



## Pānui

### Friday 16 May 2025

- **Teacher Only Day** - Tuesday 3rd June. Kia ora whānau

- **Primary Hui** - Ōpou, Thursday at 1.50pm

As I walk through our teaching and learning block, it's wonderful to see calm, focused, and engaged learning happening across all year levels. There's a great vibe in the classrooms, and our tamariki are showing awesome attitudes and a real keenness to learn. Out on the field, it's equally rewarding to see students making the most of the sunshine and open space—running, playing, and enjoying being active together.



A special congratulations to the ten students who travelled to Rangiora on last Sunday and Monday to trial for national selection. They represented our kura with pride and excellence, and we're thrilled that many of them earned places in teams across a wide range of sports. We now look forward to July, when those selected will head to Invercargill to compete for a spot in the New Zealand Area Schools teams—an exciting opportunity and a testament to their hard work.



The Ministry of Education has recently launched a new parent portal—a simple online platform designed to help whānau stay more connected with their child's learning and school information. It allows easy access to information about attendance, reports, and school updates. You can find more details about how to access and use this portal further on in the newsletter.



Some recent highlights for me this term so far include, flying paper planes with Puhouhou, visiting the urupā at the end of Excellent Street, and deepening my understanding of our cultural narrative. It was a privilege to be guided by our knowledgeable staff, whose passion and willingness to share their expertise is something I'm really grateful for. I was also lucky enough to be treated to a delicious meal cooked by one of our talented students in food tech—what a treat!

Life at Collingwood Area School is ever-changing and always full of new learning—how lucky are we! One thing that never changes, though, is the friendly, welcoming, and happy nature of our kura—it's what makes this place so special.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Melissa Dixon  
Acting Principal





## Student Leaders Kōrero



Kia ora CAS Whanau,

My name is Maddy Strange and I am in Year 13.

I have been at Collingwood Area School since Year 1 after attending Collingwood Playcentre in my preschool years.

CAS has provided me with a good foundation of knowledge, life skills and confidence for the next step into adult life after school.

I enjoy the sense of community here and the support within the school, the way community members outside of school support us, all providing a safe whanau to grow in.

My goal as a student leader is to lead by example, create a fun and safe environment in our kura and build on my Tuakana Teina relationships with our younger students so they know I'm here to help them at any stage when needed.

A fun fact about me is: I love animals and have over the past few years been breeding a small herd of Scottish Highland Cows.

One day I hope to have my own Scottish Highland Stud Farm.

My advice to younger students or any student is no matter how challenging school is for you, socially, academically or location, always believe in yourself, believe you can do it and never give up on your goals and dreams. If you don't get it the first time, try again.

## TSS Badminton





## Canvastown MotoX

On the 10th and 11th of May the MX Champs were held in Canstown.

Quin, Leo H and Ethan S all entered to ride and headed off on a very wet Friday to Havelock where they were staying. Unfortunately it rained too much and the Saturday riding was put off so they boys headed off to a domain for a ride and then off to the Aquatic centre in Blenheim.

Midday Saturday they announced that Sunday's riding was going ahead and what a fun day they had, it was very muddy, big puddles to ride through and a lot of falling off their bikes!! They had a great time and in the end Quin came 3rd in the 12-16 years 250cc class, Leo came 6th in the 8-11 85cc class and while Ethan did not place, he thoroughly enjoyed his first motocross event and looks forward to more adventures with Quin and Leo.

Well done boys!

Submitted by Chantelle R





## Library News



**My book review**

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

I found this book:  
funny | sad | romantic | mysterious | scary | exciting  
magical | interesting | gross | informative | adventurous

Books of 2 on my way to completing my HELL Reading Challenge Pizza Wheel!

www.nzbookawards.nz/hell-reading-challenge/



### Hell Pizza wheel reading challenge

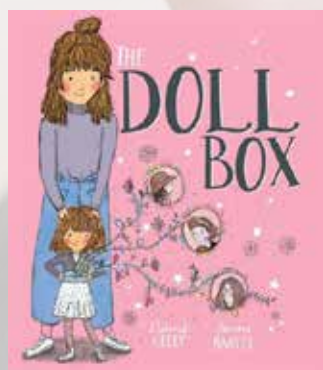
Well done to the students who have taken up the (achievable) challenge of reading 7 books, giving us a brief summary of the book and writing 2 book reviews. What a great bunch of eager readers we have. Keep up the effort.



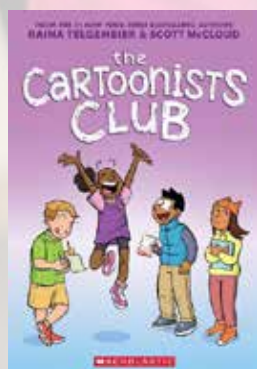
### New Zealand Book Awards for Children & Young Adults 2025

The shortlist for the book awards will be announced on 05 Jun 2025. We always await the nominations with eagerness so we can see what books we have in the library, and what ones we can order. We have ordered the promotion material with book marks, booklets and posters so we are waiting to see the announcement in 2 weeks.

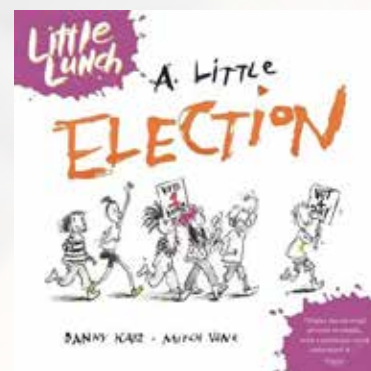
### New Books



A poignant story about a child finding her own inner strength, courage and resilience by drawing inspiration from the generations of women that came before her. Whenever Isla's mother brings out her small blue doll box, Isla knows she will hear the stories of the women in her family's past. Touching on themes of immigration, war and the feminist movement, their lives show Isla the incredible things women can achieve, and the strength she has inside herself.



From the world of Little Lunch - a funny and informative picture book about politics. A definite vote winner! One day at lunchtime, Rory decides to become the Prime Minister because then he can do anything he wants. Before you know it, the whole class is having an election. But can you become the Prime Minister if you show everyone your undies? Find out in A Little Election!



Makayla is bursting with ideas but doesn't know how to make them into a story. Howard loves to draw, but he struggles to come up with ideas and his dad thinks comics are a waste of time. Lynda constantly draws in her sketchbook but keeps focusing on what she feels are her mistakes, and

Art simply loves being creative and is excited to try something new. They come together to form The Cartoonists Club, where kids can learn about making comics and use their creativity and imagination for their own storytelling adventures!

*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis"*

*Happy Reading ~ Diane & Donna (Librarians)*

# **CAS Year 1-6 Cross Country 2025**

**Friday 30th May @ Collingwood Area School**

**Race times are precise - It is the competitor's responsibility to be at the start line on time!**

## **Order of Races:**

**9.00am Briefing - Marshalls to track points**

**9.15am - Senior PE Students to lead warm-up**

**9.30am**

5 Year Girls	School Track
5 Year Boys	School Track

**9.45am**

6 Year Girls	School Track
6 Year Boys	School Track

**10.00am**

9 Year Girls	Farm track
9 Year Boys	Farm track

**10.15am**

10-11 Year Girls	Farm track
10-11 Year Boys	Farm track

**Break to organise marshalls to subdivision track**

**10.40am**

7 Year Girls	Subdivision Track
7 Year Boys	Subdivision Track

**11.00am**

8 Year Girls	Subdivision Track
8 Year Boys	Subdivision Track

**Certificates awarded at the next CAS full-school assembly.**



## Pink Shirt Day









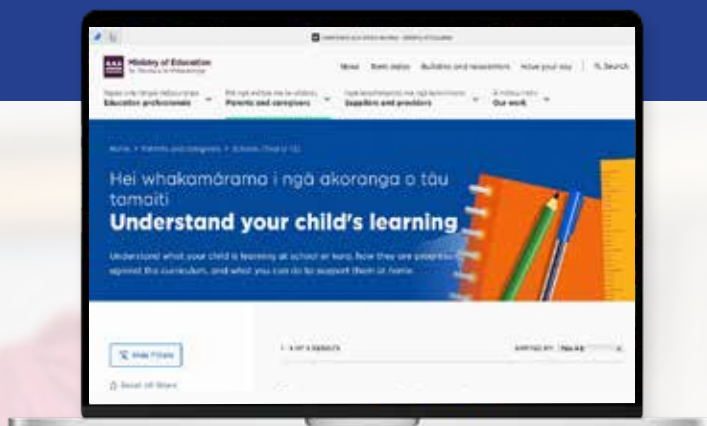
# Understand your child's learning

## Information and resources for parents, caregivers and whānau

A new webspace on [education.govt.nz](https://education.govt.nz) houses practical videos, activities and resources for supporting learning that are easy to understand, empowering you to take an active role in your child's education.

An introductory video that walks you through the content is available [here](#).

With the launch of the 'parent-friendly' versions of both our national curricula, you will know exactly what your child is learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it, so that you can actively support and complement your child's learning at home and have meaningful conversations with your child's teacher or kaiako.



*To navigate the website, you can choose which curriculum you want to learn more about and then go to your child's year level.*





There are practice activities for each year level that you can do with your child, and 'tips and tricks' to support learning at home. Phonics cards come with parent guidance with audio files to model the correct sounds.



There is also a guide on how to prepare for the first day of school, and tips for parent-teacher interviews.

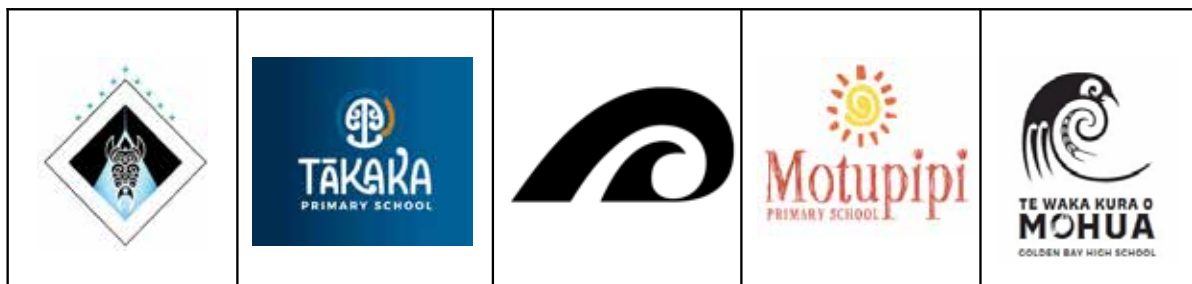


The webspace also houses important information about how children will be assessed in the early years of schooling through the new Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro. It describes how parents and whānau can access additional support that their child or tamaiti might need.



As the national curriculum continues to be updated and implemented in all schools and kura over the next few years, more resources and supports will become available for parents, caregivers and whānau. We encourage you to visit the new webspace and check out the current resources, guides and videos available. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email us at [tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz](mailto:tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz)





## Mohua Attendance Advisor/Kaiāwhina

Kia ora/hello! I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Attendance Advisor for Golden Bay schools/Kāhui Ako ki Mohua. I work with all schools in Mohua/Golden Bay - Central Tākaka School, Collingwood Area School, Golden Bay High School/Te Waka Kura o Mohua, Motupipi School and Tākaka Primary School.

I grew up in Golden Bay, attending firstly Upper Tākaka School (until it closed), then Tākaka Primary, and finishing up at GBHS before moving to Blenheim with the RNZAF after finishing high school. From there I've spent time working in Australia, Canada and the US before finally coming 'home'. I'm thrilled to be getting the chance to support our tamariki to attend school regularly, helping them to make the most of the learning opportunities available to them.

My role is all about ensuring that every student has access to the learning that they need by listening to, and understanding what barriers might be in the way to attending school. I also offer support to families and work closely with schools and other community services to remove obstacles so that every child has the chance to thrive as they grow at school.

I'm here to make sure that learning is accessible and that every student has the support they need to attend school regularly.

Ngā mihi,

**Cherie Prystie**

*Mohua Attendance Advisor/Kaiāwhina*

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## Calendar

20-22 May

23 May

30 May

02 June

03 June

05 June

06 June

10-12 June

13 June

16 & 18 June

19 June

20 June

27 June

14 July - 19 September

6 Oct - 11 December

CAA's

Bob Bickerton

Year 1 -6 Cross Country

Bingo Night

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

Primary Speech Comps

CAS Matariki Celebration

Matariki Public Holiday

End Term Two

Term Three

Term Four



This year we are coming to you, Golden Bay! Host the Tasman Mako at your place for a night during the NPC Pre-season. A great way to get to know your favourite footy players.

**BILLET THE MIGHTY**  
**MAKO**



**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY | GOLDEN BAY**

If you are interested, Email Huw ([huw@tasmanrugby.co.nz](mailto:huw@tasmanrugby.co.nz)) with your name, phone number, address, and how many Mako you can house.





# **LION'S CLUB BINGO NIGHT**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Doors open at 6. Eyes down 6:30**

**In the school hall**

**\$2 a card & 8 rounds**

**CHOCOLATE WHEEL, RAFFLE AND SUPPER  
AVAILABLE**

**\$3 FOR SUPPER  
\$2.50 FOR A PEN**

