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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT WAS POIGNANT WAS THAT SHE REMINDED US ALL THAT EVERY GIRL WILL HAVE A PATHWAY THAT SUITS THEM. FOR SOME, THEIR PATHWAY WILL BE TO UNIVERSITY; FOR SOME IT WILL BE INTO THE TRADES; FOR SOME IT WILL BE INTO WORK; FOR EVERY ONE OF THEM IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. .

Welcome to our 2018 "To The Stars" magazine. We hope you enjoy catching up on what is going on in the school and with past pupils.

In September we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the School Chapel (see front cover). The Chapel was gifted to the School in 1986. Sally Bryant (nee Payton), Patsy White (nee Bolton) and Judy Sherriff (nee White) brought the proposal to Principal, Gwen Levick. A hardworking fundraising committee was set up and with the help of the Board at the time, the "sad looking church" in Turakina was able to be transported to the St Matthew's College site and transformed into the beautiful college Chapel that it is today.

Thanks to these forward thinking and determined Old Girls, the Chapel is now enjoyed every day by the current students and for other events such as the Leavers Chapel service, followed by the annual Old Girls' Leavers breakfast (see photo), school pre-ball photos in the Chapel gardens and there have been many marriage ceremonies of Old Girls over the years.

We continue to invite Old Girls to speak in assembly, to mentor and encourage the current students, before they move on to the big wide world.

Old Girl Ashleigh Bush (nee Long), addressed the school on her journey into the Trades. She spoke of the joy she has found in pursuing this pathway. She also provided some of the realities of that decision, both positive and negative. Principal, Kiri Gill summed it up with the following "What was poignant was that she reminded us all that every girl will have a pathway that suits them. For some, their pathway will be to University; for some it will be into the trades; for some it will be into work; for every one of them it will be different".

Mandy Illston (nee Nutting) spoke to the school on her late start in life as a vet and how her passion for horses has transformed into her career as an Equine Vet. She talked of the good and bad points of being a vet and what is involved in getting there.

We were very fortunate to nab Natalie Sisson, the dynamic "suitcase entrepreneur", in between world travel and guest speaking.

Natalie turned her back on a successful career in the corporate marketing world to start her own business, enabling her to work anywhere in the world.

★ Among other things she now coaches others on how to organise their business more efficiently and work anywhere they choose to.

We appreciate that our speakers can find time out of their busy schedule to give something back to their school and inspire everyone to find a pathway and career in life that they are passionate about.

This year we have had the help of another lovely Year 13 Service Prefect, Briana Smith. Briana has followed in Molly Tulloch's footsteps and has done a fantastic job at connecting SMOGA with the school. Thank you, Briana.

We have also welcomed some new committee members: Donna Heginbotham, Deb Clinton-Baker, Georgina Orsborn, Chris Cameron and Rachel Bell.

I would like to thank Tina Tylee (Simpson) for her tireless work on the committee over the years. She was instrumental in enabling the school archives to be categorised and computerised. We now have our own Archivist (Elsje Neal) at the school who works 20 hours a month on the Archives, which will ensure that the School Archives will never be lost.

Tina and Anna Perry (Goodwin) were also involved in the Centennial planning and stayed on the committee to ensure that there was transition between the new and old committee members. They have both worked hard and have been an important cog in the wheel of the Old Girls' Assn and now have both retired from the committee. We've appreciated their input and their commitment over the years.

Becks Tosswill (Wyeth) our Graphic Designer/Magazine design and layout extraordinaire, has decided to hand over the reins to another Old Girl. This year we have Georgie Cox taking her place. Becks has done an amazing job transforming the magazine into its modern look. We are grateful for the extra work that Becks has put in for us and look forward to seeing some fresh new ideas with Georgie. Thanks Becks we'll miss you!

So, sit back and enjoy reading this year's magazine. We are always happy to receive suggestions/contributions for articles for the magazine, just email me.

Adie Long



The Leavers Breakfast



Kiri and Adie with Mandy Illston (Nutting) and 2018 Service Prefect, Briana Smith



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE, AS PART OF THE TRINITY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE YOUNG WOMEN TO ENGAGE, PROGRESS AND ACHIEVE IN EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES – ACADEMIC, SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND SPORTING.

Last year I spoke of the heat. This year that was hardly the case with seemingly incessant rain. My heart goes out to those who have been badly affected by the erratic weather bombs.

The significance of the year 2018 is also significant for a Girls' School. Why? In the photo below myself and five Year 13 girls represented us at a Governor General's reception to celebrate the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand. 2018 marks women's suffrage in New Zealand. We are globally early in acknowledging such a significant event, however what it marks for women is a daily gratitude for us all.

On 19 September it will be 125 years since the Governor, Lord Glasgow,

signed a new Electoral Act into law which saw New Zealand become the first self-governing country in the world in which all women had the right to vote in parliamentary elections. In most other democracies, including Britain and the United States, women did not win the right to the vote until after the First World War. New Zealand's world leadership in women's suffrage became a central part of our image as a trail-blazing 'social laboratory'. This anniversary presents an opportunity to consider the role and contribution of women to New Zealand's political life.

As women we should celebrate how far we have come but also look to how far we can go thanks to the efforts of those

women of 125 years ago, and of those who have worked for change every day since.

We are the present and the future!
Everything you do every day, no matter how big, no matter how small is paving new paths for women.

National Examination Successes

The 2017 National exams saw even greater success from 2016. The Senior College Dux was St Matthew's Eden Eldred. In National Scholarship exams, St Matthew's had the following successes:

Art History	Eden Eldred	S
	Jess Graham	S
English	Eden Eldred	S
	Sarah Saunders	O
History	Jess Graham	S
Design	Kate Carrington	S
	Lucy Lambert	S

Academic

We threw out the BYOD philosophy and have simplified to the D part, in that we now ask that all our girls have a laptop. They do not use them all the time as there will always be room to use old fashioned pen and paper. The laptop creates the opportunity for a global education. We have an expectation going forward of ensuring that all students are digitally fluent; this is required across all curriculum areas.

Reporting to parents via the portal continues to be valued. We have gone to EGRs, Effort Grade Reporting. This

focuses on the 'How' of our students time in class: how well is she is working? Her marks are also available through the portal. The face to face interview has also seen changes this year. The five minute speed-dating approach has stepped aside for the 20-30 minutes Whanau interview where the 'whole' student is discussed. We are looking at the evaluations provided but overall, this has received supportive responses.

Digital technology and Taha Māori have both been integrated into the curriculum. Going forward we will invest a lot more time in Careers and Pathways work. We are mindful that not all our girls will go to University. We are also mindful that some will take time to even decide what lies ahead. So we need to engage our girls in conversations about how they get information, and to have good understanding of the types of questions to ask.

Roll and Enrolments

The Ministry-imposed roll reduction ended this year. Boarding numbers have grown especially in the permanent part-time area.

We still need to maintain our roll cap, so when you are a school of choice that sometimes means families who would like St Matthew's to be a part of their lives need to seek other educational venues.

Our Primary cohort are a hoot and have started the year excited and enthusiastic; I think the same can be said for the parents of our new students, who joined me at my home on the first Sunday of the school year, following a successful

new Boarders and their parents 'Meet and Greet'. It was great to have the chance for parents of new enrolees to mix and mingle and to be introduced to the Friends and SMOGA.

It does not take long for a school year to kick in and in amongst curriculum, so much more has happened.

Staff

St Matthew's is a great place to work and grow, and although staff retention is strong sometimes change is craved.

Leaving us were Tim Clarke, Jo Booth, Elsjé Neal, Darkie Brindle, and Barbara Roydhouse. Joining us were Olivia Hammond in Drama and English, Chris Ball in Science and Digital Technologies, Abby Schaefer in PE and Health, and Jules Pollard in Boarding.

We have had role changes with Christina Bate using her Library expertise to take up the position vacated by Elsjé Neal. Elsjé Neal has moved across to SMOGA

Archives and keeping the History of the School at the forefront of her time when here. Beaven Booth has decided to look at his work life balance

More recently Jane Tiley HoD PE has taken leave to explore the inner workings of the Primary System by taking up a role at Whareama School.

We welcomed back current staff in altered roles (some still to be confirmed): Shelley Gilman is SCT, Ruth Bucknell is HoD Technology (fixed), Kit Sherman-Ball is TiC Digital Technology, and Angela Lammas is Dean Y9, Christina Bate in the Library, and Selena Traill returns to reception.

Trinity News is that I was privileged to be involved in the consultation group for the new Principal of Rathkeale. If you have been watching the media, you will have seen that Martin O'Grady was appointed and began in term two. We were joined in term three by Michael Mercer's successor, Andrew Osmond.

NATIONAL EXAMINATION SUCCESS

		Pass Rate %	Merit %	Excellence %	Literacy %	Numeracy %
2017	St Matts	100	50	46.7	100	100
	National	84.2	35.6	20.2	91.1	89.7
	Dec 8-10	89.4	41.5	28.3	94.8	93.4

	National	Decile 8-10 Girls	St Matthew's
Level 3 ALL	82.40	93.50	100.00
Level 3 with Merit	28.10	38.20	45.30
Level 3 with Excellence	15.60	28.60	22.60

	National	Decile 8-10 Girls	St Matthew's
Level 2 ALL	88.70	96.70	100.00
Level 2 with Merit	27.10	39.40	36.60
Level 2 with Excellence	16.00	33.30	45.50

Communication

Just as in the galaxy, stars do disappear. To that end my Principal's Starlight merged into the Star Board. The Star Board is a weekly newsletter and it opens each week with my message. My aim for my message is to touch on weekly topical events, or to draw some big topics to the attention of our community.

We are introducing a new cyber security package called Mobile Zone which comes under Family Zone. It will provide greater security around mobile phones for the school and parents.

School activities

Dessert Dance for Senior College saw the Prefects from both schools doing a marvellous job in organising this event. Everyone turned up in their finery and I have to say that there were some wonderful dresses and suits, and handsomely attired young men. I will add that I sent a message to the girls about making sensible garment choices, which may have been missed by a couple.

The prefects have had a busy start with Meet and Greetings, Valentines, Icebreakers, and then the next day, Athletic sports - so my hat is off to them!

Twilight Athletic Sports was another success, and it was our inaugural event - we tried last year but the weather had different ideas. What a great event... the participation of the girls and staff,

the parents' involvement... it was as I had hoped it would be - FUN! We have sought staff feedback, and via our student council we will seek further feedback from the students. Prefects have given their voice about some modifications, and from all this we will make necessary change to make next year's event even better.

We very much thank all parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles who came to support and assist. As always, many thanks to The Friends and SMOGA, who joined forces to run the hospitality tent - everything sold like hotcakes! Big thanks to the Sports department and to Rachel Shearing for her first Athletics Sports.

We hope to have more parents involved in races, so we suggest they may want to get into training for next year! It was the Tug of War against their daughters this year, who knows what the competition will be like next year. Grey House took out the Athletics.

Swimming Sports: swimming heats as always started the swimming preparations. The Sports were successfully held on the balmy Sunday March 4. Swimming, like Athletics, is compulsory attendance. Grey House took out the Swimming.

Dinner Dance occurred at the mystery location of Carterton Events Centre. Great costumes demonstrating opposites were on display, and much fun was had.



A. Kiri Gill with the Year 13 girls who represented the school at the Governor General's reception to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New Zealand. L-R: Ingrid Gerritsen, Catherine Penn, Kiri Gill (Principal) Liadan Jaquiere, Milly France, Frankie Finn-Reason. **B.** Kiri and Adie with guest speaker Ashleigh Bush (Long).

Special Character Anglican

Liturgical calendar began with Shrove Tuesday, and this started off our Lenten celebrations. The popular Pancake Races involved all girls on the St Matt's site, although we were also treated to the involvement of many seniors. Ash Wednesday followed the next day where each girl received ashes.

The Trinity Service for all schools was presided over by Bishop Ellie and saw many of our youth involved in the Service. This year we celebrate 150 years of our School Chapel. We will be joined by a contingent from Turakina and some old girls pivotal in the Chapel's arrival.

Strategic Direction

Survey: I shared the results with our stakeholders last year and in detail with the staff this year. We are using the information to strategise for this year.

Their input has been invaluable. Some of the feedback has prompted immediate fixes and some will require time, but all will make the environment for our learners better.

Strategic Goals for St Matthew's: Our Board is also working to use the Survey data. See below for the school's Goals for 2018-2021:

Na Mihi, Kiri Gill, Principal



ST MATTHEW'S COLLEGIATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

Mission Statement

To provide, as part of the Trinity family of schools, an education which will encourage young women to engage, progress and achieve in every aspect of their lives – academic, spiritual, cultural, social and sporting.



Strategic Goal 1 Improving Academic Achievement through student engagement with learning.	Strategic Goal 2 Enhancing and developing school, home and community relationships.	Strategic Goal 3 Promoting excellence in teaching and teacher engagement.	Strategic Goal 4 Creating sustainability and excellence through sound governance and prudent financial practice.
<p>Our goal is that all girls can fully access a holistic education, including the New Zealand Curriculum, and achieve success by progress and achievement in years 7-10 and NCEA levels 1-3. We continue to support "better together" through our Trinity family to enhance creativity and diversity in learning environment</p>	<p>Our goal is for whanau , the Trinity family, and the wider community to be effectively engaged with the school to promote and support student personal development and achievement. This will be guided through our Anglican values and enhanced community service.</p>	<p>Our goal is that learning and e-learning strategies support and enhance student learning across the curriculum. We encourage teaching staff and support staff to be engaged in the learning pathway.</p>	<p>Our goal is to create a school ready for tomorrow's learners that remains sustainable over time.</p>
<p>Desired outcomes will be: The 3 National priority groups of Maori, Pasifika and students with special education needs have been considered in all curriculum targets. Accurate communications with parents of girls at risk academically is timely and appropriate in order to provide further support and guidance as required. Years 7-9 effective programmes are put in place to meet the needs of learners who enter at this level below the standard in reading, writing and mathematics to enable them to access the curriculum. Consideration be given to space and pedagogical shifts The subjects taught at St Matthew's are reviewed in collaboration with Rathkeale College and a plan developed for implementation. June - Curriculum calendared review to identify needs. Ensure decisions made re reporting Year 12 & 13 have been implemented. NCEA and National Standards- achievement maintained and improved where possible. Increase proportion of students gaining endorsed excellence and scholarship.</p>	<p>Desired outcomes will be:</p> <p>Effective and timely communication across the school and wider community. Ongoing measurement and review of the effectiveness of school activities and communications to engage.</p> <p>Senior College continues to be explained to families within the school and connected to St Matthews. Boosted enrolment of international and boarding numbers. St Matthew's girls have a clear understanding of the Anglican values of the school and its Special Character.</p> <p>Staff will be supported to explore and identify underpinning values to be used in curriculum delivery. Continue to establish restorative practices.</p>	<p>Desired outcomes will be:</p> <p>Fit for purpose tools to support ICT and e-learning purchased/leased. BYOD reviewed and monitored across the school to ensure it continues to enhance the learning experience.</p> <p>Teachers encouraged to engage in a variety of teaching strategies to enhance the learning experience.</p> <p>PD actively encouraged, including Trinity wide opportunities. Compatibility and ease of working with the other Trinity Schools continues to be a priority.</p> <p>Learning is mindful of the globalisation and equips them for the future.</p>	<p>Desired outcomes will be:</p> <p>Sound governance through effective support in the leadership and management of the school.</p> <p>Prudent Financial Practices incorporated into SMCS. Health & Safety practices implemented, monitored and reviewed annually.</p>

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE SCHOOL ACADEMICALLY, CULTURALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

Once again it is a privilege for me to write this message as the Board Chair of St Matthew's Collegiate. It has been another extremely successful year for the school academically, culturally and spiritually. This is not just my assessment. External confirmation has been received from the Education Review Office, NCEA results, parent surveys and the Anglican Schools Office.

There are many contributors to this success. It ranges from the diligence of the students and the support of the teaching staff through to the wider community. This wider community includes the Trinity Schools Trust Board, The SMS Foundation, The Friends of St Matthew's and of course the St Matthew's Collegiate Old Girls Association ("SMOGA").

To me, this is clear evidence that when everything is aligned "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts" and success is achieved, and challenges can be surmounted. So, what are the challenges ahead? It is my belief that our students have become susceptible to the international trend that is blighting the lives of many of our young people. I am referring to poor mental wellbeing and the emotional and physical harm that can arise as a consequence. It is well known that the Wairarapa has an alarming youth suicide rate and that based on latest UK statistics 20% of youth self-harm. So, as a school and a community we have a challenge ahead.

The school (together with the TSTB) is taking this matter seriously and has established a working group to bring ideas together, has started to address issues surrounding social media and engaged with the wider community. But there is more to do. I believe that SMOGA has an important role to play in the work ahead.

Year on year SMOGA has already made a significant impact on the school by:

- maintaining our traditions which in turn offers our students a sense of stability and historical perspective.
- enhancing the physical environment of the school for the benefit of students.

In addition, past students act as tremendous role models. I am sure that this can have a massive impact on the future mental wellbeing of current students. I would also like to point out that former students make excellent board members and provide useful insights for the broader governance of the school. It goes without saying that should any of you have particular insights/expertise in these areas, we would welcome your input.

So, once again on behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to re-emphasise the important role SMOGA can (and does) play in the betterment of the school and to pass on our gratitude for all the valuable work undertaken.

Richard Toovey Board Chair

EARLY BOARDING AT ST MATTHEW'S

The ability to offer suitable accommodation for "pupils from the country" had been a priority for the Trustees of St Matthew's School for Girls seeking to grow the school roll in those early formative years. In May 1917 that aspiration was realised with the Trustees announcing that 24 Lincoln Road had been secured for the school to rent as a Hostel and that applications were open for the new term starting 29 May.

The Lincoln Road property with its attractive gardens was within short walking distance of the school housed in the St Matthew's Church Sunday School hall on Church Street. The Hostel was under the day to day management of Gertrude and Herbert Thirtle, with resident school staff providing supervision for the boarders.

Trustees for the school had reason to be quietly confident of its prospects as 1918 dawned. An item in the March edition of

the St Matthew's Parish Magazine noted that "We have this term eleven boarders in residence at the School Hostel, which looks hopeful for the future of the school"

Yet the routine of the hostel was to be thrown into disarray as 1918 drew to a close. Coming hard on the heels of jubilation at the end of the First World War was the catastrophe of the flu pandemic sweeping the country. The St Matthew's Parish Magazine of December 1918 noted that "The School was closed for the last few weeks of the term, owing to the flu epidemic. The whole of the staff was engaged in nursing at the emergency hospitals." The Hostel was then made available as a convalescent home. The Wairarapa Daily Times for 24 December 1918 records that the "thirty-nine influenza patients who passed through the convalescent stage at the St Matthew's Hostel all speak highly of the kind and efficient treatment received."



One could surmise that nursing during the epidemic lead Miss E. Fairbrother, 1st Assistant at St Matthew's School, to leave in order to pursue nursing at New Plymouth Hospital.

The passing of the pandemic and the start of 1919 did not see a return to duties for the staff at the Hostel. In January Mr Thirtle informed the Chairman of the Trustees that he had received notice from the owner to vacate 24 Lincoln Road by the end of February.

A scramble to find alternate accommodation for the hostel was unsuccessful, and the Vicar and Chairman of the Trustees, John Walker, offered to step in to fill the breach and take boarders into the vicarage so that attendance at the school would not be adversely affected. The need to forge ahead with the school and boarding facilities on the recently acquired Pownall Street site was now more urgent than ever.

No examination of this first foray by the school into boarding would be complete without an addendum to the Thirtle family. Herbert Lestor Thirtle held the position of school secretary from January 1918 until June 1919. Edith,

the daughter of Herbert and Gertrude Thirtle, (christened Percival Edith) was a pupil at the school. The St Matthew's Old Girls' Association database records her years of attendance at St Matthew's as from 1927 onwards but newspaper and church records appear to indicate that 1917 is a more credible first year of attendance. Edith is one of two students who gained their proficiency certificate at the December 1919 prize giving, at which the principal, Miss Isaacson was able to report that the school had seen a roll increase of twelve, to end the year at a total of fifty-four.

Elsje Neal, SMS Archivist

Can you help us?

Our Archivist (Elsje Neal) is trying to find some more information on the above photo. She writes: "The verso of the photograph has H.Neville Ross, Central Arcade, Masterton stamped on it. According to a Wairarapa Archives reference Henry Neville Ross operated in Masterton around the 1930s-1940s so it might be a long shot but I am intrigued by it."

Anyone have any ideas or know of anyone who may be able to help? Please email: elsje.neal@trinityschool.nz

HARRIET MCKENZIE

CURRENTLY BASED IN NYC

Over my seven years at St Matthew's College I constantly changed my mind on what I thought I would do when I left. School was always somewhere I was comfortable and confident. However, after threatening to be disowned if I didn't go to university I started searching.

I heard of new degree being offered at Lincoln University over Christmas lunch one year and I was sold. The description spoke of courses in trade law, management, statistics, food regulation, agriculture, marketing, logistics and international supply chain. These were all things I had looked into but feared I would be limited. In the end, the Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing at Lincoln University ticked all the boxes.

I remember a past student coming to school and telling our class that scholarships weren't hard to attain but - you had to be in it to win it. I began researching scholarships for which I was eligible and was lucky enough to obtain nearly \$25,000 worth of scholarships. I could hardly believe my luck, I wasn't an amazing musician, natural sportswomen or outstanding academic. I was however, a passionate all-rounder with skills I had acquired at school such as time management, leadership, public speaking, organisation and integrity.

Agriculture was always something

that interested me, but I didn't see myself chasing sheep. New Zealand is a world leading agricultural nation but struggles when it comes to adding value and that is fundamentally what I studied throughout my three years at Lincoln. University was very different to school with a line of red bands outside the library. Lincoln is not like most universities; it is a small university where everyone knows everyone. However, it turned out to be some of the best years of my life. I made lifelong friends from across the country that I know I'll always be able to contact.

Possibly the most pivotal moment at Lincoln was being among a group of amazing individuals through the Future Leader Scholarship Programme. We met weekly and discussed anything from New Zealand's potential flag change, influential leaders or even the price of drinks at the local. I was exposed to so many people with different points of views and passions and we were all willing to share. I learnt a lot about what I was capable of, often surprising myself. I became the first to put my hand up for things that would have previously scared me. Putting myself out there was hard at times – but wondering what if, was harder. This mentality led me to become an Executive Member on the Future Leaders Board, Secretary of the Ladies Club, on the Halls Committee and Class Representative.

My why not attitude also won me a Prime Minister Scholarship to Asia where I travelled to Indonesia for 6 weeks and completed summer school there. I was exposed to many people and ideas that gave me a taste for international business. It also fed my desire to travel even more.

By my last year at university I was studying full time, fulfilling my scholarship obligations, working four part time jobs and having a blast. My friends thought I was crazy – and I was – but I loved gaining new experiences and keeping busy. I can only put this down to the organisational and time management skills I acquired through my time in 7/8VH. During this time, I learnt that everyone in your life can teach you something and conversing with someone about one thing may shape your life a little more than you thought.

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Much like in my last year of school, in my last year at University I started trying to work out what I was going to do next. I was applying for graduate roles and seeking out inspiration. After being offered a role with Unilever I moved to Auckland to begin my 3-month internship. I learnt a lot about the corporate world and had amazing mentors at the company. I am so appreciative of the experience and it

taught me a lot about what I want my career to look like.

I decided that it was time to step back and satisfy my burning desire to travel, first sparked by a Year 11 French trip. Landing in Vietnam was one of the most exciting days of my life. We travelled for two months across Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. I can't begin to explain how this experience enhanced my life. In a Vietnamese cave I received news I would be graduating in April and then later that month in a Cambodian temple I opened an email advising I had been offered a graduate role in New York starting later that year.

Now I am sitting in my apartment in New York City working for the world's largest logistics company. It's a far cry from agriculture, however I am loving this incredible opportunity to learn something new. I have always wanted to travel and have a successful career, and make the two co-exist. I'm not sure what the secret was to getting here, but I will say fortune favours the brave. I hope to continue to travel around the world with this company for some years to come.



MAGAZINES GOING ELECTRONIC

Just a reminder..... we are moving towards only emailing the magazine rather than sending out a hard copy. This cuts costs enormously and is the preferred way forward for the younger generations. You are still welcome to receive a hard copy; however, we ask that wherever possible you opt for the electronic version.

Please let us know if you did not receive a hard copy of the magazine and we can send one out to you. Any magazine queries or address updates, please email us at SMOGA@trinityschools.nz

Anyone leaving from the year 2000 onwards will only receive the electronic version.

Memorabilia Jewellery For Sale

Leavers Bangles by Jeweller Megan Young:

These timeless bangles have been available to Year 13 Leavers and Old Girls for many years. There are 2 different weights available and 4 different hand sizes in each weight. Prices range from \$85 - \$180 depending on weight & size (prices are for bangle itself, engraving not included). Order forms & samples are at the school office or email Megan at: inore@xtra.co.nz. Megan also has a website: www.inore.co.nz

Leavers Rings by Jeweller Zoe Porter:

The St Matthew's Collegiate School ring has been designed with the help of Old Girls and the current Year 13 girls and made by Old Girl Zoë Porter. The ring shows the St Matthew's star with the much valued school motto *Ad Astra Per Aspera* inscribed on the inside. The rings are \$100 each with \$5 going towards a cause which will be decided each year by the Year 13 group. This year it will be donated to a leaver who is going through cancer treatment. To order a ring contact Zoë. Email: zoeporterbangles@gmail.com. Zoë also has a website: www.zoeporter.co.nz



SMOGA SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The St Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls' "Endeavour Grant" aims to financially assist an Old Girl, or the widower of an Old Girl, to send their daughter to St Matthew's Collegiate School. The Endeavour Grant is for the daughter of an Old Girl who attended St Matthew's Collegiate School for a minimum of two full school years. The Old Girl must be a fully paid SMOGA Member.

The Endeavour Grant's Terms and Conditions require that the daughter must already have a position confirmed, as a daygirl or boarder, for the year of the application. The Endeavour Grant value is for a minimum of \$2500 per annum.

The St Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls' "To The Stars Grant" is for the daughter, niece or granddaughter of an Old Girl. The Old Girl must be a fully paid SMOGA Member and have attended St Matthew's Collegiate School for a minimum of two full school years.

The To The Stars Grant will be awarded to a girl who shows all round participation in her school life and who will contribute to St Matthew's in all aspects during her schooling years. In order to meet the To The Stars Grant application requirements, the daughter must already have a position confirmed, as a daygirl or boarder, for the year of the application. The "To The Stars" Grant value is currently \$2000 per annum.

The closing date for scholarships for 2019 Grants is November the 9th 2018. Applications for both grants are on the School website: stmatts.school.nz/enrolment/scholarships/

A WORD FROM THE SMS FOUNDATION

2018 was the start of an exciting new focus for the Foundation which looks after funds bestowed or gifted to the school. The Foundation trustees sat down with school leaders at the end of last year and hatched a plan to support the school in developing a well-being programme for the girls.

Stress, anxiety, loneliness, bullying - these are commonplace in society today and St Matt's girls aren't immune, especially with the pervasive influence of social media. Foundation funds are now going towards supporting the girls, staff and families

using a community-based approach to mental health and total well-being.

Speakers have already been engaged and other initiatives are underway to benefit all at the school. We encourage Old Girls and Friends to consider donating to the Foundation, a charitable trust, to further this important aim.

If any Old Girls have ideas to offer regarding our new focus, the Foundation would love to hear from you.

Sally Laven, On behalf of the St Matthew's Collegiate School Foundation.

WELCOME 2017 NEW LIFE MEMBERS



Anna Clarkson

Annika Green

Amelia Ward

Bethan Hayman

Billie Cook

Briana Cooke

Cara Amy

Cara Brown

Cara Sheehan

Charlotte Richardson

Charlotte Ross

Charlotte Whyte

Chiara Haab

Eden Eldred

Ella Parkinson

Ella-Jane Young

Emily Draper

Emma Fair

Emma Schdroski

Emma Sims

Evangeline Dewes

Finola O'Boyle

Isabella Biggs

Jessica Graham

Kate Carrington

Lauren Shannon

Lucy Lambert

Maddison Barham

Magdalene Mele

Maysie Pyatt

Millie Cudmore

Mollie Tulloch

Nicola Wall

Olivia Olsen

Phoebe Callaghan

Sarah Saunders

Sophie Cook

Sophie Renall

Sophie Stevens

Stevie Kendrick



CONGRATULATIONS!

MARRIAGES

Alexandra Lott *m* Shaun Dent

Alexandra Watson *m* James Gardiner

Ana Ames-Durey *m* Matthew Meredith

Anna Frances Gilbert *m* Gamaliel Ramos

Ashleigh Long *m* Christopher Bush

Ashleigh Schaefer *m* Hayden Dam

Cat Nauer *m* Tom Paku

Emma Cameron *m* Owen Harvey

Georgie Cameron *m* Glen Raggy Van Heuvan

Georgina Moore *m* Isaac Ham

Harriet Drane *m* Jacob Thomas

Jessica Davies *m* Chris Terry

Jo Booth *m* Henry Balfour

Kate Blackwood *m* Adam Flaws

Katie Myer *m* Nigel McMillan

Laura Graham *m* Tama Leaf

Megan Wickens *m* Matthew Reid

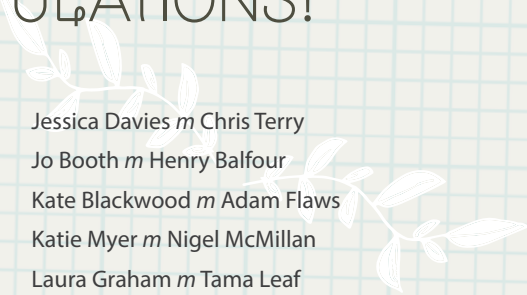
Olivia Jorgensen-Aitchison *m* Matt Wenden

Rosie Davies *m* Richard Puddy

Rosie Broughton *m* Nick Rogers

Katie White *m* Reece La

Margot Balfour *m* Liam Richardson



BIRTHS

Scarlett Boyle (Moran) - Jim

s: Beau Harrison

Amy Izard - Matt Bradley

s: Charlie Nowell

Louise Burnnand (Nelson) - Graham

d: Ev

Gemma Kay (Hooper Smith) - James

d: Penelope Anne Marguerite

Shelley Morgan (Martin) - Dan

s: Cooper Rhys

Sarah (Cec) Dalziell-Clout (Dalziell) - Phil
Clout

s: Jonty William

Hanna Vollebregt

s: William

Amelia Cooksley-Gruys (Hausmann) - Dom

s: Luca

Annabel Claudatos (Mahoney) - Gerasimos

d: Luella

Charlotte Machin French (French) and Peter
Machin

s: Emerson (Emmy) Olliver

Belinda Taylor (Cameron) - Jesse

d: Esme Mary

Courtney Olson (Percy) - Nick

d: Zoey Grace

Georgie Glendinning (Freeman) - Hamish

d: Ella Rose

Lisa Mary Stevenson (Nicol) - John Stevenson

s: Stanley Bernanrd

Gretchen Williamson - Richard O'Connor

s: Fletcher

Gretchen King (Bunny) - Leyton

d: Henrietta Grace

Rae Manderson

s: Xavier

Julia Broughton (Biggs) - Tom

d: Annabelle Mary

Steph McKay - Daniel Giese

d: Isabella Rose

Rebecca O'Neale (Sarick) - Gavin

s: Luke Reginald Ralph

Alice Franklin (Winlove) - Hamish

s: Harvey George

Monique Griffiths - Ben Fisher

s: Jett

Hannah Manley (Trail) - Rohan

d: Quinn

Nikkie McEwan - Justin White

d: Sloane

Becky Corkill (Blackwood) - Brady

s: Fletcher Jack

Katie Holmes (Denholm) - Ben

d: Mia Molly

Abby Moseby (Bateman) - Ryan

s: Jack Peter

ENGAGEMENTS

Jessica Graham - Andy Dodd

Heloise Simons - Brook Welch

Sophie Mills - Mark Grieve-Dunn

Olivia Wratt - Holly Hermansen

Ashleigh Marfell - Scott Hinton

Katie Rose - Matthew Phillip

Tessa Hodson - Jennifer Boyce

Lottie Fletcher Gallon - Jack Carter

Harriet Lawrence - Samuel Burrows

Sophie Ross - Gareth Bruce

Kate Brassell - Elias Rodriguez

Kim Sutherland - Nathan Hill

2017 LEAVERS

Our 2017 leavers are having some wonderful adventures in their first year out of school.

Anna Clarkson has started her beauty therapy course at Elite International School of Beauty.

Bella Biggs is currently studying Law and International Relations at Victoria. She also has a part time job at Parliament, working as a Research and Policy assistant for an MP which is great for her degree.

Beth Hayman is currently studying Design in Wellington and enjoying Uni.

Billie Cook is studying a Bachelor of Sport Management and also studying to get into Police College to be a Police Officer.

Cara Amy is currently working as a Tutor in a school in Dorset, where the children are aged between 3-13 years. She is stationed in a senior boy's boarding house (Years 12,13) and absolutely loves it. She's always busy with duties, sport and taking care of the children. She has also been lucky enough to travel all around Ireland, Paris, Majorca and Amsterdam in her holidays!

Cara Brown is in the UK on a gap year working in Surrey at Cranleigh Prep School.

Cara Sheehan is doing a Bachelor of Biomedicine, majoring in Genetics & Reproduction at Otago University.

Charlotte Richardson is studying a Bachelor of Commerce at Victoria University, majoring in Marketing and Management, also working part time at a restaurant!

Charlotte Ross is just starting a Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology at Lincoln University.

Charlotte Whyte is at Massey University, Manawatu studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science majoring in Prescription Training. She has also been playing hockey for Central Under 21s.

Chiara Haab is studying at the Hospitality University of École Hôtelière de Lausanne since February. As well as learning about the hospitality industry she also has a busy schedule, being a baker, a waitress, a housekeeper, a cook and loving tasting good wine.

Eden Eldred has really enjoyed the transition into being more independent, living in a flat and going to Art school.

Ella Parkinson is studying Zoology and Physiology at Massey University in Palmerston North. She is loving living in her self-catered hall and is really enjoying her course and the University lifestyle.

Ella Young was living in a community with other young adults who are passionate about supporting teenagers who are struggling. She was working part time to give herself time to hang out with the young people and also to save up, so she could travel. She left in July to travel in the Middle East, looking at peace and reconciliation projects in Israel/Palestine.

Next year she is hoping to go to University but is still unsure what to study.

Emma Fair is studying for a Bachelor of Design at Massey University in Wellington.

Emma Schdroski is working in Canada for a year and then hopefully travelling with friends. From what she has experienced already, it has been amazing and she is loving it!

Emma Sims moved to Dunedin and has recently changed her degree from Psychology and Philosophy to Psychology and Neuroscience at University of Otago. While she does miss school sometimes, she is having the time of her life down south!

Evie Dewes is currently studying at UCOL in Masterton doing a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. She is also working in a restaurant and has been doing a couple of photography events.

Finola O'Boyle is studying first year Health Science at Otago University in the Caroline Freeman College hall of residence. She has also been playing representative hockey for the Southern U21 Women's Hockey team.

Jess Graham is doing a working and travelling gap year, with the intention of starting at the London School of Economics in September, studying History and International Relations.

Kate Carrington is settling in to a new environment down in Wellington where she is studying a Bachelor of Design - trying to make the most out of it all!

Lauren Shannon is enjoying her role as a Gap Assistant at The Royal Masonic School for Girls in the United Kingdom. The school is very close to London, so she gets to explore London as much as she likes.

Lucy Lambert is living in England working as a Tutor at Sherborne Prep School, which can be tough but rewarding! She isn't too far from London, and in the breaks happily gets to travel and has already been to Spain, Ireland and France so far!

Maddie Barham is in her first year of a 4-year degree in design at Massey University in Wellington.

Magda Mele is living in Wellington doing a Bachelor of Nursing at Massey Wellington which she says is a blast and she loves it!

Maysie Pyatt moved up to Auckland to study a Bachelor of Creative Technologies (Video Game Art). She says it's been so much fun and weird playing a video game as homework. As much fun as it is, she loves going home to the little old Wairarapa.

Millie Cudmore has taken a big step out of the Wairarapa to complete her Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing at Lincoln.

Mollie Tulloch is currently at Victoria University, studying a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Philosophy and Criminology. She is trying a whole bunch of different subjects so that she can sort of mould her degree as she goes.

Oliva Olsen is studying a Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing at Lincoln. At the end of her degree she plans to work in Supply Chain Management.

Sarah Saunders is been studying English, Sociology and Māori studies at Victoria University. So far she is loving it and finding it super interesting!

Sophie Stevens is studying Design at Otago Polytechnic in Dunedin. It's been challenging but rewarding!

Stevie Kendrick has moved to Wellington to study Automotive Engineering, then realised it wasn't for her and decided to move back to Palmerston North to do a Barbering course to then hopefully afterwards run and own her own Barber shop.

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WHERE IN THE WOLRD

SUSIE STONE first joined the telecoms industry 20 years ago. She thrives in smaller telcos where the entrepreneurial climate allows her to just get things done. Currently she is the Vocus Communications GM.

ABBY WAKEFIELD who studies Broadcast Journalism at the New Zealand Broadcasting School was recently jointly awarded the One News Ross Stevens Award for Professionalism and Creativity in Journalism.

RENEE SCARLETT is living in London and fitting in some amazing travel experiences. A recent trip to Macedonia marked the 50th country she has visited.

ZOE TULLOCH is living and working in Melbourne, Australia.

CAITLIN BARDELL has spent five years in London and is heading home to NZ, but not before a four-week trip through USA.

SOPHIE FISHER has graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from Massey University. Sophie works for the Capital & Coast District Health Board at Wellington Hospital.

SKYE BLUNDELL graduated from the University of Canterbury earlier this year with First Class Honours in her Bachelor of Engineering degree.

JULIETTE HAMILTON is a teacher at Te Aute College in Hawkes Bay and this year makes her feature film debut in "This Town", a movie shot by Takapau Director, David White in and around Central Hawkes Bay.

PING LIM graduated from Victoria University in 2017 with a conjoint LLB (First Class Honours) and BA from Victoria University. Ping completed a visiting researcher fellowship at a Swiss institute which promotes research into cutting-edge legal issues. Ping joined Simmonds Stewart, a technology law firm, earlier this year.

JANE KNOW at the 2006 Leavers Ball proclaimed that one of her life goals was to run with the bulls in Pamplona. She completed her goal at the last festival of San Fermin, running 3 times with no injuries! She also came third at last year's Gloucester Cheese Rolling event.

SARA DENBY has spent the last 18 months on assignment in Cambodia, as part of the Australian Government's AVID scheme. Following a 20-year career in journalism and advertising, Sara has combined her marketing expertise with her passion for human rights and gender equality, as Campaigns Officer for Gender-Based Violence at CARE Cambodia. Her campaigns have included the #WhyStop short film competition, which engaged young men in the fight to stop sexual harassment. The films will now be included in the Cambodia secondary schools curriculum, with Sara designing an education program that will be rolled out over the next year.

CHARLOTTE MANNVILLE was awarded the Trust Power Community Awards Regional Business Winner Award, for her business: Boomerang Bags Tauranga 2018.

GEORGIA JAMIESON-EMMS was part of Kokomai, the Wairapa's very own festival of the Arts. St Matthew's welcomed back former student Georgia Jamieson-Emms last year to help the school host an updated version of Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro'. The opera also involved 22 of the SMS Junior Choir girls who appeared as a 'flash mob' in two chorus scenes. Georgia has had an international career in opera before returning to Wellington. She has formed her own opera company, Wanderlust, which has staged several productions to high acclaim.

KAYE HARDING along with three friends, competed in the Whaiora Spirited Women All Woman's Adventure Race earlier this year, a 9 hour race including running, kayaking, trekking, navigation, mountain biking, swimming, rifle shooting, slingshots, water slide, steep hills and lots of mud! They were well rewarded with their 3rd placing.

ZOË PORTER having attended the London Jewellery School and graduating in 2015 with an Advanced Diploma in Silversmithing, Zoe now has her own jewellery designing business, Zoë Porter Jewellery, based in Wellington.

JUBIE BAKER graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Ecology and Environmental Science.

RENE TONKIN graduated from the Imperial College London with a Master's Degree in Bioengineering.

SARAH DALZIELL - CLOUT (DALZIELL) was successful this year at the National Three-Day Event Championship in Taupo, scooping the pool in the Young Event Horse National Championship, winning the overall crown as well as the AMS Saddlery Best Four Year Old and Reyna Equestrian Best Registered Thoroughbred.

ANGELA HAYDEN-JONES has set up a new business: The Flooring Room Palmerston North.

ALICE KYLE graduated with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy from Otago University.

KAREN WORTHINGTON graduated this year with a Bachelor of Nursing from Massey University.

KATE DAVIS (DALZIELL) works in Hawkes Bay as a Community Nurse and this year was honoured by her peers with an 'Innovation & Support in Practice Setting' Award.

ELLA KING completed her Bachelor of Architectural Studies at Victoria University, graduating earlier this year.

ALYSHA POWELL had recent success at the INBA South Pacific Natural Body Building Championships and took out 1st in Sports Model and 3rd in Bikini Diva Novice.

ROBYN WONG has graduated from a New Zealand Olympic Committee run initiative designed to help athletes transition from sport performance to sport leadership. The academy is for Olympians like Robyn (Roby competed in Mountain Biking) to help them further develop their leadership competencies to further contribute to leadership in women's sport.



RACHELLE LONG spent the US summer working at Camp Loyaltown, Kingston, New York.

ANNA PETRO (WILLIAMS) and Wick Matthews started The Damn Good Food Company selling wholesome frozen treats for an all-natural indulgence. The range is Raw, Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free and Cane Sugar Free. The range is now selling in outlets around the country, including Moore Wilsons.

SARAH CROFOOT attended the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin earlier this year. Sarah was part of a team of global young farmers at the forum and was privileged to be elected by the group to deliver the statement they developed on the future of livestock production.

ELLA BUCKLEY spent over a year and a half living working, and skiing in Canada. Ella is heading home via a few months tripping through the USA.

ANJA VAN NIEKIRK spent four years at Waikato University, graduating this year with a Bachelor of Social Sciences and a Bachelor of Teaching. Anya is now a Primary School teacher in her first year of teaching. She thanks her St Matthew's teachers for inspiring her to join the teaching profession.

ROSIE WALL launched the Walnut Exchange in June this year with co-founder Emma Geard. The Walnut Exchange is a way to exchange currency between Australia and New Zealand. With Walnut you can send transfers of up to \$1000 for free using the mid-market exchange rate, and you don't pay any fees.

BELINDA TAYLOR (CAMERON) took over Hush Little Baby earlier this year, Hush Little Baby, an online business, stocks a range of gorgeous and practical baby and toddler sleep aids.

AMANDA BISHOP graduated from Otago Polytechnic with a Bachelor of Culinary Arts.

ROSIE MAHONEY graduated with a Bachelor of Health Science Nursing for the Auckland University of Technology.

KATE CAMERON-DONALD is a multi-disciplinary designer and artist based in Wairarapa. Formally trained as an Industrial Designer, Kate's experience includes designing bespoke aircraft interior furniture such as Business Class bar units for international airlines, working with Boeing for new aircraft development programmes, and furniture design for a major wholesaler in Vancouver, Canada. Kate put her love of colour, pattern, texture and traditional craft to the test this year by appearing in TVNZ's new series Design Junkies.

CECELIA VOLLEBREGT, ELLA FALLOON, HARRIET MCKENZIE AND CAITLYN

CASEY all graduated this year from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing.

LISA STEVENSON (NICOL) and husband John are dairy farming at Carterton where John is the operations manager on the family farm. After both graduating from University and working in their respective industries they realised it was on the farm that they wanted to be. They have three children and Lisa works part time at a local firm as a registered valuer.

SAM CATES has graduated from the Royal College of Police.

LISA PATRICK has left primary school teaching and is now a Real Estate Agent in the Wairarapa.

SUSIE HUTTON is about to get married to partner Dave and has a new food business venture.

AMANDA POTTINGER was convinced by her flatmates to become a “Tui Girl” to fill up her student coffers while studying a Bachelor of Ag Science at Massey. Amanda Pottinger is an up-and-coming eventer. Working her way up through the ranks of event riders and developing ex-racehorses into eventers means riding away every weekend during the season (September to May, with a break in January while the ground is very hard). Amanda has three horses in work this season, two at Massey University where she is able to stable and work them at the equine facilities as part of Fibre Fresh Team Massey. The other horse is at home on the Pottinger family farm at Tinui with Amanda’s support crew, parents Andy and Tinks Pottinger, who keep the Wairarapa-based horses in work. Amanda gave up a promising hockey career to concentrate on her riding, recognising she couldn’t do both.

ABI DRANE is in Afghanistan working for a Swiss NGO.

EMMA AND SARAH BERRY are remembered at St Matthew’s for their sailing prowess. They were Junior World Champions in their 420 craft and have continued to sail since leaving school. Emma gained a Degree in History at Victoria University then completed her Teacher’s Training Diploma. She did two years at Auckland’s Point England School then left to travel and became a Contiki Tour Guide in Europe. Emma and her partner are soon to explore South America before heading home. Sarah graduated with Honours in Textile Design at Victoria University. She and her partner live in Taupo where Sarah has established a network marketing business. The Berry sisters are 4th generation students of St Matthew’s.

BECKS TOSSWILL (WYETH) owns and runs Farmers Daughter Design Studio, designing everything from signage to websites and magazines. She and husband Richard live with their three children on their farm near Gladstone in the Wairarapa. Recently they won the Supreme Award at the Ballance Farm Environment Awards – Greater Wellington. You can find Farmers Daughter Design Studio on their website www.fddesign.co.nz

SALLY MORRISON has been Cricket Wellington Board Chair for two years, still the only woman in that role at a New Zealand Cricket major association. In May, she was a finalist in the Women in Governance awards, in the gender advocacy category won by NZC board member Liz Dawson. She was named the Police Association’s sport administrator of the year. Last month, Morrison and Dawson were key speakers at a packed Cricket Wellington breakfast entitled: ‘Govern like a girl... leading sport into the future’.





Chapel Celebration

Our Chapel is now 150 years old, but it has not always been part of our school. It was built in 1868 and dedicated as the Roman Catholic Church of St Joseph at Turakina. For over 100 years it served that community well, however declining rural population during the 1960s led to its closure.

Through the efforts of Sally Payton (Bryant), Patsy White (Bolton), Di Martin (Russell), Judy White (Sherriff) and Chris Lewis (Millar), fully supported by Old Girls and Friends, St Joseph's Church was bought; and in 1985, trucked to Masterton. After loving restoration, it was re-consecrated as the school chapel in 1986.

On Wednesday 19 September, the school celebrated the chapel's first 150 years with a Eucharist in Cleghorn. The Ven. May Croft, Archdeacon of the Wairarapa, presided assisted by the Chaplain, Rev. Lesley Mouat. Viva Camerata performed a beautiful Te Deum. Mr Tim Clarke, a former staff member whose family were among the first settlers in the Turakina area, preached. Mr Clarke also presented a banner commemorating the Chapel's first 150 years.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, invited guests and Year 13 students moved to the Chapel for the hanging of the beautifully constructed tapestry, the intricate

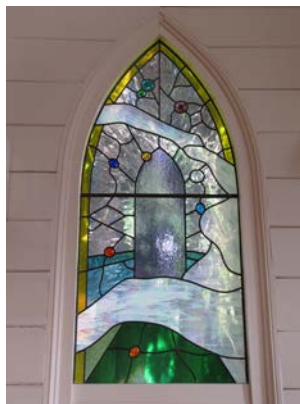
handiwork of Tim Clarke, to its place in the Chapel. The banner speaks of the history of the Chapel, and its Consecration in 1986. It was carried by Tim Clarke, Gwen Levick (Principal in 1986), Patsy White (Chapel Fundraising Committee member), and Nicola Hewitt nee Dunn (Head Girl 1986).

Along with Board members, family, former staff and students, we were delighted to host a group from Turakina who remembered the church in its original location. They were accompanied by Father John Roberts from Whanganui who gave the final blessing after the banner was installed in the chapel.

Our chapel was built and dedicated in love; given and bought in love; transported and restored and cherished in love. The Celebration was our opportunity to thank all those whose loving care over 150 years has preserved and given us this treasure.

Tim Clarke / Kiri Gill





150 Years Anniversary

A L-R: Past SMS Principals - Erik Pedersen, Gwen Levick and Rev Ted Dashfield and current Principal, Kiri Gill.

B Some of the SMOGA Committee who tirelessly fundraised and brought the Chapel to St Matthew's. L-R: Di Martin (Russell), Chris Lewis (Millar), Gwen Levick (past principal), Patsy White (Bolton), Sally Payton (Bryant), Judy White (Sherriff).

C Banner made and presented by Mr Tim Clarke.

NOTICES

CONNECT WITH US!

Stay in touch with Old Girls' of St Matthew's from all over the globe, 365 days of the year via our Facebook page.

Become a fan, or send us a message or story of your whereabouts!
facebook.com/stmatthews.oldgirls

Our Facebook page is well used by over 1000 members and via it we now have had a lot of feedback on what old girls are up to in their lives.

Membership...

Life Membership is currently a one-off payment of \$200 or \$150 for Old Girls who have left school more than 20 years ago.

For a membership form, either email us at SMOGA@trinityschools.nz or send us a message on Facebook.

WE REMEMBER

The St Matthews Old Girls' Association would like to acknowledge the passing of these Old Girls since our last publication. Our sympathies to their families:



681 Theresa Ann Cameron (Wardell) – Masterton

518 Helen Falloon (Dalziell) - Masterton
403 Sanchia Helen Hooker (Hunter)

DONATIONS...

Would you like to donate to the SMOGA scholarship fund, to our database and website project, or to general running costs? (small or large, all donations help!).

We are now a registered charity so donations over \$5 are tax refundable.

Please either contact us at smoga@trinityschools.nz or deposit your donation into:

Account number:
01-0682-0009837-00 with your name and donation as a reference.

St Matthew's Old Girls' Reunions

CLASS OF 1988 REUNION

Photo taken outside Main (Big) House. From left to right –

Julia (Abraham) Beamish; Megan (Draper) Twist; Kirsty (Cowie) Riley, Caroline (White) Gault, Megan (Sutherland) Parry, Caroline (Moorhead) Short, Mandy (Martin) Allen, Kiri MacDonald, Rachel (Kyle) Butterick, Tessa Hodson, Caroline (Blundell) Abbis, Julie (Ellison) Calkin, Kirsty (Sherrif) Rueppell, Sarah (Herrick) Harris. Bridget McIlraith (taking photo).



MANAWATU/WAIRARAPA OLD GIRLS' LUNCH

Earlier this year the group of Manawatu/Wairarapa/Hawkes Bay Old Girls who have been meeting in recent years held their luncheon in Pahiatua at the Black Stump Restaurant. Members swelled this year to over 50, thanks to Carron Perry (Keene) who personally encouraged her classmates to attend.



These gatherings are well worthwhile. No matter what "era" we are from we all have one thing in common. The atmosphere is always pleasant, relaxed and enjoyable.

If you are in the area, you are more than welcome to come, just contact:

Lynn Lamb (Watson) 06 378 7860

Bev Armistead (Bunny) 06 3233577

Inga Ward (Andressen) 06 354 4709

L-R: Barb Nicol (Bannister), Margaret Graham (Langdon), Carron Perry (Keene), Rachel Cadwallader (Mabin), Judy Dreadon, Monica Logan (Wilson), Jo Rowley (Arcus) and Margot McGregor (Baird).



UPCOMING REUNIONS:

Class of 1998: 20 Years On Reunion 20-21 October 2018. Photos to come in next year's magazine!

Class of 1999: Class of 1999 (including anyone who attended from 1993-1999). These girls are also planning a 20 Years On Reunion in October 2019. For more details, or if you would like to help organise this, please contact Katrina Loach (James) at jimmydjames@hotmail.com

Catering Packages: SMOGA are happy to cater for your reunion in the school dining room. A tour can be arranged afterwards. We can also help with advertising your reunion through our database and advertising on our Facebook page.

Bubbles Breakfast/Brunch- cereal, yoghurt, fresh strawberries, pastries, \$20.00pp

Morning or Afternoon Tea - \$10.00pp Drinks and Nibbles - \$15.00pp



2018 SMOGA

AGM

Tuesday 13th November, 5.30pm

Lone Star, Dixon Street, Masterton

AGENDA

- Present
- Apologies
- Minutes 2017 AGM – to be distributed at the 2018 Meeting
- Matters Arising
- President's Report
- Financial Statement to August 2018
- General Business
- Election of Officers – President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Also - Committee, Scholarship Committee, Auditor

Refreshments will be served