



## Pānui

### Friday 8th February 2025

- **Primary Hui** - today at 1.50pm in the Primary Shared space. Kia ora koutou e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura Aorere. It is wonderful to see our students well and truly settled into the school year, engaging in their learning and activities with enthusiasm. Training is underway for TOSI, and our senior students had an exciting experience attending Trades Academy for the first time last Friday.
- **TOSI Fundraisers** - Tuesday 4th March during Secondary Swimming Sports and Tuesday 11th March during Athletics, sausages - \$2.50 each. Juicies - \$2 each. Last Thursday, our Primary Swimming Sports was a fantastic day filled with energy, fun, and great competition. It was heartwarming to see so many whānau members cheering on our tamariki—your support makes these events even more special. We now look forward to our Secondary Swimming Sports this coming Tuesday, which promises to be another great day.
- **Sun Smart** - please send students to school with a sun hat and water bottle each day. At last week's assembly, we shared our updated cell phone procedures with students, and a copy can be found later in this newsletter for parents and caregivers to read. I also encourage you to take the time to read the article on attendance below, as regular school attendance is crucial for student success.
- **Wharariki Juicie Sales** - Friday 28th Feb, 21st and 28th March. \$2.50 each. Every time I step out of my office, I'm reminded of how lucky we are to have such amazing children at our kura—happy, smiling, and polite tamariki who make our school a fantastic place to be. Ngā mihi nui to our students, staff, and whānau for creating such a positive environment for learning.

Ngā mihi nui nā,

Melissa Dixon  
Acting Principal

#### Attendance

One of our key focuses in 2025 is student attendance. You'll hear us discussing this with you, our students, and in staff and syndicate meetings throughout the year. We know that attending school every day makes a significant difference in a child's learning and future success.

Did you know that missing just one day of school every two weeks adds up to over a year of lost learning by the time a child turns 16? As a parent or caregiver, you play a vital role, alongside our school, in helping your child build strong habits of regular attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

If your child needs to be absent, for reasons such as a tangi or medical procedure, it's important to inform the school. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us. Let's work together to give your child the best opportunities to succeed.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## Uniform

Its that time again when our school uniform is up for review. We have to give 12 months notice to terminate the contract that we are currently using so we have some work to do within the next four months if that is what we choose to do.

It is extremely important to the board that all school community members have a say, if you have something to say and are interested in putting your views across to be considered, now is the time to do it. We are asking, in the first instance, for expressions of interest to be part of this working group.

Please email [kate.ricketts@collingwood.school.nz](mailto:kate.ricketts@collingwood.school.nz) to register your interest.



## Student Leaders Kōrero



Kia ora, my name is Nathalie Urquhart and I am a Year 13 here at Collingwood area School. This will be my fifth year here at CAS.

I like that the school provides lots of opportunities that some other schools can't provide, such as TOSI, Mini TOSI and trips.

My goal as a Student Leader this year is to make our school a safe space for everyone and to make all students feel comfortable.

A fact people might not know about me is that I was born in Germany and moved to New Zealand when I was four and a half years old.

My advice to younger students would be to enjoy your time in Primary School and make the most of all the awesome activities like art and discovery time that the teachers give you.

Have fun!

Ngā mihi

Nathalie

## Hands on Otago

Kia ora, my name is Cooper, I am a Year 13 student. In January I flew down to Dunedin to take part in the Hands on Otago summer program.

Hands on Otago is a weeklong event where you get to experience parts of University life at Otago. You stay in Halls of Residence and pick a main subject to focus on during the week - I focussed on Physics. I also took part in taster sessions each afternoon, mine were maths and stats, dentistry and law.

I highly recommend that Year 11 and 12 students who are thinking about University look into Hands on Otago over the next summer holidays, applications open in July each year.

Hands on Otago:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago>





## Primary Swimming Sports

The Collingwood Area School Year 2-6 Swimming Sports took place in perfect conditions on Thursday 2th February. Once again Craig had the pool and surrounds in tip top condition, with the water at its best for the event.

Opening the events, while the students are fresh, is the underwater challenge. This year, it was evident in training sessions that a growing number of students are pushing themselves to achieve good distances in this event. Previously, only a handful of Year 6 students could complete the full length but in recent years, students as young as Year 4 have been achieving that, and more.

This year Layla Jones and Mazzy Evans made it to the wall, turned around, and continued part way back, with Layla achieving around 30 metres underwater, and Mazzy setting a new record with 32 metres.

Moving into the width races, younger students showed their confidence in front of the large crowd of parents and whānau.

The pace picks up with the length races, and it was great to see plenty of entries from Year 3 and 4 students in these longer races.

Newcomers Hannah Reardon and Florence Gaddes provided a great challenge for the field, with Florence setting a new record for a freestyle length, at 20.4 seconds.

Many thanks to the very large crowd of supporters, and to the motivated parents and students who made the most of the time in the pool to train before the events.

Jonny Hanlon - Primary PE



## RESULTS

AGE GROUP	PLACING	POINTS
6 Year Girls	1st	Lalita Howell-Wilson 11
	2nd	Isabella Curnow 8
	3rd	Harper Goaten 6
7 Year Girls	1st	Leliani Roberts 40
	2nd	Olivia Hoskin 19
	3rd	Marnie Strange 18
7 Year Boys	1st=	Jackson Moretti 8
	1st=	Roman Paton 8
	3rd	Alfie Heuvel 6
8 Year Girls	1st	Amelia Curnow 38
	2nd	Charlotte Richards 26
	3rd	Isla Davis 15
8 Year Boys	1st	Michael Riley 38
	2nd	Vaun Pownall 14
	3rd	Larome Edwards 13
9 Year Girls	1st	Mazzy Evans 32
	2nd	Hannah Reardon 30
	3rd	Layla Jones 12
9 Year Boys	1st	Jimmy Howell-Wilson 28
	2nd	Joel Reay 8
	3rd	Bowen O'Sullivan 3
10-11 Year Girls	1st	Florence Gaddes 40
	2nd	Jorja McMurray 12
10-11 Year Boys	1st	Levi Strange 30
	2nd	Braxton Hoskin 26
	3rd	Lawrence Urquhart 11
<b>Overall Highest Points</b>	1st=	Florence Gaddes 40
	1st=	Leilani Roberts 40
	3rd=	Amelia Curnow 38
	3rd=	Michael Riley 38
<b>Fastest Freestyle Length</b>	Florence Gaddes	20.44s
<b>Underwater Challenge</b>	Mazzy Evans	1 1/4 lengths = 32 Metres
<b>Overall Champion Swimmer</b>	Florence Gaddes	





## Defence Force Visit

CAS senior students were lucky to have a visit from Sharn with the NZ Defence Forces. He spoke to the students about the benefits of being a part of the army, navy, airforce or even in one of their civilian roles. One area he stressed as being a huge attribute to any person is the camaraderie and friendships made in the force that last a lifetime. He also explained that the starting salary for a recruit was much better than many other apprenticeships and that you could study for a trade and get paid at the same time. There are a huge range of jobs within the NZDF including; medical, mechanical, engineering, weapons, aircraft maintenance and so on (far beyond just being a soldier). Sharn suggested if anyone was interested in getting further information they should access the NZDF website <https://www.defencecareers.mil.nz/>





## Constable Hamish

Constable Hamish visited the school on Thursday. He spoke to all year levels about bus safety and the individual role we each have when on and around buses. Junior students also practiced crossing roads safely and being safe around vehicles. Some of us got to have a sit in the police car!

Senior students were reminded about requirements and the law around Learners, Restricted and Full licences.

We look forward to seeing Constable Hamish later in the year.





# Library News

After reading a new book together, about an idea or topic they have not experienced before, does your child ask you question after question after question?

One study found that on average, children aged between 14 months and 5 years asked 107 questions an hour! Often the number of questions that children ask increase as they discover the power of one small word that can help them make sense of the world: 'why?'

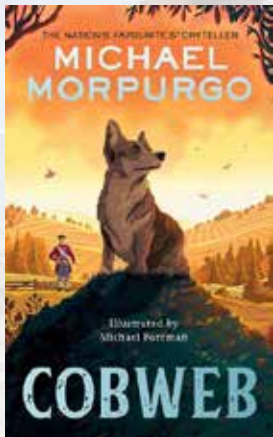
The more they ask 'why?' questions, the more adults tell them about the things they're interested in. So, you may find that in answering 'why?' questions, you're faced with more and more of them - 'why?.. why?..

One clever way of responding to a 'why?' question, is to turn the question back on to your child, by asking them in return 'what do you think?'

Their response can give you a better idea of what they really want to know. Take as an example, your child asking 'why is it raining?' They may want to know why it's raining for reasons that you couldn't dream of. We often answer from our view before we find out what their's is. Another advantage to this approach is that you're encouraging them to be curious and imaginative about the world around them. By asking 'why do you think?' back to them, you're developing their imagination. You're also giving them self-confidence through praise when you say, 'I never thought of that, that's a great idea', before you say 'here's what I think...'

They're learning the thing that every scientist must know, which is that there isn't one answer. There's a number of possible answers and they must decide which one is best. Encourage curious minds!

This week we have 10 new books out on display that you can reserve if you want to read them. Here are six of them, as you can see an eclectic mix to show what the interests are of the students.

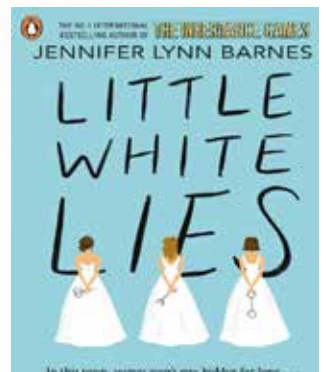
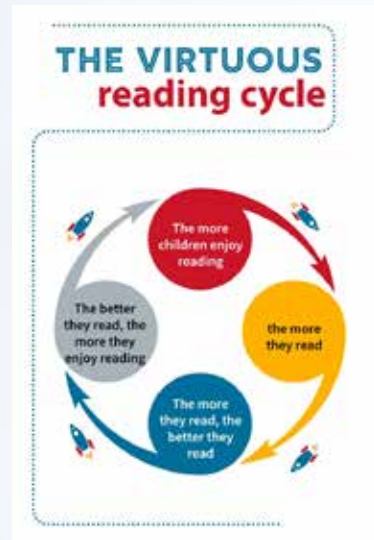


### **Cobweb by Michael Morurgo**

A powerful, moving adventure inspired by the extraordinary true story of the French Drummer Boy of Waterloo. COBWEB is a stunning tale of courage & kindness – a book about humanity, animals, & the heartbreak of war, from a writer at the height of his powers.

### **Ella's world - Big kids by Yvette Poshoglian**

Ella is a big kid. She goes to school. Her bag is on her back. Off she goes! This is a first chapter book written with phonemes emphasised. There are 44 phonemes in English, they are the unique sounds like "ay" or "sh" make.



Enjoy your reading journey, the Librarians, Diane & Donna



## Cell Phone Procedure

### Cell Phone Restrictions

- Students must keep their cell phones in their bags or hand them into the Office upon arrival at school.
- This restriction applies between **8:40 AM and 2:45 PM.**

### Confiscation Process

- If a cell phone is seen by a teacher during school hours, it will be **confiscated** and handed to the Principal or Deputy Principal.
- The phone owner's details will be recorded, and the device will be returned at the **end of the school day.**

### Repeated Offences

- If a student's phone is confiscated **twice**, a **parent or guardian must collect the device** from the school.
- If a student's phone is confiscated a **third** time, a **parent or guardian must collect it from the school**, and the **student will no longer be allowed to bring a phone to school.**

### Refusal to Comply

- If a student refuses to hand over their phone when requested, the **Principal or Deputy Principal** will intervene.

## Primary Swimming / PE Training Schedule

Kia ora parents,

The Year 1-6 classes at CAS plan their year to train for a wide range of school and interschool sporting events. During the first half of Term One, we make the most of the pool being open to work on swimming sports training, then water safety skills. Our Y3-6 athletics training takes place in Term 4 to prepare us for our Kahui Ako (Interschools) Athletics sports.

Jonny Hanlon  
Primary PE

# Calendar

**Tuesday 4th March**  
**Wednesday 5th March**  
**Tuesday 11th March**  
**Wednesday 12th March**  
**Thursday 13th March**  
**Monday 17 - Friday 21st March**  
**Monday 17 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**  
**Thursday 10 - Friday 11 April**  
**Friday 11th April**  
**28 April - 27 June**  
**14 July - 19 September**  
**6 Oct - 11 December**

**Secondary Swimming Sports (Y7-13)**  
**Eat Right - Be Bright**  
**CAS Athletics**  
**Otago Uni Visit at GBHS**  
**RYDA**  
**Year 9 - 13 Camp**  
**BOT Meeting**  
**Ugly Shakespeare - The Tempest**  
**Outdoor Ed - Surfing**  
**Ōpou Tōtaranui Camp**  
**Wharariki Tōtaranui Camp**  
**TOSI tournament at South Westland Area School**  
**Waikato Camp**  
**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 :)





## 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

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

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notifications on your phone to  
receive **instant alerts** from us  
via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play  
or App Store search "Skool Loop" &  
choose our school once installed



## Community Notices

**RYDA**

**SAVING LIVES** through world  
class road safety education for youth



Kia ora everyone

We are bringing a DRIVE COACH parent evening to Nelson on the 11th of March at Bowater Toyota.

This free event is for parents/caregivers and whanau of young drivers in your area, either learning to drive, or starting the driving journey. This event supports the Ryda Road Safety workshop that your year 12 students will attend from 11-13 March at the Headingly Centre in Richmond.

Can you please promote this information in your school newsletters, facebook pages etc, so that we can get as many people from the Nelson and Tasman area to attend.

The Eventbrite link to book is below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/free-teaching-your-teenager-to-drive-parent-evening-in-nelson-tickets-1245518341889?aff=oddtcreator>

Welcome to our Village  
**Aorere Playcentre**  
Whānau tupu 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

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Behind Collingwood Area School