



Pānui

Thursday 11th September 2025

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a busy and inspiring few weeks at Collingwood Area School, and I want to take a moment to celebrate the highlights. On Daffodil Day, we were privileged to hear Joy Wells share her powerful “Cancer Sucks” presentation. Her words resonated strongly with staff and students alike, reminding us of the importance of supporting cancer research and care. Thank you also to everyone who brought or bought baking, and to those who dressed in their brightest colours. Together, we raised close to \$300 for the Cancer Society — a fantastic result that reflects the generosity and community spirit of our school.

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

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for the Mini-TOSI Tournament in Week 3 of next term. This is always a highlight on the calendar, but it relies on the generosity of our families. We are still in urgent need of billet hosts for visiting students. If you can open your home for a night or two, please contact the office — your support makes a huge difference in keeping these events possible for our students.

- **Planting Day Wednesday 17th September.** Please come along and join us if you can. 11am - 12.45 pm

Our Senior Students and our Year 9–10 learners have recently completed their Derived Grade Exams or Common Assessment Activities. Congratulations to them for their commitment and effort through these assessments, and best wishes as they receive their results. These are valuable milestones in their academic journeys, and I know they will have learned a great deal from the process.

A special thank you must also go to Felicia, our Student Teacher, who has been with us for the past eight weeks. She has made a wonderful contribution during her placement, and we wish her every success as she takes further steps towards her future career in Primary Education.

- Below: Felicia and Amara



A quick reminder that our Strategic Planning 2026–2028 survey closes at the end of the term. Please take the time to share your thoughts, as your input helps shape the direction of our kura in the years ahead. The survey link has been emailed to each family.

Finally, a date for the diary: our Planting Day is scheduled for Wednesday 17th September, from 11 am until lunchtime. We warmly welcome volunteers to join us in adding to our school’s environment — it is a great way to come together for a shared cause.

As we move towards the end of term, I want to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. Thank you for the energy, care, and commitment you bring to our school community every day. Enjoy the holidays when they arrive — you’ve earned them!

He waka eke noa,
Kate Staniford - Tumuaki | Principal

Trip to Farewell Spit and Cape Farewell

We went to Farewell Spit with Te Rae. It was so much fun. I saw 2 seals. We had lunch at the sand dunes. It was so much fun!

By Lola

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. I went on the bus with Paddy and Mike. We first visited Cape Farewell and I saw a baby seal. Next we went to Farewell Spit. We had lunch there. Next we went down the sand dunes. We went to Fossil Point and saw the rocks. The other group saw a seal behind the rocks.

By Alexis

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. I went on the bus with Allen to Cape Farewell. I saw a baby seal. It was a fun day.

By Marnie

On the 3rd of September we went to Farewell Spit. We took a photo next to the bus. After that we hopped on the bus. The bus driver talked about Pakawau. We had to learn about the story. I learnt everything. We raced and won. It was amazing!

By Evie

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. I went on the bus with my Grandad and Dad. I saw a baby seal. We went to Cape Farewell and I saw a baby penguin.

By Mia

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. It was so fun and I saw a baby seal. Then we all got on the buses. Then we had a race with the buses. Then we all had lunch and after lunch we all raced down the sand and Paddy and Mike were driving us. We went on two buses and I sat in the front.

By Ellah

On the 3rd of September Wednesday I went to Cape Farewell. I saw a baby seal on a rock. After that we went to Fossil Point and went to the rock pools. I touched the sea anemones. They felt slimy. I also touched the barnacles. We raced down Farewell Spit and our bus won. We had lots of fun when we raced down the sand dunes!

By Shellbie

I saw a baby seal and a whale spurting water. We ran down the sand dunes at Fossil Point. I saw sea anemones that were squishy when I touched them.

By Olivia

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a trip to Onetahua. We also visited Cape Farewell. I saw a whale spurting water. I also saw a baby seal. It was so fun! Next I saw fossils, I climbed them. After that we had lunch at the sand dunes. Then we slid down the sand. Then we went home.

By Amelia

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. We went to Cape Farewell, Billy King Creek and Farewell Spit. After that we went to Fossil Point. There was a seal behind the rocks. We saw a lot of white herons on the beach. We saw a whale spurting water at Cape Farewell.

By Alfie

On Wednesday I went to Farewell Spit, Cape Farewell and Fossil Point. We saw lots of birds and whale bones. It was loads of fun. We also saw some seals. After we went down the sand hills.

By Jackson

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Pakawau and Te Rae went to Cape Farewell. When we got there I saw a whale spurting water. Next we played in the sand. It was fun. When we got back to school I was sandy.

By Michael

At Fossil Point I saw sea anemones and touched them. They were on a rock covered in barnacles.

By Jasper

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. I went on the bus with Paddy and Mike. We first visited Cape Farewell and I saw seals. I also saw a spurt from a whale's blow hole. When I got back I was so tired and I had sand in my shoes.

By Tama

On Wednesday 3rd of September Te Rae went to Cape Farewell with us. Next we went to Fossil Rock and we jumped off the huge rocks. It was fun.
By Wesley



On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. We went to Cape Farwell and I spotted a baby seal swimming in the water. When we were leaving we did a lot of donuts and went to Farewell Spit. We looked at some anemones and fossils. Then we had some lunch and then went home.
By Payton



On Wednesday 3rd I went to Farwell Spit. We first went to Billy King Creek and then we went to Cape Farwell. We saw whales spurting water. We also saw a baby seal. After we went to Cape Farewell we went to Farewell Spit. I loved going to Cape Farewell.
By Roman

On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a school trip. We went to Cape Farewell. I saw a baby penguin with a fish in its beak. We saw lots of cool birds. We arrived just before the end of lunch. Sandy and tired, we had a good day.
By Parker Lee



On Wednesday the 3rd of September Te Rae and Pakawau went on a School trip. It was very fun looking out the window. Allen the bus driver told us about Maori legends! I asked him how do you know all this? He said a man told him. My favourite part was when Allen did donuts in the sand on the bus. We had a great time.
By Piper



Introduction to Emergency Services

Arrival and Initial Activities

On arrival, our group gathered for the first time, getting to know the people we would be working and living with for the next four days. We kicked things off with some team-building activities, which we completed quickly. After setting up our tents, we attended a talk by Constable Hamish, who spoke to our group and the uniformed services group about the different career paths and equipment used by the police.

Fire and Rescue Training

That evening, we visited the Lower Moutere Volunteer Fire Station. We got a ride in the fire trucks, which the volunteers drive every Monday to prevent the tyres from getting “squared” due to the vehicles’ heavy weight. We were then given Level 2 and breathing apparatus (BA) gear. Blindfolded, we navigated a small training course, crawling through it to simulate moving through a burning building without any actual danger.

Caving at Commentary Cave

The next morning, we traveled to Commentary Cave down the Cobb. The two-hour crawl was a tight squeeze and not particularly enjoyable due to how wet it was inside.

Rock Climbing at Takaka Hill

After our caving adventure, we headed to the top of Tākaka Hill for some rock climbing. I had a lot of fun and managed to complete the beginner, amateur, and advanced climbs in just 30 minutes. Everyone else in the group also successfully completed at least one climb.

Search and Rescue at Tinline

On Wednesday, we hiked along the track at Marāhau towards Anchorage and stopped at the Tinline campsite. Our instructor hid in the bush in the middle of the track, and our task was to work as a team to safely and effectively find him. Once we located him, we performed basic first aid to treat his simulated injuries and then set up a fly to protect him from an imaginary rain front.

High Climb Day and Departure

On our final day, we packed up our tents and tackled a high climb. We scaled a wobbly ladder up a tall tower on the Whenua Iti grounds before abseiling back down. After that, we all successfully completed the trapeze challenge. We ended the day with a debrief session and said our goodbyes before heading home. The entire experience was a lot of fun, and the instructors were great.

Ngā mihi

Logan R - Y11



SISS Netball



In late August, the combined GBHS and Collingwood team traveled to Dunedin for the South Island Secondary School (SISS) Netball tournament. The team included students from Collingwood Area School: Maia, Bianca, Syria, Ashley, and Violet and Golden Bay High: Ruby, Paige, Ella, Stella, Carmyn. We had an incredible run, making it all the way to the final, which was even live-streamed.

It was a tight game against Kaikoura High School, but we came up just short, losing by only four points. Despite the tough loss, we were thrilled to finish second overall in our grade. All the girls played their hearts out, and we had a blast in Dunedin!

A big thank you to everyone that supported, including Jarrah, Daphne, Clarissa and Lily T and a big shout out to the Mot Bakery!

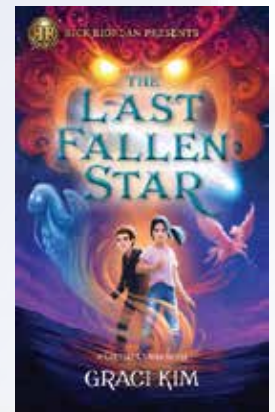
Maia Bain - Deputy Head Student



Library News

The next school holidays are looming, all the students are encouraged to come into the Library and get their holiday reading. Even the grown-ups can come. We have a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction books for all ages and interests. Now is the time to read a series that you've been interested in. I highly recommend **"The Wild Robot"** and its sequels by Peter Brown or **"Runt"** by Craig Silvey. Both of these have been made into movies BUT the books are much better as they don't skip over important detail or combine scenes. Both these books have an environmental message and also a strong theme of the power of the community when everyone works together.

Another book series that has really got a huge following and has got many favourable reviews is **"The Gifted Clans"** series with the first book being **"The Last Fallen Star"** then **"The Last Fallen Moon"** and **"The Last Fallen Realm"**. They are written by NZ author Graci Kim and have won many awards. They are based on Korean mythology and are fast paced adventures with magic and humour as well.

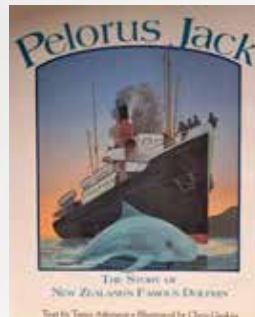
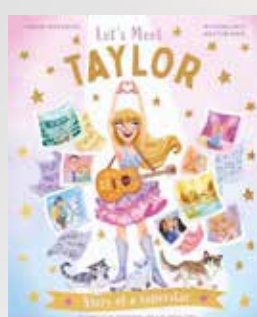
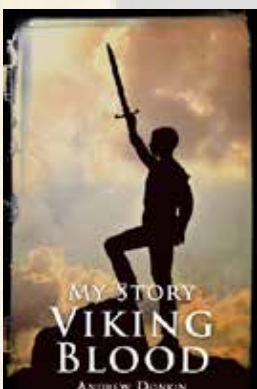


Otherwise, you should see our eclectic mix of NEW books that we have on display this week.



The Raven's Song: Shelby and her best friend Davy live quiet low-tech lives in a closed community that is made up of exactly three hundred and fifty kind, ethical people living on exactly 700 hectares. When they climb through a hole in the perimeter fence to venture into the surrounding jungle, what they find is more astonishing than anything they could have imagined. And when Shelby realises the terrible danger that is unfolding, it will take all of her daring and determination to ensure the past does not repeat itself. Intriguing, absorbing and spine-tinglingly good.
Age 11+ (Award winning)

When Saturday comes: A young boy's relationship with his struggling dad is strained when he is forced to choose between playing football and quality time in this sensitively told story from award-winning writer Tony Bradman. Daniel had a hard time when his parents split up and his Dad started working abroad. He had to move and start at a new school, but things changed for the better when he started playing football for the Haybrook Rockets. Age 8+



And, some of the others are: In my walls, the words reside,
Waiting for you to come inside.
From fairy tales to history,
I'm a place of endless mystery.
What am I?

You know the answer; The Library -
So much to read, so little time.....
Diane & Donna

Show Day

Tuesday 28th October Show Day

This year's Show Day is going to be an extra special occasion as it was eighty years ago that Calf Club, as it was then known, began. Things have changed from eighty years ago but the main emphasis is still acknowledging the contribution of farming to the district and also giving the students the opportunity to be responsible for the care and handling of animals.

We are going to set up a display of past Calf Clubs and Show day in the staffroom area. If you or your family have photographs of these events can we copy these photos and use them in the display. Contact Pip Baker at school.

The schedule of events will be sent out next term. If you have cups at home can you return them to the office asap.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 28th October.

Pip Baker



Get2Go Challenge

The Get To Go Challenge is an interschools' team building and adventure challenge organised by Hillary Outdoors, to promote fitness, cooperation, communication and outdoor skills amongst students in Y8-10.

Events are run all around Aotearoa. This year's Nelson Get To Go Challenge was held at Moturoa, with teams from CAS, Motueka, Murchison, Nelson, Rai Valley, Blenheim and Picton competing.

Three events make up the day's challenge: Paddleboarding, mountain biking and orienteering.

This year's CAS team was a strong group of very keen athletes - Claude Gaddes, Bree Dell, Tegan Strange, Maryanne Kobebe, Quin Riordan, Violet Haare, Coby Heuvel, and Ashley Iorns.

Points were awarded for each lap completed in the paddleboarding and mountainbiking events, and the orienteering was a rogaine style, with checkpoints gathering more or less points depending on the difficulty involved with reaching them. Mapreading, and compass navigation skills were crucial in the dense forest terrain of Moturoa. Conditions were ideal, with plenty of mud to enhance the mountain biking and orienteering events!

The final tally of points revealed that all teams were closely matched, with CAS coming in comfortably in the middle of the pack.

Jonny Hanlon



MOVIE NIGHT

LAST DAY OF TERM



19

September

3PM-5PM

\$10 entry fee

Either pay with cash on the night
or pay the school account by
Thursday 18th

**POPCORN AND DRINKS INCLUDED
COME AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!**

Calendar

16 September

17 September

18 September

19 September

06 October

07 - 09 October

14 October

16 October

27 October

28 October

28 - 31 October

30-31 October

04 November

29 - 21 November

21 November

24 - 28 November

25 - 28 November

28 November

09 December

11 December

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

Labour Day

Show Day

Life Education Bus

Mini TOSI @ CAS

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

2026

Term One

Term Two

Term Three

Term Four

Friday 30th January (Head Students Only)

Tuesday 3rd Feb (All Students) - Friday 17th April

Monday 4th May - Friday 10th July

Monday 27th July - Friday 25th September

Monday 12th October - Tuesday 15th December

NCEA OUTDOOR EDUCATION - PROPOSED CHANGES

The Government has proposed changes to NCEA that could remove Outdoor Education from the senior subject list. This would narrow opportunities for students, reduce pathways for schools, and undervalue the unique skills OE provides.

Read about the changes and impact on outdoor education [here](#)

Sign the petition [here](#)

A Friendly Reminder About Lost Property

As we head towards the end of the term, we've noticed a huge amount of lost property has accumulated on site. We have a mountain of unnamed school jerseys, sweatshirts, and other items that have been left behind. We know how busy things get, but we'd love for these items to find their way home!

We kindly ask that you and your children take a moment to look through the lost property and claim any missing items before the term concludes. We want to ensure that every jersey and lunchbox gets back to its rightful owner.

Any items left unclaimed after the last day of term will be sorted, cleaned, and re-homed to whānau in our community who may need them. This is a great way to give these items a second life and support other families. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

A Friendly Reminder on Healthy Lunches

We've recently noticed a significant increase in the amount of sugary food and drinks making their way into lunchboxes. While a treat now and then is lovely, we are seeing a trend of daily sugary items and fizzy drinks. As a school, we want to ensure all our students have the best possible chance to learn and thrive, and a healthy diet plays a huge part in that.

Unhealthy food and drinks can have a direct impact on our students' ability to focus and engage in the classroom. Sugary foods cause energy levels to spike and then crash, leading to a loss of concentration, fidgety behaviour, and a lack of motivation. A healthy, balanced lunch, on the other hand, provides the sustained energy and nutrients needed for an afternoon of engaged and productive learning.

We understand that packing lunches can be a challenge, but we want to remind you of our school's healthy food policy. A full copy of this policy will be sent out via email for your convenience. To help you with your planning, we suggest some fantastic alternatives to sugary items: fresh fruit, chopped vegetables with hummus, wholegrain crackers and cheese, or a simple wrap. These options are easy to prepare and provide the fuel our students need to succeed.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us create a healthy and focused learning environment for everyone.

Lunchbox Ideas Ngā tauria Kai

For 2-5 year olds

Heart Foundation
Tohu
Māhaua
Ora
Healthy
Heart
Award

- Try to include plant-based proteins in your lunches. Use hummus as a dip with fresh veggie.
- Roll it, stuff it or spread it. Try different breads to keep lunches interesting (the wraps, pita bread, muffin splits or rēwena bread. Choose whole grain).
- Cut sandwiches, fruit and vegetables into different shapes using a biscuit cutter or knife.
- Use heart healthy spreads which are nutrient-rich on sandwiches (such as avocado, hummus, nut butters (spread thinly)).
- Make items in bulk and keep in the freezer like mini pizzas, mouse traps or fritata.
- Add lemon juice to thinly sliced fruit to stop them going brown.
- Choose water: the best drink for your child.
- A frozen drink bottle or icepack helps keep milk products and meat/heat alternatives cold until lunchtime. Frozen bread also helps keep sandwiches filling cold.
- Involve your children in lunchbox choices and preparation. You could make your own healthy lunch at the same time.



Loading up the lunchbox Ngā kai tika ō te tina

For 2-5 year olds

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Children need a variety of healthy food to learn and grow.
Try to choose foods from each of the four groups below, every day.



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**.

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.



Holiday Programmes



Go Wild (7-10 yrs)

- September 22 - 26 | \$420pp

Kaitiaki Kids (10-12 yrs)

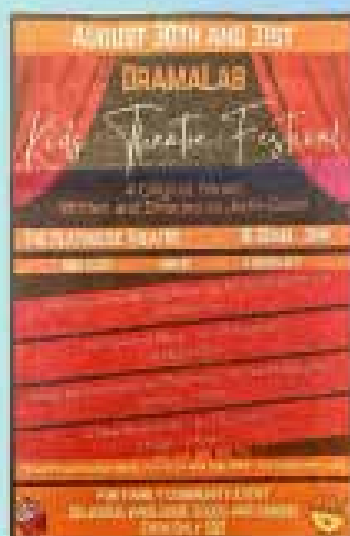
- September 29 - October 3 | \$420 pp



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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.