



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 1st - 12th May 2023



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Welcome Back: Although term one was challenging at times, we look forward to a new term which we hope will provide stability for all. Highlights from term one include: our Powhiri at the start of the school year, our Athletics Day which was held here at school. Watching our volleyball boys compete at a National Tournament. While academic achievement is our core business, we are also proud of the wide range of extracurricular activities and service opportunities available to our WCC students. Seeing the number of students involved in sport, dance, production, music, Manaaki marae, service during the floods and other activities is heart-warming. We know extracurricular activities are a key part of the school experience and help with engagement in the classroom. This term we look forward to a range of sport, Interhouse waiata / haka competition, our school ball, our amazing school production, driving lessons and other opportunities as they arise.

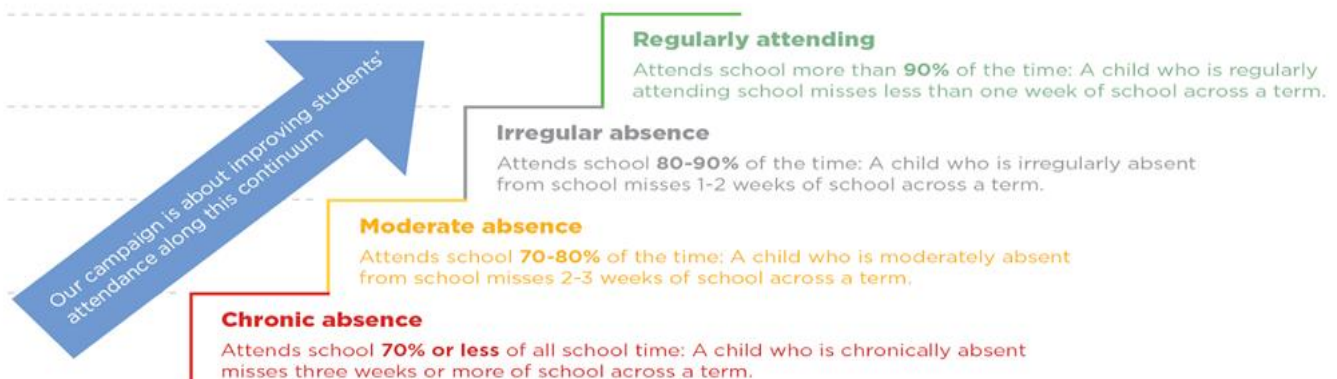
Throughout the year we have several tertiary presentations, if you are a Year 12 or Year 13 student who is intending to continue with future study at a university, it is important to attend these presentations. Information around student allowances, student loans etc are provided to support students on this journey. Please check the school notices.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Attendance is a major focus in 2023. 'Regular' attendance is defined for statistical purposes as **90%** or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. **Every day matters.** In the first instance you will receive a text regarding your child's absence which can be replied to. If we do not hear from you, your child's Form or Homeroom Teacher will follow up on unexplained absences. If your child is sick, please notify the school attendance office by phone, text, or email by 8:30am. We ask where possible all appointments be organised outside of school hours or in the school holidays. If your child's attendance falls below **80%**, a dean will follow up asking how we as a school might be able to support your whanau.

**LATENESS:** We are noticing a number of students who are struggling to arrive on time to school in the morning. **Students are expected to be in their classrooms at 8.45am** ready to start the day. **Please support us to make this happen.**

## How we think about attendance - four categories



Further Information about school attendance can be accessed by following this link: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/making-sure-your-child-attends-school-every-day/>

## FOCUS FOR TERM 2:

**Attendance / Lateness:** Mentioned above previously.

**Students in class:** Students are expected to be in their class during class time. Parents will be contacted to collect students who refuse to go into class

**Vapes:** Vaping is illegal for under 18-year-olds, all vapes will be confiscated and disposed of.

**Cell phones:** We will continue with the no phones in classrooms, in addition, students who refuse to hand their phone over to a staff member will have the phone collected by a senior leader, the phone will remain in the front office for **5 days** or until a parent collects the phone.

**Uniform:** We encourage students to wear the correct uniform, all non-uniform items will be confiscated.

**Behaviour:** As per our school values of Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga, students are required to show respect to staff and other students. Disrespectful behaviour will be referred to our deans / SLT. Parents will be requested to attend a meeting to reset student behaviour.

**Language:** Students are reminded to use respectful language in classrooms and in the school playgrounds.

**PDA (Public Displays of Affection):** Schools are not the place for public displays of affection, ie: holding hands, kissing etc. Parents will be contacted if concerns continue.

## FAREWELL:

We were saddened to lose our long-time counsellor Mr Phil Robertshaw who has moved to Timaru to be with Whanau. Mr Robertshaw assisted many of our students, whanau and staff. In his role as the Guidance Counsellor for WCC, he has changed people's lives, helped people to navigate challenges, and provided tools to allow people to move forward. In the short time I have been at this kura, I have seen him display a range of skills that have clearly make him the outstanding practitioner he is. Mr Robertshaw will be remembered for his communication skills, the trust students and staff have in him, his expertise, guidance, non-judgemental approach, patience, confidentiality, compassion, understanding, listening skills, respectfulness, acceptance, empathy, and expert advice. Mr Robertshaw has had a tremendous impact on many at William Colenso College and he will be greatly missed.

## WELCOME:

We are thrilled to welcome Amber Wijnsma into her new role as our Guidance Counsellor at WWC. Amber is a respected staff member who has extensive experience as a counsellor. Amber knows our kura, our students, whanau and community and she will be a huge asset. We would also like to welcome our new School Librarian Fiona Hay and School Technician Matthew Hesketh. We look forward to getting to know both Fiona and Matthew.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

It is wonderful to have international students back at WWC. We warmly welcome these students and want them to know that they make such a fantastic contribution to our school.

## PPTA INDUSTRIAL ACTION:

Industrial action will continue for secondary teachers throughout term 2. Refer to Key Dates in the back page of the newsletter. Please note this could change at any stage during the term.

**I want to see our kura as a busy, dynamic place where all students are encouraged to strive for personal success.**

Kia hora te marino

*May peace be wide-spread*

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana

*May the sea be like greenstone*

Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei

*A pathway for us all this day*

Aroha atu, aroha mai

*Give love, receive love*

Tātou i a tātou katoa

*Let us show respect for each other.*

Nga mihi nui  
Whaea Jocelyn



**ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE**  
**WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA**



## COLENSO 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 & 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.

## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Autism Awareness Month, for more information:  
<https://www.altogetherautism.org.nz/authenticallyautistic/>



## VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPS

In Week 8 of Term 1, the Volleyball Bruthas (Senior Boys) went to Palmerston North to compete in the National Secondary Schools Volleyball Competition; the largest secondary school sporting event in Aotearoa. Around 180 schools, 2000 students, five days of pure volleyball awesomeness. The boys, over three years, refined their craft to get here and they were able to experience competition from all over the country. After seeding locally, we found ourselves in Div3/4, winning two of three games to move into Div3 outright. We then played a range of schools, from Kings in Dunedin to Takapuna in Auckland and a number in between. Competition was intense, and our style of play caused much confusion for the more refined teams.



While the wins column stayed bare, it's the success, learnings and pride these boys will take from the event, playing nine games, serving six duties and many late nights with short turnarounds, placing 48th overall. A huge thank you to Whaea Tini and Rhonda for their management, logistics and aroha for the boys, could not have done it without their support. Also a shout out to Whaea Jocelyn who made the trip to Palmy to watch a game. WCC has future volleyball endeavours to aim towards after the experience a trip like this gives to our students.

Rhys Fallen - Coach

# GET YOUR LICENCE PROGRAMME

On **Wednesday 3rd May at 5pm in the WCC Library**, we are holding an information evening for students and whānau about the Get Your Licence pilot programme. You will have the opportunity to meet the people who will be involved from VTNZ, GOT Drive and Drive IQ, and WCC representatives.

There are three main components to this opportunity:

1 - Sitting the learner licence test for WCC students who are 16 or older on **Friday 12th May** at William Colenso College. We will endeavour to provide time to practice for this with either local Police or with our team in Te Whānau Ora. Of course, students are also welcome and strongly encouraged to do their own learning in their own time if possible.

2 - **From Monday 15th till Thursday 18th May inclusive**, students will be able to receive driving instruction from professional driving instructors. There will be a timetable for these lessons. At this stage, I have 20 names of students who are eligible, or are close to being eligible to sit their restricted licence.

3 - For direct family members of those who are taking driving lessons, we are offering ONE person to take a driving lesson and to learn more about taking your licence to the next level. You will need a current and valid licence (eg learner's licence) to take part.

Please contact Henry Ballantyne directly at [henry.ballantyne@colenso.school.nz](mailto:henry.ballantyne@colenso.school.nz) if you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity.

*(On Friday 19th May there will be also provision for **8 students to sit their restricted licence - this is a strictly limited number**).*

## KEY DATES

Tues 2nd May:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 3rd May:	Get Your License Parents Evening: 5.00-6.00pm in the Library
Thurs 4th May:	Year 11 Rostered Home
Tues 9th May:	Year 12 Rostered Home
Wed 10th May:	HB Secondary Schools Teacher Day Strike - School Closed
Thurs 11th May:	Year 13 Rostered Home
Fri 12th May:	VTNZ Learner License Testing in School
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, 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: 2pm-6pm
Fri 23rd June:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Wed 27th & Thurs 28th June:	School Production
Fri 30th June:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm, Last day of Term Two
Mon 17th July:	Term Three commences