

## Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou

As you receive this Athletics Sports will be near rounding up. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our PE and Sports staff for all the mahi committed to make this day all it has been. To those of our whanau who have been able to be here we thank you for joining us. As always, a big shout out to the Friends of St Matthew's and the willing volunteers who assisted on the stall- your presence is always welcome. All we do towards days like this is for the students, and for them to come together to compete, have fun, and cultivate incredible House spirit.

### **Volunteers**

That provides a nice segue into reminding you that we are a small but dedicated staff, who are truly committed to providing the best possible experience for all the students in our care. However, as we balance many responsibilities across the organization, so to effectively serve every child without additional support is an issue. With many eager and excited St Matthew's students having signed up for various sports, we find ourselves in a position where, without your help, some teams may not be able to participate in upcoming competitions.

We understand that everyone's time is valuable, and we deeply appreciate all the support that you provide. But in order to ensure that every sportswoman's passion for sports is fulfilled, we kindly request that parents consider stepping forward to volunteer their time, energy, and enthusiasm to assist with coaching, organizing, and other key tasks. If we do not have enough parental involvement, it will unfortunately mean we may have to pull certain teams from competition, which is something we want to avoid. Your help is truly vital in making sure our young athletes have the opportunity to play and thrive.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to working together to make this a successful and fulfilling season for all involved.

## Farewell Tracey

It is a sad and happy day for me as I say farewell to Tracey who has been my right arm and left arm for years. I am happy for the opportunity for her to find new challenges, but obviously sad about the loss of someone who has played a pivotal role in my life and thereby the school.

We wish the lovely Tracey well and her new employers are getting a good one.

## Our Prefects

I want to close by saying how proud I am of the 2025 leaders. They have hit the ground running and their enthusiasm and loyalty is evident every day. We look forward to what they will bring this year.

Have a great and safe weekend

## Ngā Mihi

Kiri

# Around School

## Boarding Note

On Wednesday the girls enjoyed decorating the staircase in Main House in preparation for the Boarders Big Splash and the school athletics sports. Many thanks to this group of junior boarders who were busy doing the last-minute touch ups.

A quick dip in the pool after prep is always popular on the warmer evenings. Its great to see girls once again, making the most of all opportunities in boarding.

Last night we had lots of fun at the dive pool watching boarders compete for the best high dive, best low dive, best bomb and overall best dressed dorm. Many thanks to Meg and Jorja for being our MC on the night, and to Nell and Awande for judging.





## Primary Cricket

Primary cricket team are now 2 from 2 having beaten Hadlow and St Mary's comprehensively in recent weeks. Impressive performances with bat and ball from a number of players underpinned with some excellent fielding ..... last game 4 catches and one run out!!!

A great mix of year 8 experience and year 7 enthusiasm. Most important. Everyone having fun!!!



## Scots College Summer Fixture

On Monday we headed to Scot's College for our annual Summer Fixture. A great day was had by all!

**Touch Rugby had one draw and one loss**

**Cricket 2<sup>nd</sup> XI took the win**

**Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> XI went down to a very strong Scot's side**



# Key Dates

- **Friday 14 March** - Swimming Sports day
- **Saturday 22 March** - Exeat Weekend
- **Sunday 23 March** - Exeat Weekend
- **Wednesday 2 April** - Curriculum Interviews
- **Friday 4 April** - Curriculum Interviews
- **Tuesday 13 May** - Open Afternoon
- **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

## Medical Information

**Does your daughter carry an 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 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 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 & 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


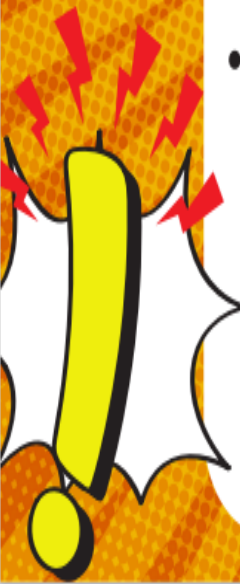
## **DENTAL REMINDER**

**Book your college age student in for their annual DENTAL check-up!**

### ***KEY MESSAGES***

- Take your college age student to your local dentist every year
- Your college age student does not have to be at school - they just need to be under 18!
- Annual check-ups with your dentist start in Year 9
- Your 17 year old should have a visit before they turn 18 - If your child has never been seen or missed their last check-up, get seen now!

**Don't wait for the practice to call you. Ring your local dental practice to book an appointment NOW!**



# LAUNCH

## QR VIDEO TRAIL

### MILLENNIUM NATIVE FOREST RESERVE



Friends of the  
Millennium Native  
Forest Reserve

March 1, 2025  
at 2.00PM

Worsleys Green



**Explore** the Reserve's trails.  
**Scan** the QR codes with your phone.  
**Discover** The Reserve's history, wildlife,  
and conservation efforts.

**Plus:**

- Talks from special speakers
- Community Stalls
- Picnic in nature

**Don't forget your phone to  
explore the trail and a  
picnic to enjoy on the Green!**





# YOUR EDUCATION

*High School Exchanges*

## UPCOMING ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING DATES



**WEDNESDAY**  
**19 FEB**  
**AT 6PM**

**THURSDAY**  
**6 MAR**  
**AT 6PM**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**19 MAR**  
**AT 6PM**



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### High School Exchanges!

If you want to know more about overseas High School Exchanges from Your Education, register your interest for one of our Online Information Sessions. The next one is at 6pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. All interested students Y10–Y13 and their parents are welcome. An experienced staff member and returnees will share information about the destinations we are offering in 2025 and 2026. RSVP on our website

[www.youreducation.co.nz/next-steps](http://www.youreducation.co.nz/next-steps).

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