

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK EIGHT

KKia Ora Koutou

At St Matthew's, we've been doing some careful thinking about the journey our girls take through their schooling—what really makes the difference, and where that journey is strongest.

One thing is becoming increasingly clear.

The years that matter most are often the earliest ones.
(They're quieter years—but they do a lot of the heavy lifting.)

Years 7–8: Where it begins

Years 7 and 8 are not simply a transition. They are foundation years—the time when girls begin to form a sense of who they are as learners, where they belong, and what they are capable of.

At St Matthew's, we are very deliberate about this.

We want every girl to feel known, connected, and part of our school from the beginning—not needing to “find her place” later. When that sense of belonging is established early, confidence grows, friendships deepen, and girls are more willing to take risks in their learning.

As a Year 7–13 school, starting at Year 7 allows girls to grow into the school over time—developing independence, strong learning habits, and confidence within a consistent environment. By the time they reach the senior school, they are not adjusting—they are already confident, capable, and connected.

Joining at Year 9

We also warmly welcome students who join us at Year 9.

For many girls, this is a fresh start—a chance to step into new opportunities, build new friendships, and embrace the wider pathways of the senior school. (There is something quite special about that “new beginning” energy.)

We work hard to ensure those students settle quickly and feel part of the St Matthew's community.

At the same time, we know that students who begin earlier often have more time to develop that sense of belonging and confidence within the school.

A strong beginning

Choosing where to start at Year 7 is an important decision.

At St Matthew's, it is about more than the next two years. It is about beginning a journey where girls feel secure in who they are, challenged in their learning, and supported to grow into the best version of themselves.

We are always happy to talk with families as they consider the best starting point for their daughter. If you know families who are beginning to think about Year 7, we are very happy to have a conversation.

That sense of security and belonging does not happen overnight. It is built over time—through relationships, shared experiences, and a growing confidence in who you are within a community.

When that foundation is still forming, it is not unusual for students to wonder whether something different might offer more—whether the answer might sit somewhere else.

From time to time, we see that sense of restlessness emerge, particularly in the middle years. The idea that the grass might be greener elsewhere is a familiar part of adolescence.

What we know, however, is that belonging takes time.

Girls who begin earlier have the opportunity to grow into that sense of belonging—to feel anchored, known, and confident in their place. And it is that sense of connection that gives them the resilience to navigate those moments of uncertainty, rather than feeling the need to step away from them.

Kotahitanga: The power of standing together

Over the past few weeks, we have seen this sense of belonging in action through our expressions of kotahitanga—unity.

Whether it has been through folk dancing, haka, or most recently the Sasa, there is something powerful when our girls move, speak, and stand together.

In those moments, you can feel it—our wāhine toa moving as one, with a shared rhythm, a shared identity, and a real sense of pride in who they are and who they belong to.

(It's hard to describe—but very easy to feel when you see it.)

It is not just the performance that matters. It is what sits underneath it: connection, confidence, and the knowledge that each girl is part of something bigger than herself.

Pent: Representing something bigger

That same sense of identity continues as our students head away to Pent.

Occasions like this are an opportunity to represent St Matthew's alongside others in our wider school community. They reflect who our girls are—connected, confident, and proud to stand for something bigger than themselves.

With that comes an expectation: that our students carry themselves with integrity, respect, and care for others. How they behave, support one another, and engage with the moment matters just as much as their participation.

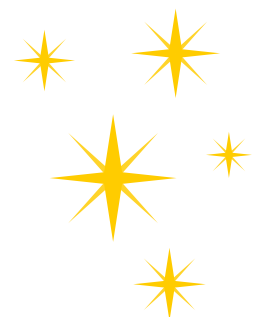
While there is always a healthy sense of occasion, what stands out most is the pride our students have in wearing the St Matthew's name.

These moments matter because they remind students that they are part of something enduring. They carry their school with them—and how they show up reflects that

Have a great and safe weekend and be your best selves

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil



Boarding

Kia Ora Koutou.

This week we had the "Hampton bake off" between our Year 12 and 13 boarders. As always in boarding, we are never able to get everyone together due to the vast number of afterschool commitments the girls have, but for those who were free and are keen bakers, they did an outstanding job.

The Year 12 team led by Eden, baked a very impressive, salted caramel banana cake while our Year 13 team led by Charlotte, Ava, Rhiannon and India, made a stunning cream cheese iced hummingbird cake. On Wednesday night both cakes were delivered to the kitchen to be judged by our lovely Caterplus kitchen staff Emma and Monica. As expected, the judges loved both cakes but in the end, they chose the Year 13 cake. A huge thank you to Mrs Jones for getting the bake off underway. It was enjoyed by all.

Thanks also to Mrs Wilkinson for her stretching class she ran with our younger girls on Tuesday afternoon. It was great to see the girls limbering up with their bamboo sticks in the dining room. A huge thank you to Olivia Kooiman and Zoe Crout for running a fabulous afterschool activity on Wednesday in the junior common room. It was great to see the girls making their little creations with the help of Olivia and Zoe and just generally enjoying spending time together.

We have a marketing company coming next week to film in both school and boarding.

Permission forms will be sent to those who are directly involved. Please note there will be occasions when general footage is taken of our boarding community in both boarding houses, mostly in the dining room. If you are not comfortable with your daughter being in any boarding footage, please let me know. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we need to postpone our 80's week until Week 10 due to a clash of events.

Although this is disappointing it does give us all another week to sort an outfit for our 80's themed dinner on the Thursday night.

With PRIDE week scheduled for next week, girls need to check their year level colour for next Friday.

Enjoy the weekend everyone and stay safe.

Ngā mihi.

Jo



Sport Schedule

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

Sport Schedule

Week 9 - Term 2
 Monday June 23rd - Sunday June 23rd

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before School / All Day	IRH PENT ALL DAY RETURN 5.30PM @MAIN HOUSE		<u>Wellington Squash Champs</u>				
During School	<u>Junior Dance Troupe</u> 1.10-1.55pm @ Lazarus	<u>Hockey Primary Sticks Training</u> 1.15-1.50pm	<u>Netball Jnr Black Training</u> 1.15-1.50pm @SMS Courts	<u>Hockey Primary Stars Training</u> 1.15-1.50pm <u>Football Primary Ferns Training</u> 1.15pm-1.50pm	<u>Hockey Green Training</u> Lunchtime at Rathkeale	<u>Netball Games @ Colombo Ring Courts</u> SMS Development vs Te Wharau Ct 1 10am SMS Black vs Waicol Intermediate Red Ct 5 10am	
	<u>1st XI Football Training</u> 3.30-5pm @ SMS Field <u>Football Training @ SMS Field</u> Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm Saints 3.30-4.30pm	<u>Football Games</u> SMS Stars vs Chanel 3.45pm @ Chanel Van depart 3.15pm, pickup 5pm SMS Steel vs Waicol Dev 3.45pm @ Waicol Van depart 3.15pm, pickup 5pm SMS Saints vs Makoura 3.45pm @ SMS SMS 1st XI BYE SMS Strikers BYE	<u>Senior Dance Troupe</u> 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazarus	<u>Primary Football Ferns Game</u> vs MIS Kahurangi @ SMS 3.45pm	<u>Netball Games @ Colombo Ring Courts</u> Snr A vs Strength Nation Masterton WCOG Ct 2 6pm SMS 12's vs Solway College Green Ct 3 6pm	SMS Gold vs SMS 13's Ct 4 11am SMS Silver vs Chanel Development Ct 5 11am SMS Yellow vs Waicol Junior Gold Ct 6 12pm SMS Green vs Kuranui College Yr 9 B Cst 1pm SMS Stars vs Kuranui College Senior C Ct 3 2pm	
	<u>Netball Primary Kiwikiwi Training</u> 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts <u>Netball Primary Lowball Training</u> 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts	<u>Rifle Shooting @ Masterton Miniature rifle club</u> Van depart 6.20, Pick up 8.30	<u>Netball Development Training</u> 5-6.30pm @ SMS Gym <u>Netball Jnr Yellow Training</u> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym	<u>Squash @ Red Star Squash Courts</u> 3.30-4.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	<u>Primary Hockey Games @ Clarendon Turf</u> St Matt's Sticks vs TBC St Matt's Stars vs SM Kiwika 5pm on Field 1 Southern Turf Van departs 4.15pm, Pick up 6pm	SMS Pink vs Solway College Black Ct5 2pm SMS White BYE	
After School	<u>Hockey Games @ Clarendon Turf</u> SMS 2nd XI GAME DEFERRED SMS Green vs Solway 4pm Southern Turf @ Clarendon Turf Van departs 3:15pm, Pick up 5pm SMS Gold BYE <u>Hockey 1st XI Training</u> 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf	<u>Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts</u> SMS Kiwika vs Ekatahuna Gold Ct2 5pm Van depart 4.15pm Pick up 6pm SMS Kakariki vs Solway College Intermediate Ct 4 5pm Van depart 4.15pm pick up 6pm SMS Kiwika vs MIS Pulse Ct5 4pm Van depart 3.15pm pick up 5pm	<u>Hockey 2nd XI Training</u> 6-7pm @ Clarendon Turf	<u>Netball Jnr Gold Training</u> 3.30-5pm @SMS Gym <u>Netball Primary Kakariki Training</u> 1.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts <u>Netball Jnr White Training</u> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts <u>Netball Jnr Silver Training</u> 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts <u>Netball Snr A</u> 5.30-7pm @ SMS Gym			
	<u>Badminton @ SMS Gym</u> 3.30-4.30pm	<u>Hockey 1st XI Training</u> 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm		<u>Hockey Game</u> Hockey 1st XI vs TBC			

St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 7 Term 2



	Opponent	Score
Hockey		
Primary Sticks	Hadlow Gold	Loss 8-3
Primary Stars	Feathy Black	Win 10-1
St Matts 2nd XI	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
St Matts Green	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
St matts 1st XI	FAHS	Win 3-1
St Matts Gold	KINGS B'DAY	N/A
Football		
Primary Ferns	MIS Kahurangi	Loss 4-2
Saints	Teacher only day	N/A
Steel	Teacher only day	N/A
Stars	Teacher only day	N/A
Strikers	Teacher only day	N/A
1st XI	Teacher only day	N/A

Netball		
Primary Kowhai	Teacher only day	N/A
Primary Kiwika	Teacher only day	N/A
Primary Kakariki	Teacher only day	N/A
Jnr Gold vs	Kuranui Jnr A	Loss 10-16
Jnr Silver vs	Kuranui Yr 10B	Win 31-4
Jnr Pink vs	Solway Black	Loss 5-15
Jnr White vs	Solway White	Loss 13-4
Jnr Black vs	Chanel Pulse	Win 16-3
Snr Green vs	WaiCol Red	Win 23-3
Snr Yellow vs	WaiCol Jnr Gold	Win 20-9
Stars vs	Makoura Jnr A	Loss 18-11
13s vs	WaiCol Snr Blue	Loss 22-8
12s vs	Kuranui Snr C	Loss 17-5
Development vs	Red Star Queens	Loss 22-18
Snr A vs	WaiCol Snr A	Loss 71-49

Around School

Yr7/8 Speech Finals



Congratulations to Edie Dixon on winning the Year 7 Speech Competition, and to Zara Jorgenson for placing second in the Year 8 competition today . Well done!

Y13 Agriculture Trip



Regional Swimming Sports in Wellington

All the best to our swimmers today who are competing at the regional Swimming Sports in Wellington

Lexi Standen, Maddie Lock, Jolie Tang, Alex Bradshaw, Rosie Heaton, Ava Wilson (Captain), Charlie Grenfell, Olivia de Zwart.



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

He Tote, He Māramatanga – Salt and Light

In this week's Senior Chapel, we have reflected on Jesus' words in Matthew 5:13–16, where He calls His followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As members of our kura, we are encouraged to live out our faith each day through acts of compassion, integrity and service.

When we walk out being the salt of the earth, we are ko tā tātou karangatanga, kia noho hei tote mō te ao – bringing flavour, goodness and hope wherever we go. When we exemplify māramatanga, shining the light of Christ through our words and actions, we demonstrate God's love at work in us.

As we journey together in faith, may we seek opportunities to demonstrate whakaute (respect), aroha (love), and manaakitanga (care for others), reflecting the light of Christ in our classrooms, sportsfields, homes, and wider community.

"You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:14,16)

"Ko koutou te māramatanga o te ao... kia tiaho tō koutou māramatanga ki te aroaro o ngā tāngata." (Matiu 5:14,16)



Y13 Hospitality students enjoying a coffee roasting chat with Marvin



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/>. If you have already registered, you can log back into the community portal from TSTBs home page - <https://www.trinityschools.nz>.

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 - How can we learn from what other schools have done to successfully navigate change.

Cath Archer
CEO, TSTB





Wairarapa Primary Cross Country

Despite the horrible weather conditions at Solway on Tuesday, sixteen Level 7 and 8 girls bravely faced the elements and represented the college with determination and pride. Strong winds and periods of heavy rain made the course especially challenging, but the girls showed great resilience throughout the event.

Year 7 Race – 3km


Our first event was the Year 7 girls’ race, with eight SMC students competing. The pace was tough from the start, and our girls stayed close to the leading group after the first lap. They should feel very proud of their efforts.

Year 8 Race – 3km

Melody Bazley delivered an outstanding performance in a large field, leading from start to finish with a significant gap between herself, second place, and the rest of the runners. It was a commanding and impressive run.

Congratulations Sofia

The following news has come in from ESNZ – Equestrian Sport New Zealand to say that they have put Sofia Williams up to a higher squad . This means that she is now in the High performance potential squad. This is unheard of for someone so young.

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Key Dates:

- Sunday 14 June - Junior Pentangular
- Monday 15 June - Junior Pentangular
- Wednesday 17 June - Yr13 Ag Trip, Wellington Squash Championships
- Thursday 18 June - Palmerston North Big Sing
- Saturday 20 June - Exeat Weekend, NZSS Cross Country Champs
- Wednesday 24 June - Whanganui Collegiate Winter Fixture, Wairarapa SS Kia o Rahi
- Thursday 25 June - Y7/8 Book Quiz

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



HOUSE MUSIC

THIS IS ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE DATES FOR OUR HOUSE MUSIC EVENT THIS YEAR, AND REHEARSALS. WE REQUIRE ALL GIRLS AT REHEARSALS. I AM HOPING BY SENDING THIS, DATES CAN BE MARKED ON CALENDARS.

THE MAIN EVENT IS ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM, AT WAIRARAPA COLLEGE.

ON MONDAY 21ST AND TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY AT SCHOOL UNTIL 5.30PM. DURING THIS TIME, EACH HOUSE WILL BE ALLOCATED A REHEARSAL TIME ON STAGE AT WAIRARAPA COLLEGE. IF GIRLS MISS THIS REHEARSAL, THEY WILL NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO ON STAGE!

THE GIRLS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL ON THE 24TH TO PREPARE FOR THE EVENT.

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHT OF AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS, THE GIRLS WILL BE GIVEN AFTERNOON TEA. ON THURSDAY BEFORE THE EVENT, THE GIRLS WILL GO TO THE DINING ROOM FOR A LIGHT MEAL. THIS WILL BE CHARGED TO DISBURSEMENTS.

REHEARSALS LEADING UP TO HOUSE MUSIC WEEK WILL BE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS DURING SCHOOL TIME 2PM-3.10PM, AND FRIDAY MORNINGS 8.10AM-8.30PM. IT IS FRUSTRATING FOR OUR HOUSE LEADERS IF APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE DURING THESE TIMES.

ONCE FINALISED, A FULL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT TO ALL STUDENTS AND DISPLAYED IN THE COMMON ROOM

THE FIRST REHEARSAL IS THIS TERM IN THE LAST WEEK, THURSDAY 2 JULY AT 2PM. MORE DETAILS REGARDING THIS EXCITING SCHOOL EVENT WILL BE PUBLISHED NEARER THE TIME.

ATTENDANCE NOTICE

AS YOU KNOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED A NEW SYSTEM OF ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR. SOME FAMILIES WILL HAVE RECEIVED A NOTIFICATION OF YOUR DAUGHTER BEING 5 DAYS ABSENT. THIS IS RESET EVERY TERM. THIS IS JUST AN INDICATION TO YOU OF THESE NUMBER OF DAYS. AFTER THIS THE RANGE IS 10 DAYS AND 15 DAYS PER TERM. WE MONITOR THIS CAREFULLY AND DEANS WILL BE WORKING WITH FAMILIES IF THERE IS NOT A EXPLAINED REASON FOR THIS ABSENCE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW YOUR DAUGHTER'S RATE OF ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR, THIS IS ON THE PORTAL. ONCE LOGGED IN, GO TO THE 'SCHOOL LIFE' TAB AND CLICK 'ATTENDANCE'. YOUR DAUGHTER'S TIMETABLE WILL BE VISIBLE. IF YOU SCROLL DOWN THE ATTENDANCE RATE WILL BE IN BLUE UNDER THE TIMETABLE. THE PREFERRED RATE INDICATED OF ATTENDANCE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS 90% OR ABOVE.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS TERM THREE

THURSDAY 23RD JULY
2.10PM - 5.30PM

FRIDAY 24TH JULY
3.30PM - 5.30PM

We will be having another round of Parent/Teacher Interviews in the first week of Term Three.

Booking details will be out at the end of this term.

PRIDE Week

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

PLEASE WEAR THE FOLLOWING COLOURS

♥ YEAR 11	=	BLUE
♥ YEAR 10	=	GREEN
♥ YEAR 9	=	YELLOW
♥ YEAR 8	=	ORANGE
♥ YEAR 7	=	RED
♥ STAFF	=	PURPLE

Footloose

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WALTER BOBBIE

BASED ON THE ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY
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