



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 15th - 26th May 2023



Kia ora e te whānau,

We are mindful of the traumatic situation that occurred at the Abbey Caves involving students and staff from Whangarei Boys High School. As a school community we offer our condolences, our thoughts and our aroha to the whanau who are mourning the loss of their precious boy. We are also mindful of the other students and teachers involved in this horrific incident. Ka Aroha Hoki.

How wonderful it is to see **winter sport** up and running. It is fantastic to witness parents and whanau supporting our students at sports fixtures. We encourage all WCC students to 'awhi' and support each other, to be kind, and to always display fair play attributes. Currently, it is very difficult to get coaches, referees, and administrators for several sports codes, please remember those who officiate games are usually volunteers. Expressing thanks to volunteers after games is a great way to say to show appreciation. A big shout out to our coaches, we appreciate you for taking time to coach our students.

Practice exams will take place in week 4 of this term, (Mon 15th May - Thurs 18th May). These practice exams are for years 11, 12 and 13. Students should familiarise themselves with the exam schedule, this means finding out if / where and when you have an exam, and what will be assessed in the exam. Practice exams provide an opportunity for students to practise skills required in internal and external exams. Participating in practice exams allows students to develop confidence and become familiar with the way external exams are conducted therefore helping to reduce anxiety. Doing practice exams helps students and teachers to determine what topics and what areas you need to concentrate on. Completing a practice exam gives students a sense of the layout, question style and overall expectations of the 'real exams.'

Our school value "**Hirangatanga**" reminds us to strive for excellence. Displaying Hirangatanga is important when facing schoolwork and exams (whether they be practice or real). Hirangatanga is about effort and application, and the desire to make a positive difference. The Te Reo word "Hira" can be translated to mean be great, important, of consequence, significant, notable, momentous. We encourage all students from year 7 through to year 13 to do their best, to set personal goals and to value their learning. When we strive for excellence, we are trying to continuously improve. This doesn't mean undertaking a seismic shift, but rather constant striving which means that small changes accumulate to make a significant impact! Our teachers are here to support their learners to do their best and equip them with knowledge and understanding. As students mature, they must see that the responsibility for learning lies with them. The role of teachers is to shape students who are not dependent on teachers, but rather grow their capacity for resourcefulness and self-direction. It is true of all of us, that we do learn all our lives, but we will have a teacher for only a fraction of that time! Make the most of your time at school and the time you have with your teachers.

Our **school production** practices are well underway. We are excited to see the final production in week 10 of this term. Thank you to those who take time to work with our students and nourish their passion for drama and dance.

Interhouse **Haka and Waiata** practice started last week. This is a prestigious event, and each house will work hard to pull out all the tricks to take this event out. This year each house is responsible for choosing their own Waiata and our haka for all is Tika Tōnu. If you are free on Friday 26th May at 2:15pm you are most welcome to witness the WCC Annual Waiata and Haka Competition in the school hall.

Farewell: We would like to thank Courtney Olsen (English Department) for her commitment to WCC and our students. We have enjoyed having you with us and we wish you well on your Overseas Experience.

Thank you to our Whanau for all you do to encourage our students with their learning. We appreciate your support.

Nga Mihi
Whaea Jocelyn

PANUI FROM OUR BOARDCHAIR

Every Day Matters

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou. Hope everyone is keeping warm and well as he head towards winter. I'd like to take a moment to tautoko one of our focus kaupapa for this term - attendance. We know the Cyclone and Covid beforehand has been disruptive for many of our whānau and has impacted school attendance nationally. At WCC one of our key roles as a board is to ensure that all our young people achieve to the fullness of their potential. A significant contributor to their success is attendance at school.

In terms of learning and achievement there is a cumulative effect from being at school - learning is a process where knowledge is built upon by new learnings - this is hard to do if your taiohi don't come to school regularly.

Learning is a partnership between kura and home - we can support this partnership by ensuring our rangatahi are at school.

Keep safe.

Kia pai ō Haratua.

Wayne MacGillivray
Board Chair

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



COLENZO HIGH REUNION

There will be a reunion for former students & staff of the 70's decade. This will be held at the **Mission Estate Winery, Saturday 25th November 2023: 11.30am.**

Registration is available on the WCC website. An informal celebration with an opportunity to catch up with old friends, classmates and staff.



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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Short term International Homestays required.

Do you have time and space in your family for a short term international student. We have 4 coming from China in July to stay for 3 weeks.

They would require full board, which will be paid, with a family that has some time to give them a unique kiwi experience. They will be in school during the week. If you are interested, please get in touch. Thanks and regards, Jody Stent. jody.stent@colenso.school.nz

WCC SCHOOL PRODUCTION



This year our talented students will be presenting Romeo & Juliet as our school production.

Tickets are available from the School Office, \$10 each. The shows will be **Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th June**, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm.



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



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 LUNCHES

Ka Ora, Ka Ako, Healthy School Lunch Programme provided through the Ministry of Education is available to all William Colenso College students each day.

Big thanks to Libelle Group Ltd 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.



KEY DATES

Mon 15th - Fri 19th May:	VTNZ Driving lessons
Tues 16th May:	Year 9 Rostered Home
Wed 17th May:	Year 10 Rostered Home
Mon 22nd May:	Top Art Trip - Year 13 Art
Tues 23rd May:	Careers Expo PGA: 11.30am-1.30pm Year 12 & 13 students attending
	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Thurs 25th May:	Year 11 Rostered Home
Tues 30th May:	Year 13 Rostered Home
Thurs 1st June:	Year 12 Rostered Home
Fri 2nd June:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Mon 5th June:	Kings Birthday - School Closed
Tues 6th June:	Year 10 Rostered Home
Thurs 8th June:	Year 9 Rostered Home
Sat 10th June:	School Ball
Fri 16th June:	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Wed 21st June:	Subject/Home: Form Room Whanau Hui more information will be advised near the time.
	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Fri 23rd June:	School Production: Romeo & Juliet
Wed 28th & Thurs 29th June:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm, Last day of Term Two
Fri 30th June:	Term Three commences
Mon 17th July:	