



Principal's Message

TERM THREE, WEEK ONE

Welcome Back to Term 3: It's Time for the Montage

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As I sometimes do, I wanted to share with our wider community the message I gave to students at the beginning of Term 3 during our first assembly. The start of a new term always feels significant, but perhaps never more so than for our Year 13 students. This is their final Term 3 at St Matthew's. There are not many "last first days" left now.

Over the holidays I found myself, as many of us do, wandering down various internet rabbit holes. One of the things I came across was the online phenomenon Voicemails for Isabelle. What interested me wasn't so much the story itself, but why stories like that capture people's attention.

The more I thought about it, the more I realised that whether it is a movie, a television series, a book, or a viral video, the stories we remember tend to follow a familiar pattern.

Someone has a dream.

Something gets in the way.

They struggle.

They doubt themselves.

They learn.

They grow.

Eventually, they experience a moment of success, triumph, or transformation.

Those are the moments we remember.

The winning goal.

The standing ovation.

The scholarship.

The graduation.

The happy ending.

But nobody ever talks about the montage.

You know the montage. The training scenes. The rehearsals. The practising. The studying. The setbacks. The alarm clock ringing on a cold morning when staying in bed seems like a far better option.

Nobody leaves a movie saying, "My favourite part was when they practised the same thing over and over for six weeks."

Yet without the montage, there is no story.

Without the unseen work, there is no success.

Without ordinary days, there are no extraordinary moments.

This idea resonated with me particularly strongly this year as we launched our new St Matthew's advertising campaign. Our message is simple:

A place to belong. A place to grow. A place to shine.

Often, we naturally focus on the shining part because that is what people notice. The awards, the performances, the achievements and the celebrations.

But belonging happens in ordinary moments.

Growth happens in ordinary moments.

And shining is usually the result of hundreds of ordinary moments stitched together over time.

Life is not about waiting to arrive somewhere perfect. It is about becoming the sort of person who can navigate whatever comes next. And that becoming happens in the montage.

For our Year 13 students, Term 3 is the lead-up to assessments, applications, leadership commitments, and preparing for life beyond our gates.

For our Year 12 students, it is about stepping up and preparing for the opportunities and responsibilities that sit just around the corner.

For our younger students, it is about building the confidence, habits, skills, friendships, and character that will carry them through their schooling and beyond.

It may not be the term with all the celebrations. It may not always feel glamorous.

But it is the term where much of the important work happens.

Excellence is not built in a day.

Character is not built in a day.

Confidence is not built in a day.

Faith is certainly not built in a day.

They are built through small choices made consistently over time.

Sometimes that means turning up when you would rather not.

Sometimes it means trying again.

Sometimes it means helping someone else.

Sometimes it means asking for help yourself.

And sometimes it means, as I reminded the girls, putting on your big girls' pants and giving something a go.

That is how growth happens.

Our school motto, Ad Astra per Aspera ("To the stars through difficulties"), reminds us of this truth.

Not around difficulties.

Not by avoiding difficulties.

Through them.

The stars look different for every student. For some, they may be academic success. For others, sporting achievement, a performance on stage, stronger friendships, deeper faith, or simply becoming more confident in who they are.

The destination may differ, but the path is remarkably similar: persistence, commitment, resilience, and continuing to show up even when nobody else sees the effort.

As we begin this term, I encourage all of our students and families not to underestimate the value of the montage.

Don't wish it away.

Don't spend all your time waiting for the big moment.

One day, our girls will look back and realise that the moments that shaped them most were often the quiet ones: the practice, the preparation, the perseverance, and the choices they made when nobody was watching.

So this term, let's continue to be courageous, kind, curious, and fully present.

Let's make it a term where every girl knows she belongs, continues to grow, and finds her own way to shine.

The stars can wait.

For now, it's time for the montage.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil

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Boarding



Kia Ora Koutou.

A very warm welcome back to all and an extra special welcome to our three new boarders Molly and Maddy, along with Chika who has joined us from Japan. It is so great to have you with us, and we look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

We have had a super productive week with girls returning to their extra-curricular activities as well as a Boarders' Council meeting, a makeover upstairs in Main House, the very exciting prospect of some new boarding staff members and a morning tea trial of mini corn fritters! And there are always the everyday routines of tidying rooms etc which I think in this case, may have involved a little bribe with chocolate!

I hope everyone has a restful weekend and we look forward to the New Zealand Boarding Schools Association celebrations in Week 3.

Ngā mihi.

Jo



Sport Schedule

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

Sport Schedule

Week 2 - Term 2

Monday July 27th - Sunday August 1st

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before School / After School	Junior Dance Troupe 1.10-1.55pm @ Lacarus Hockey Field Training 1.1-4.45pm @ SMS Turf	Hockey Primary Sticks Training 1.15-1.50pm Football Games SMS Steel BYE SMS Strikers vs Makoura 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Saints vs Solway 3.45pm @ SMS SMS Stars vs WaiCol dew 3.45pm @ WaiCol Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm SMS 130 vs Chanel 3.45pm @ Chanel Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm	Netball 1st Black Training 1.15-1.50pm @ SMS Courts Netball Green Training 1-1.40pm @ SMS Gym Senior Dance Troupe 3.30-4.15pm @ Lacarus Netball Snr Yellow Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym	Hockey Primary Stars Training 1.15-1.50pm Football Primary Ferns Training 1.15pm-4.50pm Primary Football Ferns Game vs MIS Kahurangi 3.45pm @ MIS Squash @ Red Star Squash Courts 3.30-4.45pm Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 4.50pm	Hockey Green Training Lunchtime @ Rathkeale Netball Games @ Colombo Rd Courts SMS Snr A vs Opaki Vipers 11am C2 SMS Silver vs Solway College Navy 11am C2 SMS Stars vs Chanel Development 12pm C4 SMS White vs Solway College White 12pm C5 SMS Pink vs Chanel Pulse 12pm C6 St Matt's Stars vs Opaki Spm Southern Turf Van leaves 4.15pm, pick up 6pm St Matt's Sticks vs BYE	Netball Games @ Colombo Road Courts SMS Gold vs Kurunui College Junior A 10am C4 SMS Green vs Chanel Swifits 12pm C6 SMS Development vs WaiCol Masters 2pm C2 SMS 12's vs WaiCol Junior Gold 2pm C3 SMS Yellow vs Makoura Junior B 2pm C4 SMS Black vs BYE	
After School	Netball Primary Black Training 3.45-4.55pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball Primary White Training 3.30-4.30 @ SMS Outside Courts Netball College Cup Game Senior A vs Chanel Snr A 5.30pm C1 Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.45pm Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf SMS 2nd XI vs Kurunui 4pm Southern turf Van departs 3.15pm, pick up 5pm SMS Gold vs Chanel/Makoura 7pm Van departs 5.15pm, pick up 8pm SMS Green vs BYE Hockey 1st XI Training 4.30-6pm @ SMS Turf Badminton @ SMS Gym 3.30-4.30pm	Primary Netball Games @ Masterton Netball Courts SMS Kowhai vs Tuhirangi Tuis 4pm C9 Van departs 3.30pm, pick up 5pm SMS Kaitiaki vs Starburst 4pm C3 Van departs 3.30pm, pick up 5pm SMS Kakariki vs BYE	Hockey 2nd XI Training 5-6pm @ Clareville Turf Van departs 4.40pm, pick up 6pm Hockey Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Turf	Netball Primary Kaitiaki Training 3.45-4.45pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball 1st White Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball 1st Silver Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Outside Courts Netball 1st Pink Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Gym Netball 1st Gold Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Gym Netball 1st A Training 3.30-7pm @ SMS Gym	Primary Hockey Games @ Clareville Turf St Matt's Stars vs Opaki Spm Southern Turf Van leaves 4.15pm, pick up 6pm St Matt's Sticks vs BYE		
		Hockey 1st XI Training 5-6.30pm Van departs 4.30pm, pick up 6.40pm		Hockey Games 1st XI vs Whangarei Collegiate 1st XI Girls 5.20pm @ Hockey Marawatu Turf 1 Van departs ??			

St Matthew's Collegiate Sport Results

Week 11 Term 2



Hockey		
Primary Sticks	Lakeview Rimutaka	loss 4-5
Primary Stars	Kia Kaha Pango	loss 6-2
St Matts 2nd XI	Solway	Win 3-1
St Matts Green	Chanel/Makoura	Loss 9-0
St Matts 1st XI	PNGHS	Loss 3-1
St Matts Gold	WaiCol 3XI	Win 3-1

Rifle shooting		
Elsie Dry	83.2	76.1
Ruby Ferguson	82.1	
Sophie Forbes	77	80
Audrey Hall	94.5	92
Michelle Kooiman	62	77
Eva MacManus	83.1	79
Tenley Richardson	81	72
Maya Rosenbach	69	78
Madi Duckett	77.1	73.1

Football		
Primary Ferns	Lakeview	Win 9-0
Saints	Kurunui	Loss 7-3
Steel	Chanel	Won 5-1
Stars	1st XI	Loss 5-1
Strikers	Solway	Loss 2-1
1st XI	Stars	Win 5-1
Netball		
Primary Kowhai	Hadlow Sting	Loss 21-13
Primary Kiwikiwi	vs MIS Tactix	Draw 5-5
Primary Kakariki	vs Nga Whetu	Win 15-7
Jnr Gold vs	WaiCol Snr Blue	Win 34-8
Jnr Silver vs	Stars	Win 15-27
Jnr Pink vs	BYE	
Jnr White vs	WaiCol Int Red	Loss 11-26
Jnr Black vs	WaiCol Jnr Red	Win 15-9
Snr Green vs	BYE	
Snr Yellow vs	BYE	
Stars vs	Silver	Loss 15-27
13s vs	Kurunui Jnr A	Loss 16-20
12s vs	Makoura Jnr B	LBD
Development vs	CNC Maroon	Deferred
Snr A vs	WaiCol Sen A	Deferred

Around School

Year 7 Fashion Technology Option

A selection of the lined back sacks that the Year 7 Fashion Technology students designed and constructed in their classes. They will use the water proof bags to transport and store, sports, swim and dance gear.



Year 8 Fashion Technology Option

A selection of the Chef style Aprons that the year 8 students designed and made in their classes. They will use them from now on in their Food and Nutrition Classes



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

As we begin a new term, nau mai, haere mai—welcome back to our school whānau. We hope the holidays have been a time of okioki (rest), koa (joy) and moments shared with those you love.

In this week's Senior Chapel Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that family (whānau) is bigger than those we are related to by birth. He teaches that everyone who follows God's will belongs to God's family. Here at St Matthew's Collegiate School, we are more than classmates, teachers and staff—we are one whānau in Christ. We are called to care for one another with aroha, show manaakitanga through kindness and hospitality and encourage each other as we learn and grow together.

Jesus said:

"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12:50

"Ki te mea hoki ka whakaritea e tētahi te hiahia o tōku Matua i te rangi, ko ia tonu tōku tungāne, tōku tuahine, tōku whaea."

Mateo 12:50

As we step into this new term, may we remember that every person in our community is valued as part of God's whānau. May our words be full of ngākau atawhai (compassion), our actions reflect the love of Christ and our classrooms be places where everyone knows they belong.

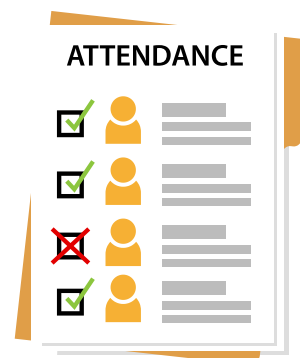
Kia manaakitia te Atua i roto i ā tātou mahi katoa. May God be honoured in all that we do this term.



Changes to how you can view your daughter's attendance

The portal can now give you a summary of your daughter's attendance. Log into the portal and go to 'School Life'. From the drop down options go to 'Attendance'. On this page there are two tabs at the top left. Click on 'Summary' and it will show more detailed attendance data. Most significant is the attendance by term with an overall summary at the end on the right.

The Ministry's target is **90% overall attendance** or above.



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/)

SMOGA Grant Recipients 2026

Thank you to Amber Greenfield who presented Lily Tomlin, recipient of this year's Outward Bound Grant, and Isabelle Lynn, recipient of the Spirit of Adventure Grant in Assembly on Wednesday morning.

Both grants were awarded by ballot, and Lily and Isabelle are now set to embark on two incredible experiences that build confidence, resilience, and leadership.



Acting Antics "Mr Pinstripe"



During the second week of the holidays Acting Antics students, many from Hadlow and St Matthews, performed "Mr Pinstripe" the sequel to last holidays production of "Rosie". 18 students returned to reprise their previous roles with another 7 students auditioning for the balance of roles. Considering the script was over 7500 words, all students were off book, looked amazing, and performed with style and confidence encouraged by the very large enthusiastic audience. Acting Antics will be back next holidays from 6-9 October with a rollicking good pirate adventure, "Map of Cheng I Sao".

You can register online at <http://wairarapa.actingingantics.com> or contact Deborah Percy at deborah@actingingantics.com



Friends of St Matthew's (FoSM) Treasurer Needed

The Friends of St Matthew's (FoSM) is a fundraising committee that contributes invaluable assets to the school community both now and for future generations to enjoy. Being a member of 'The Friends' is a fun way to get involved in the school environment, meet new people and gain a sense of Community. We now are now in need of a Treasurer to join our Team.

If you are interested in this role and would like more information please contact Rachel Garrity, rachel.garrity@hotmail.com or 021472249.

The role is not overly time intensive, we meet approximately twice each term and involves:

- Recording all income and expenditure for the FoSM account
- Reporting on the current financial position at each committee meeting and this should be recorded in the Minutes.
- Paying monies in and out of the account, recording and receipting transactions
- Making and advising the Bank of changes
- Providing cash floats when needed for fundraising initiatives
- Maintaining appropriate financial records in accordance with the Charity Commission
- Preparing and submitting annual accounts

Innovative Young Minds

Thea Collinson was selected as a participant from a significant waiting list, on the Innovative Young Minds (IYM) Residential 2026 programme which was held at Silverstream Retreat, Lower Hutt from Sunday 5 July – Friday 10 July 2026. The selection process was very competitive and received a high number of applications for IYM Residential 2026. Thea was selected from an outstanding group of 40 young women from the Greater Wellington Region on our programme. The week was an array of hands-on, fun and challenging activities. They explored diverse study and career opportunities in science and technology, and talked with amazing women, leaders and innovators about their own experiences in STEMM.



Term three policy review open

All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau)

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Key Dates:

Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 July – Hokonui Fashion Trip

Wednesday 29 July – TSTB Trinity Futures Hui

Tuesday 4 August – St George Primary Fixture

Thursday 6 August – Yr7/8 Daffodil Bake Sale

Friday 7 August – Senior College Parent/Teacher

Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 August – Exeat Weekend

Monday 10 August – School Library Week

Wednesday 12 August – Philippa Werry Author Visit, Yr

13 Ag Trip, Primary Ripa Rugby

Thursday 13 August – Yr9 Daffodil Bake Sale

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





THE FRIENDS OF RATHKEALE COLLEGE
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Midwinter Christmas Drinks

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Term 3 - 9 weeks

Wed 29th July to Wed 23rd September

Children 5 -10 years 4pm - 5pm
cost \$100 per term

Adults 18 - 25 years 5pm to 6pm
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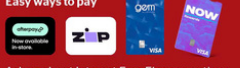
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