

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK SEVEN

Kia Ora Koutou,

We have a weatherboard home, so it is painted. Like any home, without routine maintenance, over time the paint begins to chip. At first, flaking paint doesn't seem too concerning—but that paint is there to protect the wood beneath. Once that protection is compromised, the damage underneath can grow and, if left long enough, require far more repair than ever expected.

It is all repairable—but we both know that consistent, careful maintenance is what preserves the integrity of a building.

The same is true for our school community.

We pride ourselves on our standards—our standards of behaviour, of uniform, of effort, and of how we treat one another. These are not accidental; they are intentionally built, modelled, and maintained over time. However, like anything, when we become used to them, there is a risk of complacency. Small things slip, expectations soften, and over time there can be a quiet erosion.

What our young people experience every day at school is strengthened—or sometimes undone—by what is reinforced by every experience outside the school context. The standards you chose when you joined our community are the same standards we continue to hold high, together.

When we attend to the “maintenance” regularly—through conversations, expectations, and consistency—we protect what matters most: the character, pride, and sense of belonging within St Matthew's.

Survey of Trinity Options

It is interesting that this same idea of care, protection, and thoughtful change is reflected in the feedback gathered through the recent Trinity Futures Project survey. As a community, there is a strong desire not for drastic change, but for deliberate, well-considered decisions that preserve what matters most, while addressing the areas that need attention.

Below is a summary of the key themes from that feedback.

Survey Feedback Trinity Futures Project Options (AI Summarised)

Analysis of the community survey data contained within St Matthew's Collegiate School indicates a clear and consistent pattern of preference across respondents.

Preferred option overall: Option B – One Trinity Pathway

This preference emerges across parents, staff, and alumni and reflects a convergence of views rather than a narrow majority position.

Option B is consistently described within the dataset as:

- “Preferred option”

- “Best of the three”
- “Most sensible and logical”
- “Achievable without major disruption”

The strength of this preference appears to be driven by its ability to balance two key expectations:

- Addressing a widely recognised structural issue: the duplication of Years 7–8 provision
- Maintaining the defining characteristics of the schools, particularly identity and single-sex education through the middle years

In contrast:

- Option A (status quo) attracts support primarily on the basis of stability but is widely acknowledged as not resolving core issues
 - Option C (Diamond Model) generates polarised responses, with strong concerns regarding risk, identity, and lack of detail
- Overall interpretation:

The dataset reflects a clear preference for targeted, manageable change, rather than either maintaining the current model unchanged or undertaking high-disruption structural reform.

2. Key Cross-Cutting Insights from the Data

The following themes are consistent across responses and are critical to interpreting option preferences.

2.1 Strong Consensus Issue: Years 7–8 Duplication

Across the dataset, duplication of Years 7–8 provision is repeatedly identified as:

- inefficient
 - confusing
 - unnecessary competition between schools
- This is the single most consistent point of agreement in the survey data. Implication: Any future operating model that does not address this issue is unlikely to achieve sustained community support.

2.2 Strong Desire to Retain School Identity

Survey responses demonstrate:

- strong emotional attachment to individual school identity
- particular emphasis on the heritage, character, and distinctiveness of St Matthew’s

This includes:

- preference for maintaining a girls’ school experience in Years 7–11
- importance of continuity of tradition and environment

Implication: Perceived loss or dilution of identity represents a significant risk to enrolment confidence.

2.3 High Community Sensitivity to Risk and Disruption Responses strongly favour:

- incremental and manageable change
- avoidance of large-scale structural disruption

Option B is frequently supported because it is seen as:

- achievable
- controlled in scope
- unlikely to introduce major unintended consequences

Implication: Community appetite currently favours evolution over transformation.

2.4 Perceived Lack of Information A recurring theme in responses is concern about:

- lack of clarity regarding the rationale for change
- insufficient financial information
- limited detail on how options would be implemented

Many respondents explicitly state that they are responding under uncertainty.

Implication: Levels of caution and risk aversion in responses may be influenced by limited information, which may constrain confidence in decision-making.

2.5 Perceived Financial Drivers Many responses assume that the review is driven primarily by:

- financial sustainability
- property and cost pressures

However, there is a clear lack of trust in the financial case due to:

- absence of supporting data
- lack of transparent modelling

Implication: Without clearer articulation of the financial rationale, alignment with stakeholders may remain limited.

3. Implications for Decision-Making Based on the survey data, the following considerations are relevant for TSTB:

1. Prioritise resolution of Years 7–8 duplication This is the most consistently identified structural issue across the dataset.
2. Recognise the central importance of school identity Identity and single-sex education in the middle years are strongly linked to parental choice and enrolment confidence.
3. Maintain a risk-aware approach to change There is a clear preference for change that is controlled, staged, and manageable.
4. Strengthen clarity of rationale and financial modelling Greater transparency is likely to increase stakeholder confidence and quality of engagement.
5. Consider staged or sequenced change pathways

There is evidence that the community may be more receptive to incremental reform than immediate large-scale restructuring.

Have a great and Safe weekend, and be your best selves

Ngā mihi nui,



Boarding

Kia ora koutou,

One of the advantages of boarding is the opportunity for students to access the wide range of co-curricular activities offered at St Matthew's, as well as local facilities and events. On any given weekday, girls are heading off to music lessons, sports practices and matches, choir, swim training, and town leave—something that is great to see. As I often say to new families, if you are coming into boarding, it is a good idea to be involved and make the most of these opportunities.

While keeping busy is encouraged, a key part of ensuring everyone's safety is our sign-in and sign-out process, supported by clear communication. All girls must sign in to the house on arrival and sign out when leaving using the Orah iPads. Please remind your daughter of the importance of this.

This week, our Year 13 cohort enjoyed a pizza and movie night in their common room. It was lovely to see them take some time to relax alongside their busy schedules.

Looking ahead, we have an 80s-themed dinner on Thursday of Week 9, with prizes for best dressed.

Enjoy the weekend.
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 8 - Term 2
 Monday June 19th - Sunday June 24th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Before School / After School		Wairarapa Primary Cross Country Van Departs 9:30am			CSW Swimming Changes Van Departs 6:45pm		Junior Procrastinator Tennis Depart Van Departs 7pm	
During School	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	Football Jnr Para Team Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Field	Netball Jnr Para Team Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Gym	Netball Games @ Coleridge Road Courts SMS Jnr Silver vs SMS Green vs SMS Jnr Gold vs		
	1st XI Football Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Field Football Training @ SMS Field Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm Saints 3.30-4.30pm Football Goals Training 4-4.30 @ SMS Field	Football Games SMS Steel vs SMS 1st XI 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Strikers vs SMS Saints 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Stars BYE	Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs MIS Whero 3.45pm @ MIS	Netball Games @ Coleridge Rd Courts Snr A vs Tauwareu Ct 2 6pm SMS Development vs Te Kapi Ct 1 7.30pm	SMS Jnr Pink vs SMS 12s vs SMS Jnr White vs SMS 13s vs SMS Yellow vs SMS Jnr Black vs		
	Netball Primary Touch 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 6.30	Netball Development Training 5-6.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Snr Yellow Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym	Scout @ Red Star Squash Courts 3.30-4.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	Primary Hockey Games @ Clarendon Turf St Matt's Sticks vs Feathly Black 6pm on Field 4 Northern Turf Van departs 5.15pm, Pick up 7pm St Matt's Stars vs Meadow Gold 6pm on Field 2 Southern Turf Van departs 4.15pm, Pick up 6pm			
After School	Hockey Games @ Clarendon Turf SMS 2nd XI vs Solway College 4pm @ Clarendon Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5pm SMS Gold vs Chanel/Makoura 7pm @ Clarendon Turf Van departs 6:15pm, Pick up 8pm SMS Green BYE Hockey 1st XI Training 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kowhai vs SMS Kakariki vs SMS Kiwikiwi vs	Hockey 2nd XI Training 6-7pm @ Clarendon Turf	Netball Jnr Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Gym Netball Primary Kowhai 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 8.30-7pm @ SMS Gym				
	Badminton @ SMS Gym 3.30-4.30pm	Hockey 1st XI Training 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm		Hockey Game Hockey 1st XI vs PNGHS 1st XI @ Hockey Manawatu Turf 2 6.45pm Van departs 3.45pm				

St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 6 Term 2

	Opponent	Score
Hockey		
Primary Sticks		
Primary Stars		
St Matts 2nd XI	Kuranui 1st XI	Win 4-2
St Matts Green	Waicol 3rd XI	Loss 3-1
St matts 1st XI	Wanganui 1XI	Loss 2-0
St Matts Gold	Solway 1st XI	Loss 11-0
Football		
Primary Ferns	MIS Whero	Win 1-0
Saints	Kuranui	Loss 0-9
Steel	Chanel	
Stars	1st XI	Loss 12-0
Strikers	Solway 2nd XI	
1st XI	Stars	Win 12-0
Netball		
Primary Kowhai	Tuhirangi Tuis	Win 38-8
Primary Kiwikiwi	Grewtown Aces	Loss 14-4
Primary Kakariki	BYE	N/A
Jnr Gold vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Jnr Silver vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Jnr Pink vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Jnr White vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Jnr Black vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Snr Green vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Snr Yellow vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Stars vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
13s vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
12s vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Development vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Snr A vs	KINGS B'DAY	N/A

Rifle shooting		
Elizabeth Andrew	84	
Lily Boggs	82.2	77
Thea Collinson		
Elsie Dry	73	72.1
Fiona Ebbitt		
Ruby Ferguson	83	86.2
Sophie Forbes	74	75.1
Audrey Hall	92.5	90.1
Brooke Jordan		
Willow Kershaw		
Michelle Koolman	52	71.1
Rita Kruger		
Eva MacManus	59.1	83.1
Charlotte Macauley		
Charlotte McGregor		
Madison McKenzie		
Tess McKenzie		
Isabelle Olds		
Tenley Richardson	67.1	67
Maya Rosenbach	63	63
Katya Shi	83.2	83.1
Katherine Squires		
Ava Wilson		
Maddi Anderson Stobbs		
Madi Duckett	83	86



Around School

Food Tech Fun

Michelle and Sienna making fresh rice paper rolls and Isla making cheese fondue with Mrs Bucknells fondue set



Yr7 Vision Testing
Date: 11th June
Time: 12pm

Yr 7 Vision Screening Information for Parents.

Yr 7 Vision screening. This may include some Yr 8 students that missed screening in Yr 7.
Near vision used for reading and writing is unable to tested by this service.
*If concerned about near vision, please make an appointment with an Optometrist. Some Wairarapa Optometrists offer free checks for under 16yrs with **and** without a Community Services Card.*

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



Ko Ihu te taro ora i heke mai i te rangi – Jesus is the living bread from heaven.

In a world where many things leave us hungry for hope, peace and purpose, Ihu Karaiti/Jesus Christ reminds us that true life is found in Him alone. In John 6:35 Jesus says, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.” He is the source of strength, grace and aroha for our Trinity Schools’ community each day.

As we walk together in faith, may we continue to seek the nourishment of God’s Word, showing manaakitanga, kindness and compassion to one another. May our tamariki grow not only in knowledge, but also in wisdom and faith, knowing that Karaiti/Christ sustains us all.

“He taro ora ahau; ko te tangata e haere mai ana ki ahau, e kore rawa e hiakai.” – John 6:35
Nā te Atua te korōria – to God be the glory.

TSTBs new online Trinity Schools Community Portal is live.

The Trinity School Trust Board (TSTB) online Trinity Schools Community Portal is still 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 – Understanding the educational benefits of the 3 proposed operating models (at a glance).

Cath Archer
CEO, TSTB



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 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

UNIFORM INFORMATION:

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



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
6:45 PM	Spot Prizes
7:00 PM	Solway College
7:15 PM	Makoura College
7:30 PM	Closing Remarks & Thank You

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Stay 'Connected'
With our School App!

Simply Download 'SchoolappsNZ' from the Google Play or App Store & search your school once installed.

Key Dates:

- 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,
- Thursday 11 June - Yr13 Ag Mystery Creek, Kia O Rahi,
Yr 7 Vision Screening.
- Friday 12 June - Yr13 Ag Mystery Creek, CSW Swim
Championship
- Sunday 14 June - Junior Pentangular
- Monday 15 June - Junior Pentangular

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

STAGE ADAPTATION BY
DEAN PITCHFORD &
WALTER BOBBIE

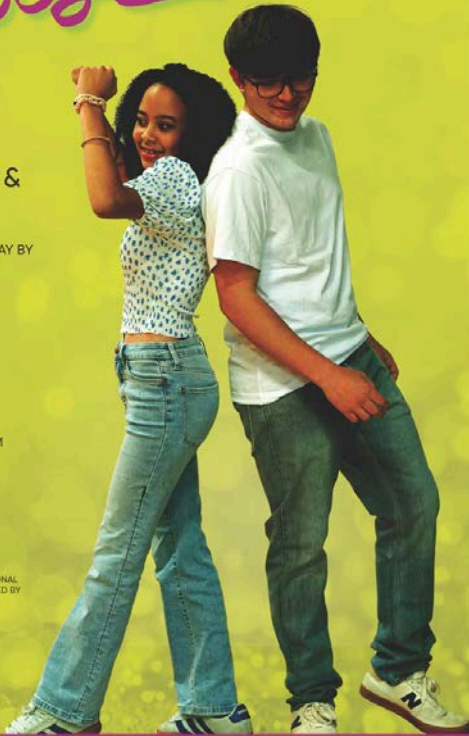
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DEAN PITCHFORD

MUSIC BY
TOM SNOW

LYRICS BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ERIC CARMEN,
SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS & JIM
STEINMAN

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TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED
FROM TRYBOOKING
\$20 ADULTS \$10 CONCESSION

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

WAIRARAPA SINGERS
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - MARK STAMPER

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

FEAT. REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

13TH JUNE 2026

4PM

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YOUTH THEATRE AGES 8-13 YRS

14/07/2026 – 17/07/2026

<https://wairarapa.actingantics.com>

Wairarapa Youth Orchestra

FATE & HOPE

SYMPHONIES

HOLST BEETHOVEN DVORAK TCHAIKOVSKY

LIVE CONCERT

27 JUNE 2026
3:00 PM
WAIRARAPA EVENTS CENTRE

SCAN FOR TICKETS

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS UNTIL 26 MAY

CHILDREN \$5 | CONCESSION \$10 | ADULTS \$15

BRING CASH FOR INTERMISSION TREATS

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Helping Wairarapa's up and coming athletes with scholarships to assist them to achieve their sporting goals.

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The Wairarapa Sports Education Trust is awarding three Scholarships – ranging between \$500 to \$1,000 – to go towards specific coaching or training costs for Wairarapa athletes. These scholarships will be presented at the Wairarapa Times-Age Sports Awards Event.

APPLY through the link on our Facebook page.

or email wai.sportsed.trust@gmail.com for an application form.

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, BRASS GUITAR, CLARINET & VOICE (SINGING)

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

Cobblestones Winter Fair

SATURDAY 18 JULY
10.00AM - 2.30PM

A VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Artisan stalls, Live Entertainment, Kids Games & Yummy food!

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169 MAIN STREET, GREYTOWN COBBLESTONESMUSEUM.ORG.NZ

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS GREYTOWN