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Kia ora whānau

The term continues to move at a rapid pace and signs of spring are popping up with daffodils and very tired looking farmers evident! We hope that lambing and calving continue to go well and the weather extends its golden period.

Our engagement with the environment has continued over the last month with a focus on skiing. Peter took a keen group of novices to Hanmer and enjoyed fresh conditions and some night skiing/ snowboarding. Last week Jonny and Kim had her class enjoying the best snow conditions of the year at Rainbow Ski Field. Futhermore CAS dominated a Whenua iti, Duke of Edinburgh expedition where they had to plan their own overnight tramp. Arriving at Lake Rotoiti and studying the weather, a decision was made to move to the Abel Tasman and warmer climate! We have built a close liaison with Whenua iti and are benefiting from ongoing access to opportunities.

We are down to our last 2 weeks in the current Administration Block and are busy decanting and clearing out. While it is exciting to be moving, it is also a tinge of sadness saying farewell to a building that has served us well since 1982! We move on the 7-8 September so from Monday 11 September you need to use the map below to access Reception . The old administration block will be cordoned off and deconstructed over the following weeks.

Good luck to our Renae, Sam and our SISS Netball team, who headed off on Sunday to Invercargill!

Mā te wā, Hugh



School Exams

"Practice Exams for Years 9 to 13 will be held between Friday 8 September and Friday 15 September. Students will receive their exam timetables this week.

Year 11 to 13 Exams will take place each morning from 8.40am to 11.40am followed by a 20 minute break, in the afternoon students will have their normal classes. All students are required to be at school, and in uniform for the entirety of the practice exam week. Students not sitting exams will be in a designated, supervised, quiet study space during this time. It is important for all students to attend their exams as results from these exams will be used in the event students are unable to sit their exam at the end of the year.

Year 9 and 10 exams will be held each morning from 8.40am to 10.40am, year 9 and 10 students will then follow their normal timetable for the remainder of each day. For year 9 and 10 this is an important opportunity to experience sitting an exam and understand the rules and requirements around exam conditions.

It is vital that our secondary students have a quiet environment during this time, therefore we will be requesting all students not sitting exams to be quiet and respectful in the exam area."

Ngā mihi nui nā,

Miriam Curnow

Bus Controller - Change of Hands



The role of the bus controller at Collingwood Area School has recently changed hands. Jonny Hanlon has undertaken the role since dinosaurs roamed the Earth, and has now passed over the responsibility to Miriam Curnow.

The role of the bus controller is important in managing the safe transport to and from school of the majority of our students each day. CAS has a well-organised system for ensuring that students are on the bus when they

should be and aware of changes if they are phoned in. Kate and Kaye adjust the daily bus rolls, and the bus controller makes sure that all of the students on the roll are then accounted for before letting the buses depart.

From time to time, the bus controller will travel on the buses to re-familiarise themselves with the route and each child's stop, and to ensure that students always act safely while on and exiting the bus.

The bus controller should be your first point of contact if you need to discuss bus safety matters including student behaviour. Changes to bus travel should always be phoned in to the office please.

One highlight of being the bus controller is being able to have a quick catch up and 'how's it going' with each student in the morning and after school. It has been really great to be able to see everyone daily - I know that Miriam will bring her own fresh energy and good humour to the role!

Jonny Hanlon

Duke of Edinburgh - Adventurous Journey

On the 7th of August, Aonghus, Nelson, Logan, Tiah and I all went to Whenua Iti for the week as part of our Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze award. Throughout the week we underwent a practise tramp and a qualifier tramp that taught us heaps of new skills. We learnt what was appropriate to pack for an overnight tramp in the bush, navigation and map reading skills, how to build and keep a fire alive and how to properly prepare and plan an overnight tramp.

On the first day we drove up to Canaan Downs to walk into Wainui Hut as our practice tramp. This was scenery none of us had ever witnessed before, and we all had positive attitudes about starting the tramp and the walk to a new hut. That night we set up camp, lit a fire and roasted marshmallows. We woke up to frozen tents the next morning. We had two minute noodles and hot chocolates for breakfast before setting off back to Canaan Downs. During the walk back we got the beautiful and magical experience of it snowing on us!

When we got back to Whenua Iti base camp in the Moutere, we had to plan out and decide where our next tramp was going to take place for our qualifier tramp. Our plan was to go to Lake Rotoiti and walk into the Lakehead Hut then out again, and hopefully see some more snow!

After arriving at the beautiful destination and getting ready for yet another exciting tramping trip, we got the unfortunate phone call that there was a heavy snow warning and we had to turn around. We then decided to switch to our second option and head to Marahau to walk into Anchorage Hut. With music and car games we arrived at Marahau ready for a 12km walk. That night we walked 5 hours, some of which were in the dark, but at least we would be staying in a nice warm Great Walk hut.

With already tired muscles, sore feet, and some pretty gnarly blisters this final tramp home took a lot of extra teamwork, patience and kindness. We had to swap packs, change shoes and have a lot of extra breaks along the way but eventually we got there all in one tired piece.

Overall it was a pretty amazing experience, with lots of physical and mental challenges along the way. We all grew individually and as a team, along with completing our Duke Of Edinburgh Adventurous journey for Bronze.

Lily Challis - Hayes



Year Nine Food Tech - Burger Competition

The students had a great time and pulled out all of the stops to make attractive, delicious burgers. They were judged on safe food practices, health value, team work, timing and attractiveness. As a group they were exceptional putting in a huge effort. Ka pai Year 9!!

The next challenge is a dessert using apples. Thanks parents and caregivers for your support with our cooking programme.

Ngā mihi

Glenda





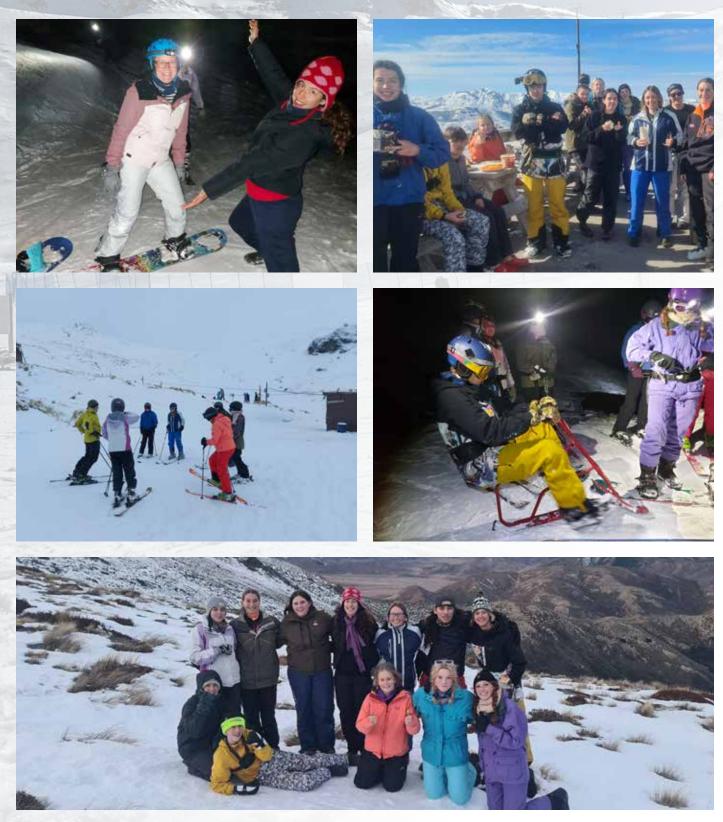




Year 9 - 13 Ski Trip

From the 9th-11th of August Pete and Pip Brake took a group of CAS students ranging from year 9 to 13 down to Hanmer Springs Ski Area for 3 days. We got a dump of snow overnight on Wednesday waking up to perfect skiing conditions in the morning. Learning to ski, complete with lots of falls and perseverance paid off after we got to see the stunning views from the top of each run. Some had newfound talents for skiing/ snowboarding but everyone found some good fun and enjoyment for a sport that lots of us have never tried. Finally we got to soak our sore muscles at the hot pools on Friday afternoon. Very grateful for the opportunity!!

Ngā mihi Iris



Library News

The **New Zealand Book awards** were announced on 10 August. Here are 3 of the winners that we have in the library. We also take note of the Australian, British and American book awards and purchase any of their winners that look suitable for our library as well.



August is Family History Month: Research shows decided benefits for children who learn their family history. Self-identity. Self-competence. A sense of place and security. Values. Life lessons. Resilience. Who doesn't want these for their children and grandchildren?

The single most important thing you can do for your family may be the simplest of all: develop a strong family narrative. A family narrative comes from learning about ancestors and their stories. Some people piece their stories together through documents and research but others are able to hear personal and family stories from people they know. Some stories you can start with are -

Do you know where your grandparents grew up?

Do you know where your mum and dad went to school?

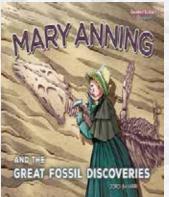
Do you know where your parents met?

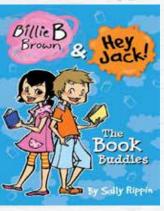
We have access to many resources that can help with investigating this. One website free to all, made for children & adults who want to see what life was like in New Zealand is https://digitalnz.org/

DigitalNZ is the search site for all things New Zealand. It **connects you** to reliable digital collections from their content partners, including: libraries, museums, galleries, government departments and more.

Some of our new books in the Library











We have a wide variety of books to look at, read and browse.

Classics, and just released, scary and funny, small and large, we have it all.

Try and complete our latest competition; Name the 10 villains pictured, There are some tricky ones!

Pick up a book for inspiration.

Diane and Donna - Librarian

Tuakana Taina - Tree planting at CAS













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Te Rerenga Ski Camp

From Monday 21st to Thursday 24th of August Te-Rerenga were in our camp at Rotoiti Lodge. We had four helpers, Jonny, Sam, Sylvie and Bosie. We left school at 9:30 am and got to the lodge at 3:00 pm. The boys were all in one room and the girls all in another. After our bags were unpacked and we went over safety rules we walked down to the lake. We brought a soccer ball and a rugby ball. We also looked at all the eels and ducks. After we got back to the lodge we had free time until dinner. Dinner was burgers and dessert was ice cream with hot chocolate sauce.

The next two days we went to Rainbow Ski Field. We left Rotoiti Lodge at 8am and arrived at the Rainbow Ski Field car park 40 min later. Then a shuttle took us up to the ski grounds. Once we had dropped off our bags and got our skis on we made our way over to the beginner's slope with our two ski instructors, Ollie and Pundi. We had



a hour and a half lesson with them. Ollie and Pundi taught us the basics like how to stop and turn. After the lesson was over we were free to ski on our own. Most people stayed on beginners, but towards the end some people made it all the way up to the top of the intermediate slope. By the time the day was finished everyone was tired. Dinner that night was lasagna, bread rolls and salad.

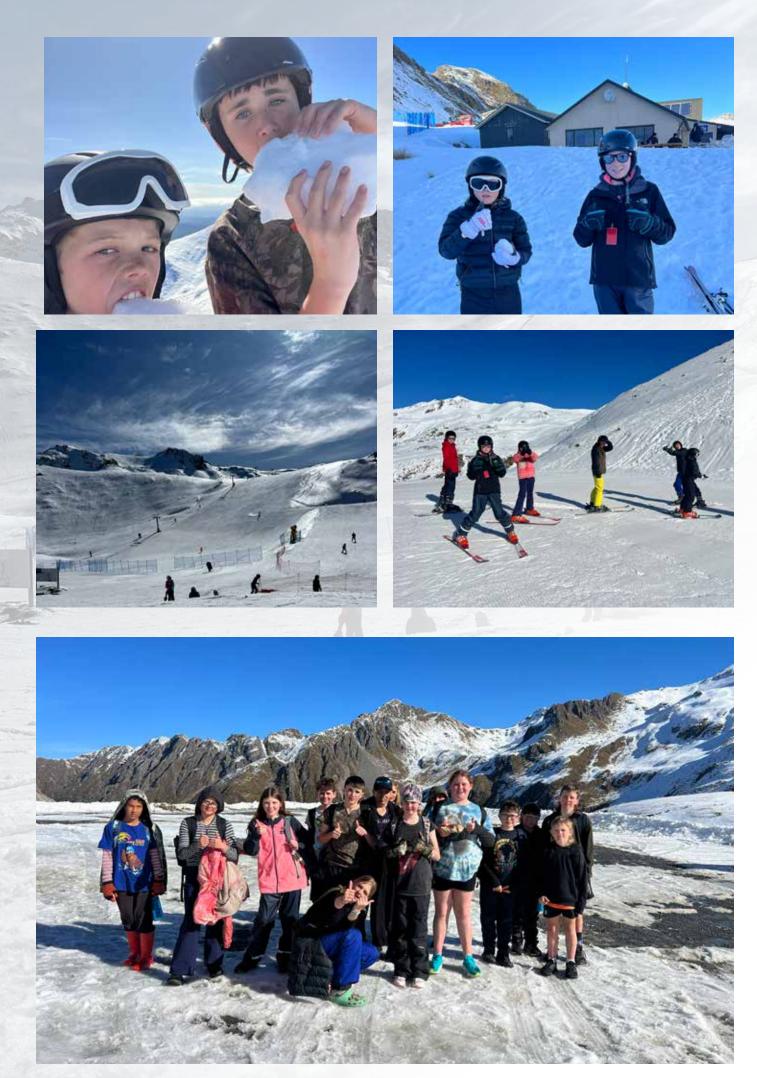
On day two of skiing we got there the same way, we left Rotoiti lodge at 8am and arrived at the Rainbow Ski Field car park 40 min later. On the way up the shuttle the mountains looked amazing and the weather was perfect for a good day of skiing. We had another hour and a half lesson with Ollie and Pundi. The lesson took all of us up the top of the intermediate slope and did big turns. After the lesson our class was spread out, some on the beginners, some on the intermediate and some going up the t-bar up to the top of the mountain. From the intermediate slope and the top of the mountain you could really see how beautiful the mountains surrounding the ski grounds are. The rough ridged cliff faces are covered in a thick layer of smooth untouched snow. When we had to leave we were all tired but also really thankful for the two great days that we got. Overall the two days up the mountain were tiring but really fun. Dinner that night was pizza with homemade bases by Jonny himself.

The next day was our last day on camp, so Kim made us a big pancake with chocolate, bacon and banana baked in. After breakfast we did a massive clean up of the Lodge and then drove to the lake. There is an orienteering course set up around the lake that is really fun. We had three groups and the goal was to get as many points as possible within two hours. When we were finished we hung around the lake for a bit eating all the baking. After that we started the three and a half hour drive back to school.

We are all thankful for the two amazing days up the mountain and for all the parents who helped us on camp, and we need to give a huge thank you to Kim for organizing everything.

Ngā mihi

Leroy Steel



Fundraiser for Joy



Collegiate B Competition Winners - CAS A Team



CAS A 2023

Back Row: Natalie I, Catherine H, Bonnie R, Bianca S, Amelia S, Bianca H, Ella B Front Row: Nova P, Stella S, Carmen B, Paige B

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Dates and Information

| 31 August / 01 Sept | Inspire Festival |
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| 08 Sept | Get2Go Challenge |
| | Admin Move Date |
| | Sausage Sizzle - Spirit of Adventure Fundraiser |
| 11 - 15 September | School Exam Week (Y9-13) |
| | Te wiki o te Reo Māori |
| 13 Sept | Wig / Wacky Hair Wednesday - Fundraiser for Joy |
| 14 Sept | MCAT (Y11) |
| 18 - 22 Sept | Outdoor Ed Camp |
| 20 September | Juliet Cooper Book Launch |
| 22 September | End Term Three |
| 09 October | Start Term Four |
| | BOT Meeting |
| 23 October | Labour Day |
| 24 October | Show Day |
| 25 - 27 October | Life Education Trust |
| 9 - 10 November | Tapawera Mini TOSI |
| 29 November | Year 9 - 13 Prize Giving |
| 01 December | Year 11 - 13 Formal |
| 08 December | Whole School Opening (TBC) |
| 14 December | End Term Four |
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Collingwood Area School Health Nurse

Confidential Free Service



Caroline Jones our Health Nurse is available on Monday 12.30 - 2.45 pm, for our year Nine to Thirteen students, for confidential, free of charge appointments about any health issue, or to arrange access to doctors and prescriptions

Drop in or text Caroline on 027 203 1213 to make an appointment

- ★ Vaccination questions
- Alcohol and drug support
- Contraception
 - Skin issues, acne and mole checks
- Puberty and period questions
- Help to stop smoking and vaping
- Muscle sprains and pains
- ★ Whanau and relationship concerns
- ★ Blood tests and referrals
- ★ STI checks
- ★ Sexuality and gender questions
- ★ Diet and weight management





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