



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 21st August – 1st September 2023



Tēnā rā koutou katoa e te whānau o Te Kareti o Wiremu Koroneho,



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, our talented senior Te Reo Maori students welcomed our Middle School students to our WCC annual Tuakana / Teina Day. The day started with a powhiri at our school Wharenuī (Te Reo) where our Teina (junior students) were welcomed by our Tuakana (senior students). What a delightful experience to watch and listen as seven strong Tuakana Tane students welcomed our entire Middle School with their whaikorero. Each speaker was supported by waiata. Two very brave Teina then responded on behalf of the Middle School. Our Tuakana spent the remainder of the day teaching & sharing their knowledge with our Teina in a range of

workshops. Each workshop was selected and presented by our Tuakana students. What a wonderful sight to witness. Our Teina students were engaged in the mahi.

We are always excited to host our Matariki Kahui Ako Kapahaka at WCC. This year we had Kapahaka performances from Te Awa, Sunny Days, Best Start, Maraenui, Marewa and William Colenso College. What an awesome sight to see the little ones from our pre schools and primary schools through to our high school students from our community all performing Waiata and haka.



How lucky were some of our students who went along to meet the All Blacks at Maclean Park. What an awesome opportunity.

Te Vaka Maia has reached it's half way point. It is wonderful to see and hear of the students taking on the challenge to improve themselves in so many ways. We are very grateful to those who support this mahi.

Our focus at WCC for Term 3 is '**Manaakitanga**'. We have discussed and shared the meaning of **Manaakitanga** and how we can display the traits of this value at our school. **Manaakitanga** derives from two words - 'mana' and 'aki'. Mana is a

condition that holds everything in the highest regard. Aki means to uphold or support. In Māori society, looking after visitors and treating others well (Manaakitanga) is of great importance.

**Manaakitanga** is an important part of who we are and who we want to be, so much so, **Manaakitanga** is one of our school values. **Manaakitanga** involves reciprocity of being a responsible host, caring for others, making people feel at home, treating others with respect, kindness and caring for the environment. In the classroom, **Manaakitanga** is the act of creating a welcoming, caring and creative learning environment which allows rangatahi to feel welcome, valued, accepted, and included. Through **Manaakitanga** we provide options for our rangitahi to be engaged with ongoing flexible options for them to participate in ways that work for them and their lives. You would think this was a given being such an important aspect within human relationships. **Manaakitanga** is about how we care for each other, the well-being of our community, engaging positively with one another and maintaining strong relationships. The value of **Manaakitanga** is often expressed through the responsibility to provide humility and hospitality. We recognise the importance for both our rangitahi and our kaiako to realise and understand the importance of strengthening Maturanga Maori or Maori knowledge. We encourage the need to have a better understanding of tikanga Maori.

With the above in mind, the question we would like to ask our school community is... **Do our whanau members feel welcome at our school and are they given the opportunity to have a say and to be listened to and offered hospitality?** Our current Board of Trustees would like to hear from our school community, our school whanau. We want to hear your thoughts on what you want for your Tamariki and the direction you want for our school. Our school is here for our akonga. We want our whanau (school community) to feel a sense of belonging and to feel your input is valued. The book Culture Counts by Russell Bishop has the following statement “**Learners can bring ‘who they are’ to the learning interactions in complete safety, and where their knowledges are “acceptable” and “legitimate”.** “It cannot be stressed enough that **Manaakitanga** is always important no matter what the circumstances may be. (Hirini Moko Mead p.29). **Our first Community consultation date is scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 6:30pm.** (Venue to be confirmed)

**Covid Restrictions lifted by Government:** You will have seen that the Government has announced the removal of the mandatory COVID isolation rule, which took effect on 15 August 2023. Public health officials have advised risk from COVID-19 is now considered low compared to other stages of the pandemic and it is safe to remove the final requirements. As with any other illness it is recommended that students / ākonga and staff stay at home if they are feeling unwell.

Guidance on winter illness and children’s attendance at schools:

Healthy young children can have up to 8 to 12 colds or upper respiratory tract infections each year and these are a normal part of childhood.

With a rise in seasonal colds, flu and other respiratory infections already occurring in our communities, use this guidance to assist with decisions about children’s attendance at early learning services and schools when they are, or have been unwell:

A child should stay at home if they appear unwell or they develop one or more of these symptoms: new onset of a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash, they are off their food and drink or show signs of feeling miserable.

If a child becomes increasingly unwell and/or you are concerned about their health, call your GP or Healthline on 0800 611 116 for medical advice. A child who is refusing to drink anything is likely to be very unwell.

If an in-person appointment is required for a child, follow your GP’s process.

### Calendar Reminders:

NCEA Practice Exams from Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Te Vaka Maia continues. Mon, Wed, Fri

Enrolments for 2024 have started, please contact the front office to make an appointment.

Thank you to the many students and staff who continue to do the right thing.

*Nga Mihi Whaea Jocelyn*



# *OPEN EVENING*

*Nau mai haere mai*

*Wednesday 23rd August  
6.30pm in the School Hall*

*Currently accepting enrolments for 2024:  
Years 7-13*

*Enrolment interviews will take place in Term 4,  
please contact the School Office to arrange an  
interview time.*

## STUDENT ARTWORK



From left; Pasifika photograph of Lynette MacGillivray by Emily Hawkins  
'Papatuanuku' Digital painting by Jessica Merwood  
Panels created by 9KM class



## 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 / homeroom teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.



## KEY DATES

Wed 23rd Aug:	Nominations for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees opens Open Evening: 6.30pm in the School Hall
Thurs 24th Aug:	Sports/Cultural Photos in the Gym
Tues 29th Aug:	Armed Forces Trip Student Rep on the Board nominations close Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Thurs 31st Aug:	Armed Forces Trip returns
Wed 6th Sept:	Writing Accelerated Learning Hui for Yrs 7,8 & 9: 6pm
Fri 8th Sept:	Waikato University Visit: 9.30am in the Library Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Sat 9th Sept:	Te Vaka Maia Longest Day
Mon 11th - 15th Sept:	Maori Language Week NCEA Practice Exams
Thurs 14th Sept:	Voting for Student Rep on Board of Trustees: 10.45am Cross Country: 1.15pm-3pm
Tues 19th Sept:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 20th Sept:	Otago University Visit: 10.45am in the Library
Fri 22nd Sept:	End of Term Three
Mon 9th Oct:	Term Four Commences



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WAWATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

