



# St Matthew's Primary School Annual Report 2015-2016

2015 was another busy, busy year for our pupils and staff. I am immensely proud of the work that our very talented staff put into our pupils, often well beyond what could be reasonably expected in other schools. The programme of learning keeps being focussed on each learner with the staff being part of a lot of professional development aimed at recognising needs within each child and helping them overcome any barriers to learning.

A feature of our senior school programme is Education Outside The Classroom. With our year 5 and 6s going for a week to Tangoio Marae, just north of Napier we were able to connect with an important part of our locality in such a meaningful way. Our senior class went to Wellington for a week and connected with our WWI history. This linked so well with both the ongoing work of the students as well as the Parish's own commemorations.

Being an inner city school, we make the most of the resources around the city. We can boast the best 'school library' in the country – because each week every class utilizes the Hastings Public Library and the staff help us make it our own library.



On Lake Waikare-iti during our stay at Camp Kaitawa



The site wide Fair is a regular highlight



Every class visits the city library every week

