents / caregivers, governors, and alumni, which has helped inform the plans we're currently developing. This portal has been developed in direct response to feedback from our school community as another way for people to provide input.

To get started, please register at <https://www.trinityschools.nz/apply/>. Once you have registered, you will have access to either the Trinity Schools Staff Room or the Trinity Schools Community Room. Trinity staff who also have children enrolled in Trinity Schools will have access to both areas. If you want to engage anonymously in the group discussion, there is a box in the discussion area which you will need to tick first.

The portal will remain open until the end of May, so we encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to connect, share your thoughts, and engage. At the end of May, the Trinity Futures team will compile a report which summarises our school community thoughts and views on the weekly topics raised. Your valuable input and feedback will assist TSTB in its consideration of the future for our schools.

We are looking forward to seeing our school community come together through this initiative and look forward to hearing everyone's ideas and feedback.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Trinity Schools community.

Cath Archer

Chief Executive Officer

Trinity Schools Trust Board

Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

Tending God's Creation – Te Tiaki i te Ao o te Atua

As an Anglican school, we are focusing this term on the Mark of Mission: to tend—to care for God's creation and for one another. Hei kura Karaitiana, e arotahi ana tātou i tēnei wā ki tētahi o ngā Tohu o te Mīhana: te tiaki—te manaaki i te ao o te Atua me te atawhai tētahi ki tētahi.

Jesus reminds us, "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11), the one who tends, guides, and protects. E mea ana a Īhu, "Ko ahau te hēpara pai" (Hoani 10:11), ko ia te kaiārahi, te kaitiaki, te kaiwhakaora.

As followers of Christ, we are called to show aroha, kaitiakitanga, and whakawhanaungatanga in our classrooms and wider community. Hei ākonga nā te Karaiti, ka karangatia tātou kia whakaatu i te aroha, te kaitiakitanga, me te whakawhanaungatanga i roto i ā tātou akomanga me te hāpori whānui.

To tend is to nurture the gifts God has placed in every person, helping each ākonga to grow and flourish. Ko te tiaki he whakatupu i ngā taonga kua whakatakotoria e te Atua ki roto i ia tangata, hei āwhina i ia ākonga kia tipu, kia puāwai. As we live out this mission, may we reflect God's love through everyday acts of kindness, service, and stewardship. I a tātou e whakatinana ana i tēnei mīhana, kia kitea te aroha o te Atua i roto i ā tātou mahi atawhai, mahi pononga, me te tiaki i te taiao i ia rā. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui as we walk this journey together. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui i a tātou e haere tahi ana i tēnei haerenga.



Volunteering in Spain this gap year

Before uni or your first job, do something that truly stands out. New Ventures Worldwide is hosting a free online info session on Thursday 14 May at 6:00pm AEST / 8:00pm NZST all about volunteering in Spain as a School Language Volunteer. Hear from a volunteer out there right now and get your questions answered live.

Free to join: www.calendly.com/joshgoldblatt-newventures/spain-info-session-for-aus-and-nz

Find out more about the Spain programme: www.newventuresworldwide.org/home/spain





Uniform shop

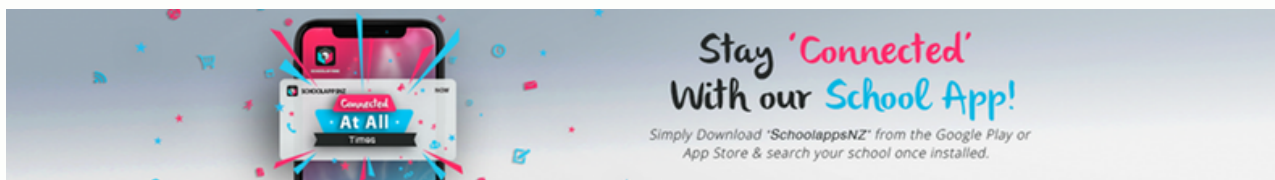
Usual shop hours during term time: Thursdays 1pm- 4pm.

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

Second hand winter sports uniforms (netball, hockey and some football) are available to buy at the St Matthew's shop. New hockey/football socks @\$24.00 are available at the St Matthew's shop and NZ Uniforms.

Payment in the shop at the time of sale by EFTPOS or credit card only.

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



Key Dates:

- Monday 27 April - ANZAC Day Obs.
- Thursday 30 April - Yr9 Science trip to Pukaha
- Saturday 2 May - Sunday 3 May - Silver & Gold DoE
- Sunday 3 May - NISS Dressage
- Monday 4 May - Prefects Parents Meeting
- Tuesday 5 May - Scots College Secondary Winter Fixture @ Scots College
- Wednesday 6 May - Tough Gal Challenge Yr10 PE
- Thursday 7 May - Open Afternoon
- Sunday 10 May - Cooper House Chapel

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

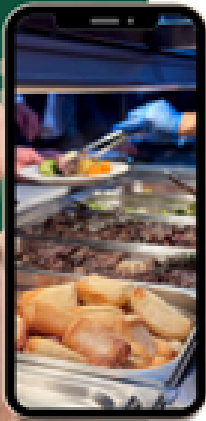




What's on the menu this week?



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



To all current and former teachers and staff...

SMOGA WARMLY INVITE YOU TO THIS YEARS

Decade Reunion

Please join us King's Birthday weekend to reconnect with past students from 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 & 2016

Friday
29/05/2026
6.30 PM Cocktail Evening
Rathkeale Dining Room

Saturday
30/05/2026
9:30 AM -Chapel
10AM Morning tea
both @ St Matthew's

RSVP bridg.andv@gmail.com

RATHKEALE COLLEGE 1ST XI CRICKET PRESENTS:



CALLING ALL SHAZZA'S & DAZZA'S!

Grab your mullet, dress in black & join us for an unforgettable night of rocking out to great tunes, naughty number calls, air guitar solos and straight-up bogan hilarity.

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Wairarapa Events Centre,
Carterton
6pm-10pm

Tickets \$39 per person or \$390 for a table of 10
Includes food and 4 bingo cards per person.
Cash Bar & Eftpos available.
Secure your table at

boganbingofundraiser@gmail.com

Prizes for best dressed!



An inspiring evening with **DR LUCY HONE**

Equip yourself, your family and your colleagues to face life's challenges with Dr Lucy Hone – internationally acclaimed author, TED Speaker with over 9 million views and leading expert on resilience.

Thursday 4 June
5.30-7.30pm

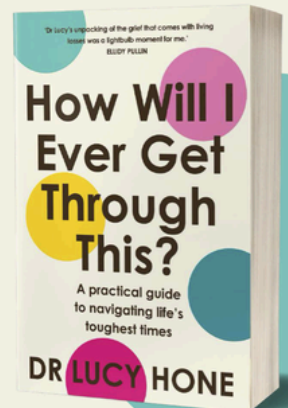
Copthorne Solway
Masterton

Tickets \$55 each or \$500 for a group of 10.
Ticket price includes first drink and canapés.

Tickets from Hedley's Books, Masterton or online:
booksonline.co.nz/events

Books will be for sale on the night.

Hedleys Books



Proceeds from ticket sales will go to Autism Wairarapa