



## **Pānui**

### **Thursday 12 June 2025**

Kia ora e te whānau,

I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to all of our students — both senior and junior — who recently took part in the Cross Country events here at Collingwood Area School. It was fantastic to see so many of you giving it your best, showing determination, resilience, and great support for one another throughout the races. You should all be very proud of your efforts!

A big thank you to Pete and Jonny for the outstanding organisation and planning that went into making both events run so smoothly.

We are also incredibly grateful to Mark and Wendy Strange, who once again generously allowed us to use their farm for part of the course. A huge thank you.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who contributed to making the cross country such a success — from the runners and organisers to the families who came along to cheer. It's these kinds of events that really highlight the strength and spirit of our school community.

As this is my final newsletter before our new tumuaki begins in Term 3, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank some key people. Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to both Hannah Hay and Esther Kristal for the mahi they have done over the past two terms in supporting our Year 9 and 10 students across English, Maths, Health and PE. They held this space beautifully, which enabled both Pete and Miriam to step into the role of Acting Deputy Principal. We have absolutely loved having Hannah and Esther as part of our team — they've fitted in effortlessly, brought great energy to the kura, and made a genuine difference in a short space of time.

A very special thank you also to Pete and Miriam, who have done an outstanding job sharing the Deputy Principal role over the past two terms. Both have made valuable contributions to our senior leadership team and have been incredibly supportive of me throughout my time as Acting Principal. They've put a lot of time and energy into the role, and we're really grateful for the way they've stepped up. As they return to their classroom teaching roles, I know their leadership and experience will continue to be a real asset to our students and staff.

Finally, thank you to all our staff for their immense support over these last two terms. It has been a privilege, a steep learning journey, and a big responsibility sitting in the "big chair" — but I have grown a great deal from the experience, and I'm truly grateful.

I'm also really looking forward to welcoming our new tumuaki, Kate Staniford, to our special kura on July 14th. It will be an exciting new chapter for Collingwood Area School, and I know our whole community will join me in warmly supporting and celebrating this next step.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melissa Dixon  
Acting Principal

## Student Leaders Kōrero



Hello my name is Aonghus and I am a Year 12 student here at Collingwood Area School. I have been at Collingwood since Year 7, so this is my sixth year here.

What I enjoy most about being a student at CAS is all the sporting and outdoor activities we are offered such as TOSI all the way to skydiving!

My goal this year as a leader is to inspire students to try everything and take every opportunity presented!

An interesting fact about me is that I have made TOSI trials every year since 2020 - I love ALL sports!

My advice to younger students would be to take every chance you are given to try new things while you are at school. Because we are an Area School we get loads of opportunities of a wide variety - who knows you might just find something you love!

## A Warm Welcome: Pōwhiri for Kate Staniford

### He Pōwhiri Nau Mai Haere Mai

Collingwood Area School warmly invites you to attend a pōwhiri to welcome our new Principal, Kate Staniford.

**Date:** Monday, 14th July 2025

**Time:** 9:30 am – please arrive by 9:15am

**Location:** Collingwood Area School

We would love for you to join us as we formally welcome Kate into our kura and community.

Light refreshments will be served following the pōwhiri.

If you have any questions or wish to RSVP, please contact the school office asap.

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**Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai.**



## Year Ten Visual Arts



students experienced three prominent exhibitions: Connections (jewellery), Michael Dell: Landscape and Eco-Awareness, and Diane Prince: Activist Artist.

Esther McNaughton, Suter Educator, guided students through the exhibits, offering fascinating insights into each collection.

The highlight of the visit was a hands-on workshop inspired by the Connections jewellery exhibition. This display featured works by renowned Aotearoa artists that explored themes of cultural inheritance, personal stories, and family legacies—prompting students to reflect on their own connections to the past.

The Year 10 students recently embarked on an enriching excursion to the Nelson Museum and The Suter Gallery as part of their cross-curricular Cultural Narratives unit.

During their visit, students explored the historical context of “The Māori Tenth,” with a focus on the Nelson Tenth, which highlighted a significant land dispute and trust in New Zealand’s history (Social Studies).

They also engaged in observational drawing, selecting pieces from a variety of taonga, including Maori musical instruments, to deepen their understanding of cultural artifacts.

The day continued at The Suter Gallery, where



Overall, it was a memorable and inspiring educational experience outside the classroom, leaving all participants feeling enriched and motivated.

The students enjoyed

“Drawing tiki at the Muesum” Ashley and Maryanne.

“Seeing Michael Dell’s work” Quin.

“Making jewellery from tinfoil” - Zach.

“ Spending time with the teachers” - Otis.



## CAS Primary Cross Country

Winter is Cross Country season at CAS, and the last few weeks have been busy with practicing and running our CAS and Interschools' events.

The Year 1-6 races were held on Friday 30th May, bright and early on a sunny but windy and very cold early-winter morning.

Prior to the event, Craig had carefully tended to the tracks, with Craig doing a fantastic job of tidying the course through the forest at the back of the school.

In the weeks before the event, students built their fitness as they familiarised themselves with the tracks. The fortnight prior to the event brought two bouts of heavy rain, which made the tracks extra muddy for our runners. Another highlight was the addition of some obstacles - Fallen trees and fences to climb made the event even more of a challenge.

On the day, all of the primary staff chipped in with course supervision, starting and finishing and recording, to guarantee a smooth and safe event. Many thanks once again to Mark and Wendy Strange for allowing runners to use their farm track - for many years now this far, track has been a highlight for our Year 5 and 6 runners.

Many thanks to the large group of parents who came to support their tamariki, cheering them on as they started and finished their races.

Jonny Hanlon



## Results

### Five Year Olds:

<b>1st Place</b>	Amaia Roberts and Charlie Foe
<b>2nd Place</b>	Ruby Paton and Billy Kelly
<b>3rd Place</b>	Skyla Strange

### Six Year Olds:

<b>1st Place:</b>	Isabella Curnow and Malachi Roberts
<b>2nd Place</b>	Thea Win and Zander Keogh
<b>3rd Place</b>	Lalita Howell-Wilson and Noah Richards

### Seven Year Olds:

<b>1st Place</b>	Olivia Hoskin
<b>2nd Place</b>	Shellbie Glass
<b>3rd Place</b>	Marnie Strange

### Eight Year Olds:

<b>1st Place</b>	Leilani Roberts and Hudson Riley
<b>2nd Place</b>	Amelia Curnow and Roman Paton
<b>3rd Place</b>	Piper Roberts and Alfie Heuvel

### Nine Year Olds:

<b>1st Place</b>	Mazzy Evans and Joel Reay
<b>2nd Place</b>	Charlotte Richards and Jimmy Howell-Wilson
<b>3rd Place</b>	Isabella Closs and Oscar Win

### Ten Year Olds:

<b>1st Place</b>	Lily-Rose Edwards and Levi Strange and Braxton Hoskin (1st = boys)
<b>2nd Place</b>	Laken Riley
<b>3rd Place</b>	Phoenix McMahon and Mason Pomeroy



#### Photos:

From last page - top row: Amaia, Charlie and Kent, Isabella and Mackenzie, Malachi  
Middle Row - Olivia, Ashley and Leilani, Hudson, Mazzy  
Bottom Row - Joel, Lily-Rose, Braxton and Levi

#### Above:

Five year olds start line with their Tuakana Teina buddies, Neveah, Billy and Leo H with family

## Senior Cross Country 2025: A Day of Grit and Glory!

The 2025 Senior Cross Country proved to be a true test of resilience! Recent rain had left the course muddy and challenging, while a persistent wind added an extra layer of difficulty for the runners along the straights. At the start line competitive runners discussed their strategies and personal goals, while others speculated about who would claim the fastest times.

We had a fantastic turnout, with many students embracing the spirit of the day. While perhaps not the most practical for running, the colorful costumes added a wonderful, festive atmosphere among the non-competitive participants.

The race began with some less experienced runners setting a blistering pace towards Gibbs Road. However, for many, that initial burst of energy faded by the time they reached the beach. Soon, a competitive pack broke away, making their way towards the Excellent Street hill climb and its many stairs. True endurance shone through as they reached the top, with the leaders needing only to maintain their impressive pace to secure their positions.

Bursting out of the bush track and onto the school field, Logan Ricketts powered home, crossing the finish line in an incredible 23:01, setting a new school record! Hot on his heels was Claude Gaddes, finishing in 23:34 and setting a new Junior Boys record. At only Year 8 Claude is definitely a runner to watch in the coming years!

It was fantastic to see so many students dressed to support their whānau. This year, the award for Best Dressed went to Ashley Iorns for her original costume. Our annual photo competition was won by Syria Haare, whose photo captured the essence of the day.

Well done to every student who participated and showed incredible spirit! It's great seeing our students engage with each other in the outdoors and our local surroundings.

### Results are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Boys	Claude Gaddes <i>New record 23:34</i>	Robert Win	Niko Evans
Junior Girls	Tessa Fearn	Bree Dell	Tegan Strange
Intermediate Boys	Leroy Steel	Coby Heuvel	Zach Richards
Intermediate Girls	Ashley Iorns	Rubee Patchett	
Senior Boys	Logan Ricketts <i>New record 23:01</i>	Aonghus Garbutt	Thorin McQueen
Senior Girls	Syria Haare		

**Back Row:** Tessa and Mrs Gaddes, Claude, Ashley and Syria

**Middle Row:** Leroy S, Logan, Joy

**Bottom half:** Assorted critters, Syria's Winning Photo, Jesse, Levi and Zach rounding the Courthouse corner



## Onetahua

Yesterday we went to Onetahua and we went to the lighthouse, the ride was about 1 hour. My friend Levi was right behind me. He is so annoying.

We went to pull out wilding pines. There were 3 teams and we had a competition to see who could get the biggest wilding pine, our third pine was a giant. It was not easy. Malakai was the one to hold it.

Then we found a great spot to find little pines. The best find of the day was made when Levi spotted a massive wilding pine. It took maybe 5 minutes to get out. It was taller than Rosie and Malakai.

When we were done we went to the house. Paddy had a look at the smallest pine. The girls had the smallest and the boys had the biggest. Then we ate food and took a photo with the smallest and the biggest pine. We left and before we got off the spit, we went to a sand dune. I rolled and did backflips and frontflips and more. I got my legs submerged in sand and then we left and did donuts on the bus.

***By Lawrence - June 10 2025***

Yesterday we went to Onetahua to the lighthouse to pull out wilding pines. When we got there we got off the bus and split up into groups. In my group there was Braxton, Eli, Lawrence, Malakai, Marley and me.

After that we walked down a small track. After a few minutes we found our first pine and we pulled it out.

We continued finding pines then we found a huge pine tree, it was really hard to pull out. After a while of struggling we finally pulled it out! We were really excited and happy that we pulled it out.

Then we went back to the bus and counted up all the pine trees we pulled out. In total we got 57 pine trees and we got the biggest one too. Then we had our lunch. Then we took a picture in front of the lighthouse. After the picture we went to a very big sand dune for ten minutes. Then we went back to school and went home.

***By Levi - June 2025***





On the ninth of June my class and I went to Onetahua. We waited a while for Paddy to come pick us up in his bus. When he came we drove for about an hour talking, singing waiatas and Paddy was talking about birds. After driving for a while we stopped at a whale skull and sadly saw a dead seal.



We drove for a while longer and then we got to the lighthouse and dropped our bags off at the lighthouse's second apprentice's house. We broke up into groups and started looking for the newly grown pine trees. We had a competition to see who could find the biggest, smallest and most pine trees. We spent about half an hour looking for little pine trees. My team won two things: smallest tree and most trees. We got 77 pine trees and we won by 20. Then we took some photos by the bus.



Now we were on the beach again and by then we were exhausted but when Paddy stopped the bus by the sand dunes we all got our energy back. We sprinted up the sand dunes and went flying down. When we got back to the bus we all had sand in our shoes and we were knackered. After that we were pretty tired so it was a chill ride back to school.

**By Lydia**

On Monday the 9th of June, Opou went on a trip to Onetahua (Farewell Spit).

The drive there was... to say the least, long. I sat on a window seat and had a pretty good view. We drove to the beach by Kate's house and then across it. We then drove through the bush. Paddy told us about the Puponga Panther, he said that some people thought they saw a panther out there. Then we were at the beach.

We had a snack then went for a run before coming back onto the bus. We drove for a while and saw a whale bone along the way, we also saw a dead seal. We eventually got there. We got out and after a short briefing we split into groups to begin the treasure hunt to pull up baby wilding pines. The first one I found was a 2 in 1 deal! I found 5 in total and my group found 57 wilding pines. In total everyone found 191 wilding pines! The tallest one was taller than Rosie! The smallest was about as small as an 11 year old's pinky finger.

We finished our lunch then went to the lighthouse and saw a huge lens through a window. We took a photo and got on the bus to go home.

But it's not over yet! On the way home we stopped at a huge sand dune and went down... and came up... and went down. And so on and so forth until 1:25.

After the drive back Yasmin and I said a quick thank you to Paddy and everyone enjoyed the last 15 minutes of school.

## Library News

The New Zealand Children's book awards have been announced with 32 New Zealand titles chosen over seven categories.

**The categories are :**

Picture Book  
Junior fiction  
Young adult fiction  
Non-fiction  
Illustration  
Te Reo Māori  
Best first book



This library has nine of them with 2 more yet to arrive.

These are all great books with a high quality of production, illustration and great storylines.



We guarantee they will expand your imagination and your knowledge. We must support our New Zealand book industry so that our stories are told and our faces are shown. There is a 20 page activity book that can be downloaded from [www.nzbookawards.nz](http://www.nzbookawards.nz)

The Hell Pizza Reading challenge is steadily gaining momentum with 3 completed pizza wheels already given out and many pupils having nearly 7 books read so far.

From next week the pupils will be able to get books to have over the July school holidays which start on 28 June this year. Winter is a perfect time to encourage the whole family to have time set aside for reading and indoor crafts, board games, card games and puzzles - jigsaw and written ones.

The Takaka library always has holiday activities and it is a nice place to spend a leisurely hour browsing and chatting with your children. <https://www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/>

The Christchurch city library also has great resources for readers. <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/>

It's always a pleasure to see all our visitors come into the Library, we are here to help.

**Diane & Donna ~ Librarians**

## National's Fundraisers



The team are also running a raffle. Prizes include a professionally butchered sheep, ham legs, beauty products, coffee, a dairy testing kit valued at nearly \$1000 plus heaps more.

Tickets are \$5 each. Contact the Office if you would like to buy some :)

## PE Uniforms

Please can all tracksuits and school sports tops to please be returned to the school ASAP. Thanks.

## Calendar

18 / 25 June	Baking Sale \$2 per item (Nationals Team Fundraiser)
12 June	Outdoor Education Skydive
13 June	NZ Playhouse
16 & 18 June	Primary Speech Comps
19 June	CAS Matariki Celebration
20 June	Matariki Public Holiday
25 June	Rural Health Careers Programme
27 June	End Term Two
30 June - 04 July	National's Tournament Invercargill
14 July	Start Term Three
	9.30am Pōwhiri for new Tumuaki
21 - 22 July	Year 1 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
22 July	Year 9 - 13 Parent Teacher Interviews
	TSS Basketball
01 August	Teacher Only Day
07 August	CAS LipSync
11 - 14 August	Outdoor Ed Camp
20 - 22 August	Ski Trip
25 - 29 August	SISS Netball
29 August	Daffodil Day
05 September	IS Football
08 - 12 September	School Exams Week (Y9-13)
19 September	End Term Three
6 Oct - 11 December	Term Four

## Landscaping at CAS

Kia ora ngā whānau o Te Kura o Aorere,

With our school rebuild complete, we are now ready to begin developing the new green spaces around Onetahua (the teaching block) and our admin building.

Students are currently planning how these spaces can best be utilised, and creating planting plans to reflect their ideas. We wish to make the most of the winter to get a wide range of plants in the ground, ready to establish and grow this coming spring.

Many of you have offered donations of plants and trees, and we would like to thank you all for your support so far.

We are still on the lookout for:

Large quantities of topsoil (a few trailer loads) to support trees when transplanted  
Fruit trees (Stonefruit, pipfruit, feijoas, persimmons.)

We look forward to seeing these spaces grow and mature over the years.

Any donation would be hugely appreciated and will be valued for generations to come.

Please contact Jonny Hanlon or the school office for further details.

## Save the date!

### Health Consumer Advisory Group Vacancy: Youth Representative



#### Do you want to make a difference?

We are looking for a Youth Representative to join the Hauora Matua ki Te Tai Aorere (Nelson Bays Primary Health) Health Consumer Advisory Group.

The Health Consumer Advisory Group works in partnership with consumers, whānau and communities to ensure they are heard by Nelson Bays Primary Health (NBPH), and that consumers have a strong and viable voice in planning, co-designing, and delivering health services across Nelson Bays, health services that are people centred and responsive to the needs of all communities.

The Health Consumer Advisory Group comprises of members who have diverse backgrounds, contacts, and skills and must be passionate about consumers and whānau being able to access the best possible health services.

If you are interested in representing your peers, we would welcome hearing from you!

Payment is made for monthly meetings and other meeting attendance as required.

For the Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest Form, please scan the QR code or view online here: [www.nbph.org.nz/professionals/careers/nbph](http://www.nbph.org.nz/professionals/careers/nbph)

Please return your completed Expression of Interest form to:  
Emily-Rose Richards, Executive Support Manager/EA to Chief Executive, [info@nbph.org.nz](mailto:info@nbph.org.nz)

Applications close: 30 June 2025

NBPH is the Primary Health Organisation (PHO) for the Nelson Bays region. PHOs lead and coordinate primary health care within the local community. NBPH is committed to reducing the inequalities in health between all peoples.



Collingwood Area School  
**LipSync** 2025  
& Performing Arts Showcase

Adults: \$15  
Students: \$10

Thursday 7th August  
7.00 pm

Save the date!  
Tickets on sale early Term 3

### Matariki Celebration at Collingwood Area School!

Kia ora koutou,

Get ready to celebrate Matariki at Collingwood Area School! We're excited to announce our special celebration will take place on Thursday, June 19th, during normal school hours (8:45 AM to 2:45 PM).

Matariki is a significant time for us. It's an opportunity to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our kura will be marking this special occasion with a range of engaging activities designed for all students, including:

- Storytelling that connects us to our rich heritage
- Art and creative activities to express our understanding
- Sharing kai together as a community
- Reflecting and setting goals for the year ahead, guided by the Matariki spirit

We'll be providing a delicious meal for everyone. To make our shared kai even more special, we kindly ask students to bring something sweet to share. This could be some homemade baking, a favorite fruit, or another special treat.

Just a quick reminder that school buses will run as usual, as this celebration is integrated into our normal school day.

We can't wait to celebrate Matariki together as a kura! Your participation and support truly make this day meaningful for our students and staff.

Nau mai, haere mai – Come, let us gather and celebrate this special time!