

SMCS STAR BOARD



Principal's Message

TERM TWO, WEEK NINE

Kia Ora Koutou

How do you write a newsletter?

Quite literally, one letter at a time, one word at a time.

A better question might be – what inspires what I write?

Often, for me, it's a moment. Or a series of moments that prompt reflection – the kind that invite learning, for me and perhaps for others too. They are also moments that remind us of who we are, what we value, and what we are building together.

Moment One- a series of moments

This week, it was a series of moments during our recent marketing campaign.

Across two days, our school came to life in a different way – captured through small, everyday snippets of St Matthew's. From our on-siters through to our Senior College, there was a shared willingness to step forward and be part of telling our story.

A special acknowledgment must go to Haley – who quite possibly deserves a cape labelled Super PA. She coordinated release forms, timetables, scripts, props, and people with calm precision, ensuring everything was where it needed to be, when it needed to be there.

The intent of those two days was simple: to show the world who we are. That St Matthew's is here, and that we are a school of **wāhine toa** – hear us roar.

But what stood out most was not the filming itself.

It was the generosity of spirit. The quiet pride. The delight in being part of something bigger than oneself.

Students and staff alike were willing to be a small piece of a much bigger picture – each contributing to the story of our kura.

That is **kotahitanga**. That is unity.

Two days of looking inward, so we could more clearly show the world how we look outward.

So, what is the learning?

It is this – the strength of St Matthew's is not found in any single moment, but in the collective commitment of our people to show up, contribute, and uphold what we stand for. Our expectation is not perfection, but participation, pride, and care for one another and our kura. When we all choose to lean in, to give just a little more, we create something powerful. And for that, I am deeply grateful – for our staff, our students, and our whānau who continue to shape and strengthen this community. Together, we are not just telling our story – we are living it.

We look forward to seeing what our Marketing team creates from these moments, but even more, I am grateful for what they reminded us – that we are pretty darn awesome.

Have a happy and safe weekend. Be your best selves

Ngā mihi



Boarding

Kia Ora Koutou.

Earlier in the week we had a film crew in school who captured Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning in boarding. Thank you to all girls who were involved. Your willingness to be part of the filming was very much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing the final product.

This picture was taken as girls were leaving Main House this morning. I hope everyone enjoys celebrating PRIDE week today.

A few reminders as we approach the last two weeks of the term.

This weekend is an exeat, and both boarding houses will not reopen until 6pm on Sunday night. Next Thursday is our "80's boarding dinner." Please check in with your daughter to see she has an outfit for this event.

On Wednesday 1st July, all boarders will be attending the Senior College Production Footloose. We will transport girls to and from this event. Please make contact if you have any queries about this.

Take care.

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 10 - Term 2
 Monday June 22nd - Sunday June 28th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Before School / After			Whanganui Collegiate Fixture Bus and Vans depart 7am, return 5.30pm					
After School	Junior Dance Troupe 1.15-1.55pm @ Lazerus Hockey Gold Training 1-1.45pm @ SMS Turf	Hockey Primary Sticks Training 1.15-1.50pm Football Training @ SMS Field 1st XI 3.30-4.30pm Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm	Netball Jnr Black Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Courts Netball SMS Green Training 1-1.45pm @ SMS Gym	Hockey Primary Stars Training 1.15-1.50pm Football Primary Ferns Training 1.15pm-1.50pm	Hockey Green Training 1.15-1.50pm Lunchtime at Rethazele	Netball Games @ Columbo Road Courts SMS Gold vs Kuranui College Jnr A Cl 4 10am Snr A vs Opaki Vikings Cl 2 11am SMS Black BYE		
	Saints Football Game vs Makoura @ SMS 3.45pm Football Training @ SMS Field 1st XI 3.30-4.30pm Stars 3.30-4.30pm Steel 3.30-4.30pm	Football Games SMS Steel vs SMS Stars 3.45pm @ SMS SMS 1st XI vs WaiCol Development 3.45pm @ WaiCol Guildford Field Rethazele van 3pm, Main house van departs 3.15pm, pick up 3pm SMS Strikers vs Kuranui 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Saints BYE	Junior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lazerus	Primary Football Ferns Game vs Lakeview 3.45pm @ Lakeview Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm		SMS White vs Solway College White Cl 5 12pm SMS Development vs WaiCol Masters Cl 2 2pm SMS 12's vs Makoura Jnr A Cl 4 1pm SMS Yellow vs Makoura Jnr B Cl 4 2pm SMS Pink vs Chanel Pulse Cl 6 12pm		
	Netball Primary Kaitiaki Training 1.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Primary Kaitiaki Training 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Jnr A College Cup Game vs WaiCol Snr A 5.30pm Court 2	Rifle Shooting @ Masterton Miniature rifle club Van depart 6.20, Pick up 8.30	Netball Development Training 5.30-7.00pm @ 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 @ Clareville Turf St Matt's Sticks vs Kahutara Warriors 4pm Field 2 Southern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm St Matt's Stars vs Hadlow Blue 4pm Field 3 Northern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm	SMS Silver vs Solway College Navy Cl 5 11am SMS Green vs Chanel Swifts Cl 6 1pm SMS Stars vs Chanel Development Cl 4 12pm SMS 12's vs WaiCol Jnr Gold Cl 3 2pm		
	Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf SMS 2nd XI vs Kuranui @ 4.00pm Northern Turf Van departs 3.15pm, Pick up 5.00pm SMS Gold vs Solway @ 7.00pm Southern Turf Van departs 4.15pm, Pick up 8.00pm SMS Green vs WaiCol 2nd XI @ 5.30pm Southern Turf Van departs 4.45pm, Pick up 6.30pm Hockey 1st XI Training 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kaitiaki vs SMS Kakariki vs SMS Kaitiaki vs TBC	Hockey 2nd XI Training 6-7pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 5.40pm, pick up 7pm Hockey Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Turf	Netball Jnr Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball Jnr Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Gym Netball Primary Kaitiaki 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 Jnr A 5.30-7pm @ SMS Gym				
	Badminton @ SMS Gym 3.30-4.30pm	Hockey 1st XI Training 1-4.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm		Hockey Game 1st XI vs AC/SPC Girls @ 4.45pm Massey University Hockey Turf Van departs 4pm				



St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 8 Term 2

	Opponent	Score
Hockey		
Primary Sticks	Feathy Black	4-1 win
Primary Stars	Hadlow Gold	8-5 loss
St Matts 2nd XI	Kuranui 1st XI	3-1 win
St Matts Green	BYE	
St Matts 1st XI	PNGHS 1st XI	2-0 loss
St Matts Gold	Chanel/Makoura	2-2 Draw
Football		
Primary Ferns	MIS Where	1-0 win
Saints	SMS Strikers	Cancelled due to weather
Steel	SMS 1st XI	Cancelled due to weather
Stars	BYE	Cancelled due to weather
Strikers	SMS Saints	Cancelled due to weather
1st XI	SMS Steel	Cancelled due to weather

	Opponent	Score
Netball		
Primary Kowhai	Maereikura	Cancelled due to weather
Primary Kitiaki	Lakeview Opals	Cancelled due to weather
Primary Kakariki	MIS Toa	Cancelled due to weather
Jnr Gold vs	Makoura Junior A	29-11 win
	WaiCol	
Jnr Silver vs	Intermediate Gold	23-17 loss
Jnr Pink vs	WaiCol Junior Blue	4-6 loss
Jnr White vs	WaiCol Junior Red	11-15 loss
	Solway College	
Jnr Black vs	White	12-11 loss
	WaiCol	
Snr Green vs	Intermediate Blue	11-14 loss
	Solway College	
Snr Yellow vs	Green	14-18 loss
	Solway College	
Stars vs	Navy	19-19 draw
13s vs	WaiCol Junior B	27-21 loss
12s vs	BYE	
Development vs	Red Star Queens	22-19 loss
Snr A vs	CNC JK&CO OG's	53-24 loss



Around School

Junior Pent

Three St Matthew's Collegiate School teams travelled to Havelock North over the weekend for the annual Junior Pentangular, competing in junior hockey, netball and football against four other colleges.

It was a mixed set of results for our young teams:

Football – The team lost three games and drew one, finishing fourth overall.

Netball – The team worked hard throughout the tournament but were unable to secure a win.

Hockey – Our standout performers, winning three games and drew one, earning the 2026 Junior Pentangular Hockey Championship title.

Overall, the tournament was a valuable experience for all students. They enjoyed the opportunity to travel, represent the school, and compete against strong opposition.

A few injuries and general fatigue affected the final matches, particularly for the football team, who also had to contend with very hard playing surfaces.

MVP Players of the Tournament for each SMC team were:

Charlotte Johnson – Football

Grace Kennedy – Hockey

(with Olivia Orsborn holding the 1st place Junior Pentangular Hockey trophy)

Annabelle Wyeth – Netball



Pride Week Activities – Senior College



Big Sing Palmerston North



Year 11 Choir –
You represented St Matthew's so
proudly yesterday.
You represented yourselves so
proudly.
You were a part of a Trinity moment.
Supremely proud of you. We all are.
Thank you to Mrs Veale, the
accompanying staff, and all the
supporters



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.

Each week, we'll be posting a new topic for discussion, and everyone is welcome to participate. The Trinity Futures team will compile all the feedback into a comprehensive report, which will assist TSTB in its consideration of the future for our schools.

Cath Archer
CEO, TSTB



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

At St Matthew's Collegiate Senior Chapel this week, we were reminded that following Te Karaiti calls us to a love that goes beyond what feels easy or comfortable. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5:44, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," – "Arohaina ō koutou hoariri, ā, īnoi mō te hunga e whakawhiu ana i a koutou." This kind of aroha reflects the heart of God: a love that chooses grace, forgiveness and compassion, not only for our hoa (friends), but for all people. As we grow together in faith, may we learn to live out te aroha o te Atua, showing kindness even when it is difficult, and becoming true witnesses of Christ's light in our world.



Regional Swimming Championships

We had a successful day, last Friday at the Regional swimming. The girls were great - all swam really well and supported each other. Hessie was fantastic too.

3rd place

Ava Wilson - 100 Freestyle

200 metre Breaststroke relay - Ava Wilson, Maddie Lock, Jolie Tang and Lexi Standen

4th place

Ava Wilson - 50 Freestyle

Maddie Lock - 100m Breaststroke

Olivia de Zwart - 100m Backstroke

5th place

Olivia de Zwart - 100m Individual Medley

200 metre Backstroke relay - Ava Wilson, Charli Grenfell, Rosie Heaton and Olivia de Zwart

200 metre Freestyle relay - Ava Wilson, Charlie Grenfell, Rosie Heaton and Maddie Lock

8 x 50 metre Freestyle relay - Ava Wilson, Maddie Lock, Alex Bradshaw, Jolie Tang, Rosie Heaton, Charlie Grenfell, Olivia de Zwart and Lexi Standen





Aleisha, Brennagh and Isabelle Percy at netball on Saturday. Aleisha baked Nutella stuffed cookies to bring to the team to recharge their energy levels on Saturday!!

So proud of Zara and Edie who represented St Matthew's at the Wairarapa speech competition Wednesday night! Huge congrats to Zara for an awesome 2nd place Edie also did a fantastic job – both girls spoke really well and made us proud. Well done, Zara and Edie! ✨



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Key Dates:

Saturday 20 June - Exeat Weekend
 Wednesday 24 June - Whanganui Collegiate Winter Fixture, Wairarapa SS Kia o Rahi
 Thursday 25 June - Y7/8 Book Quiz
 Friday 26 June - Footloose Show
 Saturday 27 June - Footloose Show
 Monday 29 June - Footloose Matinee, Chinese Lanugage Week.
 Tuesday 30 June - Footloose Show, Primary Regional Cross Country

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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Footloose

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DEAN PITCHFORD & WALTER BOBBIE


BASED ON THE ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

MUSIC BY
TOM SNOW

LYRICS BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ERIC CARMEN,
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DATES:
JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 29TH, 30TH
JULY 1ST



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

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COUNTRY FOOD FAIR

Saturday 27 June
3pm - 7pm

Greytown SCHOOL
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NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

HOT FOOD • SWEET TREATS
DRINKS • RIDES • GAMES

Games and family fun from 3pm,
then grab a yummy dinner and
watch the Light Up Tractor Parade
from the school turf at 6pm!



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