



Pānui

Friday 18 June 2025

- **Teacher Only**
Day: Friday 01
August - school will be closed for instruction.

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is an absolute privilege to be writing to you as the new Tumuaki | Principal of Collingwood Area School. Over the past week, I have been warmly welcomed by students, staff, whānau, and the wider community. From my very first day, I could sense the special atmosphere of this kura and the pride people take in their school.



- **TOSI Uniform:**
All CAS sports uniforms need to be returned to the Office asap please.

The pōwhiri at Onetahua Marae was a beautiful way to begin this new chapter. I want to thank the iwi and marae whānau for their manaakitanga – their hospitality and generosity of spirit as I was formally welcomed into the rohe. That experience reminded me of the importance of relationships and partnership in everything we do as educators.

- **Trophies:** All Show Day and Prize Giving trophies need to be returned to school by Friday 19th September please (end term three).

I would also like to acknowledge Mel for her leadership and care of the school during this time of transition. Stepping into this role, it is clear to me that Collingwood Area School is in a strong position thanks to her work and the support of the staff, students, and Brendan and the Board.

- **2025 Year Book:**
Please get your orders in as soon as you can \$30 per copy.

It has been a joy spending time this week, meeting the staff and students, and hearing about their work, learning, passions, and what they love most about this school. There is a real sense of community here, and I'm excited to build on that as we move forward together.

- **Parent Teacher Interviews:**
Are next week. Please contact the Office if you need a hand with booking.

My focus over the coming weeks is to listen and learn – to understand what makes this school thrive, what hopes and dreams you have for the future, and how we can work together to ensure every learner feels supported, inspired, and empowered to achieve their best.

Collingwood Area School already feels like a place where kotahitanga – unity – is alive and well. I look forward to getting to know you all better as the term progresses and working alongside you to create the best possible future for our tamariki and rangatahi.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

Student Leaders Kōrero



Kia ora my name is Lily and I am in Year 12. I have been a student at CAS since I was five and before that I attended Aorere Playcentre.

I love the closeness between students and the teachers here at CAS and the support that is given to students when needed.

This year as Head Student I hope to create a more inclusive environment between younger students and the senior students of the school because I believe it is important as an Area School to have this close bond between the youngers and older students.

Something you may not know about me is that I went bungee jumping in Hanmer Springs two years ago. I am a closet adrenaline junkie!

My advice to younger students is to always jump on the opportunities that are provided to you by the school!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Tumuaki | Principal!

On Monday, we were thrilled to welcome Kate Staniford, our new Tumuaki | Principal, to our kura with a special pōwhiri.

We extend our sincere thanks to Manawhenua ki Mohua, the Kāhui Ako, the Collingwood Tavern, and all our wonderful students and community for their heartfelt participation in this significant event.

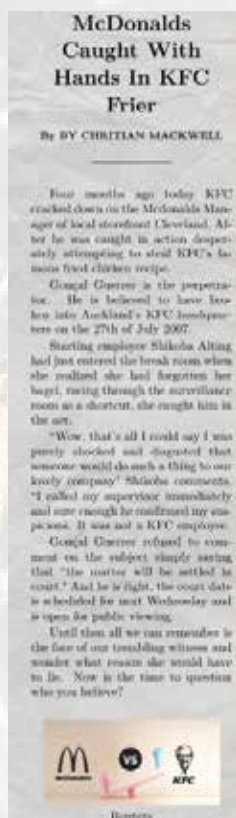
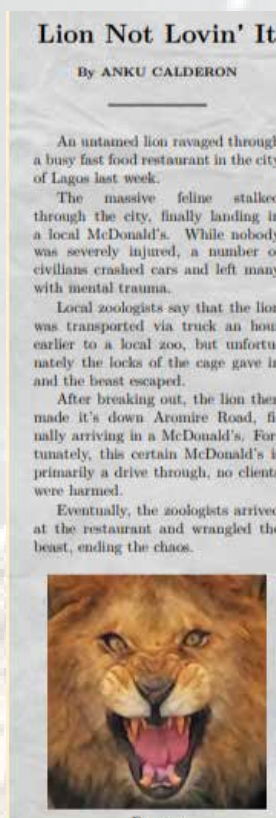


Year Seven and Eight Writing Workshops

During Term 2 small groups of students from Year 7 and 8 worked with Mr Wilson to develop their writing skills. The Year 7's focused on using tighter structures when writing narratives, writing better climaxes to their stories and resolving a story effectively. Meanwhile, the Year 8's looked at how to write using the precise structures of the News Report and then how to select and manipulate detail to create fake news and bias. Unfortunately, the Year 7's ran out of time to finish their stories, however, some of the Year 8 work on fake news is below. Mr Wilson wishes to thank the participants for the willingness to share their writing and push themselves to improve their writing skills.

Year 7 Writing Workshop Group: Ava James, Isla Paton, Lydia Riley, Elliott Roberts-Hanlon, Carter Wilson, Robert Win.

Year 8 Writing Workshop Group: Anku Calderon, Clara McQueen, Tessa Fearn, Claude Gaddes, Bree Dell, Niko Evans



Matariki

Ngā Mihi Our Heartfelt Thanks

Kia ora e te whānau,

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone in our CAS community who came together to make this year's Matariki celebration so special. From our whānau and tamariki, to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community supporters, your aroha and manaakitanga transformed this celebration into something truly unforgettable.

When a community comes together with shared intention and open hearts, something powerful happens and that spirit of kotahitanga (unity) was present in every part of our celebration. This is the true essence of Matariki remembering, reflecting, and reconnecting as one.

Te Timatanga The Beginning

Our celebration began with beautiful waiata, performed by both kaiako (teachers) and ākonga (students). The blending of voices lifted wairua and set a powerful tone for the day. These songs reminded us of our connection to each other, to our ancestors, and to the wider universe.

A deeply moving moment followed, as our senior students planted a collection of rare and native trees – generously gifted by our friends at Okay Grow. These trees are more than just greenery; they are living taonga, planted in memory of those we have lost during the past year. In this act, we honoured the past while also nurturing the future.

Ngā Mahi Activities that Connect Us

Throughout the day, ākonga participated in a wide range of activities designed to deepen their understanding and connection to te ao Māori. Each activity was an invitation to learn, to create, and to reflect.

From crafting poi and learning traditional stories, to singing waiata and exploring the stars of Matariki, our students were immersed in experiences that connected them to the whenua, to mātauranga Māori (traditional knowledge), and to their own sense of place. These moments remind us of the richness of Māori culture and how vital it is that we celebrate and preserve these traditions together.

Kai and Community Sharing and Whanaungatanga

To close the day, we gathered together as a whole school community to share kai food prepared with care and shared in the spirit of whanaungatanga (relationship and connection). There is something profoundly grounding about sitting down to eat together it reminds us of the importance of hospitality, of kindness, and of being present with one another. A special thank you to the Strange whānau for their kind donation of a sheep.

The laughter, stories, and full bellies was a beautiful way to conclude a day that honoured the stars, our ancestors, and our shared future.

Whakataukī A Guiding Proverb

“Ko Matariki atua
Takiri mai i te rangi e
Kia eke mai ki te whenua nei”
Matariki the deity
Rising in the heavens
Arriving upon this land

This whakataukī reminds us that Matariki brings both reflection and renewal – blessings from above that we receive here on earth. May these blessings continue to guide us as a school and a community.

He Mihi Whakamutunga Final Acknowledgement

Thank you once again to everyone who helped bring this celebration to life from the organisers, to those who simply showed up and stood together. Your presence mattered.

Matariki invites us to look back, to be grateful, and to plan for the future with hope in our hearts. We are proud to carry these values forward at Collingwood Area School.

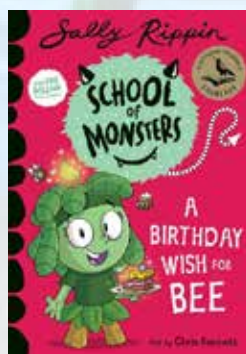
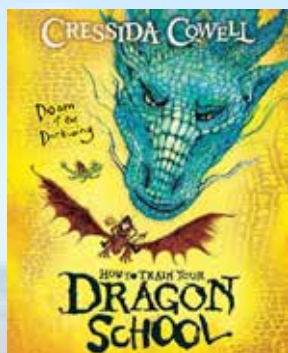
Ngā manaakitanga,

The CAS Team



Library News

Here is a selection of our new books - they are on display from Monday, for the week, for you to reserve. If you are the first to reserve a book you can pick it up on Friday at lunchtime. Get in quick. Don't forget, if you really like a book or series, you can ask us if we can buy it for the library. We consider all reasonable requests.



Hell Pizza Reading wheel challenge:

The students are making steady progress with reading their 7 books, telling us about them and writing 2 reviews.

We have had several students complete their wheel and lots that are very close to finishing.

Jackson M is the latest reader to reach the goal. Well done, Jackson!

Library activities.

Looking for somewhere warm and dry to go at break and lunch?

The library is here for you. We have a range of activities apart from the cool books. Colouring in, jigsaw puzzles, board games, 3D puzzles, card games.

Happy Reading, Diane & Donna



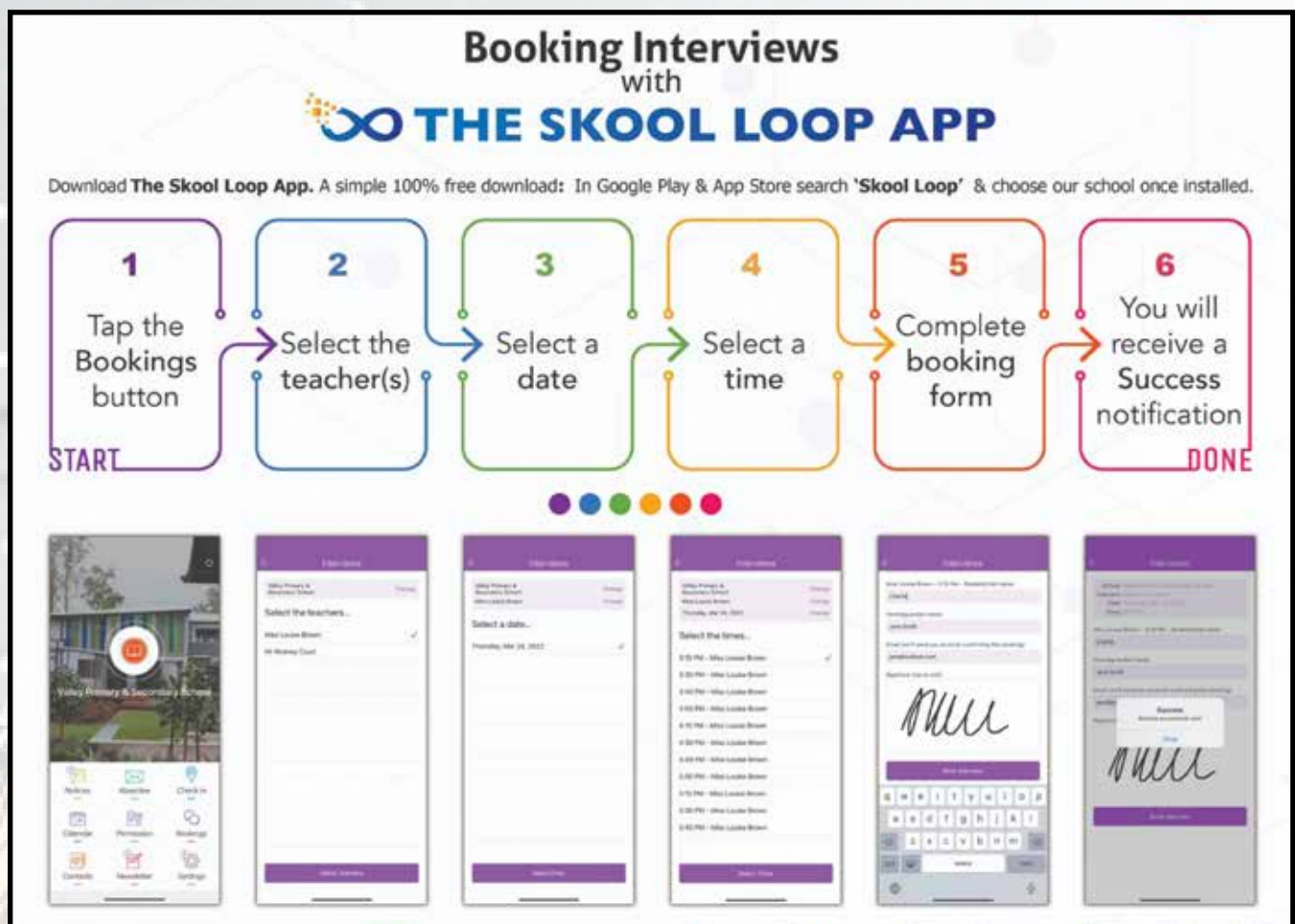
Calendar

21 July
21 - 22 July
22 July

29 July
01 August
04 August
07 August
11 - 14 August
13 August
18 August
20 - 22 August
25 - 29 August
29 August
05 September
08 - 12 September
16 September
19 September
6 Oct - 11 December

BOT Meeting
Year 1 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 9 - 13 Parent Teacher Interviews
TSS Basketball
Inter School Miniball begins
Year 7 & 8 Ripa Tournament
Teacher Only Day
Planting at Cape Farewell (Ōpou and Wharariki class)
CAS LipSync
Outdoor Ed Camp
Get2Go
Tākaka Library Quiz
Ski Trip
SISS Netball
Daffodil Day
IS Football
School Exams Week (Y9-13)
Year 9 & 10 Rafting
End Term Three
Term Four

Parent Teacher Interviews



Save the date!

Collingwood Area School LipSync & Performing Arts Showcase

Join us for a night of fun!

Date

Thursday, August 7th
from 7.00pm

Location

The event will be held at
the Collingwood Area
School Hall, so come
ready to cheer!

Tickets

Adults: \$15
Students / Children:
\$10



Don't miss out on the fun!
Tickets on sale from Monday 28th July