



Pānui

Thursday 28th 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

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It has been another full and vibrant fortnight here at Collingwood Area School, with our students once again showing just how much talent, creativity, and determination they bring to their learning and co-curricular opportunities.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at the recent Tākaka Library Quiz. These events are a wonderful way to celebrate teamwork, general knowledge, and quick thinking. I would especially like to acknowledge the team who took out the 'Best Dressed Team Award' for Cat in the Hat – your creativity and flair certainly stood out, and you brought a great sense of fun to the competition. We are proud of you all.

Last week, Melissa Dixon and I had the privilege of attending the New Zealand Area Schools Conference. This gathering of leaders, teachers, and trustees from across the motu was a valuable opportunity to connect with colleagues, share ideas, and learn from inspiring speakers on topics that ranged from curriculum innovation to student wellbeing and community partnerships. The professional learning and networking that happens in these settings is an important part of keeping our thinking fresh and ensuring that the unique needs of area schools are well supported.

On a personal note, it was wonderful for me to see two Twizel Area School students, from my previous kura, recognised with Student Excellence Awards during the conference. Celebrating the success of young people, whether they are from Collingwood or beyond, is always a reminder of why we do what we do. I return from the conference energised and full of ideas to share with our staff and Board as we continue to grow and strengthen learning here at Collingwood.

Back on home turf, the much-anticipated Staff vs. Students Netball match took place, and what a spectacle it was! Despite the staff giving it their all, our students secured a resounding win. Congratulations, team – you played with great skill and spirit.

This week, we're sending well wishes to our students who have headed away to the South Island Secondary Schools (SISS) Netball Tournament in Dunedin this week. This is a major event and a chance to test skills against strong competition, and I know they will represent Collingwood Area School with pride. Best wishes also to Logan Ricketts, who is away at a Whenua Iti Outdoors Course – another wonderful example of the diverse opportunities available to our young people. None of these events happen without the hard work of parents and staff who give so much to make them possible, and I thank you all sincerely.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Trevor Kerr for his time and effort in shifting

our bark delivery around the school grounds – your mahi helps keep our spaces safe and welcoming for our tamariki. A special thank you also to Sukhita Langford for her generous donation of more of her beautiful, handmade bucket hats. These will be treasured by our students and much appreciated as we head into the summer months. Acts of kindness like these remind us how fortunate we are to have such a supportive community around our kura.

Looking ahead to next week, our students in Ōpou and Wharariki will be taking part in a planting day at Cape Farewell on Monday – a chance to give back to our local environment and practice kaitiakitanga. On Wednesday, students from Te Rae and Pakawau will enjoy a cultural trip to learn more about the origins of their classroom names and local ecological approaches to whales and strandings – I'm especially looking forward to joining them for this rich learning experience. Also on Wednesday, many of our Year 9 and 10 students will be involved in the Get2Go Challenge, an outdoor adventure programme designed to build teamwork and resilience.

As always, I am deeply proud of our students and grateful to our dedicated staff and whānau. Together, we continue to provide rich opportunities for growth, learning, and success.

Finally, a gentle reminder that our Board of Trustees election is currently underway. Please take the time to cast your vote – your voice is an important part of shaping the future direction of our kura.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kate Staniford

Sandpit!



Our tamariki are absolutely loving the new sandpit outside the Te Rae and Pūhouhou classrooms! It's a huge hit and a fantastic new addition for our school.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped plan and build this awesome asset for our kura. Your hard work is truly appreciated!

Library News

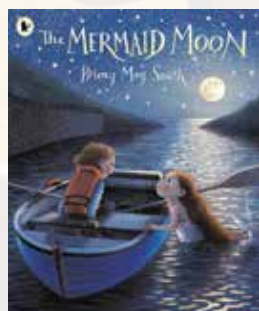
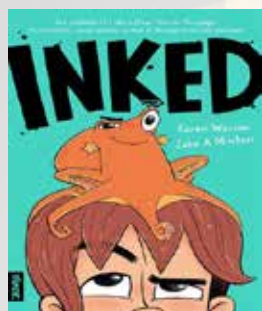
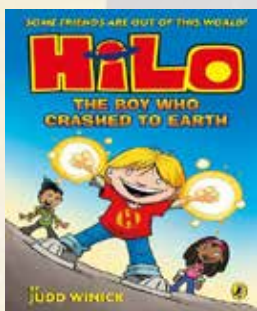
The annual Tākaka/Tasman Libraries Book Quiz.

Last Monday, 18th of August, we had 12 of our students attend the above Quiz at the Rec centre in Tākaka. They had 5 rounds of 10 questions each on the topics of Classics, Graphics, General, Picture books, Visual image. The first three places were taken by Motupipi and Central Tākaka schools. Our school won the best dressed Group Award with the **Cat in the Hat** team of Lynette-Ryita, Charlotte R, Mazzy & Elliott all looking resplendent in their outfits. They won Village theatre vouchers and bags of chocolate.



The other team names were **Ranger's Apprentice** and **Fairy Princesses**. Everyone had a fun time and all enjoyed the morning tea that was provided. Thank you to the Tasman Libraries for this event.

It's Daffodil day on Friday. We have lovely colouring-in sheets for you to complete and we hope to see you all shining on the day. These are some of our new books for you to reserve.



Just to show that education in a rural school can be the start of the path to wherever you set your mind. There are former pupils that have important careers in the Library and education sectors. Kate Miller (left in about 1992) is the "Manager Libraries at Nelson Public Library" and Tom Gillooly (left in 2012) works at Turanga, Christchurch Public Library. I would be interested to hear about any other former pupils who work in Libraries and education now. Enjoy your reading and exploring - Diane & Donna (Librarians)

Staff vs Students Netball



Rai Valley Exchange Day

On August 14th, we welcomed a team of year 7 and 8 students from Rai Valley Area School for a lively sports exchange. The day was filled with friendly competition and great sportsmanship.

Our teams kicked things off with netball and football. The girls' netball team played a strong game, gaining the lead and holding on until the final whistle. The boys' football team also played brilliantly, with an exciting finish that saw Rai Valley score a last minute goal to draw the game.

Next up, our basketball team put on a show of teamwork and skill, controlling the game from the start to secure a comfortable win. It was exciting to see the talent from this group, and we can't wait to see what they do next!

We finished the morning with a challenging game of Ki o Rahi. The Rai Valley team was incredibly well-drilled and set a big score for the CAS team to chase. It proved to be out of reach and Rai took the win. After a morning of hard work, we all shared some kai and enjoyed the sunshine, giving students a chance to connect and socialize.

The day ended with a nail-biting game of Playball, where the lead changed hands several times before our team pulled ahead for the win.

A huge thank you to all the students involved for representing our kura with pride. It was wonderful to see everyone engaged in healthy competition and connecting with another school. Thank you also to everyone who made the day possible: Craig for setting up the field, the parents who came to support and provided delicious baking, the coaches who gave up their lunch breaks, the refs for taking the time out of their day, and the staff who supported the teams. We hope to do it again next year!

Ngā mihi

Pete Taylor



Senior Derived Grade Exams

Kia ora whānau of Years 10-13 students,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to provide you with important information about upcoming assessments in Week 9: Monday 8th - Friday 12th September.

****Senior Derived Grade Exams****

Our senior students will be sitting their derived grade exams during Week 9. These exams are crucial as they serve as backup assessments in the event that a student is unable to sit their final end-of-year exams. We encourage all students to take these seriously as they play an important role in their overall assessment.

****Common Assessment Activities (CAA's)****

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the same week, we will be conducting Common Assessment Activities for literacy and numeracy. These are primarily for our Year 9 and 10 students, providing another valuable opportunity to demonstrate their learning and progress.

Both of these assessment opportunities reflect our ongoing commitment to student achievement and positive outcomes for all learners.

Please refer to the attached timetable to confirm when and where your student should be for their assessments.

We wish all students the very best with their derived grade exams and CAAs, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Ngā mihi

Lloyd McPherson
Senior Syndicate Leader

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 8.45am - 11.45am	Level 1/2/3 English	Level 2 Math Reading CAA	Level 3 Stats Writing CAA Level 2/3 Bio	Level 1 Science Math CAA Level 2/3 Chem	Net NZ Exams
PM 11.45am - 2.45pm		Level 3 Calc			

CAS Planting Day

Kia ora CAS whānau,

Our plans are finally complete and we are ready and organised to plant out our green spaces around Aorere (our admin block) and Onetahua (our teaching block).

On Wednesday 17th September, from 11.00am until 12.30pm, all CAS students will be involved in planting a large number of feature trees, fruit trees, shrubs, harakeke and grasses. Prior to the planting mahi begins, we will have a short ceremonial planting led by Kate Staniford and our student leaders.

We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and keen gardeners to come and assist with the planting. Support with the use of gardening gloves, wheelbarrows, spades and trowels would be most appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to help us. Please let Kate Ricketts know if you are keen to support.

Sausage sizzle to follow the planting at 12.30pm.

We hope to see you there!

Jonny Hanlon

Daffodil Day - tomorrow!



Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey


Your Chance to Make a Difference: Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2025


We're excited to share a valuable opportunity for our students to be part of positive change in Aotearoa, New Zealand!


The Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2025 is coming to our school soon – the largest and most comprehensive study of students aged 13-19 across New Zealand. This important study gives our young people a platform to share their experiences and help shape support systems for future generations.


Along with 100 other schools across New Zealand, our school has been selected to take part in this study. This means that students year level 9-13 will be invited to participate on survey day.


Key Information


 **When:** The survey session will take place at our school on Wednesday 17 September.


 **Why this matters:** Just as we encourage all students to grasp the positive opportunities in academics, sports, and cultural activities, this survey presents another way for our students to engage meaningfully with their community. Their unique voices contribute to a more diverse understanding of what young New Zealanders need to thrive.

 **Who:** Up to 10,000 young people nationwide will participate in this study. Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous.

 **What the Survey Covers:** Students will share their thoughts on family, community, education, physical and mental wellbeing, aspirations and challenges.

 **Whānau/Parent Support:** We encourage you to discuss this survey with your child and support them in making the decision that feels right. Please check your email for more information.

 **Bonus:** As a thank you for their time, participating students will receive a \$25 digital Prezzy card, delivered through their email, and special YHWS 2025 headphones.

 **More information:** Please visit the survey website www.msd.govt.nz/YHWS.

If you have any **questions**, please do not hesitate to reach out to the research team at Ipsos at yhwscoordinator@ipsos.com, freephone **0800 478 783**, or free txt **8009** and type 'YHWS' at the start of your message.

Thank you for being a part of this important initiative!

Wildflower World SPRING SEED FUNDRAISER

Help us grow by beautifying your garden

Fund Raising for Waikato Year 5s

Here is a great opportunity to purchase seeds to show your support. Seeds are easy to sow, fun to grow and will reward you with healthy veges and gorgeous flowers.

We have some great choices - why not try them all. Prices are less than normal retail and our organisation will make 40% profit on all sales. Growing information is included on each packet of seeds.

To order please return this form with your payment no later than 18th September 2025.

Delivery will be on or after the 30th September 2025

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All enquiries to Holly Rillstone
holly.rillstone@collingwood.school.nz

Seed Order Form 2025

Name: _____
Address: _____
Ph: _____



Seed Type	Price	Number	Total
Wildflower Bee Friendly Mix – 10 grams Wildflower seeds, the ultimate in colourful low maintenance gardening, providing essential nutrition for bees and other pollinating insects. Covers 10m ² Hgt 25-60 cm	\$9.50		
Summer Salad Mix – 1000 Seeds Fast, healthy and save money with our Summer salad. Inside you will find the old and new pieces of lettuce, Spring Onions and Kale to help bring your summer salads to life.	\$6.50		
My First Flower Garden – 7 grams This keepsake of different seed mix is great for the first time grower, full of low maintenance easy care varieties. It is so easy to be perfect in children's mix. Covers 2m ²	\$7.70		
Watermelon & Cucumber Twin Pack – 20 Seeds of each Super tasty Watermelon. Keep the seeds in summer with a mouth-watering meal of sweet, crisp fresh juicy flesh. Japanese Cucumber. An excellent, crisp, sweet eating variety.	\$6.20		
Micro Greens – 10 grams Micro Greens! So often used for appetizers that are harvested at small seedling stages. They are much faster and easy to add to salads. They can be grown very fast of year, even inside during the winter.	\$7.70		
Sweet Pea – Summer Rainbow Mix – 20 seeds A mix of 3 sweet fragrant mix of climbing sweet peas. Plant against a fence or trellis. Height up to 2 metres.	\$6.40		
Sunflowers – 20 seeds Sunflowers are a great way to add colour to your garden, and they're easy to grow and care for.	\$5.50		
Potful of Poppies – 7 grams A combination of different types of poppies that can be grown together to give an amazing colour mix and easy to grow display. Three wild flower species have also been included for nectar and blend. Height 40-60cm. Covers 4m ²	\$7.70		
GRAND TOTAL			\$



Please make payment to the Collingwood Area School account. Reference: your name and "Seed fundraiser". 03 1711 0007892 00

Calendar

29 August

01 September

03 September 2025

05 September

07 September

08 - 12 September

16 September

17 September

18 September

19 September

06 October

07 - 09 October

14 October

16 October

23 - 24 October

27 October

28 October

28 - 31 October

04 November

29 - 21 November

21 November

24 - 28 November

25 - 28 November

28 November

09 December

11 December

Daffodil Day

Planting at Cape Farewell (Ōpou and Wharariki class)

BOT Meeting 3.30pm

Get2Go

Te Rae Farewell Spit Trip

IS Football

'Meet the Candidates'

School Exams Week (Y9-13)

Year 9 & 10 Rafting

CAS Planting Day

Primary Hui

End Term Three

Term Four

Learner License with Garry Dunn

Year 9 & 10 Sea Kayak

Youth Connections Expo

Mini TOSI at CAS

Labour Day

Show Day

Life Education Bus

NCEA Exams begin

Wharariki Class Camp

Inter School Athletics

Year 10 Abel Tasman Trip

Year 9 Heaphy Trip

Formal

Senior (Y9-13) Prize Giving @ 6pm

End Term Four

SchoolDocs



Collingwood Area School

Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation and Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular research from the SchoolDocs team.

Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://collingwood-area.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is **collingwood-area** and password **collingwood-area**.

BOT Election



Please take the time to vote in Collingwood Area School's Triennial Election.

Voting Closes 10th Aug 2025

We have 5 nominees vying for 3 BOT positions.

Our Nominees are:

Sheridan Gray
Dan Jessep
Keith Langford
Clay Paton
Brendan Richards

Voting is via your email. If you are having any difficulties with either receiving your voting link or casting votes **PLEASE** contact Kaye Stark at the school office.

Remember there may be more than one person at every household/email address eligible to vote so check and read your emails carefully.



Notices from the community

The logo for the Ministry of Inspiration, featuring a stylized "M" and "I" with a circular emblem in between.

MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION

STEAMS SCHOOLS **STEAMS COURSES**

AQUABOTS **INSPIRE**

www.ministryofinspiration.org

MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration at

Nelson Intermediate- 24-26 Sept

BAY ART 2025

A colorful, abstract artwork featuring a hand making a peace sign, a butterfly, and various geometric shapes and patterns.

Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November 2025

Te Waka Kura O Mohua Auditorium, Takaka

Online Registration Open Now!

A QR code for online registration.

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The logo for the Arts Council, featuring a stylized "A" and "C" with a circular emblem in between.

The logo for Māori Arts, featuring a stylized "M" and "A" with a circular emblem in between.

The logo for Pub Charity, featuring a stylized "P" and "C" with a circular emblem in between.

The logo for RSC, featuring a stylized "R" and "S" with a circular emblem in between.

Notices from the community continued...

Tākaka Library **Study Ready**

Friday 26 September
10.30am – 12.00pm

Learn about good study practice.
You will leave the session with a completed study plan.

Study Strategy

Friday 3 October
10.30am – 12.00pm

Plan how you'll study each subject and explore what you'll need to be exam ready. You'll leave with a completed study sheet for at least one subject.



Please bring your study notes from at least one subject with external examinations.



MOVIE **COLLINGWOOD HALL**

5-730PM

FRI 29 AUG



**YOUTH
HABITAT**

Arts for whānau (Aug-Sept 2025)



REVEL REVEL
community dance
festival. Pōhara Hall,
September 13-14. The
festival includes a
whānau-focused day on
Sunday 14th, TAMARIKI
SHOW SATURDAY 13
Sept 6pm and TAMARIKI
SHOW AND DISCO
SUNDAY 14th
September 2PM - see
their Humanitix page for
more details