







# CHRIST CENTRED EDUCATION



















# St Matthew's School Information













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We run a Breakfast Club, Fruit in School, Fonterra Milk in School, KidsCan and Duffy Books, as part of our child and family support programme.

Our children achieve well within a learning environment that has strong routines and high expectations.

Our roll is 65% Samoan, 15% Maori and 20% NZ European.

### SCHOOL STRUCTURE

**Principal & DRS** Tumua Pala'aia Kate Blundell (Junior Room) Teachers Sarah Searle (Senior Room) and Tumua Pala'aia **Office Manager** Lynette Down **Teacher Aide** Vitolina Seko Cleaner

Religious Education and values are woven across the curriculum.

The senior class is active in many sporting opportunities with the schools in our cluster. These include the Quad Tournament, Cross Country, Softball, Ki o Rahi. We have a school netball team.

Year 7 & 8 students go to Rangitikei College for technology once a week.

### SCHOOL GOVERNANCE AND ASSOCIATION

Our Board of Trustees is made up of eight members:

Elected parent trustees: Matina Sefilino (Chairperson), Lata Lealofi, Faiao Leru

Proprietor's appointees: Mary McNaught, Nancy Wulf

Co-opted trustee: Tim Ryan

Staff trustee: Lynette Down

Principal: Tumua Pala'aia

St Matthew's is part of the Rangitikei Kahui Ako comprising of nine primary schools and one high school that are all in our local area.

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St Matthew's Catholic School was founded by the Mercy Sisters and the Catholic community of Marton in 1915. They were inspired by Catherine McAuley. Catherine chose certain Gospel values that were important to her to help make decisions and to live her life. She also asked the Sisters of Mercy to use these values to help them make their decisions.

Together, these values are the foundation of the St Matthew's Mercy Charism. This is why we call them the Mercy Values.

Excellence - Panekiritanga - Silisili ona Lelei Compassion – Aroha - Loto Alofa Hospitality – Manaakitanga - Talia Lelei Respect – Te Tapu o Te Tangata - Fa'aalo'alo Service – Rato - Loto Fa'aau'auna Social Justice - Tika - Fa'amasinoga Tonu

We are guided in our decision-making by Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love, the Gospel Values, and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and the New Zealand Curriculum.

We ensure that the teaching of Jesus Christ, as expressed in the teaching of the Catholic Church, permeates all aspects of school life. As such, all students participate in the Religious Education programme that gives St Matthew's its Special Character. Our school regularly attends and participates in the St Francis Xavier Church Mass, on Friday morning.

St Matthew's has a strong learning culture where we strive to do our best. We pride ourselves with being culturally responsive and celebrate the cultures within our school.

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## VISION

## VALUES

# **PRINCIPLES**

### **MISSION**

To be the hands and feet of Jesus. To be the face of God.