



Pānui

Friday 15th August 2025

- **Trophies:** All Show Day and Prize Giving trophies need to be returned to school by Friday 19th September please (end of term three).
 - **2025 Year Book:** Please get your orders in as soon as you can \$30 per copy.
 - **Donations Scheme:** The Board intends to opt into the Ministry of Education's [Donations Scheme](#) for 2026. If you would like to offer feedback on this decision, please email admin@collingwood.school.nz.
- Kia ora e te whānau,
- Our Staff Only Day on Friday 1st was an important day for our teachers and support staff. Thank you to all our parents and whānau for supporting the ongoing learning of our teachers during this time of huge curriculum change. Our Primary teachers worked with Renee Jepson from Poutama Pounamu/University of Waikato through Kāhui Ako ki Mohu, exploring the important role of attachment in learning and wellbeing, and how this connects to teaching across the curriculum – particularly in mathematics. Our Secondary teachers spent the day on collaborative planning, lesson design, assessment moderation, work on Pūtake (an NZQA learning platform), and professional growth activities. This kind of dedicated time is invaluable for ensuring we are delivering the very best learning experiences for our students.
- And now to acknowledge last Thursday's Lip Sync Evening - an absolute highlight of the last two weeks, both for me personally and for our kura. The creativity, commitment, and confidence our students showed on stage was inspiring - and the learning that comes from pulling together a performance like that is huge. From planning and rehearsing to problem-solving, managing nerves, and performing under the lights, these are skills our young people will carry with them well beyond school. A massive thank you to our student leaders who hosted the night so well and sold delicious snacks as part of their Formal Fundraiser. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their time to make the event happen – with special acknowledgement to Rosie, Holly, and Jonny – and to the parents who helped with set-up and pack-down. An extra thanks to Anya and Mike for capturing the magic of the evening with some fabulous videography and photography. Congratulations to all our students, and of course to the winners in each category.
- Best class performance - Pakawau
Best group performance - Collingwood's Got Talent
Best class costumes - Pakawau and Waikato
Best group costumes - Collingwood's Got Talent and The Dance Floor Divas
- Finally, a big shout-out to our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Rai Valley Exchange yesterday. We know you gave it your all, showed great sportsmanship, and represented our kura with pride. More information next fortnight.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

LipSync 2025!

Following on from the success of Lip Sync 2024, this year's Lip Sync was an even bigger, bolder and more colourful production.

Due to unprecedented demand for tickets, the show was moved to the Collingwood Hall to accommodate the large number of parents, whanau and wider community who came to be entertained.

Five very well-polished class performances from Y1-7 saw every student from Pūhouhou, Te Rae, Pakawau, Waikato and Opou take to the stage.

Keeping us entertained, MCs Lily Challis and Maia Bain delivered a fine blend of witty humour, jokes and games to hold the stage during transitions between acts.

After the class performances, nine group and individual acts showed off their talent, performing a wide range of genre from pop favourites to Disney to a parody of Collingwood's Got Talent. The final student act was a standout live performance of 'Fly Me to the Moon' sung by Laken Riley.

Our new Principal Kate Staniford joined GBHS senior students Lucy Muir and Aynsley Thorpe with the difficult task of judging the performances, awarding first place in the class performances to Pakawau students (Y3-4), and first place in the group performances to Anku Calderon, Robert Win, Niko Evans, Levi Richards and Kent Ledger for their comic portrayal of a talent quest.

Next year we hope to further build and diversify the talent on stage with more live music, theatre and performance alongside the Lip Sync performances.

Many thanks to the large crew of staff and helpers who put in so much work before the event with leading rehearsals, costuming, tech setup, and transforming the Collingwood Hall into a suitable performance space. Extra special thanks to Rosie Riley and Holly Rillstone for producing and directing the event.

Jonny Hanlon
CAS Performing Arts





Football Coaching at CAS - Pūhouhou and Te Rae

One day a week this term, Marina and Thomas from Golden Bay Football are coming along to CAS to give our students some coaching in preparation for the Interschools Football comp in September.

What the Players Are Saying

- **Lalita:** "It was really fun when I was getting the balls off of the red team."
- **Thea:** "I really liked it because there were two fair teams and when we played the game the score was 1-1."
- **Eden:** "I liked it, we had to kick the ball when Mickayla said 'green light' and stop kicking when she said 'red light.'"
- **Amaia:** "It was good, my team, the blue team won."
- **Malachi:** "It was really fun to do football."
- **Charlie:** "I am happy that we won. I scored two goals and I am very good at goalie."



Library News

There is always “a week of” or a “month of” happening. Some are cool and we all participate, others are rather left-field. The Library has various displays relating to these events. We also sometimes have activities, games, puzzles and competitions that tie-in with the weekly or monthly celebrations. We just finished School Library week last week. It is Family History month in August. **Daffodil Day Friday 29 August**, **Random Acts of Kindness Day** on 1st September. **Māori Language week** and **Conservation week** both on 10th to 18th of September, looming are also **Father's Day**, **Suffrage Day** and **Talk Like a Pirate Day** in September.

BUT this week is very importantly, **MATHS WEEK**. Maths? Yes, I know we are all about reading and books, but - Reading and mathematics, while seemingly different, share significant connections. Mathematical problems, and mathematical literacy enhances critical thinking skills that apply to various forms of reading.

Understanding Word Problems:

Mathematical word problems rely heavily on reading comprehension to decipher the context, identify the relevant information, and understand the question being asked. Mathematical thinking helps in evaluating the logic and validity of arguments presented in various texts



Benefits of Reading for Maths:

Vocabulary Development:

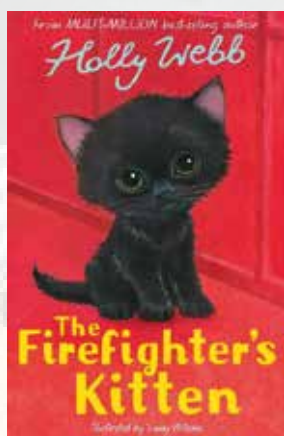
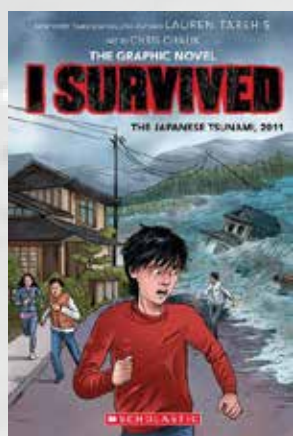
Reading widely exposes students to a broader vocabulary, including mathematical terms, which can improve their understanding of math concepts.

Cognitive Skills:

Reading for pleasure has been linked to improved cognitive skills, including those used in mathematical problem-solving.

Enhanced Comprehension:

Reading comprehension skills are directly transferable to understanding mathematical texts and problems.



SOME NEW BOOKS THIS WEEK: Don't trust Fish is my favourite book this year!

Enjoy your time in the different world of a book.
Diane & Donna - Librarians

Calendar

18 August
21 August
20 - 22 August
25 - 29 August
29 August
01 September
03 September 2025
05 September
08 - 12 September
16 September
17 September
18 September
19 September
6 Oct - 11 December

Tākaka Library Quiz
Primary Hui
Ski Trip
SISS Netball
Daffodil Day
Planting at Cape Farewell (Ōpou and Wharariki class)
Get2Go
IS Football
School Exams Week (Y9-13)
Year 9 & 10 Rafting
CAS Planting Day
Primary Hui
End Term Three
Term Four

Can You Host a Student for Our Mini TOSI Event?

Our school is hosting the annual mini TOSI (Top of the South Island) event in October, and we're looking for wonderful people in our community who would be keen to billet students for one night. This is a fantastic two-day, one-night gathering where twenty students each from Tapawera, Murchison, and Amuri Area Schools will come together. It's a great opportunity for our Year 7 - 10 students to compete, make new friends, and get a feel for our annual TOSI tournament held in Term One each year.

If you're able to help out and provide a warm, welcoming place for a student to stay, please email Sam at sports@collingwood.school.nz.

Your support would make a huge difference to the success of this event!

LipSync - Video Available

Video of our LipSync event is available - Please drop off an empty, named USB flash drive to school by Friday. 32 GB would be best as the files are large. You will be given an HD (13GB) version as well as an SD (4GB) version of the video.

It is important that the USB drive is empty, as it needs to be reformatted to suit both Mac and PCs, and any content on the drive will be lost.

Videos will be copied over the weekend and available for you to pick up next Monday. Koha appreciated.

Thanks again for the amazing audience support last week!

Lost Property

Is your child missing a jacket, sweatshirt, or other essential clothing? We have a mountain of unnamed lost property that needs a new home. Stop by the teaching block to look through the items and claim anything that belongs to your child.

Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the term.





Quick Guide to SchoolDocs for the School Community

Information for school staff, students, parents, and whānau

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Your SchoolDocs site contains policies that are specific to your school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

Using SchoolDocs

Website	<input type="text" value="https://collingwood-area.schooldocs.co.nz"/>
Username	<input type="text" value="collingwood-area"/>
Password	<input type="password" value="collingwood-area"/>

Enter the login information for your SchoolDocs site here.

Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
- Search for **Quick links for staff** and **Quick links for parents and whānau**, which provide links to useful policy information.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the **Help** tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site.



Reviews and feedback

Start your review

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- You can provide **content feedback** to suggest changes to improve the content of a policy.
- You can provide **implementation feedback** about how the policy is implemented at your school.



If you find information that's incorrect during a review (e.g. location of first aid supplies), do not submit this through the review tool. Let the principal or board know that it needs to be updated.



If you'd like to comment on a policy that's not under review, you can use the feedback button to send an email to your school. This feedback is not sent to the SchoolDocs team.



Policy Reviews

Current review

Review opens	30 June 2025
Review closes	19 September 2025

Review topics this term	Who reviews 
Child Protection	All (esp Board)
Abuse Recognition and Reporting	All (esp Board)
Food and Nutrition	All
Safety Checking	All (esp Board)
Police Vetting	All
Missing Student Procedure	All

NCEA Information afternoon

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua me ngā kaitiaki o ngā ākonga o Collingwood Area School,

The Secondary Syndicate team warmly invites all cas whanau to an NCEA Information focusing on 2026 NCEA assessments.

Event Details:

When: Period 5 – 1:35 pm, Wednesday 27 August, Week 7 of Term 3

Who: All Year 11–13 students and any interested CAS whānau are warmly welcomed

Focus: A presentation for students, showcasing future course options available in 2026

What to Expect:

Our specialist subject teachers will share information about:

Course structure for their subjects

Assessment methods and requirements

Opportunities and pathways available to students

Important Note:

Significant changes to NCEA are planned from 2028 onwards. Key proposals include:

Year 11: NCEA Level 1 replaced with a Foundational Skills Award focusing on literacy and numeracy

Years 12 & 13: New qualifications – NZ Certificate of Education (NZCE) and NZ Advanced Certificate of Education (NZACE) – replacing Levels 2 and 3

Grading: Move to marks out of 100 with letter grades

Due to these up-and-coming changes, and the very limited information that has been released by the Ministry of Education, we are unable to answer more questions than what is already publicly available. However, we are happy to focus on what 2026 will look like for our whānau members.

Course Information:

Course information booklets will be sent out prior to this event. Please check your email for details sent to whanau of 2026 11-13 students.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to help your student make informed decisions about their academic pathway.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Secondary Syndicate Team