



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 13th - 24th March 2023



Kia ora e te whānau,

We sincerely apologise to students for **postponing our school athletics**. This decision was a difficult one. The recent cyclone has caused ongoing difficulties including the unsafe condition of our back field. Covid has also played a part in our decision to postpone, as we have a number of key staff absent due to covid. We will hold athletics as soon as we possibly can.

Recently I had the opportunity to watch one of our school volleyball teams play in a weekend tournament at Pettigrew Green Arena. As I sat and watched this team I reflected on the many years I have spent both as a parent and as a teacher watching my own children and my students as they participated in a range of high school sports.

As a parent, as a teacher, and as a spectator of sport, I have learnt a few lessons while listening to other parents in the stands or on the sidelines of pools, courts and sport fields. I have watched and heard parents yelling and screaming at officials, at their own child and even at opposition players. I have felt embarrassed at the way some parents choose to behave, especially when they resort to screaming at their own child or at the officials.

These situations have made me stop and reflect on my own behaviour. I now choose to say very little at games, to sit quietly and enjoy seeing students participate. I genuinely hope our students play sports because they make the choice to play sports.

I have also realised it is not my role to tell the coach how to coach or to instruct the referee how to do his or her job correctly. I am grateful to those who take time out of their busy lives to coach and referee sports teams. Being a coach or a referee is not an easy task.

Our WCC senior boys volleyball team is an outstanding example of how students should take the court, and how they should behave while playing a sport they choose to play.

As I left the stadium, I was informed by one of the officials that our WCC senior boys team had the best reputation at the tournament for the manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the court. Parents of these boys can be very proud of their sons. As the Tumuaki / Principal, I am most grateful for the way these boys represent themselves, their whanau and William Colenso College. Thank you to our Senior Boys Volleyball for your outstanding example, positive attitudes and consistent fairplay.

Ngā mihi nui
Whaea Jocelyn

#fairplayisthevolleyballway #outstanding #positive #example #consistent
#WCCseniorboysvolleyball



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Last Thursday 9th March, your child would have had their school class photo taken. All students who were present at school last Thursday would have received a **SHOOT KEY # form**.

This form enables you to view and order photos and ID Cards on the **SCOTT PHOTOGRAPHERS website**:

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=7K7T37FL>

You can order up until **17th March, 2023**. The order should be delivered to the school by the end of Term 1. Any orders placed after 17th March will be delivered in Term 2.

NEW STAFF 2023

Kia ora, my name is Courteney Olsen and I teach English. I am entering my third year of teaching but this is my first year at William Colenso College. I moved to Hawkes Bay from Hamilton about two years ago now. In my spare time, I like to read, go for hikes around Hawkes Bay and listen to music. I am looking forward to working with the staff and students this year.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40am Bell Rings						
8.45am – 9.45am	1					
9.45am – 10.45am	2					
10.45am-11am		FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME
11.00am – 11.30am		INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL
11.30am – 12.30pm	3					
12.30pm – 1.30pm	4					
1.30pm – 2.00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2.00pm – 3.00pm	5					

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.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETING/HUI

All parents/caregivers are invited in to meet with your child's form teacher and find out their progress at school, Thursday 23rd March, 3pm-5pm. The meetings will be held in your child's form / home room.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

The school app can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone. Search William Colenso College to download the app. This will have information available on: absences, school events, daily school notices and other messages will be sent via this option.

SPORTING SPONSORSHIP

Big thanks and appreciation to Apollo Projects who are generously sponsoring WCC with a sporting sponsorship over the next 2 years.

Apollo Projects are a nationwide Design & Build Construction company and have recently established themselves in HB and are currently completing the HB Aquatic Facility and the Pettigrew Green Arena extension.

Many thanks to Paul Lloyd - Director of Apollo Projects for this awesome opportunity.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

We would like to remind our school community of the following:

Students are expected and encouraged to take pride in their general appearance and wear the correct uniform as required.

- School uniform is to be worn at school, when travelling to and from school, and at school events as appropriate.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- All students using the technology workshops (including the food rooms) must wear protective or hard covered shoes.
- Skirts should be of a reasonable length, neither very short nor very long.
- Female students who choose to wear **long black business trousers** (as a uniform option instead of the tartan school skirt) are **NOT** permitted to wear tight trousers, exercise tights or jeans.
- No hoodies are accepted as part of the school uniform
- Covered in shoes must be all black

If in doubt regarding items of uniform, please check by ringing the school office before a purchase is made.

Sadly, due to the floods KidsCan are unable to provide schools with shoes and jackets until further notice.

TEACHER STRIKE DAY NOTICE

The PPTA has advised the WCC School Board that its member teachers at our school will be taking strike action on **Thursday 16th March 2023.**

The Board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction during the above time.

Accordingly, it's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children under 14 years of age during the period of the strike as no supervision can be provided.

We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike. Thank you for your understanding.

KEY DATES

Thurs 16th March:	PPTA Secondary School Teachers Strike - No school for students
Thurs 23rd March:	Form/Home Room Meet the Teacher: 3pm-5pm
Tues 28th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Thurs 6th April:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2-3pm Last day of Term One
Mon 24th April:	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues 25th April:	Anzac Day - School Closed
Wed 26th April:	School resumes for all students