

# SMCS STAR BOARD



## Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK TEN

Kia Ora Koutou

At a recent conversation with one of our school families, a parent—who also happens to be a farmer—shared a line that has stayed with me:

**"A rising tide lifts all boats."**

It's a simple idea, one that no doubt comes from years of watching seasons, stock, and hard work play out over time. It also has a certain Fred Dagg wisdom to it—the understanding that things don't improve by noise or fuss alone, but by steady graft and looking after what's in front of you. As he might say, it's a bit like farming: you don't get a good season by chance—you get it by doing the small things well, day after day.

That idea has felt particularly relevant for us as a school community over the past few weeks.

At St Matthew's, we see this in action every day.

In sport, success is never just about one standout player. It's in the encouragement from the sideline, the extra pass, the player who lifts her effort at just the right moment. When one person raises her game, it creates a ripple effect—confidence builds, teams strengthen, and everyone benefits. That collective lift is where the real value sits.

We see it too in how we care for our environment. A school doesn't stay looking the way it does because of rules alone—it happens because people choose to take pride in their place. A piece of rubbish picked up, a shared space respected, a classroom left ready for the next group—these small acts add up. And I will admit, if I see rubbish, I pick it up. Not because it's my job, but because it matters. One small action encourages another, and before long, the standard lifts across the board.

There are also times when the strength of a community is shown more quietly. Recently, we have needed to draw on that strength in thoughtful and supportive ways. Without revisiting those moments, I want to acknowledge how our students have responded—with care, maturity, and genuine kindness. Being a strong young woman is not about standing apart; it is about standing alongside others, particularly when it matters most.

In the classroom, the same principle applies. Learning is built on consistency—showing up, staying focused, and persisting even when things feel challenging. When students commit to their work and encourage those around them to do the same, the whole environment lifts. Success becomes something shared, not something experienced alone.

And then there is Footloose. If ever there was an example of a rising tide, this is it. As one line from the show reminds us, **"Now is the time to open up your heart and let it shine."** Productions like this don't come together by chance. They rely on teamwork, resilience, creativity, and a lot of behind-the-scenes effort. Every role matters, and every contribution adds to something bigger than the individual. We are very much looking forward to seeing it all come together.

As we head into the coming weeks, I encourage all of us to keep this idea in mind. The small things really do matter—how we show up, how we treat one another, and how we contribute to our community.

And perhaps, as we look beyond our own gates to Venezuela and Japan after yesterday's quakes, we are reminded that lifting others is not just something we do within our own community, but something that connects us to a wider world. Because when we lift each other, we all rise.

And as I was reminded, sometimes the simplest wisdom is exactly what we need.

Ngā mihi nui



# Boarding



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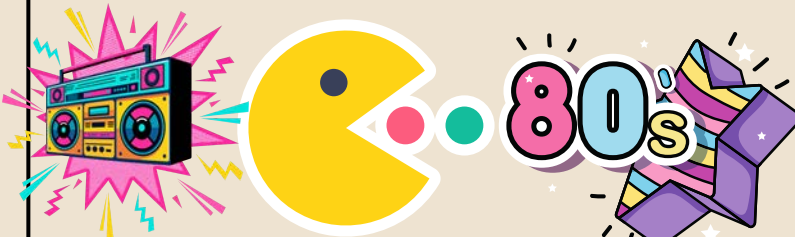
We have had a fabulous time in boarding with an 80's themed week. There have been snacks from the 80's on offer, baking, a bubble gum blowing competition, movie sessions and last night we ended the week on a high with an 80's dress up dinner and a year level dance off which was great fun. Many thanks to Miss McCoy who planned these events and to the staff for their involvement.

## A few notices for the last week of term-

1. All boarders will be attending the Senior College production of Footloose on Wednesday night.
2. Our End of Term Boarders' Dinner is on Thursday night at 6pm.
3. Boarders must take all belongings home for the holidays and get their room checked by a boarding staff member before departing for the term.
4. Can all boarders please sign out for the term with an "End of Term" pass.
5. Both Main and Hampton House will reopen from 3pm on Sunday 19th July.

We look forward to an enjoyable last week of term.  
Best wishes to the Footloose crew!

Ngā mihi,  
Jo



# Sport Schedule

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

## Sport Schedule

Week 11 - Term 2  
 Monday June 29th - Sunday July 4th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Before School / After School		<b>Cross Country Primary Regional</b> Van departs 8.15am, returns 1.30pm						
	<b>Junior Dance Troupe</b> 1.10-1.55pm @ Lazarus	<b>Hockey Primary Sticks Training</b> 1.15-1.50pm	<b>Netball Jnr Black Training</b> 1.15-1.50pm @SMS Courts	<b>Hockey Primary Stars Training</b> 1.15-1.50pm	<b>Hockey Green Training</b> Lunchtime at Rishkeale	<b>Netball Games @ Columbus Road Courts</b>		
	<b>Hockey Gold Training</b> 1-1.45pm @SMS Turf			<b>Football Primary Ferns Training</b> 1.15pm-1.50pm		<b>Snr A vs Waicol Senior A TBD</b>		
						<b>SMS Development vs CWC IRACO Maroon TBD</b>		
						<b>SMS White vs Waicol Intermediate Red C15 10am</b>		
	<b>Football Training @ SMS Field</b> Saints 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Football Games</b> SMS Steel vs Chanel 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Strikers vs Solway 2nd XI 3.45pm @ SMS	<b>Senior Dance Troupe</b> 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	<b>Primary Football Ferns Game</b> vs Lakeview 3.45pm @ SMS	<b>Netball Games @ Columbus Rd Courts</b> SMS Stars vs SMS Silver Ct 3 6pm	<b>SMS Gold vs Waicol Senior Blue C15 11am</b>		
	<b>Football Game</b> Stars vs 1st XI @SMS 3.45pm	<b>SMS Saints vs Kuranui @ Kuranui 3.45pm</b> Van depart 3.15pm, pick up 5pm				<b>SMS 12's vs Makoura Junior B</b>		
		<b>SMS 1st XI Team Meeting in Gym Upstairs</b>				<b>SMS 13's vs Kuranui College Junior A C15 1pm</b>		
	<b>Netball Primary Kowhai Training</b> 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts	<b>Rifle Shooting @ Masterton Miniature rifle club</b> Van depart 6.20, Pick up 8.50	<b>Netball Development Training</b> 5.30-7.00pm @ SMS Gym	<b>Squash @ Red Star Squash Courts</b> Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	<b>Primary Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf</b> St Matt's Sticks vs Lakeview Rimutaka @5pm Field 4 Northern turf Van departs 4.15pm, pick up 6pm	<b>SMS Black vs Waicol Junior Red C16 1pm</b>		
	<b>Netball Primary Kowhai Training</b> 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts		<b>Netball Snr Yellow Training</b> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym		<b>St Matt's Stars vs Kia Kaha Pango @5pm Field 2 Southern turf</b> Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm	<b>SMS Yellow BYE</b>		
	<b>Netball Snr A College Cup Game</b> vs Waicol Snr A 5.30pm Court 2					<b>SMS Pink BYE</b>		
						<b>SMS Green BYE</b>		
After School	<b>Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf</b> SMS 2nd XI vs Solway @ 7.00pm Southern Turf Van departs 6.15pm, Pick up 8.00pm	<b>Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts</b> SMS Kowhai vs Hawlow Sting Ct 3 @4pm Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5pm	<b>Hockey 2nd XI Training</b> 6-7pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 5.40pm, pick up 7pm	<b>Netball Jnr Gold training</b> 3.30-5pm @SMS Gym				
	<b>SMS Gold vs Waicol 3rd XI @ 4.00pm</b> Northern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.00pm	<b>SMS Kakariki vs Nga Whetu Ct 4 @5pm</b> Van departs 4.15pm, Pick up 6pm		<b>Netball Primary Kakariki Training</b> 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts				
	<b>SMS Green vs Chanel/Makoura @ 4.00pm</b> Southern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.00pm	<b>SMS Kiriwhiri vs MIS Tactix Ct 5 @4pm</b> Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm		<b>Netball Jnr White Training</b> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts				
	<b>Hockey 1st XI Training</b> 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf			<b>Netball Jnr Silver Training</b> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym				
				<b>Netball Snr A</b> 5.30-7pm @ SMS Gym				
	<b>Badminton @ SMS Gym</b> 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Hockey 1st XI Training</b> 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm		<b>Hockey Game</b> 1st XI vs PNGHS 1st XI @6.45pm Hockey Manawatu/ HMI Turf 2 Heval Van departs 6pm				

	Opponent	Score
<b>Hockey</b>		
Primary Sticks	Primary Stars	win 6-3
Primary Stars	Primary Sticks	loss 6-3
St Matts 2nd XI	Deferred	N/A
St Matts Green	Solway College 2nd XI	loss 2-4
St Matts 1st XI	FAHS 1st XI	draw 2-2
St Matts Gold	BYE	N/A
<b>Football</b>		
Primary Ferns	MIS Kahurangi	loss 6-0
Saints	Deferred	N/A
Steel	Waicol Dev	loss 3-2
Stars	Chanel	loss 4-0
Strikers	BYE	N/A
1st XI	BYE	N/A

<b>Rifle shooting</b>		
Elizabeth Andrew	66	
Lily Boggs	75	81.1
Elsie Dry	67	58.1
Ruby Ferguson	81	
Sophie Forbes	65	
Audrey Hall	92.1	96.2
Michelle Kooiman	48	53
Eva MacManus	84.2	75
Madison McKenzie	75	
Tenley Richardson	78.1	86.1
Maya Rosenbach	77	77.1
Katya Shi	85.1	76.1
Katherine Squires	92.1	
Madi Duckett	75	89

## St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 9 Term 2



Netball		
Primary Kowhai	Eketahuna Gold	loss 11-12
Primary Kiwikiwi	MIS Pulse	loss 19-6
Primary Kakariki	Sollway College Intermediate Green	win 5-18
Jnr Gold vs	SMS 13s	win 25-16
Jnr Silver vs	Chanel Development	win 10-19
Jnr Pink vs	Solway College Black	loss 5-12
Jnr White vs	BYE	N/A
Jnr Black vs	Waicol Intermediate Red	win 1-17
Snr Green vs	Kuranui College year 9B	win 26-14
Snr Yellow vs	Waicol Junior Gold	win 15-2
Stars vs	Kuranui College Senior C	win 26-14
13s vs	SMS Gold	loss 25-16
12s vs	Solway College Green	loss 9-23
Development vs	Te Wharau	loss 13-26
Snr A vs	Strength Nation	LBD

# Around School

## Whanganui Collegiate Winter Fixture



Hockey 1st XI 2-0 loss



Football 1st XI 3-2 win



Hockey 2nd XI 4-0 win



Netball Senior A 29-28 win



Netball Development 27-25 win

**SMC MVP of the day**  
Football – Alexandria Bradshaw  
Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Isabella Shearing  
Netball Senior A – Ava Edge  
Netball Development – Georgie Didsbury  
Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Grace Jaspers

A very successful day for our sports teams at the Whanganui Collegiate Winter Fixture on Wednesday. It was an early departure from Masterton for five teams, who arrived with plenty of time to enjoy breakfast and prepare for their games on what was a very cold Whanganui morning.

Teams travelling were the Football 1st XI, Hockey 1st XI, Hockey 2nd XI, Netball Senior A, and the Netball Development Team.

There were some very tight matches – especially in netball – and a bit of good luck for the Football 1st XI and Hockey 1st XI, who managed to finish their games before the rain set in. All players enjoyed the trip, and we were warmly welcomed by the staff at Whanganui Collegiate.

## 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 credited to your daughter's school account, this is done three times per year. For uniform that is sold after your daughter leaves, a bank account number, 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 INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.STMATTS.SCHOOL.NZ/PARENTS/UNIFORM/](https://www.stmatts.school.nz/parents/uniform/)

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 & 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



## Book Quiz Success

Thursday morning three teams participated in the Year 7 and 8 Book Quiz at Hadlow School. The teams were questioned on six books they had to pre read. St Matthews came away with second and third and three spot prizes Well done girls!



# Footloose

## SHOWTIME



Y8 students making wholemeal blueberry banana breads.

# Stay POSITIVE



- Respect the Officials: Referees and umpires are often volunteers. Accept all decisions graciously and remember they are learning just like the players.
- Support Everyone: Cheer positively for good play, regardless of which team makes it. Respect opposing players, coaches, and their families.
- Let Them Play: Remember it is the players' game. Allow them the space to shine, make mistakes, and learn from the experience.

## Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

This week at Junior Chapel, we were reminded that a strong life is built on strong foundations. In the Gospel of Matthew 7:24–25, Jesus teaches us: “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise person who built their house on the rock.” — “Nā reira, ko ia e rongo ana ki āku kupu nei, ā, e mahi ana i aua kupu, ka whakaritea ia ki te tangata whakaaro nui nāna i hanga tōna whare ki runga ki te toka.”

When we choose to live with aroha, pono and whakapono (love, integrity and faith), we build our lives firmly upon te toka kaha — the solid rock of Christ. May we continue to stand strong through every storm, trusting that with Jesus as our foundation, ka ū, ka mau, ka toitū — we will remain steadfast and secure.



Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga  
Ministry of Education

### Free period products available through Ikura

- Our school is part of the Ministry of Education’s nationwide Ikura initiative, which provides free period products for students.
- The programme makes sure no young person has to miss learning, sports, cultural activities, or feel uncomfortable at school because they don’t have access to the products they need.

### What free products are available?

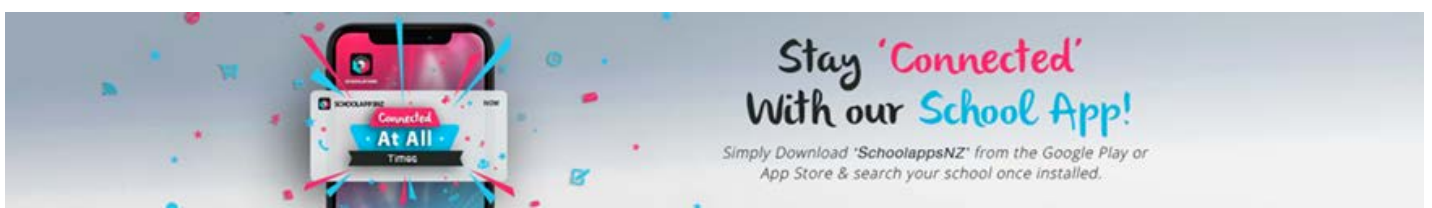
- A range of liners, regular and super pads and tampons are supplied.
- Products meet the needs of students of different ages, preferences, and cultural backgrounds.
- Each period pack is designed to support a full menstrual cycle.
- Students are encouraged to take as much as they need for each cycle, including for school holidays.

### How students can access products

- Pads and tampons can be discreetly collected from designated pickup points – School Office.
- Students may also speak with a staff member if they need help accessing products.

### Want to learn more?

- More information is available on the Ministry of Education website: [[education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)]



## Baptisms

This week I had the absolute privilege of baptising two of our students in our chapel. What a wonderful thing, to observe two young women publicly declare their faith in our God. This is what joy looks like for a Chaplain.



## The NZ Army Reserves

This week we were privileged to have Seargent Rick Henderson and two of his soldiers speak to us about the New Zealand Army Reserves. It was enlightening to hear about what the army has to offer. We also learnt how strong four of our students are with a hard faught press up battle won by Isla O'Donnell – Year 8 – Cooper House. Furthermore, we had a taste of what it is like to be drilled as a platoon, learning how to stand at ease, stand to attention and to do a right turn. Not as easy as it looks. We say thank you so much for Seargent Henderson and his team's time.



## TSTB – Trinity Futures Hui and online Portal

To our Trinity school's community,  
Following on from my last message to our Trinity schools, TSTB will host a Trinity Futures Hui on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 7-8.30pm, in the dining hall at St Matthew's.

This is the final opportunity for our community to ask questions about Trinity Futures. TSTB will meet in late August to consider all our community feedback and decide on a future-focused operating model for Trinity schools. By attending the hui you will hear directly from TSTB and can engage with governors who will be available for discussion.

Please RSVP to [future@trinityschools.nz](mailto:future@trinityschools.nz) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Additionally, we ask for our parents/caregivers to take part in a short and final survey which will go out on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We encourage all our parents/caregivers to complete this – your voice matters.

Here is what you need to know: Trinity Futures is about being future-focused and preparing for what our learners will need by 2040 when they leave school. Any changes will take time to plan and implement, and most current students – apart from preschoolers and new entrants, are unlikely to see major structural changes, beyond some facilities beginning to take shape.

If you haven't already done so, please register on the [TSTB online portal](#). We have moved to fortnightly topics linked to Trinity Futures. This week's portal topic is Imagining Education in 2040. If you have already registered, you can [login here](#) – look for the Community Portal tab in the top righthand corner. This portal will close on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Thank you once again for your valuable input and I look forward to seeing as many of our school community as possible at the Trinity Futures hui.

Cath Archer  
Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Schools Trust Board




### Key Dates:

Saturday 27 June – Footloose Show  
Monday 29 June – Footloose Matinee, Chinese Lanugage Week.  
Tuesday 30 June – Footloose Show, Primary Regional Cross Country  
Wednesday 1 July – Pasifika Fusion, Footloose Show, Borders Chapel  
Thursday 2 July – Yr9 Readers Cup  
Friday 3 July – Last Day of Term Two  
Monday 20 July – First Day of Term Three

### 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






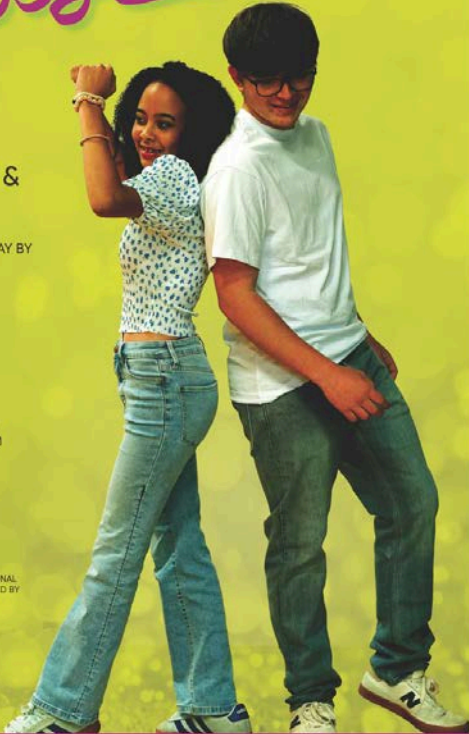
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DATES:  
JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 29TH, 30TH  
JULY 1ST



**Bring the kids to meet author James  
Russell**

If you've got young readers in your life, you'll know how popular James Russell's **Dragon Defenders** and **Children of the Rush** chapter books are!

We're excited to have James coming to Masterton this Sunday to introduce his brand-new series, **Marlon Foundling and the Circus of Lost Children!**

Aimed at ages 10+, **Marlon Foundling** is perfect for kids who loved Dragon Defenders and are ready for their next adventure.

Join us at 10am to kick-start the kids' reading as James introduces the characters, reads the first chapter, and signs their books.

**10am Sunday 28th June 2026**  
**Hedley's Books, 150 Queen Street, Masterton**  
**All welcome at this free event!**

See you there,  
The Hedley's team



**COUNTRY  
FOOD FAIR**

**Saturday  
27 June  
3pm – 7pm**

**Greytown  
SCHOOL  
PTA FUNDRAISER**

**HOT FOOD • SWEET TREATS  
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watch the Light Up Tractor Parade  
from the school turf at 6pm!*

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