

Term 1: 30th January - 10th February 2017

ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE - WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

Kia ora koutou

Kia ora and welcome to all our new students, returning students, whanau/families, and staff. I certainly hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and made the most of our fantastic summer.

2016 Student NCEA results continue to show strong evidence of groups of students, and individuals meeting and exceeding their achievement goals. The following draft results demonstrate your success:

76% - Year 11 students achieving NCEA Level One (roll based statistics)

78% - Year 12 students achieving NCEA Level Two (roll based statistics)

55% - Year 13 students achieving NCEA Level Three (roll based statistics)

Along with increases in overall NCEA results, we have also seen significant improvement in students achieving Merit and Excellence endorsements.

Hirangatanga – (Striving for Excellence)

The major school focus 2017 is the continued strengthening of our culture of High Expectations/Mana Motuhake.

The main driver for this focus is through the academic mentoring process. This involves staff, students and whanau working together to set learning goals, combined with ongoing reflection on academic and attendance data.

New Staff

We welcome Kahuripene Kawe to our staff, as Head of Te Reo Māori, Ryan Kaarsemaker as Assistant Head of Science, and Janneke De Jong as our Music teacher.

This Wednesday at 10:50am we will be having a powhiri to welcome new students and staff to the school. We certainly encourage and welcome any whanau/family to attend.

Attendance Expectations

One of the most important expectations that we all need to be relentless about is the importance of being at school and in class on time. We continue to review student achievement to enable us to make improvements and we continue to find that those students whose attendance is 90% or better, achieve their qualifications.

Daniel Murfitt
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Currently at The Warehouse the green school jersey is available for \$10. The new blue school jersey is available in sizes 12 and 14. The blue jersey will replace the green jersey as sizes sell out. All new enrolments from Term 4 onwards will need to purchase the new school uniform. We have booklets for our new and current students about the uniform at the office and on the school website.

For our current students it is important for you to check the uniform booklet as there is a criteria when purchasing a new uniform item.

The following is a transition timeline for all levels:

- Current Year 7 & 8 students (Years 8 & 9 in 2017) will need to be wearing the new uniform for the start of 2018
- Current Year 9 students (Year 10 in 2017) will need to be wearing the new senior uniform for the start of 2018
- Current Year 10 students (Year 11 in 2017) will need to be wearing the new senior uniform for the start of 2017
- Current Year 11 (Year 12 in 2017) are able to wear the current uniform until the end of 2017
- Current Year 12 (Year 13 in 2017) wear tidy mufti in 2017
- The current PE uniform stays the same

**WITH REGARDS TO FOOTWEAR NO CANVAS OR BALLET STYLE SHOES ARE PERMITTED.
FOR OUR CURRENT STUDENTS THIS WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 2017.**

We currently have the grey boys' socks with red/green stripes (old uniform) for \$5.00 each from the front office. For those boys who will have approximately 12 months before they have to move into the new uniform this is a great offer.

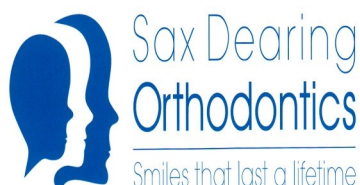
STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS



All Year 7-10 students have stationery starter packs available from HB Office Products Depot, Wakefield Street, Onekawa. The price of packs are: Year 7 & 8: \$29.00, Year 9: \$27.00 and Year 10: \$34.00.

Please go directly to HB Office Products as the school office does not supply any stationery.

For Years 11-13 students, make sure your timetable is confirmed and check in with your subject teachers about your stationery requirements. Stationery lists are available for all levels at the front office.



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DONATION OF SPORTS SHOES

If you have any spare rugby, football or tramping shoes/boots and would like to donate them to the college we would be most grateful. These can be dropped into the front office during 8am-4pm.



CELLPHONES

NO CELLPHONES are to be used in the classroom as they are a serious disruption to student learning and outcomes. Please support your child's learning by not texting or phoning during class time. If you need to contact your child please phone the college office and we can arrange this.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A reminder that school commences for all students, **Monday -Thursday 8.40am-3pm.**

Interval Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10.40am -11.00am
Wednesday: 10.30am-10.50
Friday: 9.40am-10.00am

Lunch Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 1.15pm - 2.00pm
Wednesday: 1.20pm - 2.05pm
Friday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

During wet weather days the school lunchtime will be shortened and students will be dismissed at 2.40pm. If in doubt about an early finish contact the school office: 831 0180.

Friday Timetable:

Senior students (Years 10 – 13) **commence school at 10.00am-3pm**, this is to enable longer learning periods, and the ability to offer broader curriculum options, Friday courses will run as either full day or two half day programmes (on the same day).

Students who are undertaking EIT or Farming programmes will study from 8:40am – 3:00pm. All other Year 10 – 13 programmes will begin at 10:00am and will run through to 3:00pm. Courses will either be two or four hour programmes.

Years 7-9 students **commence at 8.40am-3pm.**

SCHOOL APP

William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device). Search William Colenso College or download the app.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available within the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: are the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

If you would like to purchase this year's school magazine (\$18) this can be paid at the admin office. Another option would be if you have a school account that you regularly pay money into for your child, this money can be used for payment of the school magazine. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange this. The magazine is distributed to students (who have paid for one) on the final day of school.

NCEA RESULTS



Congratulations on all our NCEA students and their results for last year. To access your results, if you haven't done this already, you need to log on to the NZQA website. You will need your NSN number and the password you have already set up. If you need any help then ask your form teacher or Miss Craven.

Remember to get your certificate sent to you, you need to log on to NZQA and click the button to get your certificate. They should be sent out in the next month to the address you have on the NZQA website.

FEEDBACK FORM ABOUT WCC

Kia ora students and whanau.

We would love to hear some feedback from you. Please copy and paste the link below into a Google browser to complete the form. It will only take 1 minute and every student who completes it will earn points for their house. The more students who complete it, the higher the chance of their house winning this digital house challenge.

This competition finishes at the end of Term 1, 2017.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hjehGfR8UT8F5z6m2>



KEY DATES

Wednesday 1st February:	Whole school Powhiri at 10.50am
Monday 6th February:	Waitangi Day School Closed
Wednesday 8th February:	Senior Leaders Badge Ceremony: 6.30pm School Hall
Monday 13th February:	CACTUS Commences
Thursday 16th February:	Whole school class photos in the hall
Monday 27th February:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Friday 10th March:	Teacher Only Day, no school for students
Monday 13th March;	Athletics Day: Hastings Sports Park
Friday 17th March:	Year 9-13 Scholarship Afternoon-further details to be advised
Monday 27th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Thursday 6th April:	Parent / Whanau Meetings: 1pm-6pm-further details to be advised
Thursday 13th April:	Term One Ends
Monday 1st May:	Term Two Commences

MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: www.colenso.school.nz

Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the newsletter electronically