



Pānui - Thursday, 3rd September

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Collingwood Area School, with plenty happening both within our classrooms and beyond the school gates. One of the things I am particularly enjoying at the moment is spending time observing teaching and learning across the school. As Principal, it is a real privilege to move between different age groups and curriculum areas and see our teachers and students at work. I have really enjoyed seeing the variety of learning taking place, the positive relationships between teachers and students, and the many different ways our young people are being encouraged to think, question, create and challenge themselves.

The last couple of weeks have provided some wonderful opportunities for students outside the classroom. Congratulations to all our students selected to represent CAS at the regional speech competition in Tākaka. Public speaking takes considerable courage. Standing in front of an unfamiliar audience, remembering and delivering a prepared speech, speaking clearly and confidently, and managing the inevitable nerves are skills that many adults still find challenging! We are very proud of all of our students who took part, and a special congratulations goes to Evie Baker, who placed second in her age group. Thank you also to Amy Dell and Miriam Curnow for accompanying and supporting our students.

Our Year 9 students have also had the opportunity to take part in the Hillary Outdoors Get2Go Regional Challenge. Get2Go combines outdoor adventure with teamwork, problem-solving and a little healthy competition. Students work together through a series of challenges such as orienteering, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, mountain biking and problem-solving. Success isn't simply about being the fastest or strongest – communication, planning, decision-making and supporting your teammates are all important parts of the challenge. Thank you to Pete for organising this opportunity for our students.

This week our attention also turns to the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Nelson. We wish all our students competing this week the very best. Collingwood Area School has our own netball team at the tournament, and they have already made a great start with a win over Hurunui College in their first game. That was the only result available at the time of writing, so hopefully there are plenty more good results to come! We also have CAS students representing other local schools in football and rugby, joining teams from Golden Bay High School and Motueka High School. Haere tonu!

Looking a little further ahead, we are beginning the important process of planning for 2027. On Wednesday 16 September at 1.30 pm, we will hold an Options Afternoon for our current Year 11 and 12 students and their whānau. Students and whānau will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet with subject teachers, and learn more about the subjects and pathways available for next year. Choosing senior subjects is an important decision, and we want students to make informed choices that reflect both their interests and where they may want their learning to take them in the future. During the afternoon, we will also introduce our new online subject-selection site through SchoolBridge - whānau can view this through their SchoolBridge app now. While the Options Afternoon is specifically aimed at our Year 11 and 12 students planning their 2027 programmes, the online site is available to students and whānau across the school. This means families can begin looking ahead well before students reach the senior school and see the range of learning opportunities and pathways that Collingwood Area School can offer in the senior years. Parents of students of all ages are welcome to attend the in-person event - please sign in at the main office.

For our current Year 11–13 students, this time of year also signals an important shift towards preparation for NCEA external assessments. Our Derived Grade Examinations begin in Week 9, from Monday 14 September, and the 2026 NZQA external examination period begins on Tuesday 10 November. The best preparation for external examinations does not involve trying to learn everything in the final few days. Students should start now to establish a manageable revision routine: identify which standards they will sit, check what they need to know for each one, review class notes and feedback, and work through past

examination questions. Active revision (e.g. answering questions, creating summaries from memory, explaining concepts to someone else and practising under timed conditions) is generally much more useful than simply rereading notes.

The Derived Grade Exams are an important part of this preparation. They give students an opportunity to experience exam conditions, identify areas that still need work, and receive useful feedback before November. I encourage families to talk with their young person about what their study plan looks like over the coming weeks and to help them establish a routine that includes regular study alongside sleep, exercise, downtime and their other commitments. Teachers are also an important source of support; if a student is unsure about what they should be studying or how best to prepare for a particular external, now is the time to ask.

Plenty is happening as we move towards the end of the term. Whether students are representing the school on a sports field, speaking in front of an audience, navigating an outdoor challenge, making decisions about their future learning, preparing for examinations, or simply getting on with the everyday business of learning in their classrooms, it is great to see them taking up the opportunities available to them and continuing to challenge themselves.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

Under 14 Tasman Mako Rep!



Florence G was recently selected for the Tasman U14 representative team, launching their two-match campaign on Saturday with a 51–25 win against Marlborough.
Kei te meamea mātou ki a koe / We are proud of you Florence!

Under 15 Rural Livestock Tournament

This week, Year 11 student Quin teamed up with the Motueka High School U15 Rugby Team for the Rural Livestock Tournament in Westport. A huge thank you to Motueka High for inviting him to join the squad!

Demonstrating exceptional MHS pride and grit throughout the event, the team delivered an impressive campaign, bouncing back from a tough start to secure three strong, consecutive wins. To top off a fantastic tournament, Quin was named Motueka High's Most Valuable Player!

Tournament Results

St Peter's College: 26 – 7 (Loss)

South Otago High School: 38 – 5 (Loss)

Cromwell College: 21 – 12 (Win)

Trinity Catholic College: 50 – 10 (Win)

Menzies College: 21 – 14 (Win)



Year 9 Visual Arts

This submission showcases the Collage and Collograph printmaking, of a collograph print framed by a Matisse inspired collograph.

Clockwise from the top:

Claude, Levi, Clara, Ava, Tessa,
Charlotte, Mackenzie, Ash, Bree



Upcoming Senior Derived Grade Examinations

Kia ora whānau,

Upcoming Senior Derived Grade Examinations: Week 9 (Starting Monday, 14 September)

As we head towards the end of Term 3, our senior students are preparing to sit their Derived Grade Examinations. These exams will run across **Week 9, starting Monday, 14 September**, and will take place over the course of the week.

What Are Derived Grades? According to NZQA guidelines, a derived grade is an official grade calculated using authentic, standard-specific evidence gathered during school assessments (such as these upcoming exams).

If an emergency, sudden illness, or unforeseen event prevents a student from attending or completing their official NCEA end-of-year exams in Term 4, NZQA uses these derived grades to ensure the student still receives an accurate, fair qualification result for their hard work.

Why These Exams Matter: Because derived grades act as an essential safety net, all senior students must approach these exams focused and determined to showcase the very best of their abilities. Our teaching staff have been working hard to prepare students thoroughly so they can achieve the best possible outcomes.

Exam Week Details

- **Schedule:** Exams will run for one week beginning Monday, 14 September.
- **Study Time:** When students are not actively participating in an exam, dedicated study time will be provided to help them revise and prepare for their remaining papers.

Thank you for your ongoing support at home as our senior students enter this important phase of their learning journey.

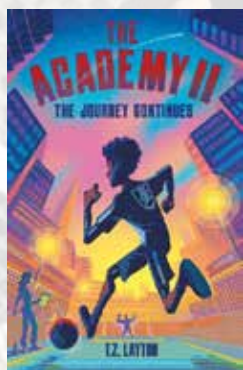
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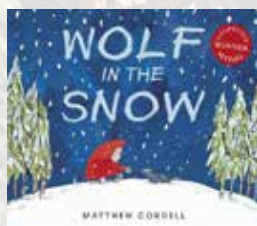
Library News



Our new books this week include the following: A philosophical adventure story for early readers that playfully combines fairytale with absurd comedy to ask a big question about what makes a good life. As a newborn, Edith received two gifts: the ability to bring any object to life and eternal childhood. That's why today, 100 years later, Edith is celebrating her centenary as a seven-year-old. What will she wish for this time? Certainly a new life—being seven forever has its downside. On her birthday, Edith sets off to find the fairy who bewitched her and reverse the spell. She takes her only friends, a wise dog and a talking lemon. Fully illustrated in colour, this one-of-a-kind chapter book bursts with good things: the dry wit of a faithful dog, a fairytale adventure, camping, boating, friendship and danger, and a question that matters.

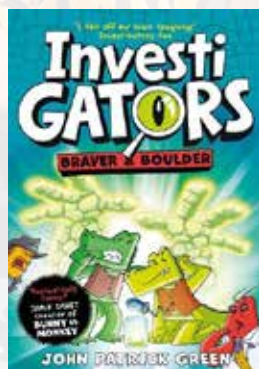


Leo K. Doyle, a small-town kid from Ohio, has beaten all the odds and made the roster of a Premier League youth squad. But he is far from the star player. In fact, he isn't even a starter and the U14 Lewisham Knights are the worst team in the league. They're so bad that if they don't improve this year, the owner will disband the team, which could jeopardise Leo's dream of becoming a professional football player. As if that wasn't enough to deal with, Leo also has to keep up with his schoolwork, make brand new friends in a foreign country, deal with a coach who doesn't seem to like him and survive away from home for a demanding season in the Youth Premier League. Leo believes he has the talent to help his team, but can he juggle all these balls and prove himself on the world's biggest stage? The inspiring, action-packed second book in The Academy series is perfect for young readers 7-13 and for sports fans of all ages.



How does one sum up Wolf in the Snow? It's a picture book about two young things, a human girl and a wolf pup, overtaken by a blizzard on the prairie. The girl saves the wolf pup, and then the wolf pup and its grateful pack saves the girl. The girl is rendered as a stylised figure, almost cartoony; the wolf pup and its pack in a realistic style. It's a traditional picture book in many ways, and close to wordless. It was the

2018 Caldecott Medal winner noted for its "fairy tale elements and a strong sense of color and geometry offer an engrossing, emotionally charged story.



Four other new books this week are above:

We are now taking votes for the [Bookmark Colouring Competition](#). See above Right. There are 30 bookmarks to choose from. All colours and styles. You pick the top 6 that you like, put your voting paper in the box and we will add up the totals to find some winners. Come in and see the selection and have a vote. They are all anonymous so hopefully they are chosen on merit, not just voting for your friends. Get in some practice for the General Election in 2 months.

Also, in about 8 weeks is Show Day/Pet day. The Library will be selling some great second hand books and some food and drink. Make sure you come and support us with your purchases. All the best in literary land ~ Diane & Donna

Get2Go

On August 26th, a group of Year 9 and 10 students headed out to compete in the regional Get 2 Go challenge.

The day kicked off with high-energy orienteering around Rough Island, where the squad split into two teams to navigate the terrain and tally up points. Next, they faced the stand-up paddleboard challenge. Despite the frosty water, the students showed true grit and teamwork, paddling fiercely around the course to log as many laps as possible.

They wrapped up the day on the mountain bike track, pushing their endurance in a team relay. Even when faced with a few mid-race mechanical glitches, they problem-solved on the fly and kept each other moving forward.

Their hard work and grit paid off, earning them a fantastic equal 2nd place overall in their group. Huge congratulations to all involved for representing our school with such great spirit!

Ngā mihi

Pete Taylor



Calendar

Monday 31st August - Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th 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

Monday 7th December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

SISS Netball

Lunchtime Saveloy Sale

BOT Meeting

IS EPro 8

Mac n Cheese and toastie sale

IS Football

Derived Grade Exam Week

Reading CAA

TSS Pickleball & Numeracy CAA

Year 11 and 12 2027 Options Afternoon

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

Year 9 - 13 Prize Giving (11.30am)

Year 1 - 8 Prize Giving (1.30 pm)

End Term Four

Don't Miss Out!

**2026 YEARBOOK
PRESALE!**

\$30
EACH



Order now via Kindo!

- SchoolDocs -

All of our school policies can be found on the SchoolDocs Website.

Sign in to SchoolDocs

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 WANTED: Old tech for our Year 10 Digital Technology projects!

For their **end-of-year Digital Technologies design project**, our Year 10 students are tasked with **designing something new out of something old**.

Students working on the computing option of the project will be designing and building their own simple **cyberdeck / retro game-console-style device** (think a small Tetris-style console), incorporating recycled and repurposed components wherever possible.

Before we start designing, we'd love to build up a small collection of useful old technology for them to explore, dismantle and give a second life.

We're specifically looking for:

-  Old controllers, keyboards and mice
-  Small LCD screens/displays (smaller the better)
-  Small speakers/computer speakers
-  Buttons, switches, knobs and LEDs
-  USB/audio cables, connectors and adapters
-  Old laptops or small computers suitable for salvaging parts
-  Interesting small cases/enclosures that could become part of a new design (think - Polly Pocket)

Broken or obsolete is absolutely fine — as long as it is safe to dismantle and contains components the students could realistically reuse.

 **A small plea:** we aren't able to operate as a general e-waste collection point. We have limited storage and no facility for disposing of unusable electronics, so please don't drop off large appliances/TVs/monitors, microwaves, damaged/swollen batteries, or large boxes of miscellaneous electronic waste. **If it isn't something our students can safely dismantle or repurpose, we unfortunately can't accept it.**

If you're not sure whether something would be useful, **feel free to send me a photo first @ emily.johnstone@collingwood.school.nz**. I'm very happy to have a look! There will be a small collection box in the school office for the next week, should you have anything you feel that you could donate.

Hopefully we can rescue some forgotten technology from cupboards and garages and turn it into something completely new.   

Huge thank you from our class to you - Miss J & the 2026 Year 10 cohort 

Kindo is Live!

Have you registered for your Kindo account yet?

Kindo brings all your school-related payments together into one secure, user-friendly platform. Designed to simplify school expenses for your family, Kindo allows you to manage payments anytime, anywhere, from any device.

To register, use one of the following...

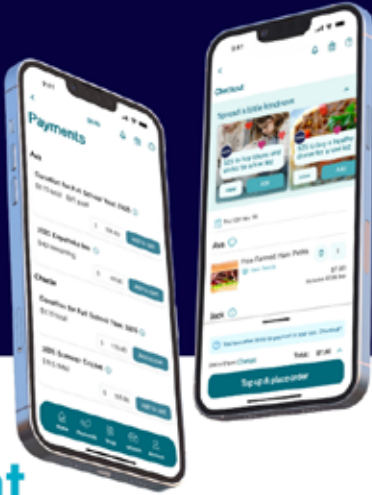
- Click the Kindo Registration tab in **SchoolBridge**
- Follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/56dd8bmh>
- Scan the **QR code** below:



Making School Payments Simple

One Account. All Your Schools

Whether you're new to Kindo or already using it, managing school payments is easy.



Register Your Account

Scan the QR code below:



Have questions?
Our friendly team is here for you.

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hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online GP care now free for ākonga 13 and under

With health services experiencing high demand, online GP care is an option for accessing care and the service is now free for all ākonga up to, and including, the age of 13.

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy. It also provides another care option for rural communities.

To learn more visit Online GP care:

[Online GP care – Health New Zealand](#)

You can also find out more here:

[Care options for you and your whānau](#)

Maths practice tool for Years 3 to 8



**Maths Practice Tool
for Years 3 to 8**

parentportal.education.govt.nz

 **Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

WHARARIKI FUNDRAISER

Pre-order with your Kindo account or cash on the day!

FRIDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER

Lunchtime
12.45pm



Saveloys with bread and sauce
\$2.50 Each

Wednesday 9th September @ 12.45 pm
Year 13 Hospitality Fundraiser

Mac n cheese and toasties for sale



Price: \$4.50



Price: \$2.50

Deadline: 10:30 AM, Wednesday! Place your order on Kindo or bring cash to the Office.



WHEN?

13 September 2026
9.30am to 3.30pm

WHERE?

Hack 'n Stay
22 Grant Road
Golden Bay

CONTACT

Bärbel 027 525 9434
or Kris 027 229 9556



10th Anniversary of the

RIDE OF HOPE

ORGANISED BY THE GOLDEN VALLEYS RIDING CLUB

Enjoy a day of fun and games.

Morning:

Hoofed animal obstacle course – join in with your own horse, goat, sheep, donkey or other hoofed friend

Midday:

Troop riding and vaulting displays

Afternoon:

Horse and pony riding, learn to throw a lasso, try disc golf

Food and drinks available all day.

All proceeds and donations are going to benefit the Golden Bay Mental Health Services and their hard working Social Workers. Please come along and help us make this year our most successful yet!

Contact Kris if you would like to enter in the games.
Entry fee is \$20 per person.



SISS Netball

Write up in our next Flyer