

# SMCS STAR BOARD



## Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK THREE

Kia Ora Koutou,

I will start by acknowledging the staff and students of our school for their participation in our Open Afternoon yesterday. Our student body is our Taonga.

### **Finding Our Voice – The Message of Footloose**

Students from St Matthew's and Rathkeale are busy in rehearsals for the upcoming production of the stage show of Footloose. In 1984 Kenny Loggins released the song Footloose, followed by the eponymous film that introduced us to a then-new Kevin Bacon – and man, could he dance. Our students take to the stage with Footloose very soon, a show that is energetic, joyful and full of movement—but at its heart, deeply thoughtful.

While dancing may be what first catches your eye, Footloose is really a story about **finding your voice**, choosing courage over fear, and discovering that joy and expression are not something to be afraid of, but something to be cherished. It reminds us that when communities experience loss or hurt, it can sometimes feel safer to close things down rather than open them up—but healing does not come from silence.

As the lyrics remind us, "Everybody cut loose, footloose" is not a call to recklessness. It is an invitation to let go of what holds us back unnecessarily and to step into who we are meant to be.

The characters in Footloose teach us that being yourself takes courage—especially when you feel different or unheard. "Kick off your Sunday shoes" speaks to shedding expectations that no longer serve us and finding the confidence to stand authentically in who we are.

Throughout the show, movement will become a symbol of life itself. "I can't stand still" reflects the human need to express, create, laugh and move forward—especially in times where it may feel easier to stop, to stay quiet, or to withdraw.

Most powerfully, Footloose reminds us that change does not begin with shouting or defiance, but with empathy and conversation. One of the most poignant questions asked in the music is simply, "Can you find it in your heart?"—a reminder that listening, compassion and understanding have the power to transform not just individuals, but whole communities.

As our students will soon bring this story to life, they are not just performing a musical. They are sharing a message about bravery, joy, and the importance of allowing young people to be heard. They remind us that communities can grow, heal, and "turn it around" when we choose hope, trust and connection.

I am enormously proud of the students and staff who are pouring their hearts into this production. I encourage you to get along to the show when it starts, support them, and allow yourself to be reminded—through music, laughter and movement—that joy matters.

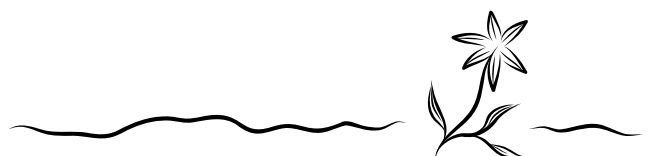
### **On Board**

We welcomed this week Mr Will Sharp to the fixed role of Music and Drama. His last school was Timaru Boys and he is looking forward to bringing his performance expertise to our girls' educational setting.

Just a reminder that all sports enquiries to be directed to our Acting Sports Director Mr Jorge Sandoval or his Sports Assistant Mrs Joanna Seitsiro.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā mihi



# Boarding



Kia Ora Koutou.

A huge thank you to the Main and Hampton House boarders who were outstanding tour guides of boarding last night. This photo is of some of the girls who were touring our visitors as others were involved in different activities around school before returning to boarding.

It was so nice to hear our girls greet the visitors so nicely and head off around the houses explaining how boarding operates at St Matthew's with confidence and enthusiasm.

Your whānau would have been proud of you!

Thanks also to all boarders and boarding staff for making sure our spaces were looking their best.

I hope everyone has a much deserved restful weekend.

Ngā mihi.

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thank you

# Sport Schedule

## Sport Schedule

Week 4 - Term 2  
Monday May 11th - Sunday May 17th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Before School / PD Day			HOCKEY @ RATHKEALE 11 - 1:45 @ Barton Farm, Greytown Van departs 9:20am					
During School	Hockey Gold Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Turf		Netball Snr Green Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Gym					
	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 13s vs Solway College Silver C14 10am SMS Development vs CNC JK&Co Maroon C11 11am		
	1st XI Football Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Field  Football Trainings @ SMS Field Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm  Football Games SMS Saints vs SMS Strikers 3.45 @ SMS	Football Game SMS 1st XI BYE  SMS Steel vs Waicol Development @ SMS 3.45pm  SMS Stars vs Chanel @ SMS 3.45pm  SMS Saints vs Makoura @ Makoura 3.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.10pm  SMS Strikers BYE	Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs Lakeview @ Lakeview 3.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm	Netball Games @ Colombo Rd Courts  Snr A vs Strength Nation Masterton WCOG Ct 2 6pm	SMS Jnr Gold vs Waicol Senior Blue C13 11am SMS 12s vs Makoura Junior A C14 11am SMS Stars vs Chanel Development C15 11am SMS Jnr Silver vs Makoura Junior B C16 11am SMS Yellow vs Solway College Navy C14 12pm SMS Jnr White vs Waicol Intermediate Blue C16 12pm SMS Green vs Solway College Green C14 1pm		
	Netball Primary Kowhai Training 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts  Netball Primary Kowhai Training 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts	Netball Senior Green Training 3:30 -5pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Development Training 5-6:30pm @ SMS Gym  Netball Snr Yellow Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym	Squash @ Red Star Squash Courts 3.30-4.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	Primary Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf St Matt's Sticks vs SM Strikers 4pm Field 3 Northern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	SMS Jnr Black vs Waicol Junior Blue C14 2pm SMS Jnr Pink vs BYE		
After School	Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf SMS 2nd XI vs Wairapa College 2nd XI 5.30pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 4.30pm, Pick up 6.30pm  SMS Gold vs Kuranui College 1st XI 7pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 6pm, Pick up 8pm  SMS Green vs Solway College 2nd XI 4pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5pm  Hockey 1st XI Training 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kiwihiki vs MIS Steel 4pm on Court 4 Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm  SMS Kowhai vs Hadlow Sting 4pm on Court 2 Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm  SMS Kakariki vs Chanel 4pm on Court 6 Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm	Hockey 2nd XI Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Turf	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  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 Solway College Intermediate 6pm Field 4 Northern Turf Van departs 5pm, pick up 6.50pm		
	Badminton @ SMS Gym 3.30-4.30pm	Hockey 1st XI Training 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm	Football Primary Ferns Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Fields	Hockey Game Hockey 1st XI vs McKenzies Electric Wairapa College @ Clareville Turf 6.45pm Van departs 5.15pm, pick up 8pm				

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

## St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

### Week 2 Term 2

	Opponent	Score	
<b>Hockey</b>			
Primary Sticks vs	Kia Kaha Mango	Loss 7-0	
Primary Stars vs	Kia Kaha Pongo	Loss 9-0	
<b>Football</b>			
Primary Ferns vs	MIS Whero	Win 5-0	
<b>Netball</b>			
Primary Kowhai vs	MIS Kaha	Loss 13-8	Grading
Primary Kowhai vs	MIS Mystics	Loss 12-3	Grading
Primary Kiwihiki vs	MIS Pulse	Loss 9-1	Grading
Primary Kiwihiki vs	Lakeview Opats	Loss 8-7	Grading
Primary Kakariki vs	Fstn Stormers	Win 16-0	Grading
Primary Kakariki vs	Grytn Aces	Loss 7-3	Grading
Jnr Gold vs	Waicol Junior B	Win 30-9	
Jnr Silver vs	Solway College Navy	Draw 14-14	
Jnr Pink vs	Jnr Black	Loss 21-6	
Jnr White vs	Waicol Junior Red	Win 18-8	
Jnr Black vs	Jnr Pink	Win 21-6	
Snr Green vs	Chanel Swifts	Win 21-12	
Snr Yellow vs	Kuranui College Year 10B	Win 40-1	
Stars vs	Kuranui College Junior C	Win 24-11	
13s vs	Kuranui College Junior A	Win 15-12	
12s vs	Waicol Intermediate Gold	Loss 31-5	
Development vs	Greytown holmes	Loss 27-15	
Snr A vs	Celtic United	Postponed	



POSITIVE VIBES

# Around School



## Yr10 Tough Gal Mud Run



The Year 10 'Training for an event' class completing the Tough guy/gal mud run at Camp Wainui. Charlotte Jaspers was 4th in the Year 9-11 category in a time of 38.46



## Netball Reps

Congratulations to Holly Johnston, Paige Shearing, Hetty Shaw & Zoe Pearce who were selected to be part of the Wairarapa U14 Netball 2026 team.

## Year 11 Caving

NCEA PE went caving today, working on Kotahitanga skills. With a few nervous people we had class goals of getting everyone through the cave and being quiet enough to see glow worms. Both of these were achieved. ❤️



# Open Afternoon

When you open your home to visitors, they bear witness to your authentic life. Of course, you tidy the floors and make the beds — but still, you are on show.

Our Open Afternoon was just that.

Nothing was contrived. Nothing was manufactured or one-off.

It was simply us. It was St Matthew's.

I am so proud of our students and our staff. You are the magic of this place.

You are our taonga.

Through the eyes of our present, St Matthew's glimpsed her future — and it was real, grounded, and full of promise.

Thank you for being exactly who you are.

Mrs Gill



thank you

## Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

TAt St Matthew's Collegiate School, whakaute (respect) is one of our values and the focus value this week. We believe every person is created in the image of God—he mea hanga tātou katoa i te āhua o te Atua—and therefore each student, teacher, and whānau deserves dignity, kindness, and honour. Respect shapes the way we learn (ako), speak (kōrero), and care for one another through manaakitanga.

Our commitment to whakaute is grounded in Scripture: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves." — Romans 12:10. "Kia atawhai tētahi ki tētahi i runga i te aroha o te teina ki te tuakana; me whakanui tētahi i tētahi."

Jesus also teaches us: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." — Matthew 7:12. "Na, ko nga mea katoa e mea ai koutou kia meatia e nga tangata ki a koutou, meatia ano e koutou ki a ratou."

Our goal is to nurture students who show respect for te Atua, for one another, and for the world God has entrusted to us.



### Commerce Market



The Commerce girls organised themselves into groups and came up with a diverse range of products to sell. Their aim was to make as much profit as possible, Ms Leckie's aim was for them to learn about the costing and pricing of a product. Every business sold out so if their costings were correct each would have made a profit! A big thank you to all the stakeholders, parents, consumers etc who made the experience a big success and for the main part, very enjoyable.



# Uniform shop

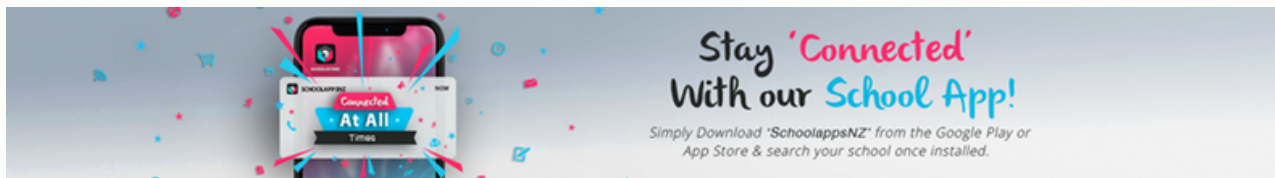
Usual shop hours during term time: Thursdays 1pm- 4pm.

If you would like to arrange an appointment outside these hours, please email Juliet Smith: [smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz) or [sm.uniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto: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 11 May - Yr13 Ag Trip
- Wednesday 13 May - Wai SS Cross Country
- Friday 15 May - Model UN
- Tuesday 19 May - CAA Literacy Reading Exam
- Tuesday 19 May - Yr12 Ag Trip
- Wednesday 20 May - L2/3 Solo
- Wednesday 20 May - Wai SS Squash
- Thursday 21 May - CSS Literacy Writing Exam
- Friday 22 May - Yr13 Food Trip
- Saturday 23 May - Dinner Dance

## 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



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.andy@gmail.com](mailto:bridg.andy@gmail.com)



## HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR LOCAL CHOPPER

**Quiz Night** To register your Team, please contact Lea Griffith - [lea.griffith@westpac.co.nz](mailto:lea.griffith@westpac.co.nz)

**Where:** Red Star Sports Association, 10 Herbert Street, Masterton.

**When:** Thursday 21 May 2026 at 5:30pm

Join us for a fun evening to help raise funds for the Wellington Rescue Helicopter.

\$120 per team (up to 6 team members)

Nibbles provided. Cash bar. Spot prizes up for grabs.

Thank you for your support in helping raise money for this crucial life-saving service. All money raised will go towards Life Flight.



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## POP-UP STEM WORKSHOP



### COME BUILD YOUR OWN FIBRE OPTIC LAMP!

**WAIRARAPA COLLEGE LIBRARY**  
83 Pownall St  
Masterton

**WHEN:** Sunday 21st June  
9am to 3.30pm  
**WHO:** Kids Aged 10-15  
**COST:** \$135

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### UPCOMING ONLINE INFORMATION MEETINGS



TUE  
12 MAY  
AT 6PM

MON  
25 MAY  
AT 6PM

REGISTER HERE:

