

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK FOUR

Kia Ora Koutou,

We often say that to look forward, we must first look back. Recently, I asked an 'expert' how far back we should look if we are trying to imagine where we want to be in 30 years' time. The answer was simple: 30 years.

That idea stayed with me. If that makes sense – matching our backward gaze to our forward horizon – then I began to wonder what happens when we stretch the timeframe even further. If we look 112 years ahead, does it also help to look 112 years back – to 1914 – not in an attempt to predict the future, but to remind ourselves how much the world, institutions, and expectations can change across a single century?

As part of that reflection, I've dipped back into *To the Stars* by Helen Dashfield and the early story of what drew families to St Matthew's in the first place. The book opens by saying that "the first spotlight in the history of St Matthew's falls on Ella Hampton." From the very first lines, we are reminded that both Ella – and the school she helped establish – wanted girls to do "something more in society than follow the pattern so stringently laid down for the female sex."

That conviction feels remarkably familiar. From the beginning, St Matthew's was a school with a clear purpose: to educate girls not simply to fit the world as it was, but to step into it with confidence, capability, and a sense of possibility. It is not hard to see why families chose us then – just as they do now.

The future of St Matthew's was shaped significantly by its first headmistress, Evelyn Whitehead – whose initial still lives on quietly in the naming of the W Block (affectionately called Upper Classroom) today. I reference Evelyn Whitehead because her beginnings reflect many of the values we continue to hold at the heart of a St Matthew's girls' education. She is described as a "serious-minded, dedicated woman," with a strong connection to the Church, which at the time "had a warm relationship with the school."

More than a century on, the recent Special Character Evaluations across the Trinity Schools affirmed the visibility and authenticity of that same foundation – not as something historical, but as something that continues to inform and guide our work. We fared very well in that process last term. Looking back, it is both affirming and reassuring to see that we are still honouring those original foundations in meaningful and lived ways.

Evelyn Whitehead was also described as "a great disciplinarian." For her, "good manners and a tidy appearance stood high on her list of values." Those expectations spoke to respect – for self, for others, and for the community one belongs to.

We make no apology for holding those same expectations today. They remain one small but significant reason why families choose St Matthew's – just as they did when the school first opened its doors.

When we look carefully at our beginnings, what stands out is not how much has changed, but how much has endured: clarity of purpose, strong values, and a deep belief in the potential of girls. These were the reasons families chose St Matthew's then – and they continue to be the reasons people choose us now.

Have a great weekend...and be your best selves

Ngā Mihi



Boarding



Kia Ora Koutou.

It was lovely to see the girls in breakfast today wearing their pink outfits. As a pink shirt day treat, it was also a "wear your pinkish pjs to brekkie" which these two Year 13 boarders (Rhiannon and Ribh) took advantage of. Wearing pink on this day is a good reminder to us all that a little kindness goes a long way and really does make for great culture whether it be in boarding or day school.

A huge thank you to Isla Dick and Grace Didsbury who came up with an excellent afterschool activity yesterday. These two had boarders hunting high and low for the bullying free stickers to match their cards (their version of bingo) which everyone loved! Thanks girls. It is fantastic to see such young boarders contributing to our boarding culture. A good sorts nomination is coming your way!

Enjoy the weekend.

Ngā mihi.

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Sport Schedule

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Week 5 - Term 2

Monday May 18th - Sunday May 23rd

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before School / All Day			Wairarapa SS Squash Championships 9am @ Red Star Squash Club				
During School	Hockey Gold Training 1-1.45pm @ SMS Turf Junior Dance Troupe 1.10-1.55pm @ Lazarus	Hockey Primary Sticks Training 1.15-1.50pm	Netball Snr Green Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Black Training 1.15-4.50pm @ SMS	Hockey Primary Stars Training 1.15-1.50pm	Hockey Green Training Lunchtime at Rathkeale	Netball Games @ Colombo Road Courts SMS Jnr Silver vs Waioai Junior Gold C14 10am SMS Green vs Kurarui College Year 9B C15 10am	
	1st XI Football Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Field Football Trainees @ SMS Field Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm	Football Game SMS 1st XI vs Waioai Dev @ SMS 3.45pm SMS Steel vs SMS Stars @ SMS 3.45pm SMS Strikers vs Kurarui @ Kurarui 3.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.10pm SMS Saints Training 3.30-4.30	Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs Lakeview @ SMS 3.45pm	Netball Games @ Colombo Rd Courts Snr A vs Tauwera C1 2 6pm SMS Development vs Te Kopu C1 7.30pm	SMS Jnr Gold vs Sohway College silver C14 11am SMS Stars vs Waioai Intermediate Gold C14 12pm SMS Jnr Pink vs Chantal Pulao C16 12pm SMS 12s vs Chanel Development C14 1pm SMS Jnr White vs Kurarui College Junior C C15 1pm SMS 13s vs Waioai Junior B C13 2pm	
After School	Netball Primary Kwikwhi Training 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Primary Kowhai Training 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts	Rifle Shooting @ Masterton Miniature rifle club Van depart 6.20, Pick up 8.30	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 @ Clarendville Turf St Matt's Sticks vs SM Strikers vs St Matt's Stars vs TBC	SMS Yellow vs Makoura Junior B C14 2pm SMS Jnr Black BYE	
	Hockey Games @ Clarendville Turf SMS Gold vs McKenzies Electrical Wairarapa College Girls 2nd XI 4pm @ Clarendville Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5pm SMS Green vs McKenzies Electrical Wairarapa College Girls 3rd XI 7pm @ Clarendville Turf Van departs 6.15pm, Pick up 8pm SMS 2nd XI BYE Hockey 1st XI Training 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kowhai vs MIS Taicaba 4pm on Court 9 Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm SMS Kakaniki vs MIS Whetu 4pm on Court 11 Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm SMS Kwikwhi vs Niga Whetu 6pm on Court 2 Van departs 5.15pm, pick up 7pm	Hockey 2nd XI Training 6-7pm @ Clarendville Turf	Netball Jnr Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Gold training 3.30.5pm @ SMS Gym Netball Primary Kakaniki 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			
	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 WHS Girls 1st XI @ Hockey Manawatu 6.45pm Vans departs 4.15pm			



Around School

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of pink across the school today as we celebrated Pink Shirt Day. Together, we stand against bullying and promote kindness, inclusion, and compassion within our community. ☑ We were also delighted to collect a trolley full of donations for the local Foodbank – thank you, St Matthew's girls, for your generosity and care for others. ☑♥☑



Happy

Kindness



Respect

THOUGHTFUL



Around School - Senior College

Fundraising for Relay for Life at Senior College this week as a part of Bully Free Week .



What's on the menu this week?



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



Our Senior College Year 13 Geography students have enjoyed two fantastic days out at Castlepoint and Riversdale Beach as part of their coastal processes topic.



Year 12 BCATS students are putting the finishing touches on their Cape Cod chairs, they should be proud of their work as all of the chairs have been made to very high standard.



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

This Thursday we reflected on the Ascension of Jesus, we remembered the words of Christ: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Although Jesus ascended to heaven, kāore ia i whakarere i a tātou – He did not leave us alone. In Acts 1:9–11, the disciples watched Jesus taken up into the clouds, and they were reminded to continue His work with faith and courage.

At St Matthew's Collegiate School, we encourage our students to walk in the way of Christ with ngākau aroha (hearts of love), compassion, and service. The Ascension reminds us that Jesus reigns with God, and through the Holy Spirit we are strengthened to be His witnesses in the world. "Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui" – be strong, be brave, be steadfast – as we continue to live out God's love in our community.



2026

MUSIC LESSONS

Our wonderful itinerant music teachers have room on their timetables for new sign-ups.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls, as we are very lucky to have such highly qualified music teachers.

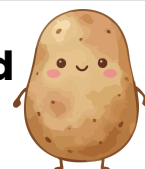
SPACE AVAILABILITY IN: PIANO, DRUMS, BASS, GUITAR, CLARINET & VOICE (SINGING)



If you are interested please complete the Instrumental Lesson request form and return to the school office please click [here](#)



Horticulture and Rugby



This is Sophia Bosch and Cam Roigard at Hurricanes match last Friday. Another use of our potatoes grown in the planters. Cam signed his "Camtato"



Uniform shop

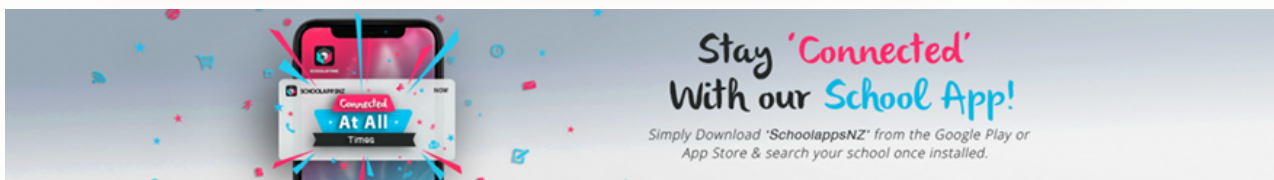
Usual shop hours during term time: Thursdays 1pm- 4pm.

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:

- 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 - CAA Literacy Writing Exam
- Friday 22 May - Yr13 Food Trip
- Saturday 23 May - Dinner Dance
- Tuesday 26 May - CAA Numeracy Exam
- Thursday 28 May - Cross Country Regionals, Scots College Primary Fixture, Yr10 Trip to Holocaust Museum

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

FREE DENTAL
Year 9 - 18th birthday

Not been seen in the past year?
Phone your local dental practice!

BOOK NOW

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

0800 TALK TEETH



Absence and Signing In and Out

Arriving Late

If you are late for any reason you must report to the school office. A reason for your lateness must be provided by a parent by email, note or by phone.

Sickness During School Time

If you are not well during class time, please inform your teacher and you will be released to go to the office to sign out to the sick bay, and, if parents need to be contacted to collect their daughter, a staff member in the boarding house will make the phone call. A parent must come to the boarding office to sign you out. If you are sent to the school sickbay, and you return to school you must sign in.

Absence

If you are unable to come to school your parent/caregiver must phone the school in the morning or use the school app. If you are absent for a prolonged period of time, (more than 3 days) a medical certificate must be provided.

Itinerant Lessons

Please report to the office when you are attending a lesson (music/speech and drama) to sign out, and return to the office after your lesson to sign in.

Special Leave/Appointments

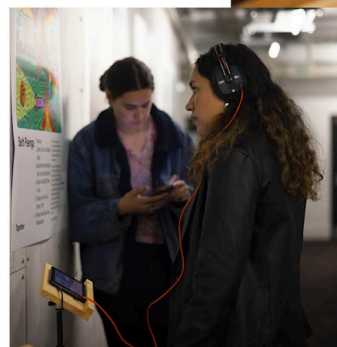
Students are required at school during term time. If there is a reason why you cannot attend school for other than health reasons you must apply for special leave. Please collect a pink form from the office. This form goes to the principal for consideration. St Matthew's puts a high value on your time in the classroom and appointments need to be made out of school time to avoid disruption. If you do have an appointment during the day, a parent will need to contact the office and you will need to sign out at the office before you leave, and return to the office after your appointment to sign in.

Special Leave also applies if you will miss sport.



MASSEY UNIVERSITY,
WELLINGTON
PUKEAHU CAMPUS
FRIDAY, JUNE 26 •
10 AM - 2 PM

NAU MAI HAERE MAI
MĀORI STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY



MĀTAURANGA TOI MĀORI
SPATIAL DESIGN
COMMUNICATION
TEXTILES
PHOTOGRAPHY
SCREEN ART FILMS
MUSIC
SCREEN ARTS ANIMATION
NURSING



Workshops offered: Music, screen art - film, screen art - animation, spatial design, photography, Mātauranga Toi Māori, textiles, communication, and nursing.

Please individually register to attend the event and select one workshop by [clicking here](#).



HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR LOCAL CHOPPER

Quiz Night To register your Team, please contact Lea Griffith - 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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COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR BADGE THEORY COURSE

START YOUR **UMPIRE** JOURNEY!

 **SUNDAY 24TH MAY**

 **CLAREVILLE**

 **9.30AM - 11.30AM (2 HOURS)**



UMPIRES ARE THE HEART OF THE GAME.
LEARN THE RULES. BUILD CONFIDENCE.
SUPPORT YOUR SPORT.



ALL WELCOME!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

INTERESTED?



Email Hockey Wairarapa:
operations@hockeywairarapa.org.nz
Register by:

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD



SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2-4PM
SKATE PARK YOUTH HUB
MUSIC, FOOD, AND PRIZES!!
HOSTED BY MASTERTON DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Does your daughter carry and Epi Pen?
- Does your daughter carry/require medication?
- Does your daughters medical information need updating?



Please get in touch if you think you may need to advise of any new medical details we hold on file to ensure we have the most up to date information

