

# STAR BOARD

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Term One, Week 7



## Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou

The focus mark of mission for our school is TEND — "To respond to human need by loving service". There will be many giving loving service today at the swimming sports. I found this story which is all about 'Tend' and is tinged with our focus value compassion and care.

### The Story of "The Community Pantry"

In a small urban neighbourhood, a group of individuals noticed that many families were struggling with food insecurity, especially after a local business closure left many people unemployed. Instead of waiting for external help, a few community members decided to take action. They came together and set up a **Community Pantry**, a place where anyone could donate non-perishable food, toiletries, or other necessities, and those in need could take what they needed without cost.

One of the individuals involved, Maria, had lost her job during the pandemic. Rather than focusing on her own hardship, she was determined to help her neighbours who were also suffering. She started by donating the small amount of food she had in her kitchen, and word of the pantry spread quickly. Soon, more people donated what they could, and others offered their time to organize the pantry and deliver food to those who could not make it to the location.

One day, a mother of three came to the pantry. She had recently been laid off and was struggling to provide meals for her children. As she picked up a few cans of food, Maria approached her, offering not only food but also support in finding other resources in the community. The mother broke down in tears, grateful for the help. Maria gave her a warm hug, reassuring her that they were all in this together.

This story reflects the essence of TEND because the people in the community, inspired by love and service, responded directly to a human need. The pantry wasn't just about providing food — it was about showing care, creating a space where people could come together, and ensuring that everyone felt valued and supported.

By offering a loving response to human need, the community turned a simple act of service into a powerful mission that provided both physical sustenance and emotional support to those in need. This modern story aligns with TEND's mission of loving service by showing how small acts of kindness can have a meaningful, lasting impact on a community.

That is all I have to write this week but like the definition of 'Tend' being about giving loving service, it is with pleasure I and we give, with love, service to this amazing community.

Have a great and safe weekend

Ngā Mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Pill'.

# Around School

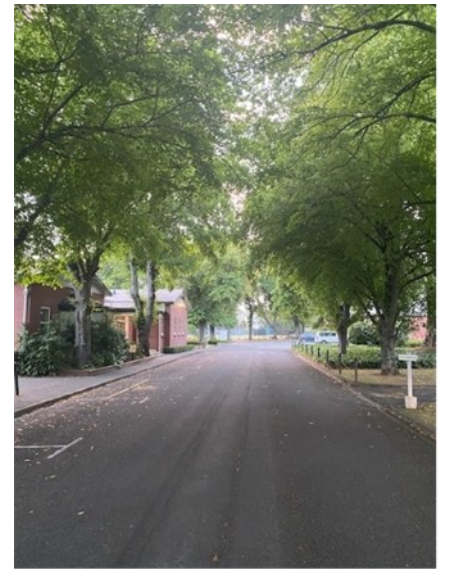
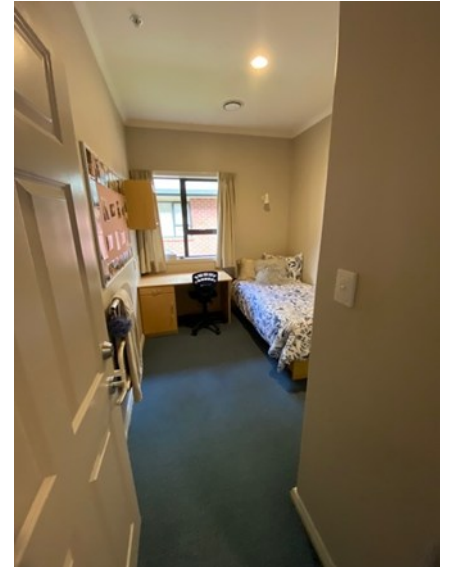
## Boarding Note

Here is a brief look in and around boarding for those families new to St Matthew's. We are very fortunate to have such fabulous facilities for the boarders to enjoy. If you would like to know more about boarding for your daughter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Apologies for the error last week regarding the final exeat for term 1. The exeat is next weekend. Both boarding houses will close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm and will reopen Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm.

Enjoy the weekend everyone... especially after a big day in the pool!

Jo





# Sport Sheet

St Matthew's Collegiate Weekly Sports Sheet Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pool open 1.15pm-1.45pm.</p> <p><b>Strength and Conditioning</b> 3:45-4:45pm.</p> <p><b>Tennis trainings/lessons</b> Lunch time: Ruby 1-1.30pm. Daphne 1.30pm.</p> <p>College ladder &amp; Yr11s (3.30-4pm):</p> <p>Champs tennis teams training (4-5pm):</p> <p>Regional 2 Tennis team training (5-6pm).</p> <p><b>Volleyball (Makoura College)</b> St Matts Wha vs Lakeview. Court 3. 3:40pm start. St Matts Ono vs KC Y9 Maroon. Court 3. 4:05pm start. Boarding van leaves 3:15pm. Boarding van pick up 4.30pm.</p> <p>St Matts Rima vs Waicol Y9 Black. Court 2. Boarding van leave 4:05pm. 4:30pm start. Boarding van pick up 4:55pm</p> <p><b>Hockey – 1<sup>st</sup> XI trials</b> 6-8pm @Clareville Hockey Turf. Minivan leaves at 5:30pm. Pick up at 8pm.</p>	<p>Pool open 1.15pm-1.45pm.</p> <p><b>Rugby 7s Training – yr 9-13's</b> 1.15pm on the field.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI training. @SMS nets. 3.30pm-5pm.</p> <p>SMS Development vs Wairarapa College Girls Development. @SMS. 3.45pm start.</p> <p>SMS Social vs Solway College Girls. @Solway College. 3.45pm start. Boarding van leaves at 3:10pm.</p> <p><b>Volleyball (Makoura College)</b> St Matts Toru vs Makoura. Court 2. Boarding van leaves at 3:15pm. 3:40pm start. Pick up at 4.30pm (after the later games).</p> <p>St Matts Tahi vs KC Blue. Court 1. St Matts Rua vs KC Maroon. Court 3. Boarding van leaves at 3:45pm. 4:05pm start. Pick up at 4.30pm.</p> <p><b>Football Preseason</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI. 3.30-4.45pm @SMS Field.</p> <p>All footballers. (unless playing summer sport). 3.30-4.45pm @SMS field.</p> <p><b>Netball Skills</b> Yr 9 &amp; 10 (students are not to miss summer sport for this session). 3.45pm-4.45pm @SMS sports hall.</p>	<p>Pool open 1.15pm-1.45pm.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI vs PNGH. 4.00pm @Palmerston North Leave at 2pm. Return around 9pm.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> XI game 4pm In Palmerston North 2pm departure and return around 9pm</p> <p>SMS Primary vs Solway College Yr 7&amp;8s. @SMS. 3:20pm meet. 3:45pm start.</p> <p><b>Tennis</b> Lunch time: Brennagh &amp; Abbey 1- 1.30pm. Katelyn 1.30pm – 2pm.</p>	<p>Pool open 1.15pm-1.45pm.</p> <p><b>Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament</b> Details to come Start 8.45am. Masterton Tennis Centre. Return post games</p> <p><b>Wellington Regional Athletics</b> School car leaves at 9:45am. Return approx. 3:30pm.</p> <p><b>Strength and Conditioning</b> 3:45-4:45pm.</p> <p><b>Volleyball</b> Primary training 1:20pm-1:50pm.</p> <p><b>Rugby 7s Training – yr 9-13's</b> 1.15pm on the field.</p> <p><b>Netball Trials</b> Yr 7, 8, 9 &amp; 10 – during Kotahitanga</p> <p><b>Tennis:</b> College Ladder Games.</p> <p>Yr 7 &amp; 8 group lessons (3.15pm-3.45pm): Yr 9 &amp; 10 lessons (3.45-4.15pm): Junior Interclub teams (4.15-5.15pm):</p> <p><b>Touch Rugby</b> @Red Star Grounds. SMS Green 7/8 vs Gladstone Gladiators 7/8. SMS Gold 7/8 vs Lakeview Blues 7/8. Boarding van leaves at 4:10pm. 4:30pm start. Pick up at 5pm.</p> <p>@Makoura College SMS Starlings, Robins, Jays, Eagles. Info TBC. SMS Falcons, Ravens, Hawks. Info TBC.</p>	<p><b>Tennis:</b> Interclub Tennis Games: Missed matches catch-up week (self-organised). SMS Kivikiwi. SMS Kakariki. SMS Kowhai.</p> <p>SMS Kikorangi. Playoffs – info TBC. SMS Rizzlers. Playoffs – info TBC.</p>	
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Not yet changed Info tbc

## Swimming Sports

What a great day in the pool for swimming sports today, and the sun came out! Thank you to Friends of School for your stall it was very much appreciated by all.







# Welcome to our New Staff

Hello, I am Olivia Goodsir, and I have had the pleasure of being part of St Matthew's College for the past 8 years, having previously taught social studies before taking time off for maternity leave. I graduated from the University of Canterbury in 2014 and have spent the last 10 years working in education. Last year, I taught a mix of senior and middle school students at Wainuioru School, and I enjoy bringing life and excitement to the classroom. I am now a part of the intermediate department and teach social studies for years 7-9. Outside of school, I am passionate about equestrian sports and regularly compete in show jumping, as well as designing equestrian clothing and participating in Fashion in the Field competitions. I look forward to being a part of your St Matthew's journey!



Hi, my name is Nell, which is short for Elinor. I am from a small town in South West Wales in the UK. I decided to come to New Zealand as it is my parents' favourite country and it has always been a dream of mine to live abroad. I also went to boarding school myself so it is nice to be able to give back to a community that I gained so much from. My school was in South East Wales and I boarded for 7 years fulltime before going on to study for a bachelors degree in Psychology at Loughborough University in England. During school, I tried my hand at everything, with lacrosse and netball being my main sports. I went on to captain the first team for lacrosse at university and also picked up volleyball in my final year. I also got to coach and umpire lacrosse and worked for the university's athletics squad. This involved organising athletics competitions and supporting the performance squad in an operations role, which then helped me to get a job with England Athletics over the summer competition period after I graduated university in June 2024. Before arriving in New Zealand in January of this year, I went travelling for four months around South East Asia, Australia and the South Island, and had the most incredible time. I'm hoping to do a lot more exploring during the holidays this year!



Kia ora, my name is Haley, I am Mrs Gill's new Personal Assistant. I have come from Wairarapa College where I worked in the School Office as school secretary for over eight years.

My family are big football supporters. I also enjoy playing Netball for the Wairarapa College Masters team. On the weekends we enjoy getting out in nature and spending time with family.

I am very happy in my new role and everyone has been very welcoming, I look forward to meeting you.



**School Portal** Reminder our portal address has changed please see link below.  
<https://stmatthews.school.kiwi/>

## WINTER Uniform Message

The St Matthew's second-hand uniform shop is currently well stocked with winter uniform. If just a couple of items are needed, please come to the shop during opening hours: 3pm-4pm Tuesdays & Thursdays (during term time). **New students** who need to try on and purchase everything - please make a 20 minute appointment outside of the shop hours (this avoids having to wait in a queue). Email Juliet: [smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz](mailto:smcsuniforms@trinityschools.nz) to arrange a time.

Uniform information on our website: <https://www.stmatts.school.nz/parents/uniform/>

**LUNCH WITH COMMON GRACE**



**Sunday 16 March, 12:00-1:30pm**  
**St Matthew's Anglican, 37 Church St, Masterton**  
**RSVP to [apmasterton@gmail.com](mailto:apmasterton@gmail.com)**

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Join us over lunch to connect and hear about the work of Common Grace Aotearoa, a movement of Christians seeking to transform unjust structures for the common good.

Co-Director Kate Day will share about campaigns in the areas of climate change, economic justice and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and opportunities to get involved or to partner financially. Lunch provided.

**COMMON GRACE AOTEAROA**



# Key Dates

- **Friday 14 March** - Swimming Sports day
- **Saturday 22 March** - Exeat Weekend
- **Sunday 23 March** - Exeat Weekend
- **Monday 2 June** - King's Birthday stat day
- **Tuesday 3 June** - Teacher Only day
- **Friday 20 June** - Matariki stat day



## 2025 Term Dates

- Term One** - Monday 27th January to Friday 11 April  
**Term Two** - Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June  
**Term Three** - Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September  
**Term Four** - Monday 6th October to Saturday 6 December

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# MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Does your daughter carry and Epi Pen?
- Does you daughter carry/require medication?
- Does your daughters medical information need updating?

Please get in touch if you think you may need to advise of any new medical details we hold on file to ensure we have the most up to date information



## 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 then credited to your daughter's school account. For uniform that is sold after your daughter leaves, a bank account, 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 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 and 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:**  
Hoodies / Togs / Hockey & Football Socks / Shoes & Sandals / Black Ankle Socks / Old Style PE Tops & Shorts

### School App

If you are new to St Matthew's Collegiate, or have yet to download, please follow the link to install our school app <https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/install>

For current families, please update your subscription groups by clicking on the cog in the top right hand of the screen. It will take you to the groups for you to change.



Stay 'Connected'  
With our School App!

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

# Community News and Events

Quiz – Sip – Repeat

READY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION**

Register - [cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com](mailto:cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com)  
or by phone - 0211606088

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUBROOMS  
TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

**Tickle Your Brain**

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**3:30PM-5PM**  
at 23 INTERMEDIATE STREET

**YEAR 7-10**  
Let's strengthen our literacy & numeracy

**YEAR 11-13**  
Quiet space for NCA? Let's go!

snacks provided!

learning activities are available, too!

you can bring your device!

Professional Assistance Provided

CONTACT US AT 0800 727 924

**MASSEY UNIVERSITY VISITS MASTERTON**

**SOLWAY PARK COPTHORNE HOTEL**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST**  
**7-8.30PM**



# Wairarapa Community FREE Immunisation Drop-in Clinic



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manaaki  
Child friendly  
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Te Whatu Ora

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[heartlandservices@reapwairarapa.nz](mailto:heartlandservices@reapwairarapa.nz)

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# Parenting WORKSHOP SERIES

## ANXIETY & MY CHILD

Join Megan Evans for an informative session about children's anxiety and mental wellbeing. This beginners' workshop is designed for parents, caregivers, and whānau who want to better understand and support their children.

**About the Facilitator:** Megan brings 14 years of experience working with children and families. She holds a Bachelor of Teaching, certificates in Mental Health and Addiction Support, and is currently studying Applied Psychology at the University of Auckland.

### Topics covered

- What is it?
- What effects does it have on the brain?
- What can it look like?
- What can it feel like?
- What can I do to help?
- What support is out there?

**When:** Sunday 9th March 9.30am - 12pm

**Where:** Heartland Services - 39 Jellicoe Street,

Cost: \$10

<https://stmatthews.school.kiwi/notices/date/2025-02-28>

Register your interest  
today!

Email: [heartlandservices@reapwairarapa.nz](mailto:heartlandservices@reapwairarapa.nz)



## Open Day

Friday 21st March  
8.30am-12.30pm

## Register Now

[rathkeale.school.nz](http://rathkeale.school.nz)



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