



# St Matthew's Primary School Annual Report 2016



Being one of our busiest years to date, 2016 was another successful year for the school. The Board of Trustees continues to lead the school in a direction that both supports and enhances the Special Character, as well as supporting the many individual needs of our learners

The school's financial footing continues to grow stronger, allowing the Board of Trustees to provide a high quality education for its pupils within the tight fiscal restraints faced by all schools.

The dedication and support shown by the support staff, teachers and volunteers towards our learners is truly amazing and I am so very thankful that the school has such a dedicated team working hard each day. The needs of our students are ever present in every level of school planning and teaching.



Our year was deeply saddened by the passing of Whaea Daph, our new entrant teacher who passed away just before the start of our fourth term. She taught with us since 2010 and her final gift to the school was leading us successfully into the Ngati Kahungunu Kapahaka Festival.

Our core work within the classroom continued to be focussed, directed at moving each and every student on in their journey. We had many programmes in operational both within and away from the school, that add to the learning of the pupils, directly targeting their needs. This was supported with many trips beyond the classroom. Camp Kaitawa was once again a highlight for W4, with a magnificent week spent up at Lake Waikaremoana.



Our classroom programmes continue to support a diverse range of learning needs. Our data is showing that we are making very good progress across the whole school. This comes from a school wide focus on looking at barriers to learning and actively working to lessen the effect of those barriers.

