



Pānui

Thursday 12th February 2026

SAVE THE DATE

Teacher Only Day.
Friday 20th March
School will be closed
for instruction.

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a stunning start we have had to the 2026 school year. Our Mihi Whakatau was a truly special occasion - filled with warmth (despite the rain), mana, and a strong sense of belonging. It was wonderful to welcome new students, whānau, and staff into our kura in such a meaningful way. Even more, it has been an absolute pleasure to feel the energy and vibrancy of our students back on site. Schools are always quieter over the summer break, and the return of laughter, learning, and connection reminds us why this place is so special.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Ōpou and Waikato classes are holding a sausage sizzle at Primary Swimming Sports. \$2.50 per sausage.

Prior to the Mihi Whakatau, we kicked off the term with a Student Leaders Day, which was a wonderful success. Student leaders worked together to clarify their roles, develop job descriptions, and begin planning individual leadership projects that will contribute positively to school life. They also organised a fantastic beach day for our Years 9–13 students - an event they hope will be full of connection, fun, and summer spirit. The House Leaders will be leading a learning opportunity about our new whānau names - **Tāne Mahuta**, **Papatūānuku** and **Tangaroa**. I am incredibly proud of the initiative and care this group has shown and wish them every success as they lead throughout 2026.

2025 YEARBOOK

\$35 - there is a limited number for sale at the Office.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is on racks at the front entrance of the Hall. Named clothing will be returned to students, unnamed will be donated after being in lost property for four weeks.



Another highlight of the opening week has been the Peer Mediator training led by Tracy Scott using The Peace Foundation programme. Both our senior and junior future mediators engaged thoughtfully in this learning, strengthening their ability to support positive relationships and resolve conflict in caring, respectful ways. We are proud of these students for stepping into leadership that truly makes a difference in the daily life of the school. You can learn more about the programme and training here: <https://www.peacefoundation.org.nz/what-we-offer/education/>.

Throughout our first days, teachers have loved settling back into their classrooms - preparing engaging learning environments, reconnecting with students, and setting the tone for a positive and successful year ahead. There is a real sense of optimism across the school, and I am grateful to our staff for the care and enthusiasm they

bring to their work every day.

You may have noticed renewed national expectations around attendance this year. Our updated Attendance Management Plan is available on the school website, and I encourage all families to take a moment to read it: <https://www.collingwood-area.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/sites/117/2026/01/CAS-Attendance-Management-Plan-.pdf>. Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success, wellbeing, and connection to school. We understand that family events and special opportunities arise; however, holidays during term time can significantly disrupt learning and friendships. Wherever possible, we ask that family holidays are planned within school holiday periods so that every learner can fully participate in the rich programme our teachers provide.

On a personal note, it was a privilege recently to travel to Murchison Area School alongside fellow TOSI principals to celebrate the pōwhiri for Charlotte Saunders as their new Principal. Charlotte was previously the Deputy Principal at Twizel Area School. Reconnecting with Twizel staff and students was very special, and it was inspiring to see Charlotte's hard work and leadership journey culminate in this new role.



A reminder to families of students in Year 9 and above that we warmly invite you to a short parent information afternoon in Week 3, on Wednesday at 3 pm. This 30–40-minute session is an opportunity to meet secondary teachers, learn how the secondary school is structured, and discuss pathways, assessment options, and learning support. You are welcome to bring your children.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to our swimming sports next week - always a highlight of Term 1 and a great way to celebrate participation, courage, and house spirit. Don't forget your house colours!

Thank you for the fabulous start to the year. I feel incredibly positive about what lies ahead for 2026 and grateful to be part of such a connected, caring kura.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

Music Tuition Opportunities at CAS - Term 1 2026

Kia ora all,

We are very pleased to welcome Beryl Hughes who is available for piano tuition for students of all ages. Lessons are 30 minutes weekly, at \$30 per lesson, charged per term. Please contact Jonny Hanlon (jonny@collingwood.school.nz) if you would like to register your child for lessons.

AJ is offering her singing tuition (Tuesdays) and has very limited space for new students. Please contact Jonny Hanlon at school for further information.

Luke Moretti is not available for in-school guitar tuition this term - Please contact Luke directly for lesson options.

Mihi Whakatau

Last Tuesday, February 3rd, our school community gathered to officially mark the start of the 2026 school year with a Mihi Whakatau. It was a privilege to welcome our new students and their whānau into our kura, as well as to see our returning students back and ready for the year ahead. Our Principal, Kate Staniford, and our Deputy Principal both spoke during the proceedings, offering a warm welcome and sharing their excitement for the year of learning and growth ahead.

Following on from this our new Year 9 students were formally welcomed into the secondary syndicate with a special Rites of Passage ceremony. This significant milestone was followed by a presentation to our 2026 Head Students and student leaders. Each leader was presented with a special piece of pounamu to recognise the importance and the mahi (work) that their roles will have within our kura for 2026.

Following the formal ceremony, the focus shifted to connection as students, staff, and parents moved to the teaching and learning block to share kai. This was a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together, meet new faces, and settle into the new term in a relaxed environment.

It was a very successful start to the year, and we look forward to seeing our community continue to thrive throughout 2026.



2026 Year 9 Rights of Passage

A Rite of passage is a ceremony used in many different cultures and marks important transitional periods in a person's life, such as birth, puberty, marriage, having children, and death.

In this case the rites of passage involves a student leaving one group - primary school- to enter another group-secondary school. Even though we are an Area school and we know these students, ka mauria mai he taonga, they bring with them a treasure, the treasure of growth and understanding that they can share with all of you as Year 9 students this year.

I am very proud of this group of young people and what they have achieved during their primary school education. And how as a team and individually, they have developed a deeper sense of manaakitanga, ako, kaitiakitanga and above all whakamana.

Last year when you were Year 8 students in Wharariki you started your rites of passage by looking back to where you had been and what you had learned so far in order to identify the next steps to move forward into Year 9.

During this process you all developed skills and strengths that will serve you well as you enter this new part of your learning journey. Skills like

- Resilience or grit to succeed when learning was challenging
- Resourcefulness by for example asking for help,
- Patience by allowing yourself to make mistakes, learn at your own pace and work as a team
- Sharing your wisdom with others by giving support and feedback on their learning.

During your next learning journey we are all here to help you celebrate your learning and support you any way we can.

And to everyone who is already part of the secondary community, I would like to ask you to go back to when you were 13 years old.

And think for a minutewhat would you tell your 13 year old self now... if you were entering Year 9. You too can support these wonderful Year 9 students by sharing your wisdom and become tuakana for these teina.

I would like to share with you a poem by Sheldon Silverstein

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long
"I feel that this is right for me,
or
I know that this is wrong."

No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
Or wise man can decide
What feels right for you-just listen to
The voice that speaks inside

Go and paddle your waka you wonderful humansall the way up.... so you can reach your stars and live your dreams!

Whaea Mieke



Connecting to others, our environment and the future / Te whanaungatanga ki te tangata, te taiao, te anamata hoki

2026 Student Leaders



Kia ora, my name is Jaimie Steel and I'm a Year 13 student. I have been attending CAS since I was 5 years old and am so excited to be this year's Head Girl. As the 2026 Head Girl I hope to be a person all students feel safe to come to for anything. The project I am planning to undertake this year is a 'CAS Spirit Week' filled with a range of fun activities for everyone to participate in as well as themed dress up days. Throughout the week the school's values of Ako, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga will be highlighted through various events and help students feel a strong connection to each value while also strengthening their understanding of them.



Kia Ora, My name is Aonghus and I'm proud to introduce myself as this year's Head Boy. As not only Head Boy but also a Year 13 student, I'm honoured to represent our school and its values. I'm really looking forward to working with students and staff, supporting school events, and helping strengthen our school community. I'm excited to get stuck in this year and to make the most of every opportunity that presents itself.



Hi, my name is Alex, and I am a Year 13 student and Deputy Head Student. I've been at CAS since I was 6 years old. This year, I am looking forward to furthering my academics with the scholarship subjects I am taking. The project I am planning on undertaking this year is a study club.



Hi, my name is Poppy and I am a Year 13 student and also a Deputy Head Student. This is my first year at CAS and I have just moved from Twizel. This year I am looking forward to having new experiences at a new school that I've never been to and hopefully bringing in some new experiences that I have learned from other schools.



PAPTŪĀNUKU

Kia ora my name is Syriah Haare and I'm a Year 12 student, I've been in Collingwood for around 7 years. And this year I will be Papatuanuku's Whānau Leader (red house). I'm looking forward to all the sporting events like TOSI and Nationals, as well as Athletics and Cross Country as that is something I'm passionate about. A project that I plan on doing sometime throughout the year is designing and making whānau flags, doing this means we are including everyone in our whānau so no one feels left out.



TĀNE MAHUTA

Hi, my name is Logan, and I am a Year 12 student and the Whānau Leader of Tane Mahuta (green house). I've been a student at Collingwood since Year 1. I am looking forward to TOSI and Nationals, as well as Cross Country and Athletics because I enjoy sports. My main goal for my leadership role this year is to introduce more sports activities specifically for our junior students to help get them involved and active.



TANGAROA

Kia ora, my name is Bianca Swan and I am a Year 12 student and also your Whānau Leader for Tangaroa (blue house). I have been attending Collingwood Area School for around 8 years. I'm looking forward to all the events our head students have planned ready for a great year of sports competition and academic side to it too. We will always be making sure younger students and older students will be involved in some way. The project I will be doing this year is Māori culture day where we play a bunch of different sports and games, practicing and doing kapa haka, waiata's making sure we are the best. Over this year we will do some waiata and haka competitions between the whanau houses. I'm excited for this year and what challenges the year brings us.

Year 1 - 8 2025 End of Year Prize Giving

2025 was an incredible year! From day one, our school was buzzing with sports, camps, and environmental adventures. Whether on the field or in the classroom, our students showed amazing teamwork and a deep commitment to our core values: Manaakitanga (Respect), Ako (Learning together), and Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship).

We were thrilled to announce some exciting staff milestones:

K-Dee Bourke successfully completed her first year in Te Rae and Puhouhou. She is a true asset and secured a permanent position as she works toward full registration this year.

Holly Rillstone, teacher in Waikato officially gained her Full Teacher Registration and also secured a permanent position at our kura. Congratulations to you both!

Our success is a collective effort. We extend a huge thank you to:

Our teachers- the incredible growth and commitment of our teaching team and the dedicated support from our learning assistants.

Our Leadership Team: For their vision and dedication to the smooth running of Aorere.

Our Support Team: To our office, library, and grounds staff—thank you for keeping us moving.

Our Families: Your support is the backbone of our success.

Finally, we gave a big thank you to our students for their hard work, kindness, and resilience.

To our award winners: congratulations! You made 2025 an unforgettable year of growth. We are so proud of every one of you!

Whaea Mieke - Primary Syndicate Leader



YEAR 1 - 8 SPECIAL AWARDS

Overall Academic Achievement in Year 4	Hudson Riley
Most Consistent Effort in Year 4	Piper Roberts
Overall Academic Achievement in Year 5	Nikau Keogh
Most Consistent Effort in Year 5	Layla Jones
Overall Academic Achievement in Year 6	Florence Gaddes
Most Consistent Effort in Year 6	Levi Strange
Overall Academic Achievement in Year 7	Robert Win
Most Consistent Effort in Year 7	Carter Wilson
Overall Academic Achievement in Year 8	Clara McQueen
Most Consistent Effort in Year 8	Bree Dell

Consistently Demonstrates CAS Values
Roman Paton, Charlotte Richards, Indi James,
Yasmin Moeltgen, Oakley Jones

Year 1 - 8 Highest Attendance	Michael Riley
Year 1 - 6 Diligence Award	Layla Jones
Year 1 - 6 Service to School Award	Olivia Hoskin
Year 1 - 6 Excellence in the Arts	Laken Riley
Year 1 - 6 Excellence in Sports	Florence Gaddes
Year 7 - 8 Service to School Awards	Izabella O'Sullivan
Year 7 - 8 Diligence Award	Elliott Roberts Hanlon
Year 7 - 8 Attitude and Effort in Sports	Bree Dell
Year 7 - 8 Attitude and Effort in the Arts	Anku Calderon

Junior DUX

Clara McQueen



Clara



Te Rae Bubbles!

This week Te Rae has been reading the story “Bubbles”. We had fun blowing bubbles and exploring the properties of them. We did an experiment with the bubble mixture to see if we could make the bubbles last longer. We found out that by adding glycerin a bubble could last for 100 seconds!

Pip Baker

The wind blew my bubbles up, up, up over the sandpit
Over the school down, down, down and on the unicorns horn. Pop!Pop!Pop!

By Juno

The wind blew my bubbles up ,up, up over the school. Over the wires down, down, down and on the fairy house Pop! Pop! Pop!

By Amaia

The wind blew my bubbles up, up, up over the sandpit. Over the cars and down, down, down on the grass. Pop! Pop! Pop!

By Harper



Library News

Welcome back to the school Library for another splendid year. There are some great things happening this year. Here in the Library we will be keeping up with all the special events in the World:

The Winter Olympics are on at the moment.

It is the Chinese year of the Fire Horse - we have a great display of all our horse books.



The FIFA world cup will be held in the USA, Canada and Mexico in June and July.

The Commonwealth Games will be in Glasgow, Scotland in July and August. The New Zealand General Election will be on the 7th November.



If you like Astronomy and the night sky there will be many exciting events, such

as, 4 eclipses including one in NZ on March 3rd. There is a supermoon on 24 Dec and a newly discovered comet called C/2026 A1 will be hurtling around the sun in April. This comet will get within 800,000 kms of the sun, being so close it will whip around the sun at more than 3.2 million km/h, causing it to experience intense gravitational pressure, high temperatures, and a hefty dose of solar radiation. This immense strain may end up ripping the comet apart, which has happened before. If it survives it will be forever changed to shine like a bright star.

Talking about stars, we are taking names of those responsible students that want to have a try at being a Student Librarian. You must be committed and follow instructions. We have space for about 4 - 6 more pupils.

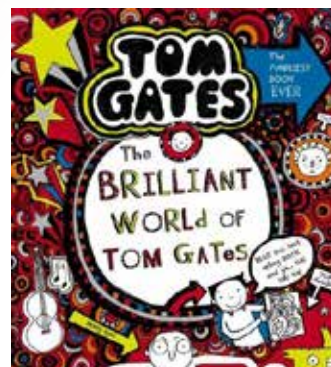
Now we have been at school for a week all those library books that were issued in December should be back to us now. Can you please help your child find and return those books.

We are still waiting for 55 books to be returned, please make an effort to do this, those books are needed for other children to read.

Here are some of our new books this week.

Enjoy the library and keep up the reading.

Diane & Donna - Librarians



Office Updates / Ngā Pānui

Kia ora whānau,

Here are a few important messages and reminders from the office to get our school year started smoothly.

Reporting Absences

Please notify us promptly if your child is going to be absent. You can report an absence using any of the following methods:

- The Skool Loop App
- Text to the school mobile
- Leave a message on the absentee line

Reminder: Forms Due

- The following forms have gone home with all students: Health, Privacy, EOTC, ICT, and Bus. Please sign and return these to the office asap.

2025 Yearbooks Available

We have a limited number of our fabulous 2025 Yearbooks left for sale!

- Cost: \$35 each.
- These are a wonderful keepsake of the school year, celebrating our tamariki's activities and achievements. Get yours before they go!

Stay Connected

To ensure you receive updates and can book interviews easily, please connect with us on our digital channels:

- Facebook: Follow Te Kura o Aorere / Collingwood Area School.
- Skool Loop App: Download from Google Play or the App Store and select our school. This is essential for updates throughout the year.

Secondary School Whānau (Years 9–13)

Please check your inboxes for emails from Matua Lloyd and the Secondary Syndicate team.

- Years 9–11: Information Session – Wednesday 17th at 3:00 PM.
- Years 12–13: Please book a one-on-one interview with your Dean via SkoolLoop.

If you are having trouble with bookings or did not receive the email, please contact the office.

Term 1 Reminders

- Sun Safety: All tamariki need to bring a hat in Term 1, we also have sunscreen in the Office.
- Friday 20th March is a Teacher Only Day - school will be closed for supervision.

Calendar

2026

Term One

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February

Tuesday 17th February

Wednesday 18th February

Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th Feb

Thursday 12th March

Friday 20th March

Sunday 22nd March - Friday 27th March

Tuesday 31st March - Friday 2nd April

Year 9 - 11 Whānau Interviews with Matua Lloyd

Year 7 - 13 Swimming Sports

Year 2 - 6 Swimming Sports

Year 9 - 11 Information Session (3pm)

Trades Academy Welcome

Year 9 - 11 Whānau Interviews with Matua Lloyd

Year 11 - 13 Work Ready Health and Safety Course

Outdoor Education Camp

CAS Athletics Day

Teacher Only Day

TOSI 2026 (Tapawera Area School)

Ōpou and Waikato Class Trip

Term Two

Term Three

Term Four

Monday April 20th - Friday 3rd July

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

2026 Contacts and Classes

Pūhouhou - New Entrants / Year One: Charlotte Muir charlotte.muir@collingwood.school.nz

Te Rae - Year Two: Pip Baker and K-Dee Bourke - pip@collingwood.school.nz k-dee@collingwood.school.nz

Pakwau - Year Three: Amy Dell amy.dell@collingwood.school.nz

Waikato - Year Four and Five: Holly Rillstone holly.rillstone@collingwood.school.nz

Ōpou - Year Six and Seven: Rosie Riley rosie.riley@collingwood.school.nz

Wharariki - Year Eight: Mieke van Lamerren mieke.vanlammeren@collingwood.school.nz

Year Nine Deans: Sam Gaddes samantha.gaddes@collingwood.school.nz
Emily Johnstone emily.johnstone@collingwood.school.nz

Year Ten Dean: Pete Taylor pete@collingwood.school.nz

Year Eleven Dean: Mike Wilson mike.wilson@collingwood.school.nz

Year Twelve Dean: Lloyd McPherson lloyd.mcpherson@collingwood.school.nz

Year Thirteen Dean: Miriam Curnow miriam.curnow@collingwood.school.nz

If you have any questions or concerns then your first point of contact should be with your child's Dean or classroom teacher. If you are unable to reach them then please call the Office 03 524 8125 to arrange a meeting or phonecall directly.



Collingwood Area School

Connecting to others, our environment, and the future
Te whanaungatanga ki te tangata, te taiao, te anamata hoki

JOIN
OUR
TEAM

TEACHER AIDE

- 15 hours per week for the 2026 school year
- Learning and general classroom support, working alongside teachers
- Immediate start available, term time only
- Supportive, community-focused school – patience, flexibility, and a caring approach essential

email:
principal@collingwood.school.nz
for an application pack



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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

- Manage the school's digital platforms (SchoolBridge & KAMAR)
- Use technical skills including coding to enhance digital systems
- Share the story of our kura through clear, engaging, well-designed communications
- Maintain digital systems, forms, and data with care, privacy, and attention to detail
- Work closely with a friendly team in a community-focused area school
- 30 hours per week

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Health Nurse Service

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NURSE
Caroline Jones



AVAILABILITY
Monday 12.30 - 2.45 pm



FOR STUDENTS
Year 9 to 13

Available for confidential appointments about **any health issue**, or to arrange access to doctors and prescriptions.

 Vaccination questions

 Alcohol and drug support

 Contraception

 Skin issues, acne and mole checks

 Puberty and period questions

 Help to stop smoking and vaping

 Muscle sprains and pains

 Whānau and relationship concerns

 Blood tests and referrals

 STI checks

 Sexuality and gender questions

 Diet and weight management

Need an appointment?
Drop in during clinic hours or text Caroline directly.

 027 203 1213



Kids Rippa Rugby

All ages welcome

Come along for a run around

Chips & Sossies afterwards

Friday 13th @ 4:30pm

Collingwood Rugby Grounds



TEEN KIDZ THEATRE



**Term 1 drama classes
start 5 February**

**Phone Ronnie to enrol
P: 027 5555 937**

**Ronnie Short
Speech & Drama ATCL, LTCL**

The YOUTH HABITAT

84 Commercial Street, Takaka

Monthly schedule

February 2026

Contact us for more information!

Lisa: 027 525 6151

lisa@gbwct.org.nz

Karen: 027 253 1916

karen@gbwct.org.nz

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
						01
02 HABITAT CLOSED FOR NELSON ANNIVERSARY <small>Golden Bay Youth Habitat Youth Centre 12-18 with their own Monday 3-5pm @12:00-1:00pm</small>	03 Hang out space 3-5 pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	04 TERM 1 STARTS DnD 3-5:30pm	05 Crafternoon - felting - 3.30-5.30 pm	06 HABITAT CLOSED FOR WAITANGI DAY	07 <small>Board Games Onekaka Hall 12pm-5pm</small>	08
09	10 CAS Lunchtime Visit Make your own pizza 3:30-5pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	11 Bacon Butties 9-10 am DnD 3-5:30pm	12 Hang out space 3-5 pm	13 Movie and munchies 4 - 7 pm	14	15 Climbing Day 11 am-3 pm
16	17 GBHS lunchtime visit Games afternoon 3.30-5 pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	18 DnD 3-5:30pm	19 Pool Playoffs 3-5 pm	20 HABITAT CLOSED Team Connection Day	21	22
23	24 GBHS lunchtime visit Disk Golf 3.30-5pm WHEELS PROGRAMME	25 Waffle Wednesday 9-10 am DnD 3-5:30pm	26 Hang out space 3-5 pm	27 Collingwood Hall MOVIE NIGHT 4.30 - 7.30 pm	28 Hang out space 12 - 2 pm	30

