



Pānui Friday 02 May 2025

- **School Photos**
- Tuesday 13 May. Info has come home with students and PhotoLife will be in contact directly with whānau regarding ordering.

Kia ora e te whānau,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a restful and refreshing break. It's great to see our ākonga returning to school with energy and enthusiasm, ready to settle into another term of learning, growth and connection.

Term 1 was a fantastic start to the year. It was a busy and productive term filled with rich learning opportunities, student achievement and a wide range of extracurricular activities. A huge congratulations to all our students and staff for the incredible mahi and positive energy they brought to school each day.

- **Teacher Only Day** - Tuesday 3rd June.

A special shout-out to our TOSI (Top of the South Island) team who represented Collingwood Area School with pride and integrity at the Area Schools Tournament at the end of last term. We were thrilled to see them place third overall – an awesome result! More importantly, we were proud of how they upheld our school values throughout the week, competing with fairness and showing true CAS spirit. A special thank you to Pete, Sam, Shane, and Roanna for supporting our team throughout the event. Your time and awhi is greatly appreciated.

- **Donations needed** - the Art Department are looking for any 20cm or less broken toys and bits and bobs to contribute towards the Year 9 sculpture project.

We're also pleased to share that our school attendance data is showing a marked improvement, with a growing number of students now attending regularly (90% or more). This is a positive trend that we can all be proud of – regular attendance makes a big difference to student learning and wellbeing. Thank you to our whānau for the support you've shown in this space.

Looking ahead, Term 2 is shaping up to be another exciting term. Our focus will be on continuing strong, focused learning across all year levels, and we're looking forward to key events such as the Cross Country and our Matariki celebrations. These are always special occasions in our school calendar that help build community, pride, and a sense of belonging for all.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank our parents, caregivers, and wider community for your continued support and involvement in our kura. Your awhi, encouragement, and partnership with our staff plays a vital role in supporting the success and wellbeing of our tamariki. When we all work together, great things happen – and we look forward to another great term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,
Melissa Dixon
Acting Principal

Student Leaders Kōrero



Kia ora, my name is Cooper Ricketts and I am a Y13 student. I have been at CAS my whole school life, including Playcentre.

Being a student at Collingwood has provided me with plenty of opportunities including ski trips, Outdoor Ed trips and leadership courses. A real bonus of our kura is all the people and how kind they are.

My goals as a leader are to take the opportunity to build new friendships and to help the school become a closer community.

A fact people might not know about me is that once I leave CAS next year I am planning to go into Uni and study either Economics or Physics.

My advice to younger students is to take any and every opportunity you are given, push yourself and be brave!

'Shipping' - A concerning trend

We wanted to bring to your attention a concerning trend that has recently come to light involving the use of social media platforms, particularly TikTok. The trend, known as "shipping," involves photos of students being matched with other students, often without their knowledge or consent, and shared online for others to comment on whether they would make a good couple – commonly using terms like "ship" (approve) or "dip" (disapprove). While this may appear light-hearted to some, it raises significant concerns around privacy, consent, and online safety.

We encourage parents and caregivers to have a timely conversation with their tamariki about respectful and sensible social media use. In particular, discussing the importance of not sharing photos or personal content of others without permission is vital in helping our young people understand the impact of their digital behaviour. We will also be speaking with our older students at kura about this issue to raise awareness and reinforce our expectations around respectful online conduct. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

A reminder

We would like to remind all whānau with tamariki in Years 1 - 8 to contact their classroom teachers in the first instance if they would like to discuss anything in relation to their child's education.

If your child is in Years 9 - 13 please contact your child's dean.

Year 9 - Pete Taylor

Year 10 - Mike Wilson

Year 11 - Lloyd McPherson

Year 12 and 13 - Miriam Curnow

Ngā mihi nui nā,

Miriam Curnow

Acting Deputy Principal

Year 12 and 13 Dean

TOSI (Top of the South Area Schools Tournament)

Tosi 2025 was held in Hari Hari at South Westland Area School. Tosi is a week-long high energy and good spirited tournament where Area Schools from the top of the South Island compete in a range of sports and challenges for the TOSI cup.

Highlights of the week for me were the boys winning basketball by at least 25 points a game, Grahams Challenge was a refreshing change from all the competitive sports and Mrs Dixon and Sam sliding through the mud when the girls won the football!

Through some well played sports and good placements in challenges Collingwood came 3rd! We achieved this because we had a pretty well rounded and strong team with good motivation. I'd like to say a big thank you to SWAS for hosting us and Pete, Sam, Shane and Roanna for taking us down and supporting us throughout the week and Mrs Dixon for coming along too!

Aonghus (TOSI Captain)



TOSI 2025

Back: Aaron, Cooper, Leroy, Logan, Jacob
3rd Row: Jien, Cash, Quin, Otis
2nd Row: Nathalie, Maryanne, Lily, Aonghus, Violet, Tegan
Front Row: Syriaiah, Maia, Bree, Bianca, Ashley



Trials Students

Volleyball: Aonghus, Logan, Syriaiah, Bianca, Ashley

Basketball: Syriaiah, Leroy, Nelson, Jacob, Aonghus, Logan

Football: Syriaiah, Ashley, Maryanne

Ki o Rahi: Leroy, Maia

Netball: Maia, Syriaiah, Ashley, Bianca

Rugby: Jacob

In addition, the following students have been named in the non-travelling teams:

Ultimate Frisbee: Cooper, Leroy

Playball: Cash

Touch Rugby: Syriaiah, Aaron, Leroy



ANZAC Commemorations

During the holidays, I had the honour of representing our school at both the ANZAC Day dawn service and the 11:30am civic service. Alongside other senior leaders, Cooper, Maddy, Sofie and Joy, we attended the dawn service, where I read the Ode of Remembrance in Te Reo Maori.

Later, at the 11:30am civic service, I again represented the school with Joy, Cooper, and Maddy. They then had the role of carrying the flags during the parade, while I once again read the Ode of Remembrance in Te Reo Maori. It was a meaningful experience and a privilege to be part of such an important national commemoration.

Ngā mihi

Lily Challis-Hayes



Leadership Camp

During the first week of the holidays, I participated in an Area Schools leadership camp down in Akaroa near Christchurch.

This was a fun filled four days, with lots of challenging and fun activities. There were 34 other students there, who had all come from different Area Schools from around the country. Attending the leadership camp was a challenging but rewarding experience. I didn't know anyone there, which made the start feel very intimidating and placed me far outside of my comfort zone.

The activities pushed me both mentally and physically. The activities that we did were, high ropes, a giant swing, coasteering, raft building, low ropes and plenty of ABL team building activities. The high ropes course and the giant swing - were both incredibly scary, with the swing giving a real stomach-dropping feeling.

Coasteering was a highlight and felt exciting and adventurous. The low ropes and raft building really helped bring everyone together. Despite the initial fear and discomfort, I learned a lot about myself and grew more confident by the end.

Ngā mihi

Lily Challis-Hayes
Head Student



Library News

The library has welcomed back our students with them returning armfuls of books that they enjoyed reading over the inclement weather we experienced in the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to hear them tell me how much they have enjoyed most of the books they chose for their holiday reading. It's great to hear their feedback and how they have pondered over a book after reading eg whether they have liked or disliked the story line or style of the writer's delivery and text. They are the best advocates to recommend books to like minded students. We encourage this by also putting visible tags out the top of books with the Students Name, Says THIS IS A GREAT READ! So when you are searching for a book keep an eye out for the tagged books around the library shelves.



We have registered our school again this year to the HELL Reading Challenge for 2025. This is a well-established programme that over the past 10 years has been hugely successful in getting tamariki reading and enjoying the pleasures of stories.

The challenge is for Years 2 to 8 to read 7 books, give a small written book review or a conversation where we ask pertinent questions about the book to show us the authenticity of your reading. Students have until the end of the year to achieve this and you have until Saturday 31st January 2026 to redeem your 333 Kids HELL Pizza. I'm sure some of our avid readers could do more than just one wheel of 7 books over this time too. So this works for both slower and confident readers.

Pizza must be picked up in person in-store only, One pizza per visit per child.

The posters are only just going up and I have 15 eager and excited participants already!!

I'm hoping parents will be encouraging their children's reading and help them to reap their rewards.

Three of the NEW BOOKS this week are from **3 very popular series** we have in the library.

The hugely popular **"I Survived"** Graphic Novel "The Great Molasses Flood, 1919. This series writes about historical events and stories from the young people, their resilience and strength in the midst of unimaginable disasters and times of turmoil.

Eagerly awaited **Wolf Girl. Book 12** A series that is equally loved by Boys and Girls.

Shirley & Jamila Book 2. The kid detectives are on a mission to stop their school's biggest bully once and for all...

Happy reading Donna & Diane



Calendar

28 April
01 May
06-07 May
07 May
11-12 May
13 May
14 May
15 May
16 May
20-22 May
02 June
03 June
05 June
06 June
10-12 June
13 June
19 June
20 June
27 June
14 July - 19 September
6 Oct - 11 December

Start Term Two
Careers Roadshow
Year 11 First Aid Course
IS Rippa Rugby
TOSI Trials @ Rangiora
School Photos
TSS Ki o Rahi
TSS Badminton
Bob Bickerton
CAA's
King's Birthday Public Holiday
Teacher Only Day (School closed for instruction)
Y7-13 Cross Country
IS Cross Country - Wharariki fundraiser
Outdoor Education Trip (Y11-13)
NZ Playhouse
CAS Matariki Celebration
Matariki Public Holiday
End Term Two
Term Three
Term Four

Full Moon Art Exhibition

Year 9-11 Art works
at the Fullmoon Art
exhibition in Pakawau
Hall over the Easter
weekend.

A big thank you to Gary
Thorpe for his donation
of Art materials to CAS.
We appreciate his
generous donation to
enable our art students
on their journey with
the variety of media he
donated.

Ngā mihi

Elda Heywood



TEENTHEATRE 2025 PRESENTS

MYTHUNDERSTOOD

By Jackie Martin

Directed by Ronnie Short

With permission from Pioneer Drama Service

PLUS – A Kidztheatre 2025 support play “Pandora’s Box”

Two Plays for the price of one!

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