



St Matthew's Primary School Annual Report 2012



W4 enjoying camp at Kaitawa, Lake



W2 about to leave Matahiwi Marae, Clive.



Racing to the finish at the Cross Country Race.

The six classrooms of St Matthew's Primary School have celebrated a challenging and dynamic year that provided a great deal of focused success for each pupil.

While our teaching staff remained stable for most of the year, one of our staff went on maternity leave and Mrs P. Thompson joined us. Our school chaplain and parish vicar Rev G. Pilgrim retired at the end of term 1, ending a fifteen year relationship with the school during which time he served as Chaplain, Chairman, Deputy Chair and Trustee to the Board of Trustees. We are most grateful for Graeme's long and dedicated contributions to our school.

Our Christian Living programme is based on the Christian Religious Education resources produced for the Churches Education Commission. With the Vicar's retirement, a parent stepped in to assist with the Christian Living programme with the three junior classes, while our Principal works with the three senior classes every week.

Our special relationship with the Anglican Parish of St Matthew is one that we treasure. The continued support, prayers, interactions and faith shown to us by the parishioners is a very special element of our school.

We also continued our relationship with Matahiwi Marae, with a weeklong camp for one of our senior classes and an all day visit for the rest of the school. For this class and the staff involved, a good deal of growth was made in the area of Te Ao Maori.

We also involved the whole school in a Kapahaka performance made at a festival held at a local school. The involvement of everyone was very useful – it allowed a number of pupils who do not normally take leadership roles to step up during this part of our curriculum.

We are continuing to be excited by the challenges and developments within the school. As we come closer to the school's 20th anniversary at the start of 2015, as a Board of Trustees we are excited by what is offered to our pupils and families and look forward to this continuing for many years to come.

