



Pānui

Friday 13th March 2026

SAVE THE DATE

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 1 is well underway, and it has been great to see the positive buzz around the school continue as students settle into the year and make the most of the many opportunities on offer.

2025 YEARBOOK

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

One moment that particularly made me smile last week was watching our senior students working together during their Work Ready Health and Safety course — and yes, enjoying the benefit of having my car washed as part of their practical learning! It was a great example of our school values of Manaakitanga, Ako and Kaitiakitanga in action. Students were supporting each other, communicating well, and taking real care in the work they were doing. The course tutor commented on how well our students collaborate compared with many other groups they work with, which was lovely feedback for our school.

MARCH 19TH 2026

TOSI Junior Disco.
3pm - 5 pm.

On Tuesday, our Wharariki students spent the day at Whenua Iti taking part in a team-building programme. Experiences like this provide students with a chance to step outside the classroom, challenge themselves, and strengthen their connections with one another. By all accounts, it was a fantastic day and a great opportunity for the group to grow together — haere tonu Wharariki.

APRIL 1ST 2026

April Fools Day -
students come to
school dressed as a
teacher!

It has been a busy week for sport as well. Our primary swimmers represented the school at the Mohua Swimming Sports on Wednesday, and we were proud to see them competing with enthusiasm and determination. Congratulations to all students who took part and gave their best in the pool.

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of taking a group of keen Year 13 students to the University of Otago information session at Golden Bay High School. It was encouraging to see students thinking ahead about future study and career pathways, and to hear them discussing their options.

Beyond the school gates, I travelled to Tapawera for the Top of the South Principals' meeting, where we finalised arrangements for the upcoming tournament and met with Ministry of Education staff to discuss upcoming changes to curriculum and attendance expectations. These regional meetings are valuable opportunities for schools to work together and stay well prepared for changes that will impact our students and whānau.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our whole-school Athletics Day, which is always a highlight of the term. A big thank you to the staff involved in organising the day, along with our caretaker, for the work that goes into preparing the grounds and ensuring the event runs smoothly.

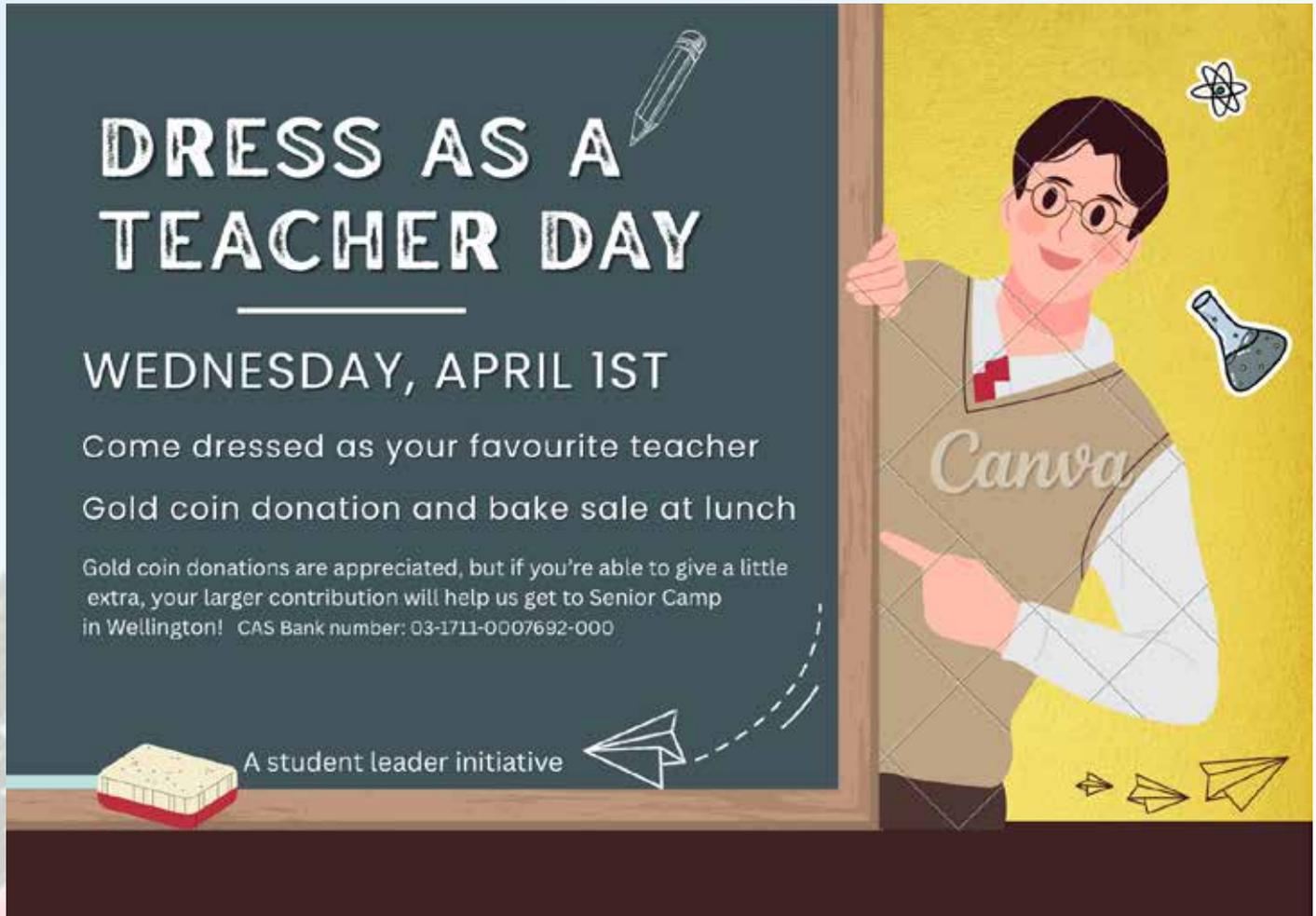
Finally, a reminder that Friday, 20th, will be a Teacher Only Day. This provides time for staff to continue developing their understanding of curriculum changes and to

strengthen our work with the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme.

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year, and it's wonderful to see our students engaging so positively in school life.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal



**DRESS AS A
TEACHER DAY**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

Come dressed as your favourite teacher
Gold coin donation and bake sale at lunch

Gold coin donations are appreciated, but if you're able to give a little extra, your larger contribution will help us get to Senior Camp in Wellington! CAS Bank number: 03-1711-0007692-000

A student leader initiative

Chromebooks

We have a small number of retired Chromebooks available for families to take home at no cost. Please keep in mind that these devices have reached the end of their school service life.

- **Condition:** Devices are offered in "as-is" condition. Some may have cosmetic wear, missing keys, or slower processing speeds.
- **Support:** As these are retired units, the school cannot provide technical support or repairs once they leave the premises.

If you're looking for a basic device for web browsing and don't mind a few "character marks," please stop by the office!

Tasman Champs!

“We’re excited to share some fantastic achievements from five Collingwood Area School students who recently competed at the Tasman Children’s Championships, held at Saxton Field. This annual regional event brings together young athletes from across the Tasman region to compete in track and field events over two full days of competition.

Charlie Foe had an outstanding weekend, coming 1st in the 60m, 80m, 100m and Long Jump, as well as placing 3rd in Discus. Charlie’s incredible all-round performance saw him named Overall Tasman Champion for 6 Year Old Boys — a fantastic achievement at such a young age.

Bree Dell showed impressive versatility across both track and field events. She placed 1st in the 400m, placed 2nd in the 1500m and Long Jump, and took 3rd in the 80m Hurdles, 100m, 200m and Shot Put, along with a strong fifth place in Discus. A huge all-round effort across the weekend.

Mazzy Evans also had a busy and successful championship, earning 3rd in both the 100m and 1500m, fourth in the 200m, 400m and 800m, fifth in Shot Put and sixth in Long Jump. Her determination across sprint and middle-distance events was great to see.

Liam Hitchcock competed in the Para/Ambulatory division and delivered an exceptional performance, placing 1st in the 100m, 200m, 400m, Discus and Shot Put. Liam was named Overall Tasman Champion for Para Athletes — an outstanding achievement.

Warren Hitchcock competed strongly in the senior boys field events, placing 3rd in Discus and fourth in both Shot Put and Long Jump.

We are incredibly proud of these students for representing their school and community with such determination, sportsmanship and pride. Their commitment and effort across the weekend was a credit to themselves and to Collingwood Area School.



Junior (Pūhouhou and Te Rae) Athletics

On Wednesday, March 11th, we held our Junior (Year 1 and 2) Athletics Event. For the first time, we hosted this as a standalone event, which allowed our younger students full access to the running track and the long jump pit.

The day was a huge success, defined by 100% participation and a wonderfully positive attitude from all involved. It was also fantastic to see such a large turnout of parents; your presence and encouragement provided incredible motivation for the children.

I was particularly impressed by the way every student gave their best effort, often overcoming personal anxieties to compete. We even saw some highly innovative techniques for clearing obstacles! There are definitely some budding athletes to watch out for in this group.

Ngā mihi

Pip Baker, Te Rae Kaiako





Library News

Dear Library users,

Our new books have arrived and we will be beavering away getting them ready for putting out on display for you all to read. Meanwhile, can you keep up a good library book and reading routine at home, especially if your children are moving between homes with their library books. If they bring our library books home, they will need to take them back to school with them. If their books are overdue and they can't easily get them back to school, this creates a barrier for them to be able to borrow books easily.

Here is a selection and summary of our new books this week. Four have reviews for you.

A fast paced, powerfully told novel for middle-age readers about limb loss, resilience and becoming excited about the future again. What if you took a shortcut below some rocks and your entire life came sliding down? High on the shingle slopes of Pagonui, 14-year-old Ben cuts below a pile of huge, half-buried boulders. All of a sudden there is a terrible sound, and a massive rock is tumbling towards him. In the painful weeks that follow a surgery to remove Ben's shattered lower leg, his mind returns to the mountain, his impatience, that split-second decision. Will anything ever be 'normal' again? One goal keeps him going- he will finish the climb he started.

Meet Aggie Flea—a girl with a big imagination ... that lands her in even bigger trouble! When a mysterious new neighbour arrives in the middle of the night, Aggie's convinced he's a vampire! Can she prove it? Or will everyone think she's a liar?

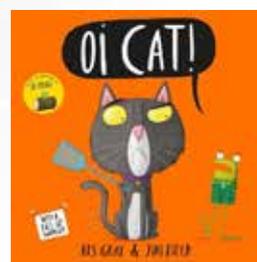
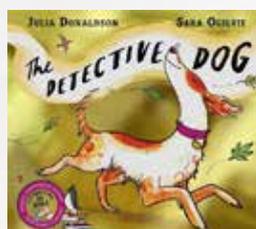
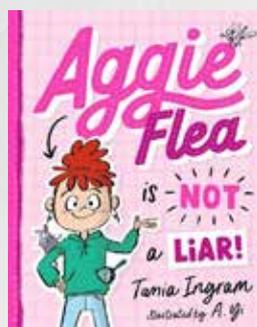
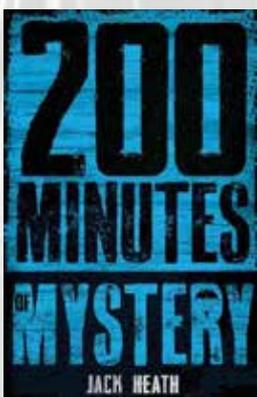
Violet Grumble: a music-loving, guitar-toting tween whose dream is to compete at BandChamps. The problem is that none of her friends can play an instrument. Violet won't let that stop her! But things get tougher when the band's gear starts to go missing - what's going on? Can Violet solve the mystery and harness her ADHD powers? Can she help the Velvets overcome stage fright AND beat The Alphas at the final showdown? After all, you only need three chords to play a song ... how hard can it be?

10 stories. 10 mysterious situations. 10 brave kids. 20 minutes to solve. Kane's parachute fails during a skydive. Is someone trying to kill him? Fang is investigated by secret police. Can she prove she isn't a traitor? Omar is buried alive in a coffin. How will he escape? Jack Heath's ten nail-biting and mysterious short stories will intrigue and terrify during each 20-minute countdown, as dangerous situations play out right down to the last crucial moment.

The 15 student librarians have got their roster and have started this week. We appreciate all the help they give us. If you turn up regularly on your day and do your jobs well then we will have a morning tea for you at the end of Term 2.

Keep up the reading of all sorts of information, give your brain a great taste of the varieties of life out there.

Diane & Donna - Librarians



Calendar

Tuesday 17th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March

Sunday 22nd March - Friday 27th March

Monday 30th March

Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April

Wednesday 1st April

Term Two

Monday April 20th

Monday 27th April

Sunday 3rd - Monday 4th May

Tuesday 12th May

Monday 1st June

Friday 19th June

Friday 3rd July

Term Three

Term Four

TSS Athletics (Tasman Secondary Schools)

Defence Force Visit

Year 1 - 6 Disco

Teacher Only Day

TOSI 2026 (Tapawera Area School)

Ugly Shakespeare

Ōpou and Waikato Class Trip

April Fools Dress Up Day - come dressed as a teacher!

Term Two Starts

ANZAC Day observed

TOSI Trials Murchison

School Photos

King's Birthday

Teacher Only Day

End Term Two

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS



Always available for students in the **SENIOR BATHROOMS**.
Help yourself, anytime.


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COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL

Health Nurse Service

Confidential & Free

 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

SHAPE MAKER DANCE CLASSES

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2026

AFTERSCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES
 TAUGHT BY MILO HAIGH AT POHARA HALL
 FOR HUMANS AGED 5 TO 18
 DANCING TERM STARTS MARCH 9TH 2026
 SIGN UP AT WWW.THEFUNKISPHERE.COM

MONDAYS TUESDAYS WEDNESDAYS

3:30-4:45PM
SMOOTH SHAPES
AGES 11-13

3:20-4:20PM
LITTLE SHAPES
AGES 5-8

3:30-4:30PM
WILD SHAPES
AGES 8-11

4:30-5:45PM
BIG SHAPES
AGES 13-18



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ANNUAL TOSI FUNDRAISING DISCO

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!



THURSDAY 19th MARCH **3PM - 5PM**

\$2 ENTRY **REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT**

• 2026 TAPAWERA TOSI •

The YOUTH HABITAT Monthly schedule

84 Commercial Street, Takaka

March 2026

Contact us for more information!
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Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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					Board Games Denzoku hall 12pm-5pm	
02 Celtic Rap Team Training Youth class 12+ with Tom every Monday 3:30pm @ DISC PARK	03 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm Lunchtime CAS Visit	04 Lunchtime Kai & connect 12-1:30 pm D&D	05 Games afternoon 3:30-5pm	06 GBHS Athletics -YH pop-up- Karaoke 3:30-5:30 pm	07	08
09	10 "Unearthing the untold" interviewing skills 3:30-5 pm Lunchtime GBHS Visit	11 Lunchtime Kai & connect 12-1:30 pm D&D	12 CAS Athletics -YH pop-up-	13 HABITAT CLOSED	14	15
16	17 Hang out zone 3:30-5 pm Lunchtime CAS Visit	18 Lunchtime kai & connect 12-1:30 pm D&D	19 Mural painting 3:30-5pm	20 Pool playoffs 3:30-5 pm	21	22
23	24 Disc Golf 3:30-5pm Lunchtime GBHS Visit	25 Lunchtime Kai & connect 12-1:30 pm D&D	26 Banter & boardgames 3-5pm	27 Expo Motueka 1.30-3pm	28	29 Climbing Day 10am-2pm
30	31					

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