

# STAR BOARD

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TRINITY SCHOOLS  
ST MATTHEW'S

Term One, Week 8

## Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou

The wet season is on its way.

### Attendance

Currently and beyond this moment we are focused on attendance. The expectation for every kura is that every student has an average of 90% attendance per term. For those students unable to maintain that contact will be made and together with whanau a plan will be made to reduce absence.

### Compassion and Tend

Now I want to share with you my words to the Assembly on Wednesday in acknowledgement of our Focus Value Compassion and our Focus Mission Tend. 'It is always an absolute pleasure to have these moments with you to speak about what is important—right now that is Compassion.

In our busy world, where social media often takes centre stage, it is easy to forget about the power of caring. But I believe it is one of the most important forces we can use to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of those around us.

Today, I want to talk about compassion through the lens of a beautiful mission—the focus Anglican mission TEND, which stands for "To Give Loving Service." I have found some song lyrics from powerful and inspiring songs which give harmony to these values.

Let's start with a word we often hear but sometimes forget to truly understand compassion. Compassion is more than just a feeling—it is an action. It is about doing something to help someone who needs it, whether that is a friend who is feeling down, someone in your community going through tough times, or even a stranger who could use a little kindness. Compassion can take many forms: a kind word, an open heart, or offering your time to those who need it.

So, let's talk about how the mission of TEND—to give loving service—matches with the heart of compassion. But I want to make it clear that compassion does not always look like one big heroic act.



In fact, small acts of kindness are often more powerful than anything. As the famous song "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers says:

***"Lean on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on."***

Sometimes, all someone needs is for us to be there. We might not be able to solve all their problems, but just by offering a hand to hold, a listening ear, or a shoulder to lean on, we become the light in their darkness.

And here is the truth: being compassionate does not always mean we are perfect or that we have got it all together. It means acknowledging that we all have struggles and that we can rise up and help each other through them.

In "Rise Up" by Andra Day:

***"And I'll rise up, I'll rise like the day, I'll rise up, I'll rise unafraid."***

We are all stronger than we think, and we can rise above challenges, together. When we show compassion, we are lifting one another up, encouraging each other to be the best versions of ourselves. Think about that for a second: you have the power to help someone else rise up simply by being kind, by offering a little bit of love and care.

Now, compassion is not just about helping those we know; it is about healing the world. When we act with compassion, we are contributing to a global wave of love and positivity.

We started with Michael Jackson's song "Heal the World":

***"Heal the world, make it a better place, for you and for me, and the entire human race."***

Imagine if everyone in the world embraced this message. If we all decided to put compassion at the forefront of everything we do. Whether it is helping someone who is feeling alone or standing up for someone who is being treated unfairly, we have the power to heal the world one small act at a time. And the beautiful part is that, while we are helping others, we end up healing ourselves too.

Compassion creates a cycle of goodness that spreads far and wide.

When we speak of healing, there is something so real about finding peace in the world around us, right? The feeling of looking at life and recognizing its beauty, even in tough times. That's what we can feel when we choose compassion.

In the song "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, he sings:

***"I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom, for me and you. And I think to myself, what a wonderful world."***

Sometimes, we get so caught up in what we *do not* have or in what is wrong, that we forget to stop and take in the goodness around us. Compassion teaches us to see the world through a lens of gratitude and appreciation. And when we do that, we begin to see the beauty in others and the incredible ways we can make the world a better place just by being kind.

Finally, I want to talk about peace, because at the heart of compassion, there is always peace. When we serve with love, when we act with compassion, we are not just making a difference in one person's life—we are contributing to a global peace. One of the most famous peace songs ever written is "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Vince Gill, which says:

***"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."***

Let's be real for a moment—sometimes it feels like there is a lot of chaos, division, and noise in the world. But peace starts with us. It starts with the decision to show up for others, to listen, to care, and to give without expecting anything in return. When we embody compassion, we are creating a ripple effect that moves through our communities and the entire world.

Compassion is not always easy, but it is always worth it. It takes courage, especially when we do not know what the other person might be going through. But here is the thing: compassion does not need to be perfect—it just needs to be real.

So, as you leave here today, remember this: whether it is lending a hand to a friend, singing your heart out to lift someone up, or simply sharing a smile, you are practising compassion. You are spreading love. You are healing the world, one small act at a time.

And as you continue to grow and navigate life's challenges, keep this in mind: You have the power to tend to others, to give loving service, to make a difference, and to bring peace. You are more capable than you know.

Compassion is the superpower we all can use to change the world.

These lyrics from 'Let there be peace says volumes...

***Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now; With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.***

Actually...Let it begin with you and us, Have a safe weekend

Ngā Mihi



# Around School

## Boarding Note



A huge thank you to Awande and Nell, our tutors for their help preparing for our fabulous St Patrick's Day Dinner and Quiz night earlier in the week. With no more than two girls from the same year group on a table, it was a perfect opportunity for all boarders to make some new connections in boarding. To win, boarders had to wear at least one item which was green... this is an occasion where our green uniform is particularly handy!

I hope everyone enjoys the exeat weekend and returns refreshed and ready for another busy week at school!

Jo

HAPPY     
St. Patrick's  
        
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# Sport Sheet

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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><b>College ladder &amp; Yr11s (3.30-4pm):</b> Amelia, Simone, Gemma, Aleisha, Riley M, Gita, Georgia, Lizzy, Phoebe G.</p> <p><b>Champs tennis teams training (4-5pm):</b> Sophie B, Georgie D, Katelyn C, Olivia MC, Simone, Gemma, Orlagh, Sarah K, Lauren W, Tilly G.</p> <p><b>Regional 2 Tennis team training (5-6pm).</b> @SMS tennis courts.</p> <p><b>Volleyball (Makoura College)</b> <b>St Matts Ono vs Waicol Y9 Yellow.</b> Court 1. 3:40pm start. <b>St Matts Wha vs Makoura.</b> Court 2. 4:05pm start. Boarding van leaves 3:15pm. Boarding van pick up 4:30pm</p> <p><b>St Matts Rima vs Waicol Y9 Red.</b> Court 3. 4:30pm start. Boarding van leaves 4:05pm. Boarding van pick up 4:55pm</p>	<p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI training. @SMS nets. 3.30pm-5pm.</p> <p><b>Rugby 7s Training</b> 1.15pm on the field</p> <p><b>Volleyball (Makoura College)</b> <b>St Matts Toru</b> <b>St Matts Tahī</b> <b>St Matts Rua</b> Last games scheduled online were on 18<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p><b>Football Preseason</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI. 3.30-4.45pm @SMS Field.</p> <p><b>All footballers.</b> (unless playing summer sport). 3.30-4.45pm @SMS field.</p>	<p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket tournament</p> <p><b>Tennis</b> <b>Lunch time:</b> Brennagh &amp; Abbey 1-1.30pm. Katelyn 1.30pm – 2pm.</p> <p><b>Rippa Rugby Tournament</b></p> <p>Wairarapa Primary Swim Champs Depart: 9am and return 1pm</p>	<p><b>Strength and Conditioning</b> 3:45-4:45pm.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket tournament</p> <p><b>Volleyball</b> Primary training 1:20pm-1:50pm.</p> <p><b>Rugby 7s Training</b> 1.15pm on the field.</p> <p><b>Tennis:</b> Regional 2 – no more matches.</p> <p><b>College Ladder Games.</b></p> <p><b>Yr 7 &amp; 8 group lessons (3.15pm-3.45pm):</b> Madison, Sasha, Bonnie, Molly, Zoe, Elise, Charlotte, Bella, Rosie, Zara, Nina, Elise, Lily D, Zoe P.</p> <p><b>Yr 9 &amp; 10 lessons (3.45-4.15pm):</b> Ella, Olivia K, Elise, Georgia G, Ruby W, Phoebe S.</p> <p><b>Junior Interclub teams (4.15-5.15pm):</b> Paige S, Hetty S, Holly J, Daphne, Ruby B, Hattie, Lexi, Nhia, Riley F, Briella, Bella W, Louisa W.</p> <p><b>Touch Rugby</b> @Red Star Grounds. SMS Green 7/8. SMS Gold 7/8. Week 8 was the last week online</p> <p>@Makoura College SMS Starlings, Robins, Jays, Eagles, Info TBC SMS Falcons, Ravens, Hawks, Info TBC</p> <p>Huntley Cricket Fixture</p>	<p><b>Tennis:</b> <b>Interclub Tennis Games:</b> SMS Kiwikiwi Semi Finals/Finals – info TBC SMS Kikorangi. SMS Rizzlers. Placing matches – info TBC SMS Kakariki, SMS Kowhai. Semi Finals/Finals – info TBC.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket tournament</p>	
					SUNDAY

Not yet changed Info tbc

## Wairarapa Secondary School Sport

WAISS Sport is designed to assist schools, students, whānau and supporters in access to updated secondary school sporting information. Check out their website on the link below:

### [Wairarapa Secondary School Sports - Schools](#)

WAISSsport is an independent body supporting Wairarapa Secondary School Sport in the Wairarapa. Established in 2021 with a charitable status under the Charities Act.

We operate within a wide geographical area, spanning the region between Taraua and South Wairarapa. The region encompasses ten colleges.

WAISSsport is governed by the Wairarapa Secondary School's Principal's Association and funded by the Colleges to provide leadership, advocacy and support to ensure player centered enjoyable, quality, accessible recreational and aspirational sporting competitions and events in partnership with local colleges, sports bodies and volunteers.



# Year 10 Science

Year 10 have been learning about variation, adaptation, and inheritance in this terms genetics unit. On Tuesday Reino visited to share his knowledge on the uniqueness of New Zealand lizards and how they have evolved to adapt to their bird dominated environment.



## School Portal

Reminder our portal address has changed please see link below.

<https://stmatthews.school.kiwi/>

# SENCO - Supporting Student Time Management with Academic Planners

With the school year well underway, I have ordered an academic planner from *Order Out of Chaos* in the U.S. This planner is designed to help students manage their time effectively by providing a clear visual layout of their schedule.

The planner includes an index page for subjects that aligns with the weekly layout, making it easy to track assignments and deadlines. It also features sections for after-school and weekend activities, helping students balance their academic and personal commitments.

If you think your child could benefit from an academic planner, encourage them to visit me to take a look. If they find it useful, you can order one directly from [Order Out of Chaos](#).



## 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/>



**OPEN AFTERNOON**

**Tuesday 13 May**  
**2-5pm**

**33 Pownall Street,**  
**Masterton**



**ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE**

We are an integrated day and boarding school for years 7-13 with Anglican Special Character.

Established in 1914, we have a rich history with strong traditions. At years 12 and 13 our girls attend Rathkeale/St Matthew's Senior College.

Limited boarding and day places available for 2026.

Phone 06 370 0067 | [www.stmatts.school.nz](http://www.stmatts.school.nz)



**Open Day**

**Friday 21st March**  
**8.30am-12.30pm**

**Register Now**  
[rathkeale.school.nz](http://rathkeale.school.nz)

# Key Dates

- **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

[School Calendar](#)

[School Notices](#)

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

# MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Does your daughter carry and Epi Pen?
- Does your daughter carry/require medication?
- Does your daughter's 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



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY  
VISITS MASTERTON**

**SOLWAY PARK COPTHORNE HOTEL**

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



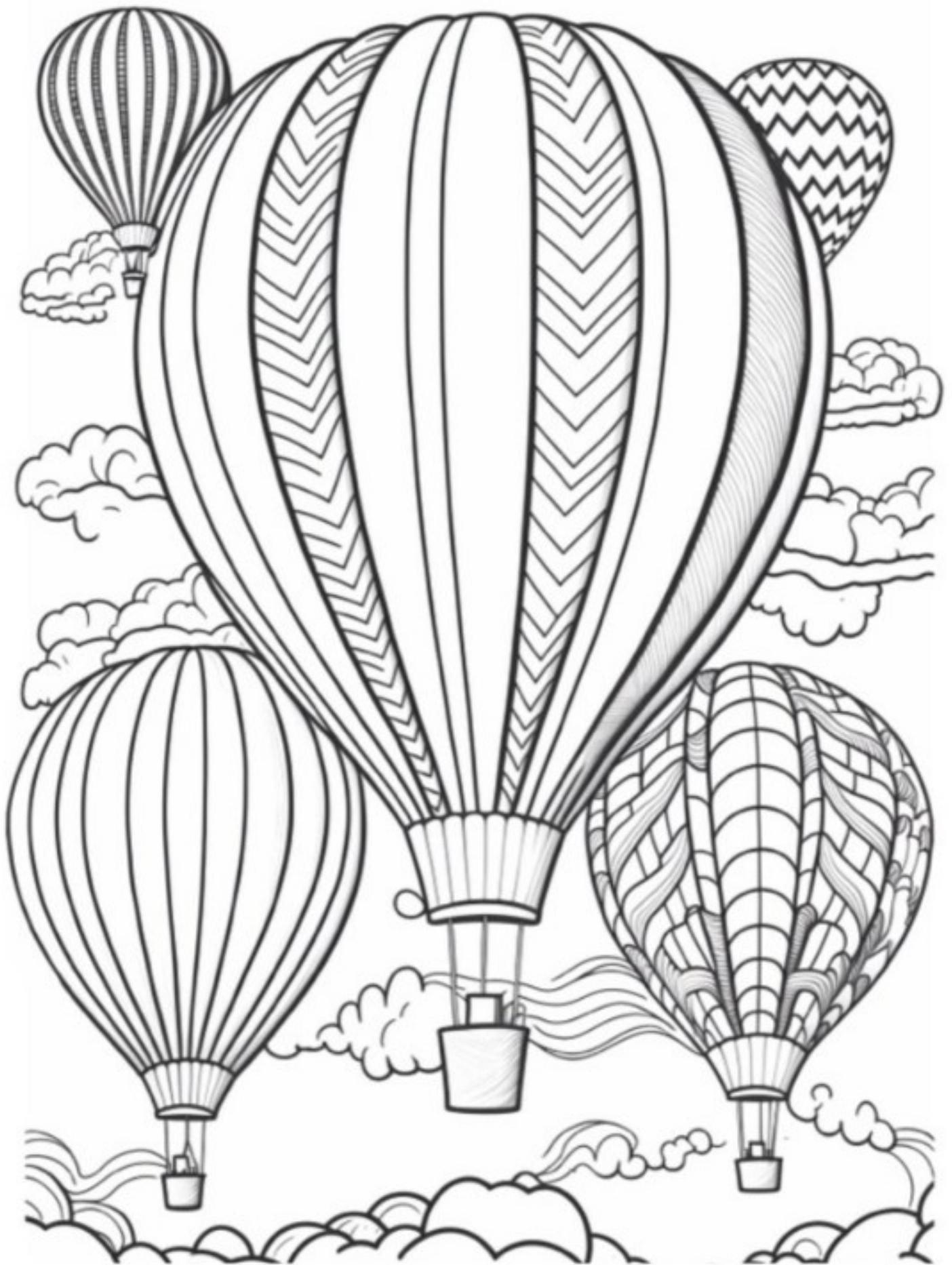
WAIRARAPA  
**BALLOON  
Festival**  
EASTER 2025

**FAMILY  
CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY 19 APRIL**

TICKETS AND DETAILS  
[www.nzballoons.co.nz](http://www.nzballoons.co.nz)

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.



WAIRARAPA  
**BALLOON**  
*Festival*  
EASTER 2025

## WIN A FAMILY PASS

Simply colour in these bright beautiful balloons, hand in your completed form to your local collection point - FreshChoice - Greytown, Neighbourhood - Martinborough, Carterton Events Centre - Carterton, or The Screening Room - Masterton. Be in to **WIN a FAMILY PASS to the Family Carnival SATURDAY 19 APRIL** (valued at \$70) **Entries must be in by 31 March 2025.**

Win the chance to

# Showcase your art



Let your artistic talent shine in the community



Artwork provided by all for Whitecliffe purposes

# Epiphany Church Movie Night Fundraiser

**Saturday 29 March**

**6 pm**

**@ Copthorne Hotel**

**\$15 PER PERSON  
KIDS UNDER 5 FREE  
INCLUDES  
POPCORN, SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE,  
JUICE, COFFEE &  
TEA  
OTHER DRINKS CAN  
BE PURCHASED  
AT COPTHORNE**

**PARISH OF EPIPHANY**

**06-0689-0024992-00**

**Ref: Movie & Name  
or payment at the  
Church office**

**Contact:**

**[lindawilbec@gmail.com](mailto:lindawilbec@gmail.com)**

**022 515 4843**



**When a reluctant basketball  
coach has to lead the cross  
country team,  
he learns his only runner has  
a history that will challenge  
both of their beliefs.**

**Special thanks to Copthorne Hotel for hosting  
Epiphany Church's movie fundraiser.**

# Community News and Events

Quiz – Sip – Repeat

READY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

**COBBLESTONES MUSEUM**

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION**

Register - cobblesstonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com  
or by phone - 0211606088

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

**Tickle Your Brain**

Get a team together for a fabulous night of brain teasers, fun and bloopers. There's a cash bar, nibbles are provided and the laughs will keep coming as you nut out the answers.

Experienced or novice doesn't matter. Fun is the name of the game.

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BEHIND ON SCHOOLWORK & ASSESSMENT  
COME ALONG TO OUR STUDY CENTER

**MAKE LIKE NIKE and JUST DO IT!**

**WEDNESDAY 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

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Whānau manaaki  
Child friendly service

**Hāpū māmā and pēpi free immunisations**  
for 0-18 years + maternal

Masterton Intermediate School Dental Clinic

**Thursdays 3pm-6pm**

Free phone 0800 66 66 23 to find out more

Providing free immunisations for children 0-18 years as well as maternal

For more information about vaccinations, talk to your Doctor, nurse or health care provider, call Healthline on 0800 611 116, or visit [info.health.nz/immunisations](http://info.health.nz/immunisations)

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora