



## Pānui - Wednesday 17th June 2026

### FRIDAY

June 19th. Teacher Only Day. School will be closed for instruction.

**Year 1 - 13 Reports**  
Will be published in Week 11.

### Parent Teacher Interviews:

Will be during Week Two, Term Three and will be bookable on SchoolBridge this week

### LipSync

Will feature in the next Flyer.



Kia ora e te whānau,

As Term Two races towards its conclusion, there's been no shortage of opportunities for our students and staff to challenge themselves, celebrate success and continue learning. Last week, I attended the Ministry of Education Curriculum and Assessment Roadshow. These sessions provide school leaders with an opportunity to hear directly about upcoming changes to the secondary curriculum and NCEA, and to connect with colleagues from across New Zealand as we collectively work through the implications of these reforms. While it was useful to receive an overview of the direction of travel, many schools are still seeking greater detail and clarity around how some of the proposed changes will be implemented in practice.

In the same week, we also hosted an NZQA representative for our Managing National Assessment (MNA) Review, led by Matua Lloyd. These reviews ensure that our assessment practices and processes are consistent with national requirements and provide confidence that students across New Zealand are being assessed fairly and accurately. Pleasingly, the review went very well, and we do not expect another review for three years. The written report will be received by the Board within the next six weeks. Thank you to Matua Lloyd for his leadership of the process and to the wider team for their contribution. The review involved both staff and student interviews and highlighted the strong systems and collaborative culture within our school.

Sport continues to provide opportunities for students of all ages. Highlights include: Our Primary Cross Country. It was fantastic to see so many students challenging themselves and showing great sportsmanship. We also wish our competitors all the very best for the Interschools Cross Country, which we are proud to be hosting this Thursday. Looking ahead, our Secondary Cross Country will take place from lunchtime onwards on Thursday, 25 June.

Our NCEA Outdoor Education class have once again demonstrated resilience and determination on the Old Ghost Road. This iconic 85km trail through the Buller backcountry is renowned for its spectacular scenery and challenging terrain. Experiences such as these provide far more than physical challenge; they develop teamwork, perseverance, problem-solving and confidence, and it has been wonderful to follow the adventure and see the incredible scenery shared along the way. We hope you've enjoyed the stunning photos on our school Facebook page!

Our Year 9 and 10 students recently tackled the New World Stoke TSS Obstacle Race alongside many schools in the Nelson Tasman region. By all accounts, it was a fantastic day filled with mud, teamwork, determination and plenty of fun. Events like these provide students with opportunities to step outside their comfort zones and demonstrate the resilience and problem-solving skills that are so important in both sport and life. Coby Heuvel was confirmed as the first individual participant over the line, and one of our girls' teams was the first female team home. Haere tonu!

Recently, Whaea Rosie, Matua Lloyd and students Alazay Poole, Yanna Moeltgen and

Violet Haare attended the opening of Te Heke Whakangā. This exhibition shares the story of Ngāti Rārua through the voices of the iwi themselves, tracing their journey, whakapapa and experiences from their early settlement through to the present day. It highlights both the significant challenges Ngāti Rārua faced and the resilience and strength that have enabled the iwi to thrive. Opportunities such as this help deepen understanding of the rich history of Te Taihu and strengthen connections with the stories and people of this place we are fortunate to call home. We're looking forward to organising visits for many more students, as these pūrakau are an important part of our shared cultural narrative.

At the time of writing, we are putting the finishing touches on this year's Variety Show. Events like these do not simply happen by chance. They rely on staff who consistently go above and beyond their role expectations to provide memorable experiences for our students and community. I would also like to acknowledge our senior students, many of whom have created and rehearsed their own item entirely in their own time while balancing the demands of NCEA. I understand there have even been video rehearsals while away on the tramp to ensure performances are ready! By the time this newsletter reaches you, the show will just have happened, so I'll save my reflections for the next edition. In the meantime, please take the opportunity to thank a teacher, administrator, helper or organiser for the countless hours that go into making this event possible.

A reminder that Friday, 19 June, is a Staff Only Day. Throughout the day, our staff will be engaged in a range of professional learning opportunities, including Learning Assistant training, mathematics professional learning aligned with the new curriculum, and Positive Behaviour for Learning – School-Wide (PB4L-SW). Some of this learning will take place collaboratively with our neighbouring schools across the Bay, while other sessions will be held here at school. Investing in staff learning ultimately benefits all students and helps ensure we continue to provide high-quality teaching and support.

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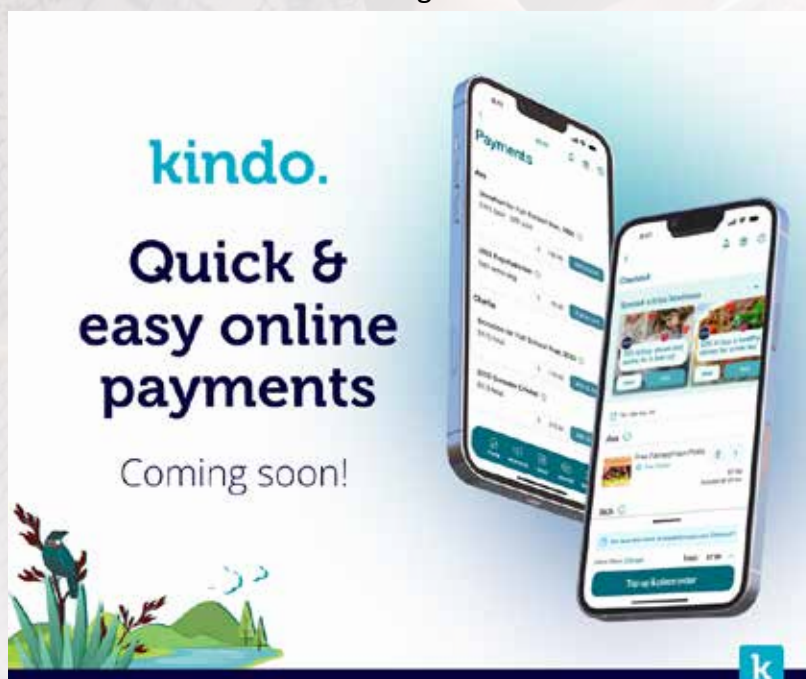
Kate Staniford  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Coming Soon: Kindo is on the way!

We are excited to share that we will soon be integrating Kindo into our school systems!

Kindo is a quick and easy online payment platform designed to simplify school life. Soon, you'll be able to pay for school trips, fundraising sausage sizzles, and sports (to name a few) all in one place, right from your phone or computer.

Keep an eye out for more details over the coming weeks!

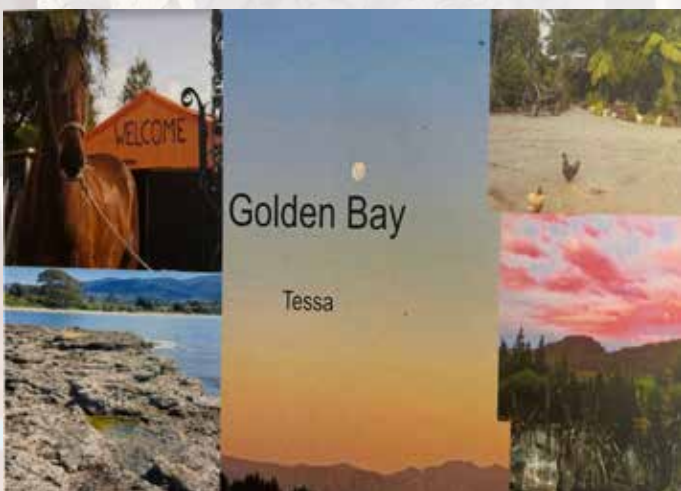
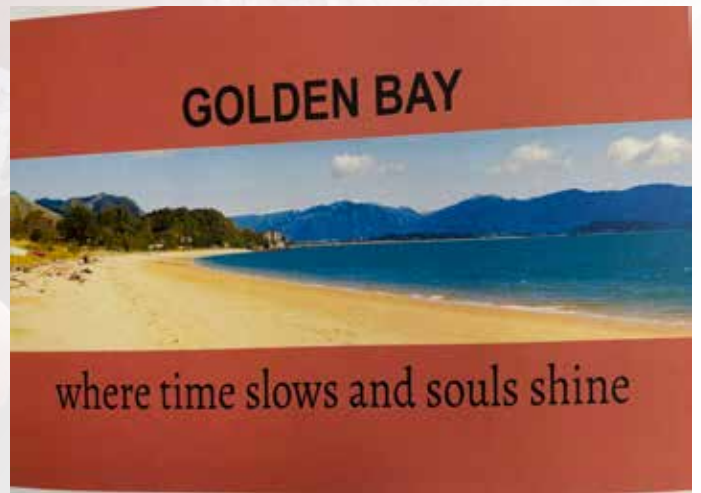


## Our Place - Mohua, Golden Bay

If you are at school, please come into the Admin Block and take a look at the incredible work on display by our Year 9 Social Studies students! A project in which each student took a long, careful look at their corner of the world: Mohua, Golden Bay.

They mapped its natural and cultural features, built timelines tracing the story of this place from the first Māori settlement to the present day, interviewed local people, explored the work that keeps the bay running, and created two-day itineraries for visitors arriving with no prior knowledge of the region.

Through collages, drawings, reflections, formal writing, and other creative forms, the students found different ways to explore and express what Mohua means to the people who call it home.



## Primary Year 1 -6 Cross Country 2026

Winter is Cross Country season at CAS, and the last few weeks have been busy with practicing and running our CAS and Interschools' events.

The Year 1-6 races were held on Tuesday 9th June, under perfect conditions with a sunny, calm and warm early-winter morning. The amazing weather certainly helped the day run smoothly and kept the mood really positive amongst the runners and supporters.

Prior to the event, Craig had carefully tended to the tracks, doing a fantastic job of tidying the course through the forest at the back of the school and setting up starting and finishing areas.

In the weeks before the event, students built their fitness as they familiarised themselves with the tracks. The fortnight prior to the event brought two bouts of very heavy rain, which made the tracks extra muddy for our runners. Another highlight was the addition of some obstacles - fallen trees and fences to climb made the event even more of a challenge.

On the day, all of the primary staff chipped in with course supervision, starting and finishing and recording, to guarantee a smooth and safe event. Many thanks once again to Mark and Wendy Strange for allowing runners to use their farm track - for many years now this farm track has been a highlight for our Year 5 and 6 runners.

Many thanks to the large group of parents who came to support their tamariki, cheering them on as they started and finished their races.

Extra thanks to the large group of Y7-8 students who showed great kaitiakitanga by guiding the runners around the different tracks.

Jonny Hanlon

Clockwise from Top left:

Opal and Pax, Luka, Kaia, Malachi, Isabella and Willow, Miro



## Results

- 5 Year Olds:** 1st: Opal Leetch and Luka de Vos  
2nd: Josie Bond and Reed Blackadder-Jones  
3rd: Riley Blackadder-Jones and Max Win
- 6 Year Olds:** 1st: Kaia Angus-Jelf and Miro Fossati  
2nd: Ruby Paton and Blake Miller  
3rd: Skyla Strange and Billy Kelly
- 7 Year Olds:** 1st: Isabella Curnow and Malachi Roberts  
2nd: Willow Terry-Moir and Charlie Foe  
3rd: Anthea Win and Zander Keogh
- 8 Year Olds:** 1st: Olivia Hoskin and Tawera Hamlin  
2nd: Parker-Lee Wilson  
3rd: Shellbie Glass
- 9 Year Olds:** 1st: Leilani Roberts and Roman Paton  
2nd: Piper Roberts and Hudson Riley  
3rd: Payton Terry-Moir and Alfie Heuvel
- 10 and 11 Year Olds:** 1st: Mazzy Evans and Joel Reay  
2nd: Layla Jones and Michael Riley  
3rd: Lily-Rose Edwards and Jimmy Howell Wilson

Clockwise from Top left:  
Olivia, Tawera, Leilani, Joel, Mazzy, Roman



## The Old Ghost Road

Last week Pete, Pip, Ashley, Leroy, Otis, Maryanne, Aonghus and I went to Lyell to walk The Old Ghost Road for an OED (Outdoor Education) trip.

Day one started off with us leaving at 6:40 am all packed ready to head to Lyell. When we got there it started raining as we started walking which wasn't a bad thing but my pack got soaked. For most of the day it was an easy uphill with a couple of steep bits and overall it was a great day, with us walking 18km.

Day two was more easy uphill and we had great weather for the rest of the week.

Throughout the 13 km we walked we had plenty of stops, breaks and view points to

look at all thanks to Otis! At that point were we out from the bush and into the alpine where it was pretty cold and windy with no clouds and plenty of sunlight. When we got to the hut we sat and enjoyed the lovely views Ghost Lake Hut provided, later that night we played lots of games including Mafia which was pretty intense.

Day three we watched the sunrise while Murchison was in some heavy fog. We walked from Ghost Lake Hut to Stern Valley which was an easy 13 km most of it being downhill as we were walking from the alpine back into the damp cold bush. Throughout the day we walked over some swing bridges which were horrifying but very cool. When we got there, we did the same thing as yesterday.

Day four was by far the longest day walking 28 km. From Stern Valley to Specimen Point. Throughout the day we played lots of games while walking to keep our minds busy and not get bored, sore or tired. At one point we saw a helicopter drop off a hut to some workers which was pretty cool to see. We walked over more swing bridges and walked by the river for most of the day ending our walk at 4:00pm. When we got to the hut it was filled with some very tired people and we were ready for the early start so that we could get home in time for volleyball!

Day five, our final day started off very early with a 6:00 am start for a 18km walk to Seddonville. It was a hard day as we all had tired bodies and not to mention it was really really cold as well. Nearing the end of our walk we saw a blue mushroom and Pete was ecstatic, as we found out during the trip that he loved mushrooms so we found him a purple and blue one on the last 2 days.

Overall, walking the Old Ghost Road was amazing and way easier than I thought it would be!

Ngā mihi

Syriah - Tangaroa Whānau Captain



## TSS Obstacle Course

On the 12th of June a group of Year 9 and 10 Collingwood Area School students took a trip over the hill and headed off into a challenging and inviting adventure. In the lower Moutere they took part in an obstacle course and also took home some awards.

The competing groups included two teams from Nelson Boys College, an individual girl from Waimea Girls College named Elana, Collingwood's very own Coby, Anku and Leroy who competed as individuals and finally the Year Nine girls who split up and competed as three groups; Tessa and Clara, Annabelle, Tegan and Ava and Charlotte, Ash, Bree and Oakley.

Overall, the day was perfect and most of the challenges were based around balance, climbing, strength and teamwork. Some of my personal favorites were the inverted walls/Spartan and the Mud Pit/Dead Pool.

The track included challenges that would remind you of American Ninja Warrior and made us participants feel like pure titans.

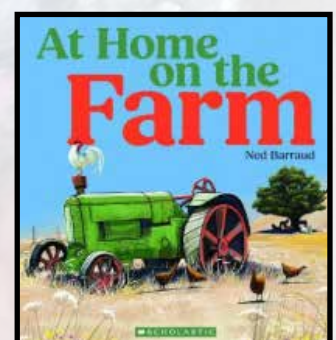
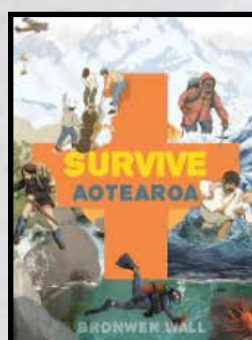
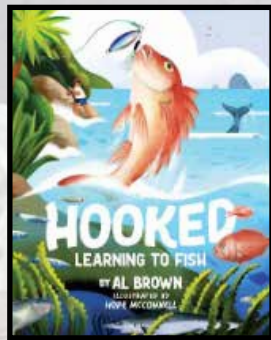
Coby was awarded as the fastest male individual, Elana was awarded as the fastest female individual and one of the teams from Nelson Boys College was awarded as the fastest team.

Plenty of photos are available on the Wairua Warriors Facebook Page. And it is an experience I would highly recommend.

By Clara



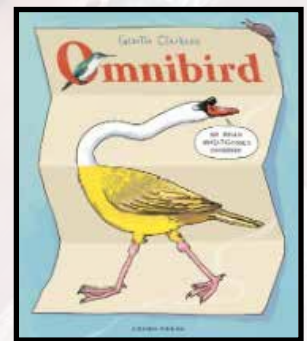
## Library News



### The Best Books for Young Readers Finalists are out for 2026.

Get ready to dive into some amazing new stories created by talented New Zealand authors and illustrators. These incredible books are guaranteed to spark your imagination and expand your knowledge. We have these books in your library now for your reading pleasure. More are on their way to you this week, so come into the library to track them down.

Winter weather is coming and turning us all towards more indoor activities. Please come in and stock up on some great reading. We have a huge selection of new and wonderful non-fiction books for all ages on a range of interesting topics. Our students have a high interest in a variety of many topics that captivate their curious minds. But as there are often more complex and detailed to read, this is a great time for you parents to get involved in reading to your children. Please encourage them to bring home books that you can help them read and get the most out of. You are all welcome to come into the library at any time to browse the collection and choose books for your family's reading pleasure.



Keep warm and cozy and hopefully hunkered down for a perfect book reading season.

Happy Reading Donna & Diane

## Parent Teacher Interviews

This year, we are holding our Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Wednesday, 29th and Thursday, 30th July**. You can book your appointment times from **tomorrow**, directly in SchoolBridge; click on the **Conferences** tab on your dashboard or app:



For students in **Years 1-8**, conference appointments are available with their homeroom teacher and any other teachers they work with.

For students in **Years 9-13**, conferences are scheduled with their Dean:

Year 9: Sam Gaddes & Emily Johnstone

Year 10: Pete Taylor

Year 11: Mike Wilson

Year 12/13: Lloyd McPherson & Miriam Curnow

To ensure a comprehensive discussion about your student's progress, other relevant staff members may also join the meeting, even if your booking was made under a single name.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming conferences. This is a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the achievements and ongoing progress of your tamariki and rangatahi.

# Inter School Primary Cross Country

## Golden Bay Inter-Primary Cross Country 2026 Thursday 18th June @ Collingwood Area School

Race times are approximate. Races will not start before posted times.  
It is the competitor's responsibility to be at the start line on time.

### Order of Races:

10.20am Briefing - Marshalls to farm track points

10.30am - Senior PE Students to lead warm-up

10.40am

9 Year-Old Girls  
9 Year-Old Boys

Farm track  
Farm track

11.00am

10-11 Year-Old Girls  
10-11 Year-Old Boys

Farm track  
Farm track

Break to organise marshalls to subdivision track

11.45pm

7 Year-Old Girls  
7 Year-Old Boys

Subdivision Track  
Subdivision Track

12.00pm

8 Year-Old Girls  
8 Year-Old Boys

Subdivision Track  
Subdivision Track

Break to reorganise marshalls to school track

12.15pm

5 Year-Old Girls  
5 Year-Old Boys

School Track  
School Track

12.20pm

6 Year-Old Girls  
6 Year-Old Boys

School Track  
School Track

Course checked and all runners back before 12.30 pm

Sausage sizzle and other refreshments for sale all morning.

Prizegiving @ 12.45pm

## Calendar

Thursday 18th June

Friday 19th June

Monday 22nd June

Thursday 25th June

Mon 29th Jun - Thurs 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

Wednesday 1st July

Term Three

Term Four

IS Cross Country & Sausage Sizzle

Teacher Only Day

NZ Playhouse

Secondary Cross Country

Nationals Whangārei

Constable Hamish

End Term Two

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

**Tickets available in the Office**

**Babysitting Raffle**

**Cas fundrasier for senior camp**

**Dates to be negotiated**

**\$5 per raffle ticket**  
**Must be located within 20 km of Collingwood, we'll come to you!**

**Win a great night of babysitting by responsible senior students**



MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME  
STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration

6-9 July 2026-Garin College

Register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/july-holiday-programme-garin>

Programmes in Art and Engineering OR Cooking and Science!

Programmes are geared towards 8-13 year olds who are interested in hands-on learning.

In cooking learn how to make scones and butter, spaghetti bolognese, sushi, cookies, cakes, and more.

In Art and Engineering learn how to make simple robots, code ozobots/Edisons, design and build sculptures, and more!

Each day is different!

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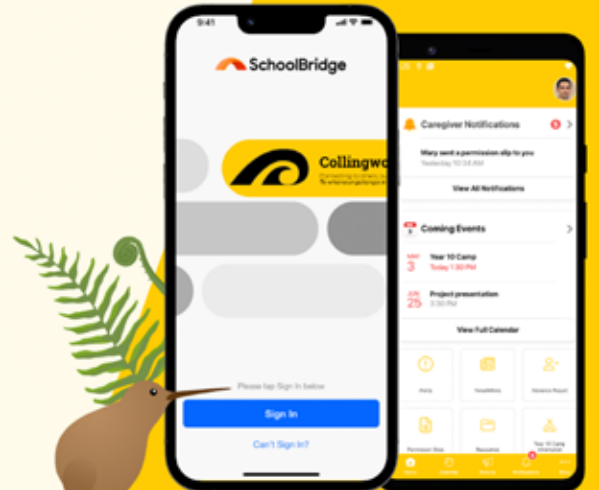


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