

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK SIX

Kia Ora Koutou,

Holding Each Other in Aroha

This week has reminded us of the depth of our community, and the importance of holding one another in aroha, especially in times of loss. We continue to keep Denise (former BoT member and BoP Chair), David, and Elise Beazley (Class of 2018) in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of Jack. At times like this, we are reminded of how important it is that we draw close as a community and care for one another with gentleness and compassion.

Seeing the Good

A parent shared something with me that has stayed. They said, *"In the world as we know it now, it can feel like we have nothing to look forward to, so we can easily get caught up in negativity."*

There is truth in that. The noise of the world can feel heavy at times, and it can be easy—for both adults and our young people—to lose sight of what is good, hopeful, and life-giving.

And yet, what I have seen this week in our school tells a different story.

Trip to the Holocaust Centre

Our Year 10 students travelled to the Holocaust Centre in Wellington, where they represented St Matthew's with maturity, care, and deep respect. They engaged thoughtfully with what they heard, particularly around the ethical questions and the realities of humanity at its most confronting moments. It was not an easy experience, but it was an important one—challenging them to think carefully about what it means to act with integrity, courage, and compassion in a complex world.

Wahine Toa

Yesterday, I saw that same depth expressed in a very different way, as our girls performed their haka with such power, unity, and pride. There was a real sense of who they are—of standing strong together and drawing on something deeper than themselves. It was incredibly moving to witness.

Sporting Sprit

And alongside this, there was also real joy. We welcomed Scots College, and our Year 7 and 8 students had a fantastic afternoon, with strong wins in both netball and football. What stood out most, though, was the spirit in which they played—the encouragement of one another, the pride in representing their school, and the energy they brought to the day.

These moments matter.

Moments to Hold On To

They are the moments we need to help our young people notice and hold on to. They remind us that even when the world feels uncertain, there is still so much that is good, strong, and full of

hope. Through reflection, through culture, and through connection with one another, our girls are learning who they are and how they will stand in the world.

Our role, as a community, is to ensure they are not overwhelmed by the noise around them, but instead are grounded in their values, supported by those around them, and confident in their ability to respond with integrity and compassion.

At St Matthew's, we remain committed to nurturing young women who can face the world as it is, while still choosing to see and create hope.

The Life of the School

As part of the ongoing life of the school, we also take this opportunity to wish Mrs Andrea Borland, our Head of PE and Health, all the very best as she prepares to begin her maternity leave. We thank her for all she has given to her students and the wider school community.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Nicola Veale will step into the role of Acting Head of Department, and we warmly welcome Mr Glenn Beach to the PE and Health team. Mr Beach will be working with our students and taking on Mrs Borland's classes during this time.

Reunion Weekend and Teacher Only Day

As we head into King's Birthday Weekend, I hope there is time to pause, rest, and reconnect with those who matter most. We also look forward to warmly welcoming back our Old Girls from the years ending in 6—1976, 1986, 1996 and beyond. Their return is always a special reminder of the legacy of this place and the generations of young women who have walked before our girls.

A reminder that school will resume on Wednesday, following the public holiday on Monday and our Teacher Only Day on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday.

Have a great and safe long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil

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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



Boarding

Kia Ora Koutou.

It is that time of the year again, the week prior to King's Birthday weekend when I have the absolute privilege of spending three days with boarding staff from around the country at the New Zealand Boarding School Association 2026 National Hui. On day one I met a woman from Whangarei Girls who said they are the only boarding school north of Auckland, to another from Southland Girls and everyone else in between. While this year there appears to be a relatively new cohort of School Nurses, House Masters and Managers, Senior Leaders, and other Directors of Boarding attending the conference, what remains the same is that everyone you meet is passionate about boarding at their school.

As the conference ends this morning with tours of both Queen Margarets and Silverstream, I can't help but remind myself of our fabulous facilities at St Matthew's. While I cannot guarantee that every day in the life of a boarder at St Matthew's will be amazing, I can say our boarders and boarding staff are so fortunate to be part of our great little boarding community. Although I know some may not realise until they leave school and look back at the experiences boarding has given them, I know there are so many learning opportunities that come with being a boarder.

On another note, we are very excited to say we will be taking all boarders to one of the Footloose performances later this term. A message will be going out next week confirming which performance we will be attending. To add another level of entertainment to the led up to Footloose, Miss McCoy has been busy planning an "80's themed week" which kicks off on Monday 15th June. While there are numerous activities planned for this week, there will be a dress up dinner on the Thursday night so please can all Thursday night boarders start to work on an outfit for this event.

A reminder that with King's Birthday this weekend and our Wairarapa wide Teacher Only Day, **both boarding houses will reopen from 2.30pm on Tuesday.**

Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi.

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Sport Schedule

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

Sport Schedule								
Week 6 - Term 2								
Before School / After School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
During School	KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND	TEACHER ONLY DAY	Netball Snr Green Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Gym	Hockey Primary Stars Training 1.15-1.50pm	Netball Jnr Pent Team Training 1-1.30pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Games @ Colombo Road Courts SMS 12s vs Kuranui College Senior C 10 am Ct 3 SMS Green vs Waicol Intermediate Red 10 am Ct 4 SMS Snr A vs Waicol Senior A 11 am Ct 2		
				Netball Jnr Black Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Courts Netball Jnr Pent Team Training 1.15-1.50 @ SMS Gym	Pent Football Training 1.15-1.50 Pent Hockey Training 1-1.50pm		Hockey Green Training Lunchtime at Rathkeale	
After School			Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs MIS Kahurangi @ MIS 3.45pm Van departs 3.15pm		SMS Jnr Gold vs Kuranui College Junior A 11 am Ct 1 SMS Yellow vs Waicol Junior Gold 11 am Ct 4		
		Rifle Shooting @ Masterton Miniature rifle club Van depart 6.20. Pick up 8.30	Netball Development Training 3.30-7pm @ 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 @ Careville Turf. St Matt's 20icks vs Hedlow Gold 4pm on Field 2 Southern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5pm	SMS Jnr Silver vs Kuranui College Year 10 B 11 am Ct 3 SMS Jnr Pink vs Solway College Black 11 am Ct 6 SMS 13s vs Waicol Senior Blue 12 pm Ct 4 SMS Stars vs Makoura Junior A 12 pm Ct 5		
			Hockey 2nd XI Training 6-7pm @ Careville Turf	Netball Jnr Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Gold training 3.30-7pm @ 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 3.30-7pm @ SMS Gym		St Matt's Stars vs Feethy Black 5pm on Field 4 Northern Turf Van departs 4.15pm, Pick up 6pm	SMS Jnr White vs Solway College White 1 pm Ct 6 SMS Development vs Red Star Queens 2 pm Ct 2 SMS Jnr Black vs Chanel Pulse 2 pm Ct 6	
		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 FAHS 1st XI @ Careville 5.30pm Van departs 4pm				

St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 5 Term 2



	Opponent	Score
Hockey		
Primary Sticks vs	Hadlow Blue	Win 5-2
Primary Stars vs	Kahutara Warriors	Loss 8-3
St Matts Gold	Waicol 2nd XI	6-0 loss
St matts 2nd XI	bye	N/A
Football		
Primary Ferns vs	Lakeview	-----
Saints	bye	N/A
Steel	Stars	Draw 4-4
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Strikers	Kuranui	Loss 5-1
1st XI	Waicol Dev	Win 5-0

Netball		
	Gladstone Nga Whetu	
Primary Kowhai vs	Whetu	Win 17-3
Primary Kiwikiwi vs	Nga Whetu	Win 17-3
Primary Kakariki vs	MIS Whetu	Win 21-2
	Solway College silver	
Jnr Gold vs		Loss 19-16
Jnr Silver vs	Waicol Junior Gold	Win 36-18
Jnr Pink vs	chanel pulse	WBD
	Kuranui College Junior C	
Jnr White vs		Win 20-3
Jnr Black vs	BYE	N/A
	Kuranui College Year 9B	
Snr Green vs		Win 35-5
Snr Yellow vs	Makoura Junior B	Win 28-7
	Waicol Intermediate Gold	
Stars vs		Loss 18-10
13s vs	Waicol Junior B	Loss 22-12
	Chanel Development	
12s vs		Loss 11-5
Development vs	Te Kopi	Win 29-15
Snr A vs	Tauweru	Loss 57-34



Around School

NCEA Archery

NCEA PE went to the rifle range to do archery yesterday. Thank-you to the archery club for hosting us. Zeta Radford was the most accurate shooter followed by Jolie Tang.



Scots College Fixture

The fixture with the visit of Scot's College today ran smoothly, with classic Wairarapa sunshine welcoming the visiting teams. After a warm welcome from our principal, Kiri Gill, all teams enjoyed a morning tea before getting changed into their gear and preparing for the games.

The football match was played in great spirit by both teams. Playing nine-a-side on a smaller field created a more engaging and competitive game for the girls compared to a full-size pitch. The final score was 6-0 to St Matthew's Collegiate.

Two netball games were played on our outside courts, with strong support from both sides and excellent sportsmanship throughout.

Final scores:

Netball A: 21-18 win to Scots College

Netball B: 16-4 win to St Matthew's Collegiate





DINNER DANCE

OUR MEMORIES
2026

On Thursday our Year 10 girls visited the Holocaust Museum in Wellington for Social Studies. They were hosted by Kris who is a very skilled presenter and had the girls engaged for the entire two and a half hour session. It was tough content, however the girls asked great questions and gained a lot from the experience. Well worth a visit! We then went to the Parliament grounds for lunch. As it is Budget day, there were many people around.

Yr10 Holocaust Trip



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

Last Sunday the church celebrated Pentecost Sunday - I tēnei Rātapu o te Petekoha. At school this past week we remembered the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples – filling them with courage, wisdom and hope. This special day reminds us that God’s Spirit is still at work among us today, guiding our learning, friendships, and service to others.

In the words of Scripture: “Nā ka ki katoa rātou i te Wairua Tapu.” – Acts 2:4 (“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”)

At our kura, we give thanks for the presence of te Wairua Tapu in our community – guiding us in aroha, manaaki, and service to others. Pentecost reminds us that although we come from many backgrounds and cultures, we are united as one whānau in Christ.



Parent Portal survey



We’re inviting schools and kura to support improvements to the Parent Portal by sharing a short survey with their communities. We encourage you to share this quick survey with whānau, parents and caregivers. It only takes a few minutes and will help shape future updates. The survey closes on 20 June.

[Parent portal survey – Survey Monkey.](#)

TSTBs new online Trinity Schools Community Portal is live.

The Trinity School Trust Board (TSTB) online Trinity Schools Community Portal is live. If you have not registered yet you can get started here - <https://www.trinityschools.nz/apply/>.

The purpose of the portal is to keep our school community informed about the Trinity Futures initiative which is focused on future planning for our schools.

This week’s topic - Finding Our WOWs: What could make Trinity Schools stand out in the future. Another reminder – we have added a FAQ section which can be found directly below the Portal Guidelines.

Cath Archer
CEO, TSTB



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School App Subscriptions

We would like to streamline the groups on the app so that some messages do not need to be sent to all. When you go on the app at the top left-hand corner there is a menu. Click on 'Alert Subscriptions' and select the groups you want to receive messages from by highlighting the circle to the left.

Please unselect any groups you are no longer part of.

THANK YOU

Key Dates:

- Friday 29 May - SMOGA Decade Reunion, Exeat Weekend
- Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday - School Closed
- Tuesday 2 June - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
- Friday 5 June - Fiafia Night, Yr 13 Food Trip
- Monday 8 June - Yr7/8 Speech Finals
- Tuesday 9 June - Wairarapa Primary Cross Country
- Wednesday 10 June - Yr13 Ag Mystery Creek, Wellington Big Sing
- Thursday 11 June - Yr13 Ag Mystery Creek, Kia O Rahi

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



Footloose

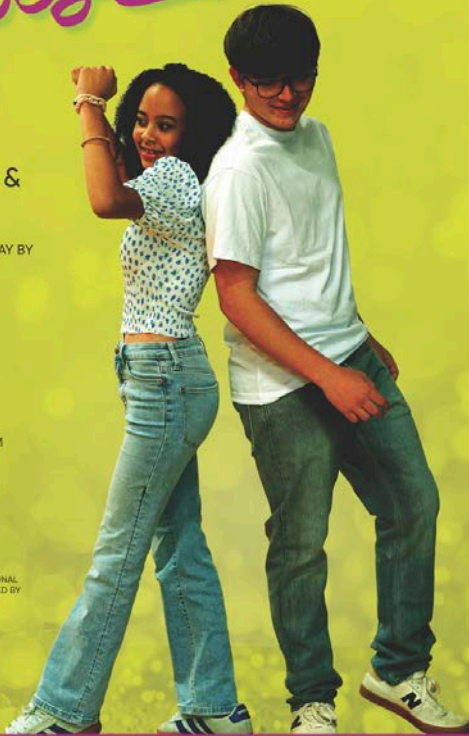
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DEAN PITCHFORD &
WALTER BOBBIE

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DEAN PITCHFORD

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TOM SNOW

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DEAN PITCHFORD

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



WAIRARAPA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENTS ONLY



FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Monday 22nd of June 4pm-6pm

WAICOL SCHOOL HALL

\$5 PER Person- 6 STUDENTS MAX.

Bring your own snacks.

Some refreshments for sale.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY EMAILING: clindsay@waicol.nz
You can show up at the door. Registering is preferable

"E AFUA MAI I MAUGA TETELE MANUIA O LE 'NU'U"
"FROM THE HIGH MOUNTAINS ARE THE BLESSINGS OF THE VILLAGE"

FIAFIA NIGHT

Friday 5th June 2026
MASTERTON TRUST HOUSE RECREATION CENTRE
(NEXT TO THE POOLS) DIXON STREET
4:30PM-7:30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 4PM)

FOOD STALLS
DELICIOUS KAI AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (CASH)
CHOP SUEY - PANIKEKE - PORK BUNS & MORE!

Fiafia Night Schedule	
4:00 PM	Doors Open
4:30 PM	Opening Remarks - Prayer Samoan Anthem Health & Safety
4:45 PM	Masterton Primary School
5:00 PM	St Patricks School
5:15 PM	Lakeview School (Juniors)
5:30 PM	Masterton Intermediate
5:50 PM	Spot Prizes
6:00 PM	Chanel College
6:15 PM	Lakeview School (Seniors)
6:30 PM	St Matthews
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7:30 PM	Closing Remarks & Thank You

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WAIRARAPA SINGERS
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - MARK STAMPER

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

FEAT. REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

13TH JUNE 2026
4PM
RATHKEALE
AUDITORIUM

MORE INFORMATION AT:
WAIRARAPASINGERS.WEBBLY.COM

ADULTS \$25 **UNDER 18 FREE**

Contact Mr Clarke or Mrs Hannon if you would like to purchase tickets. Thank you

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SYMPHONIES
HOLT DVORAK
BEETHOVEN TCHAIKOVSKY
LIVE CONCERT

27 JUNE 2026
3:00 PM
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EARLY BIRD SPECIALS UNTIL 26 MAY CHILDREN \$5 | CONCESSION \$10 | ADULTS \$15

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