



Welcome Andrew Eagle

On Monday morning the whole school welcomed Andrew to St Matthew's in the church.

Andrew came to us from Waipukurau School where he was Deputy Principal,



Please introduce yourself to Andrew as he settles in to our school.

The Reverend Alister G. Hendery
Chairperson - St Matthew's Primary School Board of Trustees

Welcome to Term 4

I would like to thank the school and parish for the great welcome in the church on Monday. What a great start we have had with all of this rain!

A bit about me.

I began my teaching career at Hastings Intermediate School, then Napier Intermediate, teaching mainly Year 7 & 8's, eventually becoming Deputy Principal at St. Josephs School in Waipukurau.

I began my first Educational Leadership role in 2016 at St Joseph's School in Waipukurau in a split teaching / Deputy Principal role. Eventually, I continued this growth as the Deputy Principal at Waipukurau school.

I am Married to Caroline and we have two cats Chubbs and Vinnie. We all live in Napier.

Mathematics, Science and digital technologies are areas I am especially passionate about. I am also undertaking professional study to strengthen my understanding of effective School Leadership.

I feel incredibly privileged to lead St Matthews School and would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Staff, the Board and in particular Kathryn who has been a valuable wealth of knowledge.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my start to the Term.

If you see me at the gate or around the school, pop over and have a chat.

Andrew Eagle
Principal

Spring Fair

Keep Saturday, November 2nd free!
This is the date of our Spring Fair and we need your help!

We will be having a sausage sizzle, cake stall, raffles, lots of new fun games for children, food stalls, children's stalls, and free entertainment and a talent show .

There are still some sites left for external vendors to set up food stalls at a cost of \$35 for three hours.
Phone Mike at the office.

Fair Helpers and Requests

Fair Helpers

We need helpers at the Spring Fair to set up and to clean up, help on the cake stall and second-hand clothes stall, and sausage sizzle.

We need volunteers to help with leaflet drops under car windscreens and in mailboxes in the week before the fair.

Grocery Raffle

At the Fair we are planning to have a huge grocery raffle. **Could you find something non-perishable at your next grocery shop and donate it to school? Please take it to the office.**



Fair Talent Show

We are having a talent show at the Fair and need a variety of talented children to perform! Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, read poetry- anything you can do. And there will be cash prizes. Interested? Contact Lesley Aplin 021 997372.

Fair Book Stall

We are having a second hand book stall and would welcome any books of any genre you no longer want.

Clothes Stall

If you have any of last seasons clothes laying around you no longer wear, bring them into school for our Clothes Stall at the Fair.

Mufti Day Baking

We will be having our "pre-fair" baking for Mufti Day on Friday November 1. Please remember, home made items only.

Other News

Family & Friends

We are having a Family & Friends meeting next Monday, 7:00pm in the Staffroom. This is an important meeting as it will be planning for the Fair on Saturday, November 2. Please do come along as we need your help!

School Swimming

We start school wide swimming lessons on Tuesday 29 after Labour weekend. This is for every child and children will need their togs, towel, goggles in a waterproof bag everyday. This is for the two weeks (including Friday on the first week) after Labour weekend.

School Camps

Could we please have the permission slips back for the Weka Point and Wellington camps, **even if your child is not going. Raffle tickets need to be returned as well.**

Visit from Author Des Hunt

Today we had a visit from renowned New Zealand Author Des Hunt who has written dozens of children's books.



Here is a piece written by Ariel from W4.

Friday 18 October

Today, 18 October a New Zealand author, Des Hunt visited our school. He gave us tips and tricks on how to write a good story, as well as talking about his journey throughout the years.

As one of his jobs, he was a chemistry teacher so in a cool but yet an intelligent way he added chemistry and physics into his explanation. My favourite part of his visit was when he talked about how he got rejected 7 times but still kept sending it to the publisher until he accepted it.

-Ariel

