



## Pānui

### Friday 22nd May 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

**Monday, June 1st**  
King's Birthday  
School is closed

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank our families for their support and understanding during the flood-related disruption on May 8th. Decisions around flood risk are never taken lightly and often need to be made quickly as conditions change. Due to updated transport safety requirements, our bus drivers are no longer permitted to drive through flood waters under any circumstances. This means that when there is a risk of roads becoming compromised, we need to act early and get buses moving as quickly as possible to avoid students becoming stranded at school. We also need to carefully consider staffing, as many of our staff travel significant distances outside of Collingwood. At the same time, we ensure we maintain adequate staffing and supervision for any students who remain at school. We appreciated the support and flexibility of our community as we worked to balance student safety, transport logistics and changing weather conditions.

**Save the Date**  
June 19th. Teacher  
Only Day. School  
will be closed for  
instruction.

Pink Shirt Day was an absolute highlight across our kura and a wonderful reflection of our values of Manaakitanga and Ako in action. A massive thank you to our Student Leaders for planning an activity that brought the whole school together in a meaningful way. Students worked in their houses to create paper chains filled with positive affirmations and messages of kindness. While Tangaroa took out the prize for creating the longest chain, the real win comes at the end when we join all three chains together to symbolise our collective stand against bullying. It was a simple but powerful reminder that when we stand together, we are stronger. Haere tonu!

**Quiz Night**  
Thursday, 28th May.  
Book in a team now  
- poster on the back  
page.



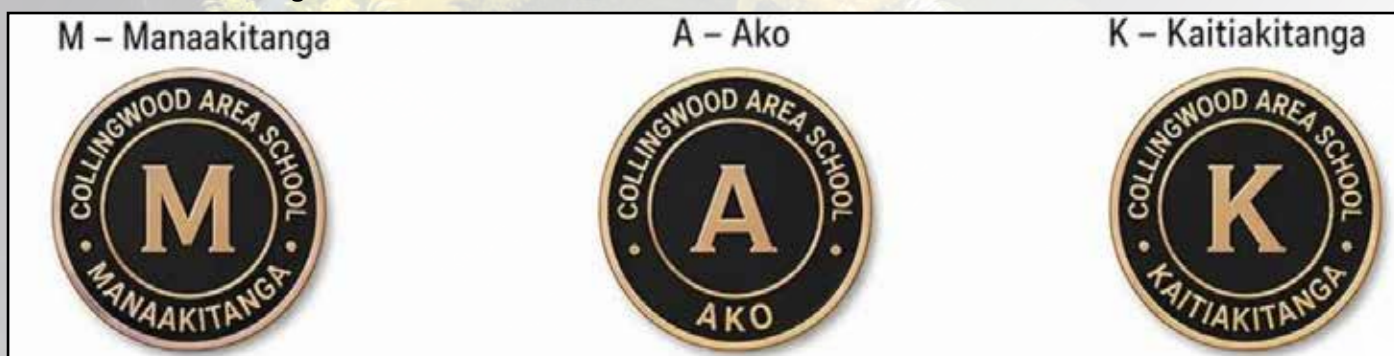
A huge thank you also to Constable Hamish for his ongoing visits and support with our students. Hamish has been working with our Year 7–10 learners around cyberbullying and the impact that unkind online interactions can have on others. These sessions are practical, age-appropriate and focused on helping young people navigate digital spaces positively and safely. We appreciate the way he connects with students and reinforces the importance of empathy, respect and making good choices online. Hamish will also

be working with our senior students shortly. Supporting young people online is becoming increasingly important for schools and families alike. As part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and safety, we are currently updating our computer and WiFi access settings across the school to further strengthen internet safety and filtering. This work sits alongside the education students are receiving and reflects our belief that online safety is a partnership between school and home.

Thank you to Pip Brake, who is accompanying a group of our senior students to the regional Next Generation Futures Careers Expo in Nelson. Hosted by Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, the event brings together employers, training providers, industry representatives and tertiary organisations from across the region to help young people explore future pathways and career opportunities. Students have opportunities to engage with hands-on experiences and conversations about industries ranging from trades and technology to health, tourism and emerging career pathways. Experiences like these are incredibly valuable in helping students connect learning with future possibilities.

As a 'heads up', at the end of term, families can look forward to receiving mid-year reports via the Parent Portal accessed through SchoolBridge. These reports provide an opportunity to celebrate progress, recognise strengths and identify next steps in learning. Parent interviews will take place in Week 2 of Term 3, with further information and booking details to follow. We always appreciate these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between school and home around student learning.

Also available on SchoolBridge are Whakamana Awards for students. You may have been receiving 'good news' notifications when staff note that your child is demonstrating our school values in practice around the school. You'll get a quick notification directly to your phone about your child's great role modelling and your child will receive a 'point' towards our new badge system. Once they collect 20 whakamana awards towards a particular value, they'll be awarded with a bronze badge for that value. Collect more whakamana awards and move towards the silver and gold awards.



You may also hear students talking about Pulse in the coming weeks. Pulse is a wellbeing tool designed to help schools understand student wellbeing trends and identify when extra support may be helpful. Pulse allows students to complete brief wellbeing check-ins and helps schools identify patterns so that support can be put in place early where needed. It is not a monitoring system for online activity, but rather another tool that supports our pastoral systems and wellbeing approach. If families prefer that their child not participate, you are welcome to withdraw by emailing the school office.

### **Curriculum, Reporting and NCEA Update for Whānau**

Over the last few years, there has been a significant change across education nationally. Families may have heard terms such as Te Mātaiaho, curriculum refresh, structured literacy, co-requisites and changes to NCEA. These shifts can feel complex and, at times, overwhelming, so I thought it would be useful to provide a clearer overview of what is happening and what it means for our learners here at Collingwood Area School.

The national curriculum refresh, known as Te Mātaiaho, aims to create greater clarity about what students learn and when they learn it. The refreshed curriculum places stronger emphasis on clearly sequenced learning, more explicit knowledge progression, and greater consistency across schools.

Schools are already required to teach the updated English and Mathematics curriculum content in Years 1-10.

Families should have confidence that students across New Zealand have the same access to specific learning pathways and that there is alignment between curriculum, teaching and assessment. At the school level, however, these changes are substantial. Teachers across the country have been simultaneously implementing new curriculum content while adapting their planning, assessment, and reporting systems, as well as their teaching approaches.

At Collingwood Area School, we continue working carefully to ensure our local curriculum reflects both national expectations and the unique strengths of our community. While national curriculum requirements provide a framework, we remain committed to maintaining learning experiences that reflect our place, our people and our values, connecting to others, our environment and the future.

Parents may also notice changes in reporting language and assessment information over time. Nationally, there is increasing emphasis on reporting progress against clearer curriculum expectations and learning progressions rather than broad curriculum levels. Schools are required to link reporting information to prescribed statements about where students are currently positioned and what next steps might look like. For most learners, this means less personalised descriptions of progress and achievement.

Recently, the Government announced plans to replace NCEA entirely with a new qualifications structure beginning in 2028. The proposed system would introduce new Year 12 and Year 13 qualifications, which will be standardised across all schools.

As many parents will appreciate, this means schools are currently navigating a period of significant transition. At times, changes have occurred quickly, and schools across New Zealand have expressed concerns about implementation timelines and workload pressures. However, our focus remains unchanged: providing high-quality teaching and learning experiences while supporting students to experience success.

At Collingwood Area School, we continue to approach these changes thoughtfully. We are taking what works well, making informed decisions for our learners and ensuring that students remain at the centre of every decision we make. Our staff continue to undertake professional learning and adapt practice to support these national shifts, while ensuring that our local curriculum remains grounded in our values of Manaakitanga, Ako and Kaitiakitanga.

There will no doubt continue to be changes and updates over the coming years. As always, we will keep families informed as things become clearer and as changes directly impact our students and community.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Lost and Found

We are in week 5 of the Term and already the lost and found property area is overflowing. Please take the time to check for items you may be missing.

Items that have a student's name on them will be returned to that student however un-named items stay in the lost and found for 4 weeks and, if not claimed, taken to Trash Palace.

Ngā mihi

Kaye

## Inter Schools Rippa Rugby

On the Tuesday 5th of May 2026 three Collingwood teams went to Tākaka primary school to compete against other schools in Golden Bay.

There were competitive and 'just for fun' teams. When we got there we had a briefing and then got straight into it. The competitive teams' names were CAS Tigers, CAS Panthers, TPS Rangatahi, TPS Warriors, TPS Taniwha, TPS Chiefs, CTS Bulldogs and Motupipi Dominators.

Then just for fun teams were TPS Toa, Motupipi Rippers, CAS Lions and CTS Makos.

The finals were TPS Warriors and TPS Taniwha.

There were sausages, juices and backing for sale.

At the end of the day we had prize giving, where we celebrated players from each team who had good fair play and good skills.

From CAS it was Roman, Ellah and Austen. The winner of the tournament gets to travel over to Nelson to compete against lots of different teams from the Tasman area.

It was super fun all together with the other schools. I hope you had fun reading this story about Rippa Rugby.

By Amelia Curnow (Year 5) and Charlotte Richards (Year 6)

CAS (Collingwood Area School) TPS (Tākaka Primary School) CTS (Central Tākaka School)



## Library

For all of you that like to know “stuff” - remember the Quiz night is fast approaching - Don't we all like to discover what life was like “in the past”. Children are intrigued to find out what life was like for our ancestors.



**Come and see our display of books about Ancient History.**

***Ancient Civilizations - Humans have a long and mysterious history.***

Many different types of people have worked together to figure out the mysteries of our past. Archeologists study early human history and ancient history by discovering artifacts that give us clues about our past.

Students, teachers, and citizens around the world study all the published work of archeologists, historians, and scientists to develop the current theories we have today. Millions of people of all ages have explored the past and tried to make new connections to understand our history. All of this work has put together a more clear idea of our past, but there are still many mysteries left to solve! Usually, the farther we go back in history the more mysterious the story. Humans lived for hundreds of thousands of years before civilisation.

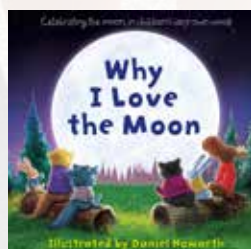
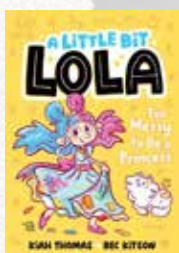
A civilisation is an advanced society with agriculture, division of labour, multiple cities, organised religion, science/technology, some form of government, and a written language.

Studying ancient history helps children build critical thinking skills, understand global cultures, and connect the dots between past human experiences and modern society. So, come, look at our books.

Keep your brain healthy and fit by reading every day.  
From the Librarians

Diane & Donna

**Here are some of our new books this week.**



# Introducing SchoolBridge!

We're excited to introduce SchoolBridge, a one-stop online platform that simplifies your connection to Collingwood Area School.

SchoolBridge is built for ease of use, providing a customised experience where caregivers, students, and teachers see the features and information relevant to each user.

Please delete the SkoolLoop App.



## Introducing SchoolBridge

SchoolBridge is the central sign-in point for our school, providing easy access for Students, Parents/Caregivers, and Staff.

### Features

#### At Launch:

- **Absence reporting**
- **Alert messages**
- **School Calendar**
- **Easy access to the school.kiwi portal**
  - **Attendance**
  - **Student/caregiver details**
  - **Financial information, etc.**
- **Student rewards system**

#### Coming Soon:

- **Course selection, pathways and careers**
- **Electronic permission slips and payments**
- **Parent/Teacher Conference booking**
- **Student voting, surveys...and more!**

SchoolBridge can be used from any web browser and is also available as an app for mobile devices.

### How to Sign In

#### Web Browser

- Go to [collingwood.bridge.school.nz](http://collingwood.bridge.school.nz) and click the **SIGN IN** button
- Click on your account type: Parent/Caregiver, Student, or Staff
- Students and staff can sign in using their **Google school accounts**
- Parents & Caregivers can sign in using the **email address you have registered with the school**
- Caregivers can sign in easily if their email address is registered with one of the following services:
  - **Apple** (icloud.com, mac.com, me.com)
  - **Google** (gmail.com or other Google account)
  - **Yahoo** (yahoo.com, ymail.com)
  - **FaceBook**
  - **Microsoft** (outlook.com, hotmail.com, live.com, msn.com)
  - **Zoho** (zoho.com, zohomail.com)
- If your email address is not registered with one of the above services, you can use the **Magic Link** sign-in option to receive an email that contains a link allowing you access.

 [HOW TO SIGN IN](#)

#### SchoolBridge Mobile App

Download now from the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store**. Search for "SchoolBridge" or click the links below:



You will see the similarities between the Web Portal and the SchoolBridge App. This is done for ease of use and to make communication links between home and school even stronger.

Students, caregivers, and teachers can use the app, with each group seeing a different set of features relevant to them.

Don't forget to enable your notifications!

 [HOW TO USE THE APP](#)

# Calendar

26th - 28th May  
Thursday 28th May  
Friday 29th 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

CAA's  
Quiz Night  
Tākaka Library Quiz  
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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Are you interested in politics?

Do you enjoy teamwork?

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COLLINGWOOD AREA  
SCHOOL PRESENTS...

# QUIZ NIGHT

A Senior Camp Fundraiser



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Register by scanning the code or email:  
[mike.wilson@collingwood.school.nz](mailto:mike.wilson@collingwood.school.nz)

**FOOD & DRINK FOR SALE**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**

