



Pānui

Thursday 20th November 2025

- **2025 Year Book:**

Please get your orders in as soon as you can - \$30 per copy.

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we move into the final stretch of Term 4, our kura is alive with celebration, reflection, and preparation for the year ahead. I want to share a few important updates and extend my thanks to everyone who continues to contribute so generously to the life of our school.

Asbestos in Coloured Sand – Ministry Advisory

- **Sun Smart:**

Please send students to school with sun hats and water bottles. Sunscreen is available in the office if students need to top up.

The Ministry of Education has shared an important notice regarding several coloured sand products sold in New Zealand that have tested positive for asbestos. These items include EC Rainbow Sand, Creatistics Coloured Sand, and a number of “Magic Sand” and sandcastle products sold through Kmart. Details of the specific products were emailed to you earlier in the week. If you have purchased coloured sand for home use, please check the recall list and follow MBIE’s clear advice: stop using these products immediately, secure them safely, and contact your local council for disposal guidance. We are sharing this information purely as a precaution to help keep our wider community informed. I can confirm that we do not have any of these products at school.

End-of-Year Celebrations

- **Swimming**

Pool: The pool is currently undergoing some remedial paint work. We are hoping to have it open early December. We will update as soon as we can.

This is a wonderfully busy time for our students as we acknowledge their growth and achievements throughout the year.

Senior End of Year Dinner – Thursday 20 November (today) - A highlight for our Year 11–13 students, this evening is a chance to celebrate hard work, friendships, and the year’s successes. This year, we are at Molly B’s in Pōhara.

Senior Formal – Thursday 28 November - Always a magical night, our Formal allows students to come together, dress up, and enjoy an elegant evening in a beautifully decorated space. Thank you to the student committee, staff and whānau who help create such a special event each year.

Secondary Prizegiving – Tuesday 3 December - This is our major celebration of academic, cultural, sporting, and leadership success in the senior school. All whānau are welcome as we recognise the achievements and contributions of our ākongā.

Primary Prizegiving – Tuesday 10 December - Our primary students will take the stage to share their accomplishments, growth, and learning journeys from throughout the year. It’s always a joyful event and a wonderful way to celebrate our younger learners.

John Parsons Workshops

A huge thank you to the many parents, caregivers, and students who attended the John Parsons workshops organised by Mohua Social Services for both the Tākaka and Collingwood communities. John's sessions on digital citizenship and online safety were incredibly valuable. His message is always clear: technology is powerful, but relationships keep our children safe. He reminded us of the importance of talking openly with young people, creating trust, and supporting them to make safe decisions online and offline.

We are awaiting the follow-up videos John has promised, and we will share these with our community as soon as they arrive. We are grateful for his ongoing commitment to student safety and for the expertise he brings to our region.

Property Update

We are now in the contract development phase for our new five-year property plan. This cycle will include planned upgrades to the gym, improved shading for the pool area, and developments in the technology block. These improvements will make a meaningful difference to teaching and learning spaces across the school, and we look forward to sharing more as the project progresses.

Wharariki Camp

Our Wharariki students are preparing for their upcoming camps, which are always a highlight of the year. Camps provide an invaluable opportunity for challenge, teamwork, confidence-building, and connection with the outdoors. Thank you to the teachers, support staff, and parent volunteers who are giving their time to make these experiences possible—we deeply appreciate you.

As we count down to the end of the year, I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students together. Thank you for your ongoing support of our kura.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

Breakfast Club Success



This term we introduced a Breakfast Club, and it has been a wonderful success. We truly appreciate the generous donations from our community, which have helped us make this initiative possible.

A special thank you to Rural Women for donating a new toaster, dish cloths, and tea towels.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Pictured above are two of our student helpers: Marnie and Olivia

'Movember'

Due to popular demand, legions of adoring fans, and also for those who have a fine eye for aesthetics; Ben James, Pete Taylor and I have all decided to give Movember another run this year.

I know what you are thinking, how can we possibly top the momentous monuments of masculinity that adorned our chiseled lips in 2024? Well feast your eyes on the photo below and relish in the follicle refinement on display.



All embellishments aside, the real reason to give Movember another crack this year is to once again draw attention to the cause of men's mental and physical health. This year we would like to draw special attention to our rural environment, the challenges and relative isolation we can experience here, and offer this small token of support and encouragement.

Of course, we would love your support. If you have a moment, you can get behind us by sponsoring our moustache growing endeavors by clicking this link,

<https://movember.com/t/bristle-band?mc=1>

or contact Mike Wilson at the school at mike.wilson@collingwood.school.nz for other options.

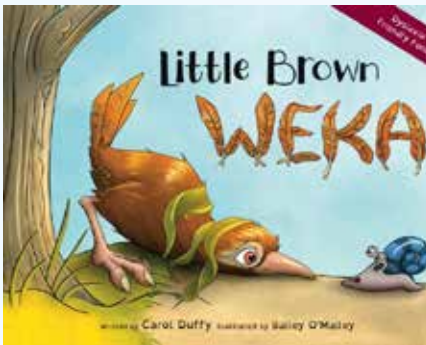
All donations are humbly appreciated, they go directly to the Movember cause, and are of course, tax deductible.

Momentously yours

The Bristle Band

(Ben, Pete & Mike)

Library News



We were contacted by a children's book author called Carol Duffy who wanted to come into the school and read some of her books to the children. She was here last Friday after being in Takaka Library and other Golden Bay schools. She (and her husband) read three of her books to the 5 and 6 year olds in the Pūhouhou classroom. She talked to us about caring for birds and passed around her collection of soft toy birds. There were questions and everyone enjoyed the stories. She sells her books online or at 2 shops in Motueka.



Jigsaw mania is running at the moment and we have a renewed interest from the older pupils in completing the harder puzzles 100+ pieces.

So, luckily we have just received a donation of an unopened 300 piece puzzle that is appealing to children.

Thank you so much to Nevaeh, Astar, Alazay and their mum Alicia for the lovely jigsaw puzzle.



We are still running the Hell Pizza wheel reading competition. There are a lot of children with nearly 9 books read, so if that's you, come and tell us about your finished book and get that wheel finished.



Here is Niko telling Malachi all about the book he has just finished. We are in the middle of stocktake at the moment and need all the library books to be returned as soon as they are finished before the end of the year. Whānau can you please check out the bedside tables, bookshelves and coffee tables at home to get all those stray, overlooked books returned to us.

There are 64 books that are more than 1 week overdue at the moment. Please check tonight and get them back to us.



We will be letting responsible pupils who are returning to school get out a few books for their summer reading in the last week of school.

But, do not despair, the Takaka Library has summer reading adventures galore with loads of activities and reading programmes. Log in to their website to find out all about them. <https://events.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/>

In the meantime, have fun choosing your summer reading and books for presents.

Diane & Donna ~ Librarians

Calendar

20 - 21 November
21 November
24 - 28 November
25 - 28 November
27 - 28 November
28 November

02-05 December
03 December
10 December
11 December

2026
Term One

Term Two
Term Three
Term Four

Defensive Driving at CAS 2025
1st, 4th, 8th and 11th December

Wharariki Class Camp
Inter School Athletics
Year 10 Abel Tasman Trip
Year 9 Heaphy Trip
Wharariki to Patarau
Year 11-13 Formal
Inter School Athletics (Primary)
Waikato Class Adventure Week
Senior (Y9-13) Prize Giving @ 6pm
Year 1 - 8 Prize Giving @ 1pm
End Term Four at 12 pm

Friday 30th January (Head Students Only)
Tuesday 3rd Feb (All Students) - Thursday April 4th
Monday April 20th - Friday 3rd July
Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December



Rockville Pool

Rockville Reserve and Pool Community Group Inc 2025

Pattison Swimming school Lessons

SAT & SUN Dec, 6&7 2025

- **Jordy**, our skilled wonderful instructor, is back again to teaching swimming to our children this summer. They can improve their skills, swim safer and have more river, ocean and pool fun!
- **FABULOUS HEATED POOL**
- There are 4 lessons, (2 each day). Tried and true learning method
- 5 years old to 12.
- Absolute beginners to the development/perfecting of strokes
- The heated pool is a relaxed learning place & the children's confidence grows quickly
- Free **hot chocolate** for every swimmer on Saturday morning
- Swimming lessons are **OFTEN** booked out...enrol early!!
- *\$10 discount for 3 children from one family*
- Pay online

Booking Swimming Lessons

\$50 for 4 lessons, with family discounts available*

☀ Pay online this year: **Rockville School Community Group 03-1354-044498-00**

To register contact Jordy at: info@pattisonswimschool.co.nz

Leave a message with Jordy and she will call you back and confirm your swimming lesson time

Rockville Committee contact Nancy-Jean Bell 0272743603 for questions. Check out our Facebook page.

CHECK OUT THE NEW POOL IMPROVEMENTS!

YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Available During the School Holidays

For students' health needs -
including university students
returning to Golden Bay for the
holidays

**FREE & CONFIDENTIAL
APPOINTMENT**

Text Caroline for an appointment

027 203 1213

A red carpet event poster with a red background. At the top, a yellow sign with a red border and white dots contains the text 'CAS Formal Tickets On Sale'. Below this, a large yellow ticket with a scalloped edge displays '\$25 PER TICKET'. At the bottom, a red carpet is flanked by gold stanchions and red ropes. The text 'PAY CASH AT THE OFFICE' and 'OR CAS ONLINE: 03 1711 0007692 00' is at the very bottom.

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Prize Givings

Kia ora whānau,

You are cordially invited to join us for our Prize Giving Cermonies.

Year 9 - 13 End-of-Year Prize Giving Ceremony.

Date: Wednesday, 3rd December

Time: Please be seated by 5:50 pm for a prompt 6:00 pm start.

Location: CAS School Hall

Important Notes

Students: All participating students are asked to remain after the ceremony for photographs.

Refreshments: Light refreshments will be served in the Staffroom following the ceremony.

Year 1 - 8 Celebration and Prize Giving

Date: Wednesday, 10th December

Time: Starting at 1:00 pm

Location: CAS School Hall

As the school year draws to a close, we are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience, and success demonstrated by every one of our students. We look forward to gathering with you to formally acknowledge their accomplishments and bring this memorable year to a joyful conclusion.

School will close for the year at 12 pm on Thursday 12th December.

Ngā mihi

The CAS Team





Meningitis

is on the rise again in New Zealand. The vaccine is free of charge to students entering Halls of Residence, or armed forces next year, and also to any students who turn 13 years of age while living in boarding school hostels.

Meningitis strains covered are A,B,C,W&Y, 2 vaccines at first visit followed by a booster 8 weeks later. Ideally you would want to start mid-end November in order to get the booster dose before moving to new living situation.

**Please book with a nurse at Golden Bay Medical Centre 035250060
or more information from Youth Health Nurse Caroline 0272031213**