



Pānui

Thursday 26th March 2026

2025 YEARBOOK

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

The past couple of weeks have been a busy and rewarding time at Collingwood Area School. We have welcomed several new staff members to our team, strengthening the support we are able to offer our students and our community. A warm welcome to our new Learning Assistants, Communications Officer and Board Secretary - Hannah Gross and AJ McQuarrie, Gillian Phillips and Richard Staniford. It is always exciting to see new people join the school, and we look forward to the experience and energy they bring to their roles.

APRIL 1ST 2026

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



Hannah, Richard, AJ, Gill

EASTER RAFFLE

WINNER:No 92 - Marg!

Sport has been a huge highlight over the last couple of weeks. Our students have represented the school with enthusiasm and pride across a number of events, including: Athletics Day, the Motueka Volleyball Competition, Top of the South Secondary Schools Athletics, and the Tākaka Swimming Sports. Thank you to the staff who supported these events and helped make them such positive experiences for our students. A special congratulations goes to Bree Dell and Cash Jukes, who have qualified to compete at the upcoming South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships — a fantastic achievement. We're wishing you well for your endeavors in Christchurch this weekend.

POOL KEYS

Please return to the Office asap

Over the past fortnight we have hosted Ministry of Education staff to work with our teachers on the continued rollout of the new national curriculum, including the development of new systems for assessment and reporting ahead of 2027. Our Teacher Only Day included valuable professional learning led by Paul Johnstone, focusing on our implementation of [PB4L \(Positive Behaviour for Learning\)](#) across the school. These days are an important investment in ensuring we continue to provide high-quality learning environments for our students, and we appreciate the support of families in allowing staff the time to undertake this work.

Thank you as well to the TOSI organisers, participants, and parents who put together

a fantastic disco for our primary students as a fundraiser. It was a great evening and a wonderful example of our community working together to support opportunities for our young people. We wish all the students heading away to TOSI this week the very best — haere tonu!

As we head toward the end of the term, there are several exciting events coming up. Students in Waikato and Ōpou are looking forward to their Bridge Valley Camp, we have an Ugly Shakespeare performance on the horizon, and the April Fools “Dress as a Teacher” non-uniform day will also take place. Students are invited to bring a gold coin donation, with larger contributions welcome via the school bank account as part of our Senior Wellington Camp fundraiser.

Finally, a reminder that the school maintains a comprehensive Emergency Management System that outlines how we respond to a wide range of emergency situations. This includes procedures for student supervision, communication with families, and safe sign-out processes during an incident. The school also holds more comprehensive documentation with all staff and student contact details at specific locations online and in physical copy around the school.

As we approach the term break, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support and contribution to school life.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable term break.

He waka eke noa.

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

**DRESS AS A
TEACHER DAY**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

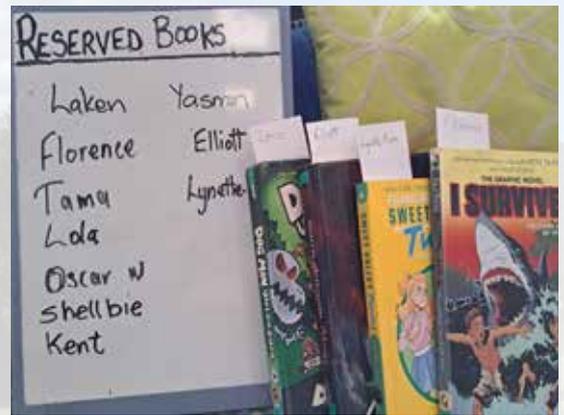
Come dressed as your favourite teacher
Gold coin donation and bake sale at lunch

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

Library News

Reserved books: Our New Books have been going out on display every Monday morning and it is really great to see so many students reserving them as well as the many popular series we have in our library. Please remember to look at the whiteboard on the display shelf for your name and come in and have them issued. Often these books have many reserves on them and the sooner they are read and returned the better for the next eager reader to have and enjoy.



Our Student Librarians like to help us with this task and also help us inform the pupils, when they see them, to pick up their books awaiting them. Thanks guys and girls.

Holiday Reading

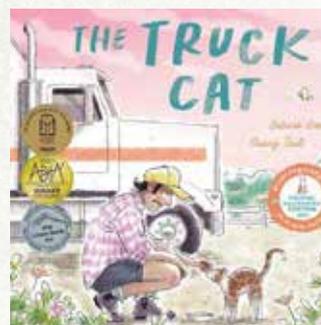
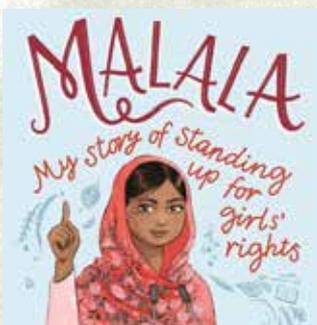
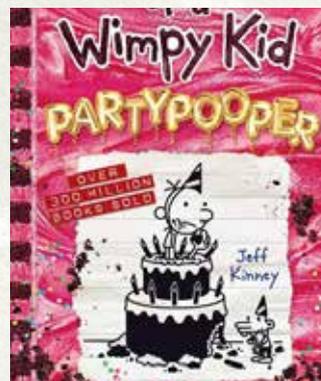
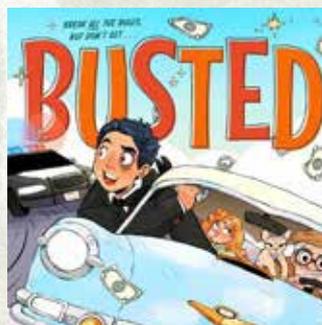
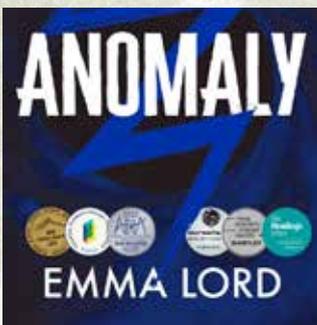
With the change into the cooler season of autumn and the holidays starting at the end of next week this is the time to choose and stock up on your books over the holidays.

Holiday reading is an easy and effective way to enable your children's learning and development is always progressing and improving.

Reading helps to calm the nervous system, reduce irritability, and improve focus, leaving you more able to cope with conversations and daily life.

It keeps children's minds sharp and prevents significant reading performance losses during long school breaks. It boosts vocabulary and comprehension, critical thinking, imagination and empathy.

Our new books this week are:



Please keep the library books in a safe place at home and get them returned on time. Your child has a weekly library visit session, it is helpful for them if they can borrow a book every week as they get them returned.

Happy Reading ~ Diane & Donna (Librarians)

CAS Athletics Day

The sun was out in full force for our annual Athletics Day, and our students rose to the occasion with incredible intensity.

First off, a massive shout-out to Craig for his tireless work on the grounds. The field was in pristine condition, providing the perfect stage for our athletes to show us exactly what they're made of. It wasn't just about the results; it was about the sportsmanship, the supportive attitude, and the sheer effort on display from the warm up to the final relay.

This year we rewrote the history books. A staggering 21 records were broken!

- **Bree Dell:** a powerhouse performance. Bree's hard work and training paid off in dividends, claiming five records (Long Jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m) and an outstanding 26 out of 30 points. After a dominant showing at the Tasman Secondary School Athletics, she's qualified for the South Islands. We are backing you all the way, Bree!
- **Cash Jukes:** finally grabbed that elusive Javelin record he narrowly missed last year—talk about persistence! His hard work has also qualified him for South Islands, We wish you all the best, Cash!
- **Leroy Steel:** dominated the Intermediate Boys track events, taking the 1500m, 800m, 400m, and 200m records.
- **Florence Gaddes:** entered the Junior Girls' records in the 1500m, 800m, and 200m.
- **Logan Ricketts:** cleaned up the Senior Boys' 1500m, 800m, and 200m records.
- **Malakai Roberts:** had a massive day across track and field, breaking the Junior Boys' 400m and Shot Put records.
- **Lydia Riley:** smashed the Junior Girls' 400m record.
- **Leroy Edwards:** showed us how it's done by breaking his own High Jump record.
- **Violet Haare:** set a new standard for the Intermediate Girls in the Javelin.

The afternoon heat didn't slow anyone down for the whānau races and the legendary Parents vs. Staff vs. Students relay. Despite a "questionable" start (we'll call it a tactical adjustment!), the students took an early lead. The staff and parents were hot on their heels, but the students dug deep and held on for another hard-fought win.

An event of this scale doesn't happen without a massive support crew. To the staff and parents who manned stations, recorded results, snapped photos, and kept our athletes hydrated and safe—thank you. Your commitment to our school community is what makes days like this possible.

Beyond the individual glory, today was all about our team. Every single student who stepped onto the track or picked up a shot put earned vital points for their whānau. It was fantastic to see the sea of colors and hear the cheering from the sidelines—that's what school spirit is all about!

We had an impressive 92% participation rate this year. Whether you were breaking a record or just digging deep to finish that 1500m for your team, your effort counted. After tallying up every jump, throw, and sprint, the total whanau points for the day are as follows

We are very proud of the heart our students showed. Well done to everyone who participated, and congratulations to the following students as overall year-level champions.

Overall results:

Year		Girls	Boys
Year 3	1st	Isabella Curnow	Charlie Foe
	2nd	Tiana Pomeroy	Malachi Roberts
	3rd	Evie James	Zander Keogh
Year 4	1st	Olivia Hoskin	N/A
	2nd	Leilani Roberts	N/A
	3rd	Marnie Strange	N/A
Year 5	1st	Amelia Curnow	Michael Riley
	2nd	Payton Terry-Moir	Hudson Riley
	3rd	Piper Roberts	Alfie Huevel
Year 6	1st	Mazzy Evans	Joel Reay
	2nd	Lily-Rose Edwards	Jimmy Howell-Wilson
	3rd	Layla Jones	Nikau Keogh
Year 7/8	1st	Florence Gaddes	Malakai Roberts
	2nd	Lydia Riley	Kent Ledger
	3rd	Lynette-Ryita Smith	Eli Watson-Miller
Year 9/10	1st	Bree Dell	Leroy Steel
	2nd	Tegan Strange	Coby Heuvel
	3rd	Tessa Fearn	Claude Gaddes
Year 11-13	1st	Syriah Haare	Logan Ricketts
	2nd	Ashley Iorns	Aonghus Garbutt
	3rd	Yanna Moeltgen	Leroy Edwards



C.A.S Athletics Sports Records

Year 7/8 = Junior Girl (JG) or Junior Boy (JB)

Year 9/10 = Intermediate Girl (IG) or Intermediate Boy (IB)

Year 11-13 = Senior Girl (SB) or Senior Boy (SB)

Shot Put	JG	Bianca Honey	7.74m	2018
	JB	Malakai Roberts	10.37m	2026
	IG	Bianca Swan	8.55 m	2024
	IB	Jesse Gray	10.43m	2018
	SG	Bianca Honey	10.1m	2022
	SB	Jesse Gray	11.33m	2021

Discus

JG	Tegan Strange	20.73m	2025
JB	Royce Rhodes	17.80m	2020
IG	Natalie Iorns	21.90m	2021
IB	Izakk Burford	26.50m	2021
SG	Natalie Iorns	22.9m	2024
SB	Clay Morgan	27.80m	2018

Long Jump

JG	Tegan Strange	3.94m	2025
JB	Daniel Davis	4.45m	2017
IG	Bree Dell	4.44m	2026
IB	Tyler Ricketts	4.68m	2022
SG	Claire Sparrow	4.45m	2022
SB	Jacob Hutchison	5.47m	2025

High Jump

JG	Holly Dixon	1.50m	2017
JB	Royce Rhodes	1.42m	2018
IG	Renee Payne	1.49m	2018
IB	Daniel Davis	1.55m	2018
SG	Bubbles	1.52m	2018
SB	Leroy Edwards	1.62m	2026

Javelin

JG	Amber Hutchison	12.30m	2024
JB	Malakai Roberts	19.66m	2025
IG	Violet Haare	15.83m	2026
IB	Logan Ricketts	24.80m	2024
SG	Maia Bain	20.88m	2025
SB	Cash Jukes	34.11m	2026

100 m

JG	Tegan Strange	14.44s	2025
JB	Logan Ricketts	14:60s	2022
IG	Bree Dell	13.66s	2026
IB	Logan Ricketts	13.15s	2024
SG	Syriah Haare	14.61s	2025
SB	Logan Ricketts	12.13s	2025

200 m

JG	Florence Gaddes	30.90	2026
JB	Logan Ricketts	31.56	2022
IG	Bree Dell	29.20	2026
IB	Leroy Steel	28.92	2026
SG	Dani McLellan	32.03	2018
SB	Logan Ricketts	25.67	2026

400 m

JG	Lydia Riley	1.17	2026
JB	Malakai Roberts	1:11	2026
IG	Bree Dell	1:09	2026
IB	Leroy Steel	1:05	2026
SG	Dani McLellan	1.12	2020
SB	Jesse Gray	1.01	2020

800 m

JG	Florence Gaddes	3.04	2026
JB	Claude Gaddes	3:09	2025
IG	Bree Dell	2:54	2026
IB	Leroy Steel	2:34	2026
SG	Dani McLellan	3.09	2020
SB	Logan Ricketts	2.30	2026

1500 m

JG	Florence Gaddes	6.41	2026
JB	Claude Gaddes	6:22	2025
IG	Isla Foulds	6:33	2023
IB	Leroy Steel	5:33	2026
SG	Dani McLellan	6.56	2018
	Claire Sparrow	6:56	2022
SB	Logan Ricketts	5:31	2026





Insights for parents and whānau: Cell phone rules and how you can help

The Education Review Office (ERO) found that removing cell phones from class has led to increased focus, improved academic outcomes, and a reduction in bullying in New Zealand schools. This guide gives suggestions and tips for how parents and whānau can help their children experience these benefits.

ERO looked at the removal of cell phones from New Zealand classrooms

Like many other countries, New Zealand has put rules in place around students using cell phones at school. ERO reviewed the difference that these rules have made. We gathered over 10,000 survey responses, ran focus groups, and interviewed board members, school leaders, teachers, students, parents and whānau, and education experts.

What is the 'Phones Away for the Day' policy and how does it work?

This policy, introduced in Term 2 2024, says that students should not access or use their cell phones at all during the school day – including break times. Schools design their own rules and consequences to make sure this happens.

Exemptions to this rule are allowed for health, disability, and learning support needs. Teachers can also allow students to use phones in class for a specific educational task.

Why does removing cell phones from the classroom help?

- **Focus:** There is increasing evidence that simply having a phone nearby can reduce students' attention and 'working memory', which are critical for learning. Around eight in ten secondary leaders and teachers told us that removing phones from school has improved students' ability to focus on schoolwork.
- **Learning:** There is also growing evidence of the benefits that removing cell phones has on achievement. In our review, two-thirds of secondary teachers said students' learning has improved.
- **Behaviour:** Over three-quarters of secondary teachers and leaders say restricting cell phone use has improved classroom behaviour.
- **Bullying:** Just over two-thirds of secondary leaders say that bullying has decreased.
- **Social interactions:** Teachers report that students are now talking more and having good social interactions during breaks – now that they aren't on their phones.

Why we need parents and whānau to help

Students need to buy in to the rule

- We found that students are more likely to follow the cell phone rules when they understand why they have been implemented and how the rules benefit their learning.
- If not, they tend to see the rules as 'unfair'. Three in ten (30 percent) of the students who use their phone at school break the rules because they disagree with them.

Mixed messages from parents and whānau make things harder

- Messaging parents and whānau is the number one reason students break the rules.
- We heard that while some parents and whānau understand prohibiting phone use can reduce distractions, others still expect to be able to reach their children, even during class time. Over 85 percent of teachers say parent support helps them implement phone rules.
- In schools where parents resist phone rules, students are nearly twice as likely to break them. For example, parents and whānau complaining to the school about their child's phone being confiscated, gives mixed messages to students.

“I'd given zero consideration to the fact I was perhaps encouraging rule breaking. It's so natural for me to prioritise replying to my kids, I'd not stopped to think that most of the comms could wait until they were outside of school.”

PARENT

Practical steps

- 1) **Talk to your child about the *benefits* of keeping their phone off at school.** The rule is about improving focus, learning, behaviour, social interaction, and reducing bullying.
- 2) Talk with your child to **decide on how to communicate without texting or calling** them on their cell phone. For example, you could email their school account, or agree that any urgent messages will be delivered through the school office from now on. You can also ask the school about their ideas and processes for leaving voicemails or texting staff.
- 3) **Support the school's enforcement of cell phone rules.** This is about making sure what you say to your child aligns with the school's messages, including when the school puts consequences in place.

Want to know more? The full report is on ERO's website www.evidence.ero.govt.nz/documents/do-not-disturb-a-review-of-removing-cell-phones-from-new-zealand-s-classrooms



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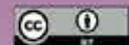


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Calendar

Monday 30th March
 Tuesday 31st March - Thursday 2nd April
 Wednesday 1st April
 Thursday 2nd April
 Monday April 20th
 Monday 27th April
 Tues 28th - Thurs 30th April
 Thursday 30th April
 Sunday 3rd - Monday 4th May
 Wed 6th - Thurs 7th May
 Tuesday 12th May
 Friday 15th May
 Monday 1st June
 Thursday 4th June
 Tuesday 16th June
 Thursday 18th June
 Friday 19th June
 Monday 22nd June
 Mon 29th Jun - Thurs 2nd July
 Friday 3rd July

Term Three
 Term Four

Ugly Shakespeare
 Ōpou and Waikato Class Trip
 April Fools Dress Up Day - come dressed as a teacher!
 End Term One
 Term Two Starts
 ANZAC Day observed
 Garry Dunn Learners License
 Year 4-6 Rippa Coaching
 TOSI Trials Murchison
 Year 11 First Aid
 School Photos
 Pink Shirt Day
 King's Birthday
 CAS Cross Country
 CAS Variety Show
 IS Cross Country
 Teacher Only Day
 NZ Playhouse
 Nationals Whangarei
 End Term Two

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

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School Pool: Key Return & Bond Refunds

Kia ora whānau,

The school pool is now closed for the season. To receive your bond refund, please ensure you return your pool keys before the end of the term.

How to get your \$30 bond back:

- Return your key: drop it off at the school office.
- Provide bank details: we require your bank account number to process the transfer. Please have these details ready when you come in.
- Note: all bond refunds will be processed via electronic transfer—no cash payments will be made on-site.

Thank you for a great swimming season!



School holiday activity program



Come along and learn vaulting and have fun with horses!

- Wednesday the 8th and 15th April

- 22 Grant road at Hack Farm

- BYO lunch and snacks

- Open to kids 5+

- 1/2 day 9:00am to 12:00pm \$55

or full day 9:00am to 3:00pm \$95

- Only 10 spots available for each day so get in quick if you're keen!

- Ph/text Amber to book your spot

027 525 8303



THANK YOU!

THE 2026 TOSI TEAM
WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY
**THANK THE FOLLOWING
GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS**
TOWARD OUR TOURNAMENT IN TAPAWERA

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2026  TEAM

YOUR SUPPORT MADE OUR TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!
THANK YOU!

The poster features a colorful illustration of a sports field with a building, trees, and mountains in the background. A map of New Zealand is shown with a red dot indicating the location of Tapawera. The text is presented in a bold, stylized font with a blue and orange color scheme.

ROCKVILLE POOL FUNDRAISER

BINGO NIGHT

RAFFLES ♦ SILENT AUCTIONS ♦ BAR
♦ CHOCOLATE WHEEL ♦ CASH/INTERNET BANKING ONLY

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DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM BINGO STARTS 7PM
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