



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE



Term Three: 19th - 30th September 2022

Kia ora e te Whanau

It is with the greatest respect we acknowledge the passing of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We pay our respects to a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We acknowledge 70 years of service as monarch and head of state to a number of countries including Aotearoa / New Zealand. Aroha Mai mo te mate o Kuini Irihapeti II.

At WWC we are currently enjoying Hepetema Māori – we will continue to celebrate the use of Te Reo Maori during the month of September and beyond. We appreciate those who stood up for the revival of Te Reo Māori in Aotearoa / New Zealand 50 years ago. Tino kaha ki te hunga e ora tonu ana Te Reo Māori.

This newsletter will focus on the school value ‘**Hirangatanga**’ (striving for excellence). This value is expressed by students and staff as they give their very best.

Most of us try hard to juggle all manner of things in life: schoolwork, family, work (for some) and self-care. We believe that to be our best selves, we should “get the most out of life and be on top in all areas of our lives.”

I encourage our WCC students and staff to excel in fields where you can make a difference, so that when you move on from William Colenso College, you have left behind a better school for those who follow. I am not urging you to be at the top of the game in every single aspect of your life. Sometimes we place too much pressure on ourselves to be perfect.

Striving for excellence does not mean that you must be perfect. It means that **you use your talents, abilities, and skills in the best way possible and get ahead of others by giving that little extra.** Simply do your best in everything you do whether that be at school, at home, or at play.

This is an invitation to find your voice and leave a mark; an invitation to surpass the average and aim for higher levels of excellence; an invitation to tap into your talents more deeply than before and turn yourself into a radiating powerhouse. It is time to live your purpose in life and share your unique, beautiful gifts with all others.

In essence, excellence is the very opposite of perfectionism. Perfectionism is losing your true self in the demands of society, and trying to emulate a person who is not you and whom you can never become. Excellence, on the other hand, is becoming the centre of your own universe, and from that grounded, centred position, shining your light into the world by using your unique talents. Living a life of excellence takes effort, but at the same time is rewarding and gives you energy.

Hirangatanga - striving for excellence.

Thank you to those who put an honest effort into the school practice exams. For those who need to make adjustments before the end of year exams, there is still time. Don't leave it until it is too late. Set goals, take time to do some study and make changes as required. **A reminder** - our school day starts at 8:45am. We require students to be in their form class to hear relevant messages and key pieces of information.

Nga Mihi Mahana Whaea Jocelyn

Whakatauki

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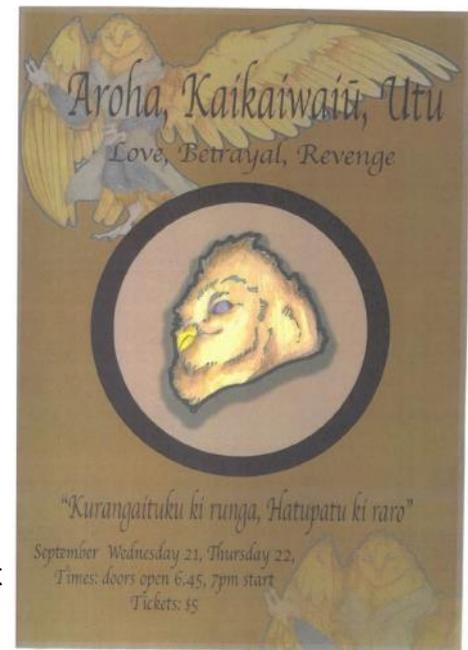
This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but it's real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production this year is based on the well known legend of Hatupatu and the Bird Woman. It has been retold by WCC called "Aroha, Kaikawaiū, Utu - Love, Betrayal, Revenge. Kurangaituku ki runga, Hatupatu kiraro". Our production is a fashion of Dance, Drama and Music.

It will be on the **21st & 22nd September in our school hall**. The set and costumes have been specifically designed by one of our students and teachers. We are looking forward to bringing this production to you.

Production time: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm, tickets \$5, available at the School Office.



ENROLMENTS 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evenings. If you didn't manage to get in and want to arrange an enrolment for 2023, please call into the School Office or phone: 831 0180.

We have two evenings set aside for enrolment interviews: Monday 26th September and Wednesday 26th October: 3.30pm-5.45pm.

TE VAKA MĀIA

Kia ora koutou katoa

After eight weeks of early starts and tough training, the longest day is upon us! Please come and support our students and school community in the wider Napier area on **Saturday 24th September**.

A few pointers on where they will be on 24th September. From about 6.30am, you will see our students along Marine Parade heading south towards Waitangi Reserve. Later in the morning they will be tracking North towards Bluff Hill/Mataruahou. After summiting the hill, they will make their way around the point to arrive at Pandora Pond at around mid morning.

Following a water based activity, our group will continue their journey back towards William Colenso College where they will finish the morning with a truck pull, down the length of Arnold Street. This will occur a little after midday - this is our best estimate. They will be carrying equipment throughout the morning at various times. It will be tough, they will be working hard and they will have to work together along with the adults, to reach the finish line.

SAFETY MESSAGE: If you are planning to support our group, please drive carefully and keep in mind that our support team need to be there with various vehicles to ensure that our team is well hydrated and cared for. Ensure that you leave space for our vehicles and people to set up and do their thing.

Many thanks in advance!

Ngā mihi - the WCC staff and students



EXAM PREPARATION

In preparation for our senior students with end of year exams below are some links around study advice, resources and the exam timetable.

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

<https://www.studyit.govt.nz/subjects>

<https://studytime.co.nz/resources/>

WCC SCHOOL APP

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

"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.

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 in 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: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

Thank you to whanau who contact the school to notify us of the absence of your child / children.

Please note: The phone number used for the absence system changes daily. The phone number is only valid for the day you get the text message. If you respond to a number after the date the text message was sent the school is unlikely to get your return message.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch each day.

Big thanks to Libelle who are our school lunch providers. Your child is still welcome to bring their own food if they wish. If your child has a dietary requirement please let your child's form / tutor teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.

Libelle now have the School Tuck Shop set up, where students will be able to purchase food at lunchtime.

KEY DATES

19th - 23rd Sept:	Year 7/8 Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
21st-22nd Sept:	School Production: Hatupatu: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm, tickets \$5
Wed 21st Sept:	Student voting for Years 9-13 students in formtime for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees
Thurs 22nd Sept:	Year 6 students from Onekawa School visit for WCC Experience
Fri 23rd Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Sat 24th Sept:	Te Vaka Māia Longest Day
Mon 26th Sept:	School Closed for the Day: Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day
Tues 27th Sept:	2023 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm bookings via school office House Waiata Competition
Wed 28th Sept:	Matariki Kahui Kapa Haka Extravaganza: WCC Hall
Thurs 29th Sept:	Sport / Cultural Photos in the Gym
Fri 30th Sept:	Final day of Term Three, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm
Mon 17th Oct:	Term Four Commences

ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

