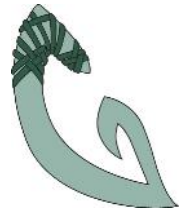




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 27th November – 8th December 2023



Kia ora Whanau

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Whanau and friends of past student William Reti who unexpectedly passed away. Staff remember fondly a student who displayed our school values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga. Staff were distraught to hear of William's passing. William was laid to rest on Monday 20/11.

Year 9 Camp: Our Year 9 students enjoyed yet another successful camp. The weather was spectacular. Students who attended camp had many opportunities to participate in a range of EOTC (Education Outside of the Classroom) activities. We are grateful to our staff who supported the Kaupapa by spending 3 days and 2 nights away from their own families as they assisted with the running of our Year 9 camp.

Café 10: At WCC, we run several amazing classes which allow students the opportunity to gain extra experience they may not normally get. Our Café 10 class is one such class and is a reminder of just how spectacular our students are. Each Friday students provide a menu with a range of options for staff to choose from. The food is always exquisite in appearance and taste. Thank you so much to our talented Food and Nutrition students and of course their Teacher and Mentor Bobbie Seymour.



Drivers Licence: We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to run a learners / restricted drivers licence program at our school. Having a drivers license is one way to prepare students for life after secondary school. Congratulations to the following students who recently passed their learner licence: Joseph Hohepa, Preston Cunningham, Paige Willems, Sophie Willems, Jonathan Collins.

Nga Ringa Toi o te Matou a Maui: We have 7 students from WCC exhibiting at the Pottery Experience, Hastings Street Napier from 16th – 30th November. Such an Outstanding effort from our Senior Art Teacher Ms Laura Jackson.

Farewell to the following **teaching staff who are leaving WCC at the end of this year.**

Andreas Christodoulou (Maths), we wish Andreas and his family an enjoyable experience as they make wonderful memories together embarking on their overseas adventure.

Ko te tumanako ka pai nga haerenga.

Hyrum Timu (Music) All the best Hyrum for your upcoming nuptials and your career change. We will miss the Hyrum shows. We hope you find peace and happiness on your journey.

Kei te pirangi matou ki a koe te rangimarie me te koa.

Whaea Kahuripene Kawe (Te Reo mo nga Tikanga Maori). Thank you for all you have done for our Kura, our students and whanau. We will miss you. We know it is important for you to be with your boys. **Haere pai ki te noho tahi me o tama.**

Mieke Burger (Science) Mieke, we will certainly miss you, your beautiful smile and your sweet nature. We hope you enjoy the change of pace and direction in life. We look forward to hearing about your new direction. **Me noho tonu koe.**

Mr Robin Stewart (International Director). Mr Stewart has been involved in education for 37 years. He was hired at William Colenso College by the then Principal Mr Ross in 1986, and has survived 6 Principals, Mr Ross, Mr Peachey, Ms Scott, Mr Cleary, Mr Murfitt and me... When you think there have only been 8 principals in total since this school opened in 1959, this is an incredible achievement. Most recently Robin has supported our international students. He has done an outstanding job in this arena; one could say he is somewhat of an 'expert'. We salute you Robin for your commitment and dedication to teaching over the past 37 years. We thank you for supporting our students, especially our international students. Thank you for your time and care, and we wish you all the very best in your retirement. **Ka mau te wehi.**

As this is the last newsletter for 2023, I would also like to thank the following for their commitment to our school:

Our Whanau: Thank you for entrusting your children's education to William Colenso College and for your continued support of our Kura. Our staff work hard to ensure our students achieve academically as well as learn to become well rounded citizens. We look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Our students: I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of a number of students who have displayed our school values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Hirangatanga. Some of you have made the most of your academic year. If you a senior and are heading out into the big wide world, hold true to these values and they will hold you in good stead. To those returning in 2024, stay safe and enjoy your summer break.

Board of Trustee's: We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Trustees who work tirelessly to ensure our students are supported in their education. Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of all our parents and whanau.

Support staff: Thank you to the unsung heroes - **our support staff**, our learning coaches, Te Whanau Ora staff, our Sports Coordinator, Technicians, Office Staff, Libelle Staff (our school lunch providers), Cleaners and Grounds staff. Our students are the beneficiaries of the hard work our support staff put in every single day. Thank you for your time, effort, and commitment. You are simply the best. Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

Teaching staff: It is you who work directly with our students, helping them to not only learn content and be prepared for assessments. It is you, who walks alongside our students, helping them to navigate their day to day lives. Whilst your day to day focus is on teaching and learning, it is highly likely that many of our students won't remember what was specifically taught to them during Period 3 on Tuesday, but they will remember that it was you who taught them, you who worked with them, you who supported them and you who guided them to ensure that they achieved their best. Thank you for the role you play in teaching and preparing our students for life.

Thank you all once again for an enjoyable 2023, may you enjoy the festive season and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." Charles Schulz

*Nga Mihi Nui
Whaea Jocelyn*



2024 START DATES

Thurs 1st February 2024: Senior Course Confirmation: Year 11 @ 11am, Year 12 @ 1pm and Year 13 @ 2pm, in the School Library. Students are not required to wear uniform.

Wed 7th February 2024: All Students commence 8.40am, Powhiri at 9am.

If you have a student you would like to enrol for 2024, please contact the School Office to make an interview appointment: (06) 831 0180.

YEAR 9 STUDENTS - 2024

A reminder that all Year 9 students will need to purchase either a short sleeved school logo white shirt, or long sleeve plain white shirt with a tie to wear as part of the school uniform in 2024. These items are available from The Warehouse in Napier.

SPLASH PLANET VISIT

Thursday 7th December, all Year 7 to 10 students will be transported to Splash Planet for the day. This is a fun day to celebrate the end of the year. Students need to be at school by 9am to leave on the bus and will return at 3pm.

A letter was sent home with all students last week with a permission slip that needs to be returned to school. Students will need to bring: togs, towel, snacks for the day, sunhat and sunscreen. A school lunch will be provided as normal, students are welcome to bring their own food or can purchase food at Splash Planet if they choose to.



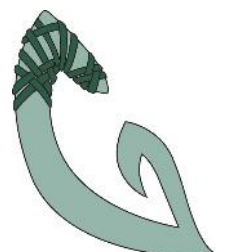
The cost is \$25 and this can be paid at the School Office, the cost includes entry into Splash Planet and the transport.

KEY DATES

Mon 27th Nov-Fri 1st Dec:	Year 7/8 Camps
Tues 28th Nov:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Mon 4th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving: 1.00pm in the School Hall
Tues 5th Dec:	Final Assembly: 1pm
Wed 6th-8th Dec:	Student Leadership Trip to National Park
Thurs 7th Dec:	Year 7-10 Trip to Splash Planet
Fri 8th Dec:	Final Day for students will finish at 11am



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