

### This Term's Focus: Personal Excellence

August 27 2020 Term 3 Issue 07 Kia Ora te Whānau,

#### 2020 Year Book

\$15 per Year Book. Please get your orders in to school by the end of Term Three. Note that as the NCEA exams have been pushed back ten days due to Covid. The publication date for the 2020 Year Book is likely to be in January 2021.

#### **Billets Needed**

We still need two home placements for billets for one boy and one girl from Murchison. Please let us know asap if you can help.

#### **Daffodil Day**

Tomorrow, Friday 28 August. Stickers, tattoos and daffodils are in the Office for a donation.

### Aorere Flower Show

This event has been cancelled due to the Covid Level Two restrictions. Thanks to all those students who were keen to be involved. We hope you are all keeping as dry as you can with this early spring weather. It seems that I get daily stories from students and staff regards lambing and calving updates! I am always impressed as to how much our students contribute to this rural life, sometimes early morning before coming to school. The work ethic embedded in our students would be the envy of some.

Postponing the Cross Country for second time is frustrating but hopefully we can find a date in next two weeks that suits and will let you know.

As always life continues at a hectic pace at CAS with so much happening on a daily basis:

1. Grace, Nora and Bianca have produced their Radio Show from our Collingwood School Studio which is now operational and thanks to some challenging Technological issues resolved by Jonny! You can hear their show played on Fresh FM on Wednesdays 4 - 5pm and again Sundays 3 - 4 am.

2. A group of seniors were involved in a chainsaw course last week and had a most enjoyable two days learning about safe operation in a practical setting.

3. The Primary School Speech event was held and I was amazed at the confidence, variety of subjects and preparation of the final group that presented. As there is no inter school event this year we did not judge students to go through.

4. Sixteen students provided feedback and ideas to the Design Team process. The Board are providing an update around this work later in this Newsletter.

The next three weeks will involve a number of events and activities.

School Exams commence later this week for Senior Students and this will also involve Year 9 - 10. It is good preparation for Year 9 - 10 to be involved in mock exams in terms of future NCEA requirements. Tennis Coaching continues for the Primary School and a group of Seniors are attending a Careers Day at NMIT.

Ka kite ano Hugh

# **Speech Presentations**



On Tuesday 25 August these brave students presented their speeches in the Hall to a large audience of Year 3-8 students. Two - three students from each class had been chosen to share their speeches. We were very impressed with their confidence and ability to use their cue cards. Some really shone showing that they were able to use eye contact, portray their voices and engage the audience. Well done to them all!

### Drama



A couple of weeks ago two Collingwood Area School Drama students got to learn off a master craftsman. The incredibly multi talented Michael Hurst invited Devon and Holly to be part of his world, setting up and then preparing to go on stage in "The Daylight Athiest" at the Playhouse. His inspirational tutorial and wealth of experience was absorbed by our lucky students. A true genius at work, thank you Mr Hurst for allowing us into your world on one special night!

Naku Noa

Monica

# Te Kōrari Speeches

### Why boys are so silly.

Hi my name is Tegan and soon we will know three facts why boys are so silly. We will find out about how they get so muddy, and why they fight and play boring video games.

Firstly: Boys get very muddy and if you try to give them a bath they will cry and scream like a girl would if they got muddy. If you've lost your little brother he will probably be in the mud getting dirty and when you get home your mum would ask you

'how did your brother get so muddy?' and you will

probably say this: 'He ran away from me and when I found him he was in the mud, and your mum would say, 'your little brother needs a bath' and you would have to do it and you would have to put up with him crying because boys all hate getting clean.

Secondly: Boys like boring things like pokemon, bakugan, minecraft and xboxes, which girls find very boring .

Thirdly: Boys are always fighting over silly things and us girls are not impressed at all.

So, here we have three reasons why boys are so silly. If you're a boy, take my advice and stop fighting, get that mud cleaned up, and stop playing on your xbox

Tegan

### Why boys are cool.

My name is Louis, and obviously, I'm a boy. It's pretty cool being a boy. Together, we are going to find out a few of the reasons why being a boy is cool. Well find out about video games and Pokemon and a few other things that boys love.

My first reason is that boys are great at finding the video games that they like. One of my favourites is Elemental dungeon, which is a sorcery game where your character is a wizard who has to defeat bosses in various dungeons.

Another game that is popular with boys is Minecraft. In Minecraft you build your own world out of blocks and you have to defeat mobs of hostile creatures. Games like these make boys feel brave and adventurous.

But we don't spend all of our time playing video games. There are lots of other cool things that boys like, such as Pokemon, which is a card game where you collect creatures and battle your opponent's creatures.

There are hundreds of other things we could talk about that boys love, like playing with fire, making a mess, and breaking expensive things, but we will save that for another time. You have learnt about why I think it's pretty fun being a boy.

Louis August 2020

## Gymnastics with Sofie and Maddy

As part of an integrated topic on Global Issues with the focus on creating an action plan - these Year 8 students from Te Rerenga identified through research that people in the past were more fit than people nowadays. They created an action plan that involved running a gymnastic circuit for the junior students in the hall at lunchtimes. The next circuit is this Friday for the students in Te Rito.

Ngā mihi nui nā, Mieke Smits



# **Outdoor Education**

The warm weather meant that there has been little snow cover recently but this did not deter the senior Outdoor Education team who took to the sand dunes on Green Hills Beach to practice self-arrest with an ice axe.

On the way back they recovered a fence post that had been washed up and which now adorns the common room, only they know why.

Simon





### **Library News**

Well, the NZ Book awards have been announced and the overall winner is MOPHEAD. We have this book in the library and it's a great book combining aspects of Graphic novel, picture book, autobiography with wit and humour. We also have most of the other winners as well.

The Takaka children's library is holding their breakfast quiz on Thursday 3 September and we have chosen two teams of mainly Year Five & Six to attend. Those in the teams need to have a good general knowledge of popular books and have read some of the three set books. The set books are : - Lizard's tale, a book about children and espionage set in 1940 Singapore, Tohora, a nonfiction book about the Southern right whale and Prince of Ponies by Stacey Gregg, a book set in the forests between Berlin and Poland in 1939.

Recent research into the impact of the school library on higher student performance highlights our role in:

- improved reading test scores
- higher academic achievement, and
- positive attitudes towards learning.

Please make reading together at home a priority. Show your children that reading is important and explain why they will need a knowledge of language and the benefits of reading when they are adults. Reading also enables your child to have empathy with other cultures and types of people they may rarely meet. Empathy is one vital skill that an effective leader needs.

'until they can read, they can't join in with the class activities'

We have expanded our board games , jigsaw puzzles and card games into the rooms that previously held desktop computers. It's a fantastic space already set up and ready to use for social interaction.



We welcome any parents who want to come in and see our Library and help choose books for their children.



*"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free" Frederick Douglass (look him up)* Happy Reading - Diane & Donna



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# Rippa Rugby

















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## **Parents Maths Evening**

# Who wants free pizza?! (As part of a really cool fractions problem...)

Collingwood Area School Primary Syndicate would like to invite you to a parents' workshop to find out more about teaching and learning in maths. This workshop is aimed at parents of Year 1-8 students. Over around 90 minutes we will look at the following aspects of maths learning:

- What is number sense, why is it important, and how do we acquire it?
- What activities help children build number sense?
- What are 'low floor / high ceiling' tasks?
- What should my child be learning at each level of primary school?
- How to encourage our children to be mathematical thinkers.

As well as discussion on these topics, you are invited to participate in a few maths activities that build these skills, so you can see for yourself how differently maths is taught since when you were at school. We guarantee that you will be inspired, have a whole lot of fun and a few laughs.

# **Parents' maths evening**

# Thursday 10th September, 6.00 - 7.30pm, CAS Library.

Please RSVP to the office for catering purposes.

More details from: Jonny Hanlon - Primary Maths Curriculum Leader



### Dates for 2020

03 September **08** September **11 September** 14 - 15 September **16 September** 22 September **25 September** 05 - 15 October 12 October 26 October 27 October 03 November 05 November 16 November 20 November 03 December 08 December

Library Quiz Whole School Cross Country IS Cross Country @ Motupipi Murchison Mini Visit @ CAS EPro8 Attitude **End Term Three** Mobile Dental Bus Start Term Four Labour Day Show Day Year 8 Vaccinations Bad Jelly! **NCEA Start** IS Athletics @ TPS Senior Prizegiving and Formal **End Term Four** 

## **Happy Birthday!**

23 August: Jesse G and Amelia 25 August: Leroy 30 August: Jesse S 01 September: Summer and Zack 03 September: Reuben 04 September: Tegan 05 September: Leo 06 September: Leo 08 September: Liam 12 September: Claire and Lynette-Ryita 14 September: Isla J 16 September: Isla J 18 September: Jaimie 20 September: Sophia 22 September: Jorja

# Onetahua Waka Ama Club

Onetahua Waka Ama Club are hosting clubs from across the Top of the South Island on Saturday 19 September. Racing in the idyllic surroundings of Parapara. Due to extra high tides we will race along the front beach and into Parapara estuary. Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere of waka racing. The new waka that so many donated to and worked hard to buy will be situated at Aorere Future Trust. The name of our new waka is called Ata Hapara (breath of dawn).





Tues 6th 9:30 - 12:00 Badminton & Pickleball Tues 6th 12:30 - 3:00 Laser Tag

Weds 7th 9:30 - 12:00 Badminton & Pickleball Weds 7th 12:30 - 3:00 Escape Room Challenge



Thurs 8th 9:30 - 12:00 Clay Creations Thurs 8th 12:30 - 3:00 Balloon Sports and Boardgames



Friday 9th 9:30 - 12:00 Paint your own T-Shirt Friday 9th 12:30 - 3:00 Design your own Pot plant and Plate

Register online at www.recparkcentre.co.nz or email Abbie at recreation@recparkcentre.co.nz There is the option of Stay and Pay over lunch