

## Pānui Tuesday 9th December 2025

Primary
 Prize Giving:
 Wednesday 10th
 December, 1 pm,
 CAS Hall

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we head into the final days of the school year, I've found myself reflecting on how special these first two terms at Collingwood Area School have been. It has been a privilege to join this community - one that is grounded in manaakitanga, connectedness, and a deep sense of place. Every day I'm reminded of how lucky I am to lead a kura where students, staff, and whānau care deeply about one another and where learning is vibrant, authentic, and full of heart.

Thursday 11th
 December: Last
 day of Term Four.
 Buses will run at
 12 pm.

Senior Prizegiving last week was a real highlight, with our students receiving well-deserved recognition for their commitment, growth, and success. Their confidence, their pride, and the awhi from their families made the occasion especially meaningful. Our Year 13s, in particular, impressed me with their maturity and their sense of who they are becoming. It was wonderful to celebrate their accomplishments and to send them off knowing they will make their mark in the world.

Swimming Pool:
 Keys on sale next
 week. Please see
 Ad on Page 2.

I'm equally excited for Primary Prizegiving this Wednesday, 10 December at 1.00 pm. Our younger learners bring so much joy, energy, and curiosity to the kura, and I can't wait to celebrate their achievements, their kindness, and the considerable progress they've made this year.

Non Uniform
 Day. Last day of term. Thursday
 11th December

The end of Term 4 has been full of activity, with a considerable number of camps heading out over the last few weeks. To every teacher, support staff member, and parent volunteer who has given their time and energy to make these experiences safe, rich, and memorable—thank you. These trips are such an essential part of area-school life, and they simply can't happen without your support.

One of the most enjoyable moments for me personally was joining the Waikato Class on their day out at Farewell Spit. What a cool class they are—curious, funny, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm. Spending that time with them was a reminder of why we do what we do: to give students experiences that connect them more deeply to each other and to the unique environment we live in.

Two weeks ago, we also had Primary Athletics in Tākaka, which was an absolute delight. The teamwork, determination, and encouragement between students was fantastic to see. Our tamariki represented our kura with pride, joy, and their usual Collingwood grit.

Finally, I want to acknowledge an important step taken by our Board of Trustees. In response to recent national policy changes, the Board has formally reaffirmed its ongoing, unwavering commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A section from their statement captures this beautifully:

"We reject this backward step. The Board affirms that we will continue to honour

and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all aspects of our kura's operation, including protecting and promoting Te Reo Māori, maintaining meaningful relationships with mana whenua, and ensuring equitable outcomes for Māori ākonga."

This commitment strengthens the foundation of Collingwood Area School. It ensures our tamariki continue to learn in a kura that values partnership, equity, cultural richness, and justice - now and into the future. This affirmation has also been confirmed to Manawhenua ki te Mohua.

As we wrap up 2025, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has welcomed me so openly into this community. I'm incredibly proud of our students and deeply grateful to our staff and whānau for the passion, care, and resilience you show every day.

Meri Kirihimete! Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer break!

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford Tumuaki | Principal

#### Movember

A very big thank you to everyone who sponsored or supported our hairy endeavours this year for Movember.

With your kind help we managed to raise \$200 towards men's health.

Thanks again for your generous support.

Wishing you a canescent Christmas

The Bristle Band



## **Pool Keys!**

Great news! The remedial paintwork on the pool is complete! We are now filling the pool, but please note it's a slow process due to council regulations.

Pool Keys will be sold from the School Office next week on:

Dates: December 15th - 20th

Times: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Cost: \$80, remember we do not have Eftpos at school

If these times don't work for you, please contact Kaye on 027 5258066 to arrange a time. We can't wait for swimming season!

#### **Year 10 Abel Tasman Trip**

This term, the Year 10 students embarked on an epic adventure to explore the Abel Tasman National Park via sea kayak. The trip started a bit earlier than planned, ensuring we got over the hill before the road closure. We arrived and set up the kayaks just as the tide crept in.

We were lucky to have a fine day on Monday, cruising our way up from Marahau along the "Mad Mile" and into Anchorage. We settled in with some beach games, a bit of swimming, and fishing. The trip almost ended there when one of the other hut users nearly set the hut on fire with all of our gear inside! Luckily, the fire was quickly extinguished, and apart from a solid coating of fire extinguisher powder, our food was fine.

The following day, we paddled up Torrent River to the famed Cleopatra's Pool. Students bravely navigated the cold water and enjoyed the natural waterslide. We even spotted a Whio. On the way out of Torrent Bay, we had a bit more fishing and hooked onto some playful Kahawai. We made our way up the coast, exploring some of the lagoons and finished up for the day at Bark Bay.

The next day started with a tough paddle directly into a headwind. The elements won that battle, forcing us to turn for shore and pivot to Plan B. We retreated back to Anchorage to seek shelter as the wind and rain came in. The students got to experience the power of the ocean as we paddled with the swells. After some time to dry out and warm up, we managed to get a water taxi from Anchorage to Awaroa. Unfortunately, this meant the trusty kayaks had to be left behind, so we quickly packed up and loaded into the taxi. It was a bumpy trip up to Awaroa, and the skipper did a great job of navigating the swells. As the tide ebbed, the students finished the day on the sand flats with a bit of frisbee.

The last day started with the low tide crossing at Awaroa and then a hike out to Totaranui. This was made more challenging than expected, as our original plan involved kayaking, making the gear carry a significant challenge. The students persevered and showed great resilience to overcome this obstacle. They can truly be proud of what they achieved.

A huge thanks to Pip for her invaluable help with everything, and to Lloyd, Shawn, and Sam Iorns for assisting with transport.

#### Pete Taylor











#### **Year 9 - 13 Prize Giving**

The Collingwood Area School Prize Giving 2025 was a rousing success, marked by enthusiastic celebrations of student achievement. A huge congratulations to our Dux, Cooper Ricketts, whose award was thoroughly well-deserved. Well done also to all other achievers, especially the trophy winners, for their great successes.

The spirit of the students shone through as they positively and enthusiastically sang waiata and performed a powerful haka in honor of the Dux. We extend our sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors whose contributions made the prizes possible. I'd also like to thank our supportive colleagues for their willingness to help and our parents and members of our precious community.

Special acknowledgement goes to the dedicated team behind the scenes: Kate for printing the certificates; Kaye for expertly managing money allocations and fixing the stage curtain; Tui for her wonderful flower arrangements and smooth handling of the Honour's Book; and particularly to Diane for her meticulous work writing the honour's book entries, her absolute confidentiality, and above all, her 'eagle eyes' in spotting any hiccups and mishaps, ensuring the night ran flawlessly.

This annual event, celebrating our students' successes and commitment, is definitely the crowning glory and conclusion to the years' work and play.

Ngā mihi

Elda













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YEAR 9 AWARDS
Most improved effort in English. Commended for printmaking in Art.
Most Improved effort in Social Scie

Jesse Smith

in Social Sciences. Most Conscientious and commended in Food Tech and Art Amber Hutchison

Most Improved effort in Health and Tech Commended for PE, Health and Technology

Coby Heuvel

Acknowledgement in Social Studies, Food Tech and for creativity in Visual Arts Third Overall in Year 9

Rubee Patchett

Most Improved effort in Science and Art. Most Conscientious in PE. Commended for Math, English and Scienc Second Overall in Year 9 Leroy Steel

Most Improved effort in PE and Food Tech. Most Conscientious in English, Science, Health, Tech, Social Studies and Art. Most Consistent in Health & Visual Arts First Overall in Year 9 **Louis Roberts Hanlon** 

#### **YEAR 10 AWARDS**

Most Conscientious in PE

Most improved effort in Food Tech Quinten Riordan and Commended in PE Most Improved in Health and Tech Aaron Lockwood Most Improved effort in English and Art. Highly Commended in

Social Studies and Food Tech Maryanne Kobebe

Most Improved effort in PE and Art Commended in Math, Science and Health Third Overall in Year 10

Otis Dell

Ashley Iorns

Most Improved in English, Science and Social Studies Most Conscientious in English, Tech, and Social Studies Second Overall in Year 10 Yanna Moeltgen

Most Conscientious effort in Health, Food Tech, Science and Visual Arts

First Overall in Year 10 **Zach Richards** 

#### SPECIAL AWARDS FOR YEAR 9 - 10

Heywood Trophy for Toi Māori and The Arts

Maryanne Kobebe

Social Science Cup for Achievement in Social Sciences

Maryanne Kobebe

**Achievement in Sport Trophy** Ashley Iorns

Pounamu Leadership Award Trophy Ashley Iorns

Hindmarsh Walker Trophy for Arts Yanna Moeltgen

Most Outstanding Effort Overall Yanna Moeltgen

#### **NCEA LEVEL 1 AWARDS**

Most Improved effort in Science Wyatt McQueen

Commendation in English **Ethan Dowling** 

Most Improved effort in Hospitality and Commendation for Literacy Zack Riordan

Conscientious effort in Wood Tech. Commended for Photography and Tech Metal Jacob Hutchison

Most Improved Effort and Commended for Technology

Bailey Heuvel Most conscientious effort In Tech Metal

Commended for Hospitality Bianca Swan

Most Improved effort in English

Most conscientious in Hospitality and Math. Commended for OE, Wood Tech and Hospitality Third Overall in NCEA Level One Svriah Haare

Most conscientious in Physics. Commended for English,
Highly commended for Math, Physics and Chemistry

Tim de Jong

Most Improved effort in OE. Most Conscientious in English, OE and Science.

Highly commended for English, Math, Science, OE First Overall in NCEA Level One **Logan Ricketts** 

#### **NCEA LEVEL 2 AWARDS**

Most Improved in Hospitality **Nelson Glass** Commended in Metal Tech Hayden Iorns Commended for Outdoor Education Leroy Edwards

Most Improved in Metal Tech Commended for PE and Hospitality Cash Jukes

Most Improved in PE. Most conscientious effort in Hospitality and PE, Commended for Hospitality, PE, Physics Jien Ejima-Seo

Most conscientious in OE and Metal Tech Commended for Physics, OE and Metal Tech **Aonghus Garbutt** 

Most Improved in OE and Blology Commended for Biology, English and Calculus Third Overall in NCEA Level Two Lily Challis-Hayes

Most improved in English. Most Conscientious in Hospitality and Biology. Commended for English, Biology, Calculus, Statistics and Hospitality Second Overall in NCEA Level Two Jaimie Steel

Most conscientious in English & Chemistry. Highly Commended

in Calculus, Statistics, Physics, English and Chemistry
First Overall in NCEA Level Two Alex de Jong

#### **EXTERNAL SUBJECTS RECOGNITION**

Agriculture Hayden Iorns and Zack Riordan Hospitality Cash Jukes Travel and Tourism Sofie Rusbatch Retail Service Sector Sofie Rusbatch **Trades Sport and Exercise** Leroy Edwards **Future Farming Overall Award Bailey Heuvel** Hairdressing and Beauty Bianca Swan Automotive Jacob Hutchison Student Volunteer Army - Most Hours Jaimie Steel

#### SPECIAL AWARDS for Year 11 - 13

#### **Network Tasman Awards for the Sciences** L1: Wyatt McQueen and Logan Ricketts

L2: Alex de Jong and Jaimie Steel L3: Cooper Ricketts and Miro Weiss

Sofie Rusbatch Achievement Through Gateway

Bailey Heuvel & Zack Riordan Literacy Award

Riley Cup Most Cooperative Senior Pupil Lily Challis-Hayes

Achievement in Technology Hayden Iorns

**Hospitality Award** Jien Ejima-Seo

Vocational Pathways Award Cash Jukes

Jaimie Steel Manaakitanga Award

Ngākaunui ki te Ako Alex de Jong Colin Baas Cup Personal Achievement and Dedication to Sport Logan Ricketts

Lewis Memorial Award for Excellence in Math and Science

Collingwood Area School Board of Trustees Leadership Award Cooper Ricketts

Federated Farmers Agricultural Award Zack Riordan

MITO Vocational **Aonghus Garbutt** 

NetNZ Award Jaimie Steel

**RSA Scholarship** Cooper Ricketts

**GB Lions Club Scholarship** Cooper Ricketts

Sir Wallace Rowling Award Cooper Ricketts

McKee Tertiary Scholarship Miro Weiss

**Aonghus Garbutt** Te Tai Tapu Award

AHI | MAHUIKA Whānau Trophy

Aonghus Garbutt & Jaimie Steel Head Students for 2026

Deputy Head Students for 2026

Alex de Jong & Poppy Staniford

Lily Challis-Hayes

Cooper Ricketts

Student Trustee for 2026 Tim de Jong

Whānau Captains for 2026

Syriah Haare, Logan Ricketts & Bianca Swan

#### **NCEA LEVEL 3 AWARDS**

Kaitiakitanga Award

Most Improved in Biology Commended for Biology, OE and English Maia Bain

Most Improved and Conscientious in OE Commended for OE, Physics, Metal Tech and Calculus Royce Rhodes

Most Improved in Hospitality and English and Metal Tech Most Conscientious effort and commendation for Statistics Commended for English

Third Overall in NCEA Level Three Thorin McQueen

Most Conscientious in Biology and Metal Tech Commended for Metal Tech, OE, and Statistics Second Overall in NCEA Level Three

Miro Weiss

Most Improved in Calculus and Statistics Most Conscientious Effort, Highly Commended and First in English, Calculus, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry
First Overall in NCEA Level Three
Cooper Ricke **Cooper Ricketts** 

**DUX Cooper Ricketts** 















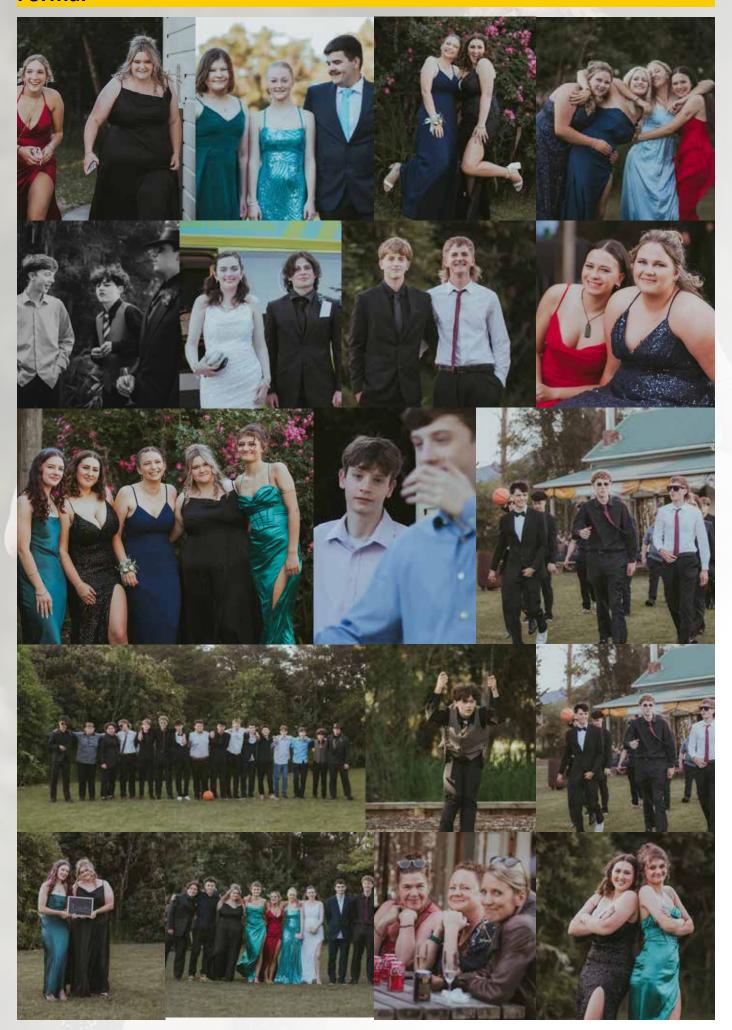








## **Formal**



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#### **Year 9 Heaphy Track Trip**

On Tuesday the 25th of November the Year 9 class accompanied by Miriam, Mike and Tui left school to walk the Heaphy. Flying down it was a mix of nerves and excitement by both the students and teachers.

Day one the weather was just what we wanted, a sunny day that wasn't too hot. We arrived at the track just after 2pm and after a quick snack and loading up on bug spray we set off. We walked for around 5 hours which felt like days along the beach with nikau palms towering above us. Finally, we arrived at Heaphy Hut. Taking off our boots and pack is a feeling which can't be replicated. We were all tired so after settling in and cooking our dinner of pad thai, we got some sleep.

In the morning after we had crawled out of bed, breakfast varied from oats to noodles. The second day was overcast and showers of rain, we were unsure if we could continue but after some reassurance from the hut ranger we set off around 8am. The track took us along the Heaphy River and then gradually higher and deeper into the bush.

After walking for a couple hours we stopped at Lewis Hut for a lunch of cheese and salami wraps. After a short downpour of rain we left Lewis Hut for our destination for the day, James Mackay Hut. After more up

and down through the bush we arrived at the hut at 4.30pm.

Everyone was pleased to see the fire going so we hung up our wet clothes. Dinner was Butter Chicken which we were all excited for but after eating it we realized it wasn't quite what we expected. Some cards and talking with each other kept us entertained until lights out





















around 8.30pm.

The next morning was an early start as we left the hut at 7am to start walking to Perry Saddle. Early through the walk in the yellow tussocks we realized it would be a wet day. Luckily it didn't rain much until just before Saxton Hut where we all got soaked. After a long break to dry off and a rest we left for Gouland Downs Hut.

This part was definitely the wettest of the whole walk. There were around four major stream crossings but none of them could stop us as we powered on to Gouland Downs. When we arrived we were pleased to see the fire was lit. After hanging our clothes we had hummus, salami, and cheese wraps for lunch, then we were quickly on our feet again for the last stretch before Perry Saddle.

Walking through more tussocks and light bush and rain finally brought us to Perry Saddle around 4pm. We were all tired as by now we had been walking for three days. Dinner was a morale booster as it was a cheesy, bacon mac and cheese.

An early night for us as we had to get up at 5: 30am, have breakfast, pack our bags, clean up and leave by 7am. We were all excited to get back to school, so we didn't have any long breaks. We quickly made it to the Aorere Shelter which was the first place to have service on the walk. After a quick break there we set off.

Just before Browns Hut it was a relief to see Pete, Kate and Quin waiting to greet us. Finishing the walk was a great feeling, but we were more excited to just get back home.

The trip lasted four days and we walked a total of 78km, overall it was an amazing experience where we made some even better memories.

Leroy Steel



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#### Pakawau to Kaihoka Lake

On the 2nd of December Pakawau went to Kaihoka lakes.

We did paddle boarding, kayaking and a bush walk. We also had a free swim and ran across the paddle boards.

Then we went back to school. We were so tired. The best thing was the relays because Payton put her paddle under Michael's kayak and he fell out.

By Payton, Olivia and Marnie



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#### Waikato Adventure Week

On Monday 3rd December, Waikato visited Farewell Spit for Adventure Week. We learnt about new bird life at Cape Farewell, explored the whale burial site, and enjoyed spotting seals and fossils at Fossil Point. We also had fun on the sand dunes and celebrated Mrs Staniford's birthday with cheesecake.

A huge thank you to the Gillooly family (Michael, Jackson and Paddy) for taking us out and teaching us all about this unique and special area and to Mrs Staniford for coming along with us.

On Thursday 4th December, we trotted off to Hack n Stay for a fun morning of horse riding and spent time with Kris's ponies, Forester and Elmo. We split into two groups: one explored the farm track with Baerbel, spotting cheeky monkeys and hidden fairies in the trees, while the other learned how to vault, brush, and lead the ponies in the arena with Kris and her students. After riding, we headed to the beach for lunch and an ice block, then finished the day with a game of touch and a paddle in the water.

Thank you to the team at Hack n Stay and the parents who came to help, especially Briar for the ice blocks. And finally, to end the week, we loaded up the vehicles and headed out to the Closs's Farm at Te Hapu. Izzie and her dad, Alex, took us on a walk up "The Knob", through the farm, and across to Gilbert's Beach. Once we arrived, we set up a fire and cooked sausages for lunch and enjoyed a refreshing swim in the little pond nearby.

A massive thank you to the parents and grandparents who came on the trips with us this week, we could not have done it without you as well as the fundraising efforts so that the trip could happen.













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### **Soft Tech**

Year 8: This class spent half a rotation cooking and the other half sewing . They made hot water bottle covers with their own choice of appliquéd design.

Ngā mihi Glenda







## **Planting Project!**

Collingwood Area School would like to sincerely thank the Golden Bay Community Trust for their very generous donation of \$500 towards our school planting project. Thank you GBCT!

#### **Primary Prize Giving**

#### 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 11th December.

Ngā mihi

The CAS Team

#### **Mini-TOSI Thanks!**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals and groups for their generous support and contributions over our Mini-TOSI event:

Host Families: Thank you for providing accommodation (billets) for our guests.

Catering & Food: Hannah Jeans, Ben, Bailey, and Briar: For your time and effort in preparing the food.

**Bidfoods**: For your generous product donation.

**Lawn Bowls:** Pam and Donald Gardiner: For teaching the fundamentals of bowls and running the activity on the night.

Cooking Challenge: Renae Swan and Kath Lockwood: For serving as judges for the cooking challenge.

**Equipment Loan:** Campbell and Mel: For the loan of their spit roast machine.

**Donations:** Shawn and Sam: For the donation of meat.

Sports Officials: Kaye, Tanie, and Nat: For umpiring the netball competition.

**Senior Students:** A special thank you to all our senior students who helped by umpiring or running the various events. You did an awesome job!

## Inter School (Year 3 - 6) Athletics Results

1st place 100m 10 + years girls	Florence Gaddes
2nd Place 100m 10 + years boys	Joel Reay
1st Place 100m 9 years girls	Mazzy Evans
2nd Place 60m 8 years girls	Leilani Roberts
2nd Place long jump 10 + years girls	Lily Rose Edwards
2nd Place long jump 10 + years boys	Joel Reay
3rd Place long jump 9 years girls	Mazzy Evans
1st Place long jump 8 years girls	Leilani Roberts
2nd Place long jump 8 years boys	Hudson Riley
3rd Place long jump 8 years boys	Jackson Monetti
1st Place vortex 10 + years girls	Florence Gaddes
3rd Place vortex 10 + years glrs	Lily Rose Edwards
1st Place vortex 8 years girls	Lellani Roberts
3rd Place vortex 8 years boys	Affle Heuvel
2nd Place high jump 10 + years girls	Horence Caddes
2nd Place high jump 10 + years boys	Levi Strange
2nd Place high jump 9 years boys	Nikau Keegh
1st Place high jump 9 years girls	Isabella Closs
1st Place high jump 8 years girls	I cilani Roberts
1st Place 400m 10 + years girls	Florence Gaddes
2nd Place 400m 10 + years boy	Joel Reay
1st Place 400m 9 years girls	Mazzy Evans
1st Place 200m 8 years girls	Leilani Roberts
3rd Place 200m 8 years girls	Mamle Strange



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#### Calendar

10th December 11 December

2026 Term One

Term Two Term Three Term Four

#### **EVENTS:**

TOSI 2026 (Tapawera Area School)

Ōpou and Waikato Class Trip

ANZAC Day observed

TOSI Trials (Murchison Area School)

School Photos

Teacher Only Day

Nationals Tournament Whangarei

MINI-TOSI (Murchison Area School)

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 3rd
Monday April 20th - Friday 3rd July
Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

Sunday 22nd March - Friday 27th March Tuesday 31st March - Friday 2nd April Monday 27th April Sunday 3rd - Monday 4th May Tuesday 12th May Friday 19th June Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July Thursday 29th - Friday 30th October

## 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

#### **Notices from the Community**







## **The NBS Tinbum Triathlon**

10:30AM Sunday 1 March 2026



Sea Swim (300m) - Bike (6.5km) - Run (5km) Individual and team entries

## Pohara Top 10 Holiday Park

Prizes include GOLD for the fastest Golden Bay boy and girl!



goldenbaytinbum.blogspot.comfacebook.com/tinbumtriathlon



\*Gold prizes can only be won by children who have lived in Golden Bay permanently for the last three or more years.



NBS Community



# Storytime AT CHRISTMAS

It's a special storytime for a special time of year!

Come along and celebrate Christmas with us,

Christmassy stories, songs and festivities.

Tuesday 23 December 10.00am - 11.00am





AT CHRISTMAS

Get Crafty for Christmas! Join us at the library to make some fun Christmas crafts. A different craft each week. Adult help may be required.

Wednesday 3, 10, 17 December 3.30pm - 4.30pm





