SMCS STAR BOARD

Principal's Message

TERM FOUR, WEEK FIVE



Kia Ora Koutou.

Parties are a thing. They change in vibe as we enter different passages of life. I recall when my children were in their pre double digits in age that for birthdays their age was how many they would invite to a birthday. I don't know about you but we kind of eased off as they got to double digits – my creativity for party games ran out pretty quickly.

But even though I was not hosting parties as much, my children were still going to parties. The activities in those events had taken an adult journey – perhaps to be expected with teens? I asked my son one day "why don't you host a party?". His response was "Definitely not mum – they would trash the house".

My son's concern was that things could happen at a party that were outside his control. While most young people make good choices, hosting a gathering comes with responsibilities. Increasingly, one of those challenges is vaping. Conversations with schools and health agencies suggest that vaping remains prevalent among young people and, in some cases, is happening in homes without adults being aware.

You are the host and you make the rules for your home.We encourage parents to be aware of what is happening at gatherings, to supervise appropriately, and to set clear expectations for young people who enter their homes.

Unfortunately, vaping continues to be an issue for some young people, and schools are seeing concerns emerge at increasingly younger ages.

NZQA Message regarding disrupted NCEA exams

Finally, many of our senior students and their whānau will be aware of the disruption to the Level 2 English examination this week.Understandably, this created anxiety for those involved. NZQA has provided the following update:

"We know the issue with the digital assessment platform during the Level 2 English exam caused disruption and stress for some students. NZQA have asked us to express how sorry they are that this happened.
NZQA has decided that students who attended the Level 2 English exam at schools that had digital entries for the exam will be eligible for a derived grade. Schools provide practice exam results to NZQA for this purpose.
All work completed in the exam will still be marked. Students will receive the better of their exam grade or their derived grade. NZQA will also work with us to consider any individual cases where students were particularly affected.
There are no exams on Friday, and NZQA is using this time to make sure the digital assessment platform is ready before digital exams resume next week. They are also working to understand what happened and how to make sure it does not happen again.
The priority for both us and NZQA is to ensure students are treated fairly, recognising the impact the disruption may have had on their exam."

Little Mermaid

After reflecting on some of the challenges young people face as they navigate adolescence, it is worth remembering that these years are also filled with imagination, creativity, friendship, and fun.

Our Years 7 and 8 students will remind us of exactly that when they present The Little Mermaid Jnr next week. The production has been months in the making and showcases the energy, enthusiasm, and talent of our younger students. We hope many of you will join us as they dive beneath the waves and bring this classic story to life.

As always have a great and safe weekend and be your best selves.

Ngā mihi.





Boarding



Kia Ora Koutou.
Week 5 has been full of activity which began the weekend prior with a boarder's trip to Castlepoint on Sunday afternoon. The girls loved their afternoon at the beach, which was a lovely change of scenery for all. Many thanks to Mrs Keats for organizing this trip and Hessie for joining in on the day.
During the week Chika (our international student from Japan) and Zoe were rewarded with dinner out with Mrs Kerry Begg for winning the Boarders' Talent Quest earlier in the term. It was great to hear you had a fabulous night out.

Yesterday we welcomed our 2027 incoming Yr7-9 boarders for our annual boarding sleepover. This was a very busy afternoon/evening for both our visitors and staff but was an excellent introduction to boarding. Thank you to all boarders who assisted with this event. Your friendliness and helpfulness was much appreciated.
Next week we look forward to attending the Year 7 & 8 production "The Little Mermaid Jnr".
Enjoy the weekend.
Ngā mihi.
Jo





Sport Sheet

Sport Schedule

Week 4 Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before School / All Day	Silverstream Cricket Tournament	Silverstream Cricket Tournament					
During School	Pool Open Lunchtime	Pool Open Lunchtime	Pool Open Lunctime	Pool Open Lunctime	Pool Open Lunctime		
After School	3.30pm - 4:30pm Tennis Training- Acers, Hitters, Starlings with Coach Marco 4:30-5:30pm Tennis Training- Regional 3 Diamonds & Rubies with Coach Marco	Cricket 1st XI Training 3.30-5pm @ SMS Bottom Field 2nd XI Bye	Touch Rugby Training Hurricanes Training 3.30-4.30pm @ SMS Field	Tennis lessons @ SMS with Coach Marco Yr 7: 3.20-3.50pm Yr 8: 3.50-4.20pm Yr 9: 4.20pm-4.50pm Yr 10/11: 4.50-5.20pm Regional 3 Tennis Games SMS Rubies BYE SMS Diamonds vs Opaki Red 6pm @ Opaki Tennis Club	Tennis Games Junior Interclub SMS Starlings vs Hadlow Djokovic 3.30pm @ SMS SMS Hitters BYE SMS Acers NO MORE GAMES Regional 2 Games Trinity Schools White vs Carterton Cavaliers 6pm @ Carterton Courts Trinity Schools Gold vs Martinborough 6pm @ Rathkeale Tennis Club Trinity Schools Green BYE		
	Cricket GAME: SMS Primary Gold vs SMS Primary Green 3.45pm @ SMS		Cricket GAME: 1st XI vs Kuranui College Maroon 3.45pm @ SMS	Touch Rugby Games @ Makoura College SMS Broncos vs SMS Panthers 4.35pm Field 2 Van departs 3.55pm, pick up 5.15pm			
	Volleyball @ Makoura College SMS Green vs Solway Silver 4pm Court 2 Van departs 3:35pm, pick up 4.25pm SMS Gold vs Wai Col Yellow 4.35pm Court 1 Van departs 4pm, pick up 5pm	POOL CLOSED DUE TO EXAMS		Primary Touch Rugby @ Red Star Rugby Grounds SMS Warriors vs SMS Cowgirls 6.30pm Field 3 Van departs 5.45pm, Pick up 7.05pm			
	3.30-4.15pm Swim Club @ St Matts pool with Ms Sacke			Cricket Training @ SMS with Coach Chopper 2nd XI Cricket Training 3.30-4.30pm Pool Open 3.30-4.30pm			

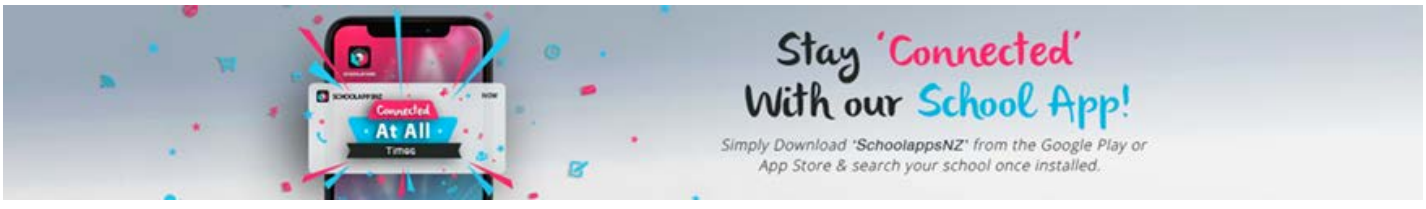
Sport Results T4 Week 4






	Opponent	Score
Touch Rugby		
Primary Cowgirls	Hadlow Scoopers	Loss 8-4
Primary Raiders	LV Chiefs	Win 10-1
Primary Warriors	Solway Green	Win 6-4
Hurricanes	Chanel	Loss 8-2
Panthers	Wai Col Purple	Win 2-0
Broncos	Solway	Draw 1-1
Cricket		
1XI		
2XI	MIS Girls - Tuesday	loss by 16
Primary Gold	Hadlow Girls	loss by 6
Primary Green	Lakeview Girls Green	Won by 59
	Rathkeale Red	won by 39

Tennis		
SMS Diamonds	BYE	N/A
SMS Rubies	Marty Women	Won
SMS Hitters	Marty Aces	n/a
SMS Starlings	Greytown Team 3	Loss 6-1
SMS Aces	MTC Cheetahs	Loss 6-1
Trinity Schools White	BYE	N/A
Trinity Schools Green	Opaki White	Loss 0-7
Trinity Schools Gold	Carterton Aces	Loss 6-1
Volleyball		
SMS Green	BYE	N/A
SMS Gold	WaiCol White	Win 2-0



Around School

Celebrating Hockey Success at the Wairarapa Hockey Awards! 🏑
Congratulations to our students who were recognised at last night's Wairarapa Hockey Awards.

🌟 Grace Johnson was named U16 Female Player of the Year🌟

👏 Congratulations also to our finalists:

- Grace Kennedy – U16 Female Player of the Year Finalist
- Isobella Shearing – U16 Female Player of the Year Finalist
- Olivia Fenwick – U18 Female Player of the Year Finalist

We are so proud of their achievements. Well done, girls!



Pictured are the Trinity finalists and winners.



Remembrance Day

Two of our Senior College students proudly represented our community at the Wairarapa Soldiers' Memorial cenotaph for the Armistice Day commemorative service yesterday. Clara Andrew and Jack Bremner served as part of the Catafalque Party, standing Guard of Honour as the community paused to remember those who served and sacrificed. We are incredibly proud of the respect, maturity, and commitment they demonstrated on this significant occasion. Lest we forget.



Karaitianatanga Ora / Christianity Alive

Many Parts, One Body – He Tinana Kotahi, He Wāhanga Maha

In 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, Paul uses the image of a human body to explain how the Christian community works. Just as a body has many different parts, each with its own purpose, so too does the Church (the church being all believers everywhere in the world – people not buildings). Every person has something valuable to contribute, and no one is more or less important than another. He rerekē ngā tāngata, engari he mea nui te katoa – we are all different, but everyone matters.

“The body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:12

Paul challenges the idea that we can operate independently or that some people are more important than others. We need one another. This is a powerful message about whanaungatanga (relationships and belonging), manaakitanga (care and respect) and whakauru i te katoa (inclusion). If every person has value, then exclusion, discrimination, bullying and violence have no place in our community. We are called to recognise injustice, stand alongside those who are vulnerable and ensure that everyone is treated with dignity. Paul reminds us:

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:26

As a kura Karaitiana, we are challenged to consider how well we value one another. Do we celebrate differences? Do we include those who feel overlooked? Do we act with ngākau pono (integrity) and show compassion when others are struggling? May we remember that our differences are not weaknesses but strengths, and that we are at our best when we work together.

He tinana kotahi, he whānau kotahi – one body, one community. May we build a community where everyone belongs, everyone contributes and everyone is valued.



Ice cream

The international girls got to grips today with making a real Kiwi treat – hokey pokey ice cream. The girls even made the hokey pokey themselves. They also found out that it is very difficult to sneak a taste of this New Zealand delight without being caught, because even if you are not seen you will be heard. The loud crunch is a dead giveaway!



Expression of Interest - Trinity Schools Foundation

I am pleased to advise that we are seeking Trustees for the Trinity Schools Foundation. The Foundation supports the long-term future of the Trinity Schools. Its purpose is to raise and manage funds for the betterment of all our Trinity schools - Preschool, Hadlow, St Matthew's, and Rathkeale. The purpose of the Trust is to support and lead fundraising for special projects, scholarships, new facilities, and other aspects that strengthen and grow our schools, and enhance their Anglican Special Character.

This is a great opportunity to be part of making a difference in our Trinity community and being at the start of this exciting journey.

We welcome nominations from people who can bring a broad range of skills and experience. Collectively, the Foundation seeks strengths in strategy and leadership; finance, investment, and accounting; education; legal and governance; and communications, marketing, and fundraising.
Trustees will ideally have a connection with the Trinity Schools community. This could include being a past pupil, a parent of a current or past pupil, a current or former staff member, or being connected through the old girl/boy associations. Trustee appointments will be considered with the aim of achieving an appropriate balance of skills and experience across the Foundation.
Please send an expression of interest to foundation@trinityschools.nz, together with any relevant commercial or governance experience, and a recent CV, by Friday 27th November.
If you have any questions, please reach out.
Best regards,
Cath Archer
Chief Executive, Trinity Schools Trust Board

The St Matthew's second-hand uniform shop will close in February 2027

The process of winding down the shop starts now.

IMPORTANT: If you need a senior skirt or winter uniform for next year, please come to the second-hand shop as soon as possible to try on and buy.

Currently there is a fairly good selection of second-hand uniform, but that stock will diminish quickly with no further uniform being accepted for sale.
Tracksuits: Second-hand tracksuits for sale at the uniform shop have now been heavily discounted as the new tracksuit with the standardised green has arrived at NZ Uniforms.

Shop hours during term four: Thursdays 1pm-4pm. The shop will then be closed for the summer break, re-opening the week starting 26th January; days and hours will be posted on the school App.

Key Dates:

Monday 16 November - Year 9/10 Cricket Tournament

Tuesday 17 November - Year 9/10 Cricket Tournament, Junior Production Evening Show

Wednesday 18 November - Junior Production Matinee & Evening Show, Yr9/10 Junior Exams begin

Tuesday 24 November - Masterton Primary Athletics

Wednesday 25 November - Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier, Yr10 Work Experience

Thursday 26 November - Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier, Yr10 Work Experience

2026 Term Dates

Term Four - Monday 12th October to Saturday 5 December

2027 Term Dates

Term One- Monday 1 February to Friday 9 April

Term Two - Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July

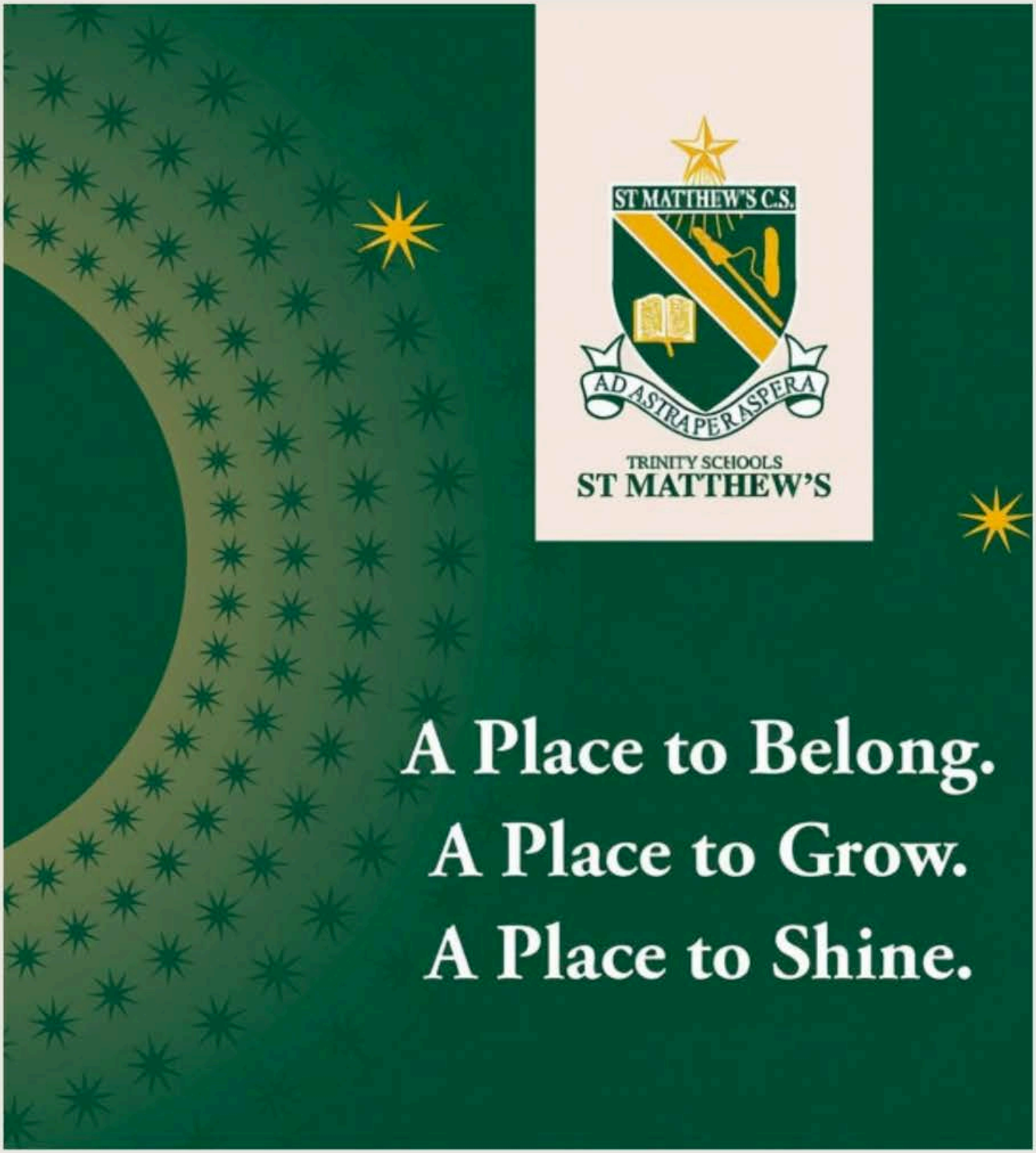
Term Three - Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September

Term Four - Monday 11 October to Saturday 4 December

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ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE
YEAR 7 AND 8

PRESENTS

Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
6.30PM
ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL HALL

Adults $10 (cash only please)
Students free entry

From the team that brought you Seussical Jr in 2024, come join us for a journey under the sea

ST MATTHEW'S

CHRISTMAS Carol SERVICE

4TH DECEMBER, 2026

Celebrate the true spirit of Christmas with beautiful music, timeless hymns, and community togetherness, while also taking the opportunity to farewell our Year 13 leavers as they conclude their St Matthew's journey.

START AT 5.30PM
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CHURCH STREET, MASTERTON

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SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER
1.00PM
RATHKEALE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

Please note that the St Matthew's Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be closing in 2027.

We kindly ask that no further uniforms be brought in for sale. The exception is donated uniforms, which will continue to be accepted until 4 December 2026.

The Uniform Shop will cease operations in mid-February 2027.

Thank you for your support of the Uniform Shop over the years.

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