



## Pānui

### Friday 14th February 2025

- **Primary Hui** - today at 1.50pm in the Primary Shared space, run by Ōpou

Kia ora koutou e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura Aorere.

It has been a fantastic and positive start to the year, and it's great to have our students back, settled, and ready to learn. There is already plenty planned for the term ahead, with both our Primary and Secondary Swimming Sports taking place next week, followed by Whole School Athletics later in the term. Senior students can also look forward to Camp in Week 7, and TOSI at South Westland Area School at the end of the term.

- **Sausage Sizzle** - Wednesday 19th during Primary Swimming Sports, \$2.50 each

We are incredibly proud of our NCEA students and their achievements in 2024. Their dedication and hard work have led to some fantastic results, reflecting their commitment to learning and perseverance. A huge thank you also to our teachers and whānau for the support and guidance they have provided along the way. Ka pai tō mahi!

- **Sun Smart** - please send students to school with a sun hat and water bottle each day

This year there will be a strong focus on the new Curriculum Refresh and continuing to support student learning and success. Attendance will also be a key focus, as being at school every day gives students the best opportunities to grow, connect, and achieve their goals. We appreciate the support of whānau in ensuring students are at school and engaged in their learning. More details on these initiatives will be shared in future newsletters.

- **Start of year forms** - please return to school on Monday

Lastly, a real highlight for me so far has been the successful implementation of whole-school reading after lunch. It's truly wonderful to walk into Onetahua and experience complete silence as students and staff from Years 1–13 are fully engaged in their reading.



We are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui nā,

Melissa Dixon

Acting Principal



Mihi Whakatau  
Tuesday 4th Feb



## Student Leaders Kōrero



My name is Maia Bain, and I'm a Year Thirteen student who has been at this school since Year One. This year I am part of the Student Leader Team as Deputy Head Student. What I enjoy most about our school are the opportunities provided, such as school trips, sports events, and other amazing experiences.

My goals for my final year are to pass, earn my University Entrance credits, and make the most of the year by taking up as many opportunities as possible.

A fun fact about me is that I've been bungee jumping, and I'm hoping to go skydiving this year.

My advice for younger students is to take every opportunity and step out of your comfort zone—even if it seems scary—because you might end up loving it.

## SWIMMING POOL

### Concerns Regarding After-Hours Use of the School Pool

We have recently received a number of reports from concerned community members about inappropriate behavior at the school pool after hours. Incidents have included the use of poor language, dangerous behaviour such as jumping from the roof, and a lack of consideration for other pool users, particularly those swimming lengths. There has also been vandalism, with cones being thrown into the pool and hooks being broken.

A significant concern is the number of students under 16 using the pool unsupervised. We would like to remind key holders of the agreements they have signed and the responsibility that comes with having access to this space. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a fantastic asset available for community use, and it is important that we all play our part in looking after it.

Craig, our caretaker, works hard every day to maintain the pool, ensuring it remains clean, safe, and operational for everyone. We ask that all users respect his efforts and uphold our school values of manaakitanga (care and respect) and kaitiakitanga (guardianship) when using this space. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pool a safe and enjoyable place for all,

Ngā mihi

Melissa Dixon  
Acting Principal

## Library News

2025 has finally arrived, I know we have all been waiting for it. It will be a momentous year.

The year that things will happen to you. Already we have got off to a brilliant start. For 20 minutes after lunch there is time allocated for SILENT READING of a book of your own choosing.

The importance of reading for pleasure connects to a range of better social and educational outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi, young children and teenagers, both as individuals and as members of the wider community. These include better academic performance and positive wellbeing, and more positive connections to the rest of society.



Like any muscle that needs using to grow stronger, your brain also needs to read to grow.

The left side of the brain is associated with language processing, speech, and reading. Each lobe has a unique role in reading words and they interact to link printed words with letter sounds and meaning

So, please support your children by showing them that reading and learning is important, it makes a difference to their whole life and how well they reach their full potential.

The library welcomes the new pupils to the school and hopes that you all visit the library and look at our displays and activities as well as our wide range of reading.

Every Monday we put out NEW books on display that can be reserved by the students and picked up at the end of the week.

The students can borrow from 1 to 5 books at a time depending on their age. They have the books for a period of 3 weeks and have

the chance to renew the books.

We have displays and competitions throughout the year.

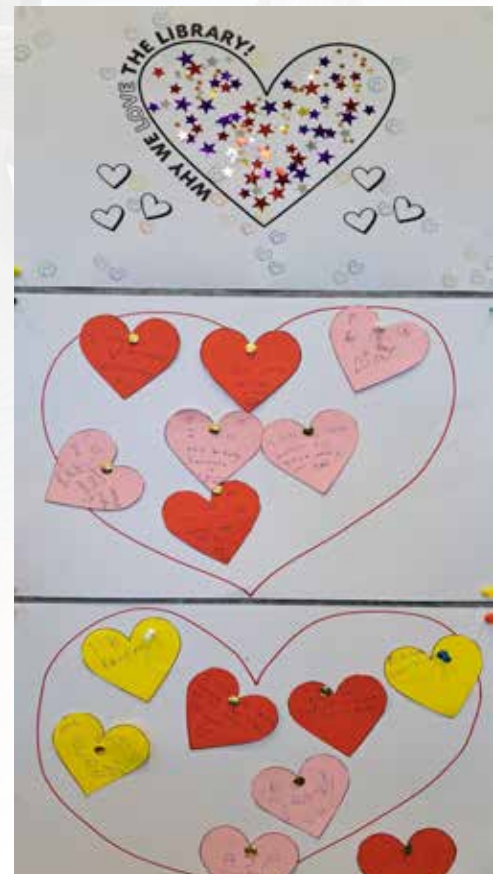
We provide games and puzzles for using at break times.

Every class up to Year 8 has a weekly library class session where the pupils can return and borrow books. Please help your child keep up a good routine with returning and caring for their library books.

We have, for the size of our school, a good range and amount of fiction and nonfiction books. From graphic novels to history books, from first chapter books to young adult novels. If we don't have the books you want we try very hard to get them for you.

Please come and enjoy the Library this year.

*Diane & Donna, the Librarians*



# Whānau Beach Day (Y9-13)



## Contacts

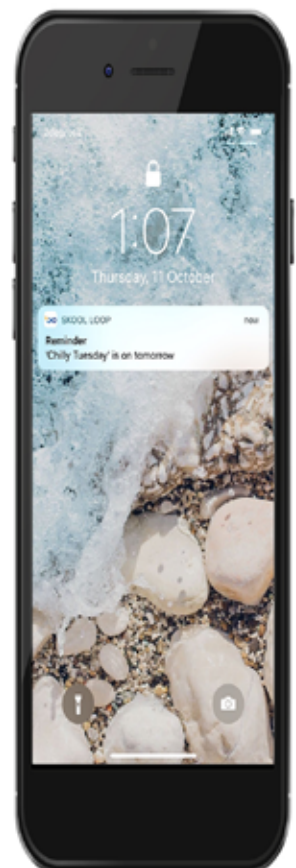
Pūhouhou	New Entrant / Year One	Charlotte Muir	charlotte@collingwood.school.nz
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# Calendar

**4 Feb 2025**  
**Tuesday 18th February**  
**Wednesday 19th February**  
**Thursday 27th February**  
**Tuesday 4th March**  
**Wednesday 5th March**  
**Tuesday 11th March**  
**Wednesday 12th March**  
**Thursday 13th March**  
**Monday 17 - Friday 21st March**  
**Friday 21st March**  
**Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th March**  
**Monday March 31st - Wednesday 2nd April**  
**Wednesday 2nd April - Friday 4th April**  
**Sunday 6th April - Friday 11th April**  
**Friday 11th April**  
**28 April - 27 June**  
**14 July - 19 September**  
**6 Oct - 11 December**

**Start Term One**  
**Secondary Swimming Sports (Y7-13)**  
**Primary Swimming Sports (Y1-6)**  
**Constable Hamish - Bus Safety**  
**Youth Habitat Visit**  
**Eat Right - Be Bright**  
**CAS Athletics**  
**Otago Uni Visit at GBHS**  
**RYDA**  
**Year 9 - 13 Camp**  
**Ugly Shakespeare - The Tempest**  
**Outdoor Ed - Surfing**  
**Ōpou Tōtaranui Camp**  
**Wharariki Tōtaranui Camp**  
**TOSI tournament at South Westland Area School**  
**End Term One**  
**Term Two**  
**Term Three**  
**Term Four**

# 2024 Yearbooks for sale

We have a limited number of 2024 CAS Yearbooks for sale, \$30 each, in the Office. Call in ASAP to secure yours :)





## The NBS Tinbum Triathlon

Sunday 2 March 2025





Sea Swim (300m) - Bike (6.5km) - Run (5km)  
Individual and team entries

Starts at midday from the

### Pohara Top 10 Holiday Park

Prizes include **GOLD** for the fastest Golden Bay boys and girls in three age categories!!

For details and to register your interest go to:

 [goldenbaytinbum.blogspot.com](http://goldenbaytinbum.blogspot.com)  
 [facebook.com/tinbumtriathlon](https://www.facebook.com/tinbumtriathlon)



**NBS** Community  
Nga Whānau o Te Taiao

\*Gold prizes can only be won by children who have lived in Golden Bay permanently for the last three or more years.

### Basketball Sessions - Primary & High School Students

Tākaka Rec Park Mondays (from Feb 17th)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Year 5 - 7

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Year 8 - 10

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Year 11 - 13

Collingwood Hall Thursdays (from Feb 20th)

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Year 5 - 8

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Year 9 - 13

All levels are welcome!

\$80 for the term

Fundamental skills, small-sided games, lots of fun and development

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/HUEX12yCuTSXYEuZA>

Let me know if you need any further information.

Cheers,  
Stuart McEwen  
0210 236 4622

## Collingwood Area School Health Nurse

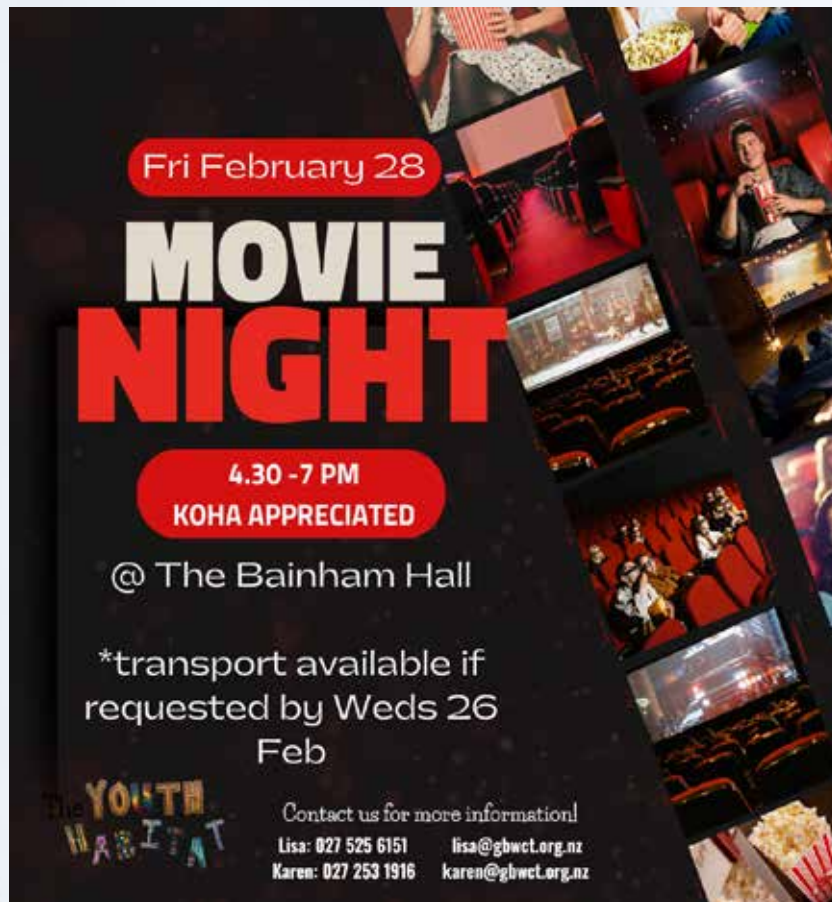
Confidential Free Service



**Caroline Jones our Health Nurse is available on Monday 12.30 - 2.45 pm, for our year Nine to Thirteen students, for confidential, free of charge appointments about any health issue, or to arrange access to doctors and prescriptions**

**Drop in or text Caroline on 027 203 1213 to make an appointment**

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| ★ Vaccination questions             | ★ Muscle sprains and pains         |
| ★ Alcohol and drug support          | ★ Whanau and relationship concerns |
| ★ Contraception                     | ★ Blood tests and referrals        |
| ★ Skin issues, acne and mole checks | ★ STI checks                       |
| ★ Puberty and period questions      | ★ Sexuality and gender questions   |
| ★ Help to stop smoking and vaping   | ★ Diet and weight management       |



Fri February 28

# MOVIE NIGHT

4.30 - 7 PM  
KOHA APPRECIATED

@ The Bainham Hall

\*transport available if requested by Weds 26 Feb

**YOUTH HABITAT**

Contact us for more information!  
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Welcome to our Village

## Aorere Playcentre

Whānau tūpū ngātahi – families growing together

Welcoming families who would like to play, learn and grow alongside their tamariki in a supportive whānau environment

Monday, Thursday & Fridays  
9.30am - 12.30pm

 aorere@playcentre.org.nz

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Behind Collingwood Area School