



Pānui Thursday 23rd April 2026

Monday, May 11th

Year 7 and 8

Immunisations.

Please return your consent forms to school by Tuesday 28th April.

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a great start to Term 2 with everyone seeming positive and ready to push into their learning. I'd like to begin by acknowledging the incredible \$500 donation from the Marble Mountain Country Music Club towards our music programme. This contribution will directly enhance opportunities for our students, supporting instruments, resources, and experiences that enrich learning in the arts. We are very grateful for this contribution to our kura.

School Photos

Tuesday, May 12th.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for information from PhotoLife.

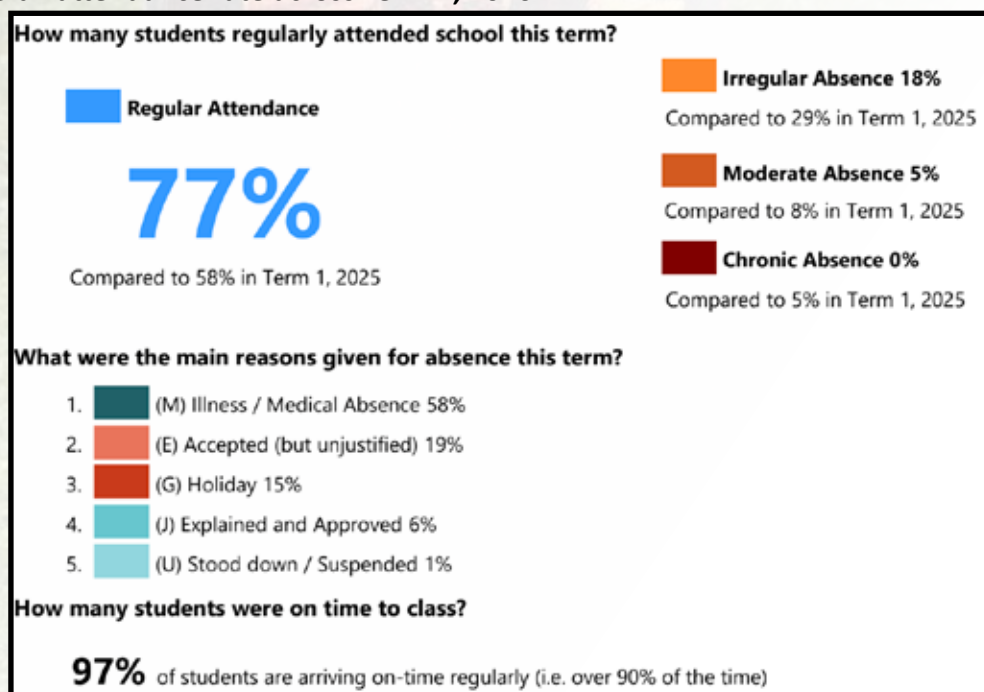
I'm also pleased to share that the Board has agreed to make the school van available for community use when transporting students to non-school events. This decision is about removing barriers so our young people can participate more fully in opportunities beyond the school. There are, of course, clear expectations to ensure safety and fairness - drivers must be approved, meet licensing requirements, and follow all school procedures, including booking in advance and adhering to safety guidelines. If this would support your community group, please get in touch with the office to find out more about the process. Here is a [link](#) to the supporting documentation and agreement.

Gentle Reminder

School opens for students at 8.15am, please do not send unsupervised children in before this time. No supervision is provided for students after 3pm.

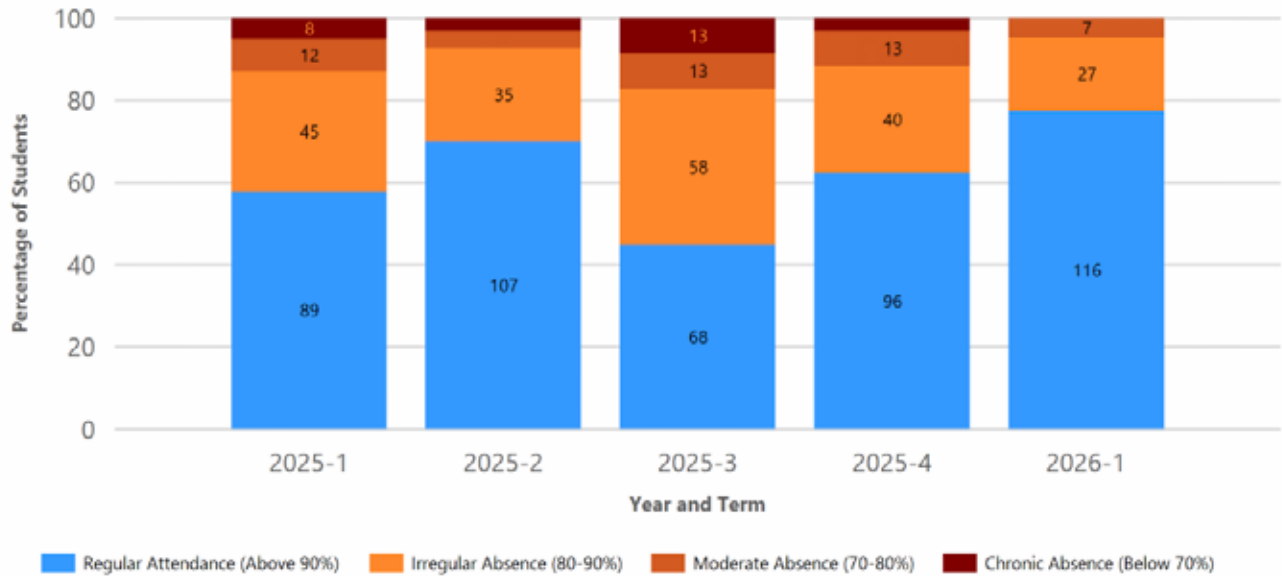
One of the standout successes of last term has been attendance. Thank you to our students and whānau for the strong commitment to being at school every day - it truly makes a difference. Our Every Day Matters data shows a steady improvement over the last year, with more students attending regularly and fewer in the lower attendance bands.

Overall attendance rate across Term 1, 2026



How have your student attendance categories changed over the last 5 terms?

NOTE: Percentages are shown on the vertical axis while the bars show the actual number of students.



This reflects a shared understanding of how important attendance is for learning, wellbeing, and connection. Our [Attendance Management Plan \(AMP\)](#) continues to guide this work, providing clarity around expectations and support where needed.

As part of our focus on supporting student wellbeing, this term, we are introducing Pulse, a tool that allows students to regularly check in on how they are feeling. These simple, quick check-ins give students a way to share their wellbeing in a safe and manageable way, while helping staff build a clearer picture of how our young people are doing over time. Pulse helps us notice patterns, respond early if concerns arise, and ensure the right support is in place when it's needed. It's another way we are strengthening our pastoral care systems and making sure every student feels seen, supported, and connected. We encourage whānau to [review this information about Pulse](#) and reach out if you have any questions.

A personal highlight for me recently was collecting our Year 13 student leaders from the NZ Area Schools Association Leadership Camp in Akaora during the second week of the holidays. It was fantastic to hear about the experiences of Aonghus, Alex, Jaimie, and Poppy - what they learned, the challenges they embraced, and the connections they made with other student leaders from across the country. They represented our school with pride, and I am excited to see how they bring their learning back into their leadership roles here.

Looking ahead, there is plenty to be excited about this term. Our [calendar](#) is filling up with opportunities for learning, sport, and connection. A reminder that this Friday we have a Bake Sale fundraiser for senior camp, along with a non-uniform day. Instead of a gold coin donation, we are asking for contributions of food items for the Mohua Food Bank. These donations will be taken to Mohua Social Services to support our local community, in memory of Premal Gauntlett, whose contribution to this mahi meant so much to so many. It's a meaningful way for our students to show manaakitanga in action. Wishing everyone a productive and fulfilling term.

He waka eke noa,

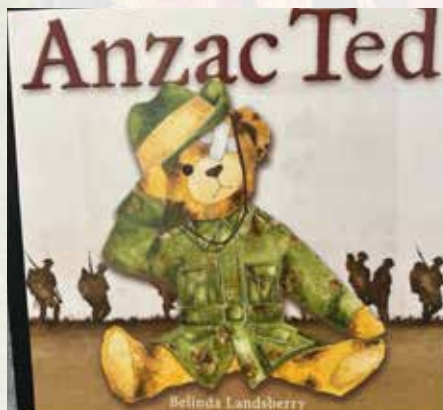
Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

ANZAC Ted

Pūhouhou have been learning about ANZAC day and remembering the soldiers that fought in the war.

We read the book ANZAC Ted to follow on from this and created our own Teds!

Come along and have a look at the display in the office foyer.



Tapawera TOSI

On the 22nd of March Aonghus and I, along with 18 other students, travelled to Tapawera to take part in TOSI 2026. The week consisted of multiple sports like netball, football, basketball, volleyball, ki o rahi, touch, badminton, pickleball, golf and playball along with non sports like the art challenge, an adventure race, paintball, wearable arts, shooting and a skit.

On the first day the girls played football coming 2nd with KAS taking the win in a penalty shoot out and then in touch the girls came 2nd. Meanwhile the boys came 3rd in touch and 3rd in football. While this was happening there were people competing in the quiz, tech challenge, cooking and the art challenge. We came 2nd in the cooking, 6th in the tech challenge and 2nd in the quiz.

On the second day we drove to Saxton Recreation Centre to play basketball and volleyball. CAS had a very successful run in basketball taking the win against SWAS both in girls and boys. The girls came 6th in volleyball while the boys came first. While that was happening there was a paddleboard challenge and shooting which we came 3rd and 6th in respectively. At this point CAS had the overall lead in the competition.

For the third day half of us played paintball and the other half did a fun adventure race which didn't count but the paintballers came 5th. In the afternoon we played badminton, playball and bowls coming in 3rd, 1st and 3rd.

On the last day it was pouring with rain. The girls had netball coming in 1st place against TAS while the boys also came 1st in ultimate frisbee. We had golf in which we came 3rd. In the afternoon we had Ki o Rahi and pickleball with us coming 2nd and 3rd. Later that night we had the wearable arts with Logan as our mannequin coming in at 6th and then another 6th for skit and art challenge.

Unfortunately even though we were ahead all week we couldn't quite grab the win just missing it by 2 points with Tapawera coming first. A big congrats to them!

Overall it was a great week with amazing competition and we want to thank all the billets that hosted our boys as well as Sam Iorns, Shawn Iorns, Pete Taylor, Kerry Hoskin and Roanna Strange.

Trials teams

Netball: Syriah, Ashley, Bianca, Tegan, Violet

Football: Syriah, Ashley, Maryanne, Leroy S, Leroy E, Aonghus

Ki o Rahi: Syriah, Maryanne, Leroy E, Aaron, Nelson

Basketball: Syriah, Ashley, Bianca, Maryanne, Leroy E, Logan, Cash, Jien, Aonghus, Nelson

Volleyball: Syriah, Ashley, Bianca, Logan, Aonghus, Cash, Nelson

Rugby: Quin, Aaron

Paper Teams (non-travelling)

Touch: Syriah, Bree, Leroy E, Aaron

Playball: Nelson, Cash, Maryanne

Ngā mihi nui ngā

Syriah
(TOSI Captain)



2026 TOSI Team

Back Row: Aaron, Jien, Leroy S, Cash, Leroy E, Logan, Ashley, Bianca, Violet, Tegan, Annabelle
 Front Row: Tessa, Otis, Aonghus (Captain), Syriah (Captain), Bree, Mayanne, Charlotte
 Absent: Nelson, Quin

The Top of the South Island (TOSI) Tournament is an annual multi-sport and cultural event designed for students from Area Schools (Years 7 –13) in the Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast regions of New Zealand. It acts as both a major regional competition and a selection pathway for the national NZ Area Schools Tournament.

The purpose of the tournament is to bring together small, rural composite schools to compete, foster community, and provide students with opportunities often unavailable in smaller schools.

Sports Offered typically include rugby (boys 15s, girls 10s), netball, touch, ki-o-rahi, volleyball, and basketball. Besides traditional sports, the tournament features varied competitions, including adventure racing, art and wearable arts challenges, baking, trivia, and skits. The tournament is characterized by high competition, sometimes operating on a knockout format, and provides a chance for students to be selected for the “Top of the South Island” team to compete at the national level. Students are often billeted (stay with local host families) or camp together, encouraging strong team bonding and school spirit.

Collingwood Area School
 Rai Valley Area School

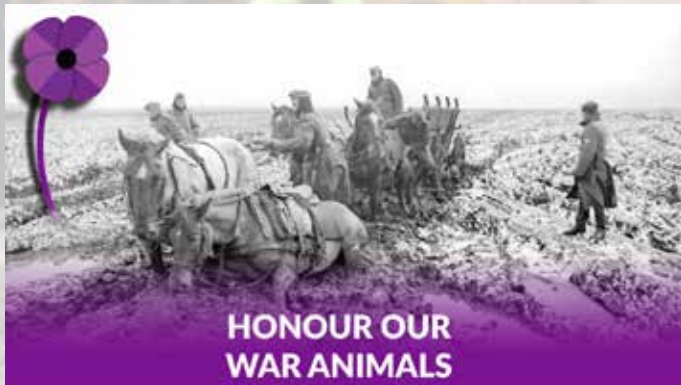
Karamea Area School
 South Westland Area School
 Tapawera Area School

Reefton Area School
 Murchison Area School

Collingwood Area School will be hosting again in 2028. In 2027 we head to Karamea

Library News

Welcome back to the Library in Term 2. We are looking forward to all the special activities and reading that you will be doing this term. We are lucky this year to have ANZAC day outside of the holidays which means we can have a meaningful display in the library showcasing all our ANZAC and military resources. We have highlighted in one display the importance of animals' contribution to and participation in wars. This is recognised in the development of "Purple Poppy Day". The Official Day for this was 24 February where the bravery and sacrifice of animals in conflict was recognised and a commemoration service held at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Wellington, featuring a representation of service animals.



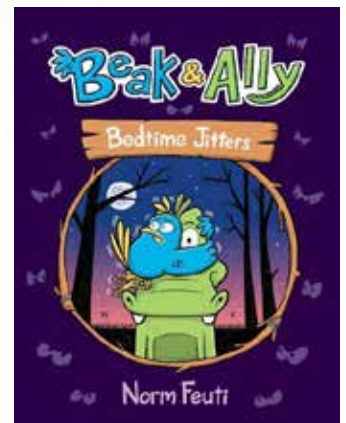
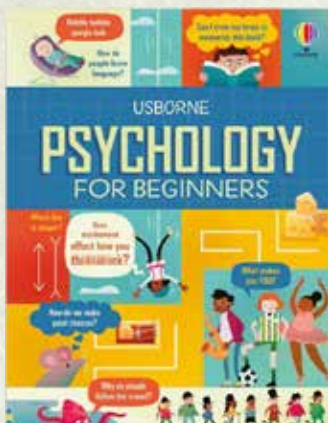
The Collingwood and Aorere district has a strong connection to military service and we have many heart-rending stories of men and women who travelled across the world to "do their duty". In 1993 the TV series "Heartland" visited Collingwood and the presenter Kerre Woodham spent time in our area and attended the ANZAC day services. It is very poignant watching this and seeing the people in our community 33 years ago. If you have time to watch this 46 minute episode, I highly recommend it for taking you back to the recent past.

<https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/heartland-collingwood-anzac-day-1993>

Collingwood is extremely fortunate to have a Dawn service at 6.30am every year and it is very special to attend that or the later Civic service at 11.30 in the Collingwood Hall.

Some of our new books on display this week are:

Enjoy all your reading ~ Diane & Donna



Dress Like a Teacher Day



Found! Do I belong to you? Please collect from the Office



Changes to NCEA - Message from Erica Stanford

Tēnā koutou,

Today I am confirming the first structural decisions to replace NCEA with a new senior secondary qualification system.

Decisions are being taken in two tranches so that we can give clarity on major elements of the change proposal now, whilst allowing sufficient time to navigate more complex and technical decisions about overall attainment requirements.

Cabinet has agreed to:

- Replace NCEA with a new qualifications system with two levels across Years 12 and 13
- Introduce subject based assessment, with students assessed across whole curriculum subjects to support students to have access to coherent, sequenced learning
- Integrate industry led subjects into the senior curriculum within a single qualification pathway
- Remove NCEA Level 1 and refocus Year 11 on deeper, curriculum driven learning
- Introduce a Foundational Award, at Year 11 curriculum level, recognising literacy and numeracy
- Require all Year 11 students to study English or Te Reo Rangatira and Mathematics or Pāngarau from 2028

The new system will be phased in:

- 2026: Finalise senior secondary curriculum and qualification design, and develop assessment exemplars
- 2027: Preparatory year of professional learning and development
- 2028: NCEA Level 1 removed, Year 11 curriculum only, Foundational Award introduced superseding the current co-requisite
- 2029: New Year 12 qualification begins
- 2030: New Year 13 qualification begins

These decisions follow extensive consultation, with more than 10,000 submissions received from teachers, parents, industry and the wider community. There was strong support for structural change, particularly around NCEA Level 1.

The case for change is clear. NCEA has become increasingly fragmented, difficult to understand, and has not consistently reflected what students know and can do.

We are building a system that is clearer, more consistent across schools, and internationally comparable, so that when a student earns a qualification it genuinely signals readiness for the next step.

This work is being developed alongside a new knowledge rich senior secondary curriculum, ensuring alignment between what is taught and what is assessed.

This is the first tranche of decisions. Further work will now focus on detailed design of assessment in Years 12 and 13, including how achievement is recognised.

To progress this work, I have established a Technical Advisory Group who are supporting the development of tranche 2 of decisions alongside my Professional Advisory Group of principals from around the country. Work is well underway and it is my expectation that decisions will be taken in advance of Budget 2026.

I recognise this is a significant reform. We will continue to work closely with you and your staff as we move through design and implementation.

A national Curriculum and Assessment Roadshow will take place in June to support school leaders to understand these changes, build capability, and prepare for implementation.

Ngā mihi,

Erica Stanford

Minister of Education

SchoolBridge

Exciting news: SchoolBridge, our new digital platform for parents and whānau, is launching within the next few weeks! Designed as a “one-stop shop,” it will bring all your school-related tasks and updates together in one convenient, easy-to-access place. Stay tuned for more details and setup instructions in our next Flyer!

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

SchoolBridge

COMING SOON

Scan the QR Code to download. Or search "SchoolBridge" on your mobile App Store or PlayStore

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Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.



Calendar

Friday 24th April
Monday 27th April
Tues 28th - Thurs 30th April
Thursday 30th April
Friday 1st May
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

Non-uniform day, can drive, baking sale
ANZAC Day observed
Garry Dunn Learners License
Year 4-6 Ripa Coaching
Movie Night
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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MOVIE NIGHT

SENIOR CAMP FUNDRAISER



Friday 1st May

\$5 entry fee

Pay with cash on the night or pay
the school account by Thursday

3PM-5PM

30th April

**POPCORN AND DRINKS INCLUDED
COME AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!**

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

BAKING SALE 10.30AM

Y11-13 CAMP FUNDRAISER

**ALL STUDENTS PLEASE WEAR
NON-UNIFORM & BRING AN ITEM
TO THE OFFICE FOR THE MŌHUA
FOOD BANK**

