

Pānui - Thursday 20th August

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's proving to be a full term, but a calm and positive one too. In our latest Pulse check-in, the words students have used most to describe their term so far are Happy, Calm, Excited, Loved and Confident — a wonderful reflection of how our young people are feeling. Families looking for simple ways to support wellbeing at home might also like to explore Sparklers at Home, which has practical activities and ideas for tamariki and whānau. Check it out at sparklers.org.nz.

There has certainly been plenty happening! A big thank you to all the students and staff who have thrown themselves into recent opportunities across the age range, including the Scuba Diving Outdoor Education Trip, Spaceward Bound, the Kiwi Kids Charity afternoon and of course, the Senior City Camp in Wellington. Right now, students are also taking part in Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Hamish from NZ Police, the Year 9–13 Ski Trip, and preparations for the Year 3–6 Speech Competitions in Tākaka. Families can find out more about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-community-safety/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/kos>

And there's plenty still to come. Get to Go for Year 9 is coming up in Week 6, followed by SISS Netball in Week 7, while our Year 11–13 students will be working towards their important derived grade exams in Week 9. We're looking forward to seeing students continue to get involved, challenge themselves and make the most of everything on offer as the term rolls on.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal



Nationals Tournament

During the final week of Term 2, ten standout CAS students traveled north to Whangarei to represent the Top of the South Island at the National Area Schools Tournament.

CAS was represented by:

- Syriah Haare in Netball, football and Volleyball
- Ashley Iorns in Netball, Volleyball and Basketball
- Maryanne Kobebe in Football and Ki o Rahi
- Bianca Swan in Netball and Volleyball
- Logan Ricketts in Volleyball and Basketball
- Aonghus Garbutt in Volleyball, Football and Basketball
- Leroy Edwards in Basketball
- Cash Jukes in Basketball
- Quin Riordan in Rugby
- Nelson Glass in Basketball and Volleyball

The students had a very successful week, with the Top of the South team winning in a variety of sporting codes. The final day of the tournament featured a North Island vs. South Island competition. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the South Island teams:

- Syriah Haare in Netball
- Ashley Iorns in Netball, Volleyball
- Maryanne Kobebe in Football
- Bianca Swan in Netball and Volleyball
- Logan Ricketts in Volleyball and Basketball
- Aonghus Garbutt in Volleyball and Football
- Leroy Edwards in Basketball
- Cash Jukes in Basketball
- Quin Riordan in Rugby
- Nelson Glass in Basketball

The North vs. South battles were closely contested. The North won in Rugby, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball and Ki o Rahi while the South claimed victories in Girls Football and Boys Football, Netball, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Basketball. Ultimately, the North was crowned the overall winner of the day.

The tournament concluded with the selection of national teams. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the New Zealand Area Schools teams:

- Syriah Haare in Netball
- Ashley Iorns in Netball
- Maryanne Kobebe in Football
- Bianca Swan in Netball
- Logan Ricketts in Volleyball and Basketball
- Leroy Edwards in Basketball

Congratulations to all the students for representing the school with pride!

Also to Mike Win for his work with Basketball at CAS, Sam Iorns for organising the team and planning the trip and her work with the Netball girls, Lorna Pomeroy for training up the Volleyball players, and the parents for all their support.

The Collingwood Area School Nationals Team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous sponsorship. Your support allowed our team of ten to travel to Whangārei for the Area Schools National Tournament. We truly could not have done it without you:

Mike and Jessicah Win

Golden Bay Lions Club

Trash Palace

Byrne Builders Golden Bay

Collingwood Holiday Park

TG Contracting

Bainham Rural Women

Yan Pan and Kelvin Glass

HealthPost

Hammer Hardware Golden Bay

Tasman Honda

Carrfields – Sam Riley

C and T Miller

ITM

Collingwood Tavern

Alliance Plumbing

We would also like to extend a special thank you to everyone in the community who supported us by purchasing our "Got Your Back" tops. Your encouragement means the world to the team!



Secondary Cross Country

Third time proved to be the charm for our 2026 Senior Cross Country! After two weather delays, the sun finally delivered a fantastic day for our school community to head outdoors, test their limits, and show off their whānau pride.

Anticipation had been building for weeks, with staff and students endlessly debating potential finish times and record-breaking odds. When the race kicked off, the competitive pack surged ahead to set a blistering pace. Right behind them, a vibrant sea of whānau colors flooded the course as non-competitive runners cheered, paced, and celebrated their peers every step of the way.

At the front, a fierce duel unfolded between Logan and Claude. The gruelling Excellent Street Hill usually decides the victor, but both runners reached the summit neck and neck. Ultimately, it was Logan's powerful stride on the downhill that created the winning gap. He crossed the line with an incredible new school record of 22:25. Claude followed closely at 23:01, shattering the intermediate record and matching the previous overall record Logan set last year!

The spirit off the track was just as competitive:

Best Dressed: Ashley Iorns brought the energy and took home top honors for the second consecutive year!

Photo Competition: Syria Haare perfectly captured the joy and grit of the event, defending her title with another winning shot.

Congratulations to every single student who pushed their limits, represented their whānau, and supported each other around the course.

RESULTS

	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Boys	Kent Ledger	Robert Win	Carter Wilson
Junior Girls	Lily Davis	Jarrah Richards	Ariana Etheredge
Intermediate Boys	Claude Gaddes <i>New record 23:01</i>	Leroy Steel	Jesse Smith
Intermediate Girls	Bree Dell <i>New record 27:02</i>	Tessa Fearn	Tegan Strange
Senior Boys	Logan Ricketts <i>New record 22:25</i>	Zach Richards	Wyatt McQueen
Senior Girls	Syria Haare	Ashley Iorns	Maryanne Kobebe





Fossil Point Trip - Te Rae and Ōpou

On Tuesday 11th August, Ōpou and Te Rae went on a combined class trip to Fossil Point. In conjunction with Mohua Penguins trust, the kaupapa of the trip is learning to be kaitiakitanga of our local penguin population out at Fossil Point beach. We all had a lovely time on an outstanding winter's day with little to no wind where the tamariki got to see some penguin boxes (that actually had nesting penguin chicks inside) as well as learning more about the flora and fauna of the region. The highlight, and the star of the show, was a little baby seal who decided to move from his position on the beach 10 metres or so before curling back up in a ball and going back to sleep to await his mother's return. It was really heartwarming to see the older children interacting with the younger students and a great opportunity for us to make the most of tuakana teina (big and little students working together). Thanks to CJ and Patsy for your enthusiasm and support and to all the parent volunteers who came along - we cannot run trips such as this without your support.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua - Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

Last week my class went on a school trip! We saw a baby seal. We are learning about Little Blue Penguins. The walk was soooooooooooooooooooooo long. Patsy showed us some nesting boxes but we didn't look inside because we would disturb them

By Emily E

I walked across Fossil Point. We saw a baby seal. We didn't see any Blue Penguins because they were hunting in the sea.

By Amara R

Last week we went on a class trip. WE saw a seal in the sun. I think it was waiting for its mum and dad. Did you know that seals like to eat penguins? We played in the sand dunes. My favorite thing was seeing the seal and seeing the video of the Little Blue Penguin and sliding down the sand dunes. It was fun. We did not want to see them otherwise they could get sick.

By Eden S

I went to Fossil Point to see penguin houses. We did not see any penguins but we did see a baby seal and we did see a dead seal. I found some rubbish!

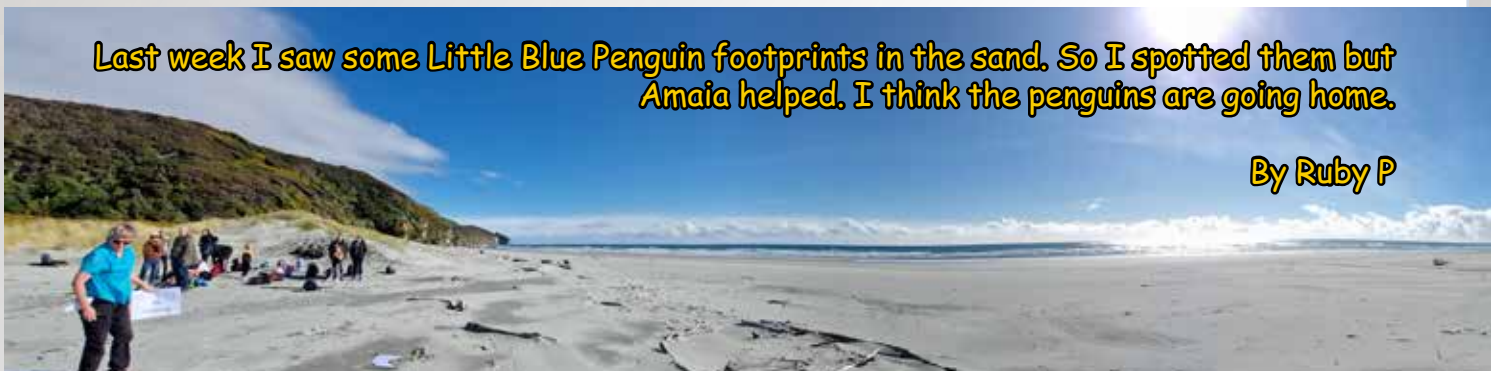
By Kaia A

Last week my class went to Fossil Point Beach. We went to look for penguin houses. Patsy took us to the houses. We saw a baby seal waiting for his mum.

By Skyla S

Last week I saw some Little Blue Penguin footprints in the sand. So I spotted them but Amaia helped. I think the penguins are going home.

By Ruby P





Wellington Camp!

Monday (Syriah):

Last week our senior school (yr 11-13) headed off at 7:00 to Picton to take the ferry for a whole week away at windy Wellington. During the ferry ride we all spread out some going outside while others at the cafe and some chilling where our meeting point was. For some it was their first time on a ferry and first time going to the North Island which was very cool! After the ferry we checked in to the Waterloo Backpackers where we unpacked and walked for dinner at Willis Lane. There were multiple different choices for dinner which was amazing and we all had a fun time for our first night in Welly expect for Ashley who slipped over and hurt herself

Tuesday (Alex):

On Tuesday morning, we visited the supermarket to buy the food we'd budgeted for in our groups. We then headed to Te Papa for a guided tour of the World War I Gallipoli exhibition, which was fascinating and offered a fresh perspective on the conflict. Afterwards, we had free time to explore the museum's other exhibits, including the colossal squid and the earthquake house. From Te Papa, we caught a bus to Queensgate Mall in Lower Hutt for some shopping time. Once back, we cooked dinner together in our groups before heading to bed.

Wednesday (Poppy):

On Wednesday we hopped on the bus after getting ready and headed off towards the pool, some of us messed around with an inflatable basketball hoop and balls while some others went to the sauna and hot pools. After a while the diving boards opened up and everyone began jumping off. We then took a bus to Cuba Street and whilst the teachers left to set up the navigation challenge, we all got a free hour to go around exploring the stores and enjoy the city. We then met up and began our navigation challenge which took us around the city exploring finding the teachers at cafes. We had a lunch break then went to parliament for our tour but before that began we met our former West Coast mp Damien O'Connor. After we made dinner in our groups and then we went on a night walk along the harbour. We also went to the park that is beside it. I think that this was a highlight of camp for a lot of people.

Thursday (Jaimie):

On Thursday we went to the Wellington Zoo. We got into small groups and got given a list of activities to do around the zoo. After that we got free time to see all the animals we wanted. After we left the zoo we got free time in the city. During this time people went for lunch, went shopping and just had a good look around the city. We then all went home and had some chill time before heading out to Victoria University. It was actually a bit of a challenge to get there as Mr.Wilson made us get on the wrong bus #thanksmate. It's okay though because we all forgave him and made it to the university in one piece. We got a tour of the campus and got to see the university. For dinner that night we ordered 16 pizzas and all ate together on our last night.

Friday (Logan):

On Friday, we had to wake up at an horrible hour of 5:30 a.m. to clean our rooms and pack up our spaces before checking in for the long ferry ride home. The crossing back to Picton took about three and a half hours, but the highlight came as we entered the Marlborough Sounds just before docking: we spotted two separate pods of dolphins. Watching them glide so effortlessly and elegantly through the saltwater was amazing. Once we docked, we found our sea legs, hopped on a shuttle to the bus station, and loaded into our two vans and the school car to finally head home.

(Mr Wilson)

Overall, camp with this bunch of young people was a rewarding and fun experience. Camps are exhausting and require a ridiculous amount of planning and organising. Seeing what the students get out of it always makes that worthwhile and reminds us all why we do this. It was a pleasure to take them to Wellington and we hope it is something we can continue to do in the future. I want to say a big thanks to all the parents, caregivers, whānau and community for supporting our fundraising efforts; and big thanks to Miriam Curnow, Lloyd McPherson and Pip Brake, for their help and support on camp. Nga mihi nui



Library News



Te Puna Whare Mātauranga ā Kura

SLANZA

School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa

We are in the second week of two weeks of celebrations of school libraries and reading for children. SLANZA, the School Library Association and READ NZ have organised these weeks to highlight and emphasise the importance of reading, literacy and school libraries for young people in NZ.



SLANZA: Aotearoa School Library Week 10 - 14 August 2026

Since 2022, Aotearoa School Library Week has been our annual nationwide celebration, dedicated to highlighting the vital role school libraries play in nurturing literacy, learning, and well-being across NZ.

Read NZ <https://www.read-nz.org/> 15 - 21 August

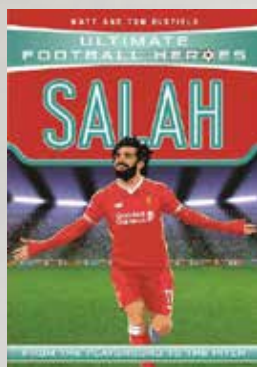
Growing generations of readers in Aotearoa. READ NZ delivers engagement programmes in communities & schools to help more New Zealanders read more. They have a cool website with lots of resources and activities for parents

One of our Library's competitions is colouring-in a black & white bookmark, when they have been finished, the students hand them back, and we will display them on a wall and you can vote for your top choices.

There are 8 different bookmarks, these are 4 of them.

We also have a scavenger hunt and a book bingo. Below are some of our new books this week, enjoy!

Every so often we get books for grown-ups in our Library. Usually to help us understand children and our brains. Or, to make us think deeper about a topic.



Sometimes we read in the media, you must do this with children, or, no, you must do that, when you are raising or teaching children, but instinctively it doesn't feel right. This slim book wee book by the 2025 National Ambassador for children's literature in the USA, Mac Barnett talks about telling stories and reading books that actually make a difference in the lives of children. (Think Richard Scarry and books with "doors" into different realms like "The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe".) Reading stories to children is truly magical.

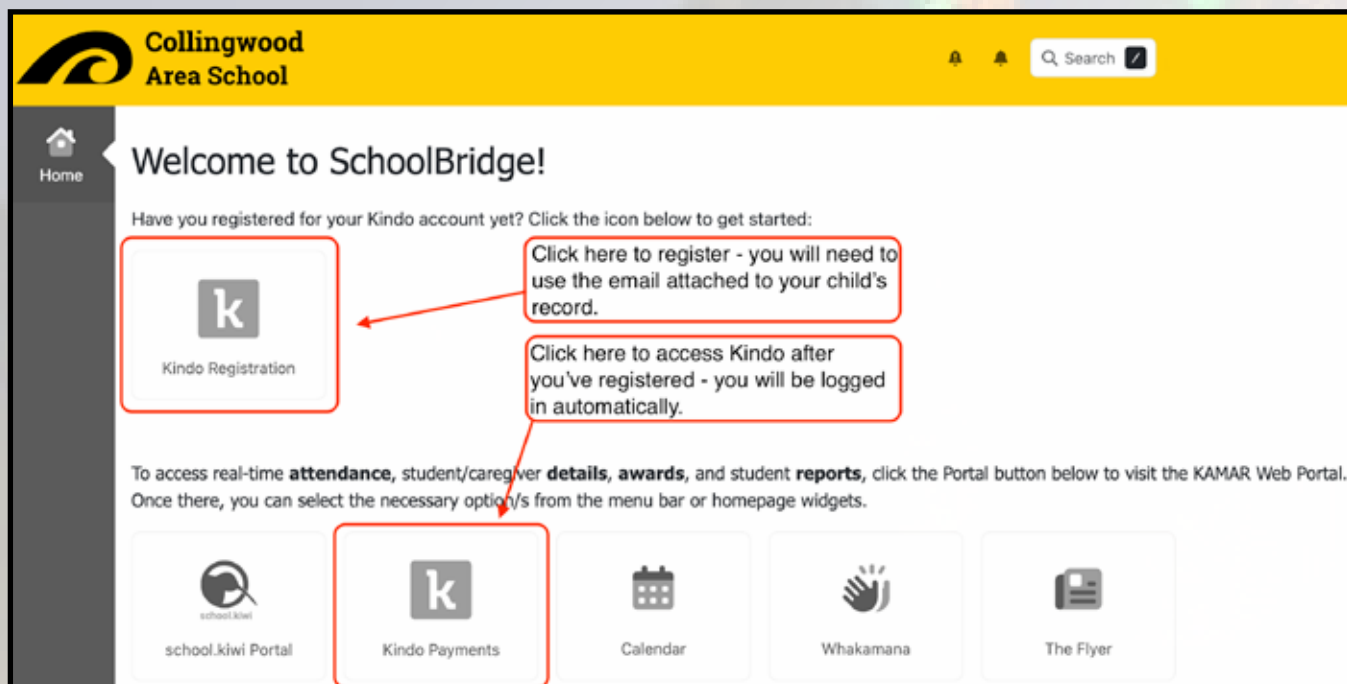
Diane & Donna - Librarians

Kindo is Live!

We are excited to announce that our new online payment system, Kindo, is now live for our parents and whānau!

Kindo makes managing school expenses, including fees, fundraisers, sports registrations, and trips, fast, simple, and secure from any device. Setting up your account takes just a few minutes, giving you 24/7 access to view your balance, pay in full, or make flexible partial payments at your own pace.

Head to SchoolBridge to register or log in:



There is also a Kindo App; you can download it from the App Store or Google Play Store:



If you need help, head to the Resources tab in SchoolBridge, where you'll find a how-to article with helpful videos.

Visual Arts



Yanna and Maryanne. Kawa Kawa by Maryanne. Running water by Otis. Farewell Spit by Yanna,



Anku and Levi R: Piano by Rubee. Fish by Bree.
Penguin by Annabelle.

Calendar

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st August

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Thursday 20th August

Wednesday 26th August

Friday 28th August

Monday 31st August - Thursday 3rd September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 7th September

Wednesday 9th September

Friday 11th September

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September

Tuesday 15th September

Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 17th September

Thursday 24th September

Friday 25th September

Monday 12th October

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st October

Wednesday 21st October

Monday 26th October

Thursday 29th - Friday 30th October

Monday 9th November

Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th November

Thursday 10th December

Year 9 - 13 Ski Trip

Year 3 & 4 Speech Competition

Year 5 & 6 Speech Competition

Get2Go

Daffodil Day

SISS Netball

Primary Hui - 2pm

BOT Meeting

IS EPro 8

IS Football

Derived Grade Exam Week

Reading CAA

TSS Pickleball & Numeracy CAA

Writing CAA

Year 9 & 13 Sea Kayak

End Term Three

Start Term Four

Life Education

Shake Out - 11am

Labour Day Public Holiday

Mini TOSI

NZQA Exams Start

Wharariki Class Noho Marae

End Term Four

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Daffodil Day



Friday, August 28th

Wear all our yellow clothes and bring a
gold coin donation in support of the
cancer foundation



2026 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Session	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Tue 10 Nov	AM	Mathematics and Statistics	Geography Latin	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Te Ao Haka	Japanese	Digital Technologies Samoan	Media Studies
Wed 11 Nov	AM			English	
	PM	Gagana Tokelau Korean	Te Ao Haka	Cook Islands Māori	Geography
Thu 12 Nov	AM		English		Chemistry
	PM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Chinese	Physics Te Ao Haka	French
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 13 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 16 Nov	AM	French	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Te Reo Māori	Chemistry	German History	Statistics
Tue 17 Nov	AM	English			Accounting
	PM	Geography	Dance Korean	Biology	Art History
Wed 18 Nov	AM	History	Art History	Health Japanese	Physics
	PM		Physics	Economics	Psychology
Thu 19 Nov	AM		Mathematics & Statistics	Making Music Spanish	Economics
	PM	Chemistry & Biology	Accounting		Biology
Fri 20 Nov	AM		Biology	Chinese Drama	
	PM	Religious Studies	Cook Islands Māori Drama	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	AM	Japanese	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	English
	PM	Spanish	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Earth & Space Science
Tue 24 Nov	AM	Commerce	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Statistics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM		History	Geography	
Wed 25 Nov	AM	Health Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	Calculus
	PM	Science	Classical Studies	Accounting	Drama
Thu 26 Nov	AM	Digital Technologies	Media Studies	Te Reo Māori	
	PM	Vagahau Niue	Health	Media Studies	Chinese
Fri 27 Nov	AM	Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	Economics	Music Studies	Spanish
	PM		Digital Technologies	Art History	History
WEEKEND					
WESTLAND AND CHATHAM ISLANDS ANNIVERSARY DAYS (Mon 30 Nov)					
Tue 1 Dec	AM	Social Studies	Earth & Space Science	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Music	Home Economics	Digital Technologies
Wed 2 Dec	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	German Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa		Earth & Space Science	Religious Studies
Thu 3 Dec	AM	German	Home Economics	Korean	
	PM	Chinese	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Business Studies	
Fri 4 Dec	AM		Spanish	Social Studies	German