



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 11th – 22nd March 2024



Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau,

We have had a very good start to the year. Students are settled into their timetabled classes and are working well. We are excited to have students participate in Athletics Day at the sports park in Hastings on Wednesday 13th March. Please ensure students are at school on time as the buses leave WCC at 9am sharp. All staff and students will be at the sports park so there will be no one to drive late students to the venue if they miss the bus. Lunch will be provided at the venue. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours, to bring snacks, a hat, water bottle and sunscreen if required. We look forward to an awesome day.

A reminder that school photos will be taken on Thursday 14th March, remember to look smart and wear your best smile. We have had several school trips take place already. Our Year 12/13 students recently attended a safe 'Driving Course.' Our senior students have had a few visits from universities and several other vocational guest speakers share with our senior students. Our Year 7&8 hub visited the Museum. Sport is underway with many students involved and trying a range of new sport opportunities. We are most grateful to students who are respectful and kind toward each other and encourage all our students to remember our school values.

STAFF: Welcome Whaea Kere Heperi, who is our new Te Reo Maori Teacher, we are thrilled to have you join us at WCC. We would also like to welcome Mrs Nalani Mani who is assisting our senior Chemistry and Physics students and junior Science classes. We look forward to getting to know you both.

As you may be aware, the New Zealand Government has introduced a new regulation '**phones away for the day**'. These guidelines require all state schools to ensure students do not use or access a phone while attending school, including during breaks. This also includes students who are on a school course, school trip or visit outside the school grounds. This new regulation will be instigated in Term 2, 2024 which is Monday 29th April 2024. **We have revised our phone guidelines and updated our school process to reflect this new regulation.** Below are the NEW guidelines for WCC which cover Phones, Earphones, Earbuds, headphones, ear plugs etc, Electronic Devices and Smart Watches. Included in this panui is also some questions and answers around the guidelines.

WCC PROCEDURE: IF A CELL PHONE IS USED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:

- **Infringement 1)** If a student does not follow the above school guidelines, the cell phone will be **confiscated** and **delivered to the front office (where the student can collect it after school) - name / date recorded.**
- **Infringement 2)** If a student does not follow the above school guidelines, the cell phone will be **confiscated** and **delivered to the front office (where the student can collect it after school) - name / date are recorded. REMINDER GIVEN**
- **Infringement 3)** If a student does not follow the above school guidelines, the cell phone will be **confiscated** and **delivered to the front office. A parent / caregiver will be required to collect the phone. The student is NOT permitted to bring a phone to school - name / date recorded. Staff notified.**

WCC PROCEDURE: IF A CELL PHONE IS USED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND THE STUDENT REFUSES TO HAND IT OVER TO A STAFF MEMBER.

- If a student does not follow the above school guideline, and then refuses to hand their phone over to a staff member, a dean or SLT will be called to collect the phone. The cell phone is **confiscated**, and a **parent must collect the phone. The student is NOT permitted to bring a phone to school.** If a student does not follow the above school guidelines and then refuses to hand their phone over to a dean or SLT, **a parent / caregiver will be called to collect the student. The parent & student will be required to attend a meeting with a member of the SLT on the student's return to school. The student will NOT be permitted to bring a phone to school.**

PROCEDURE: Earphones / Earbuds / Airpods / Bluetooth Headphones / Ear Plugs / Headphones

Students are **NOT** permitted to have earphones / air pods / earbuds / ear plugs or Bluetooth headphones at school (ie: in class and at school breaks). Students who have a sensory need will continue to be exempt. If a teacher wishes to use music in their classroom, this music is supplied/vetted by the teacher and is played so all can hear. The above items will be confiscated if used at school with permission from a classroom teacher.

PROCEDURE: Electronic Devices

Students cannot use any electronic device to take images or record staff or students in any way (audio or streaming etc) without their knowledge/permission to do so.

PROCEDURE: Smart Watches

Students are permitted to have a smartwatch to use as a watch ie: to check the time. Smart watches are not to be used as a supplement to a phone ie: students are not permitted to reply to text messages or answer phone calls on their smart watch.

QUESTION: Are exemptions available?

The regulations apply to all students in state schools. However, there are exemptions within the regulations for certain students and circumstances:

- Students may use phones for '*educational purposes*' if deemed necessary by their teacher as part of schoolwork.
 - Students who require their phone for '*health purposes*', such as monitoring insulin levels, will be exempt.
 - Students who are aided by their phone to *overcome learning barriers*, such as communication technology for an impairment, will be exempt.
 - In special circumstances, the principal can provide an exemption if deemed necessary given a student's situation (for example, the student is a teenage parent).
 - Students require a phone to make transport arrangements or communicate with parents after school. In this case, the phone can only be used AFTER the bell has gone and the student has been dismissed from class.
- Exemptions will be decided and managed by the school.**

Students who bring a phone to school for any of the above reasons, need an exemption from the Principal, and will need to have their phone in their bag, and it must be on silent or off.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

QUESTION: Can teachers and other adults use their phones?

The 'phones away for the day' regulations only apply to students.

QUESTION: How will parents contact their child at school, including in the event of an emergency?

Parents can contact their child by contacting the front office.

QUESTION: Where will students store their phone during the day?

If a student chooses to bring a cell phone to school, they will need to store their phone in their bag. The cell phone must be on silent or off.

PLEASE NOTE: School Emergencies

In the case of an emergency, the school will contact the parent / caregiver of students involved.

We appreciate your support around this new government requirement. **REMINDER:** Students who bring a cell phone to school, do so at their own risk. **The school will not responsible for any loss or damage to any cell phone.**

Vapes

As stated, vapes are not permitted at WCC, our policy states: WCC is a vape free school. The possession of vapes are prohibited at school (Including classrooms, toilets, school buildings and school grounds). As vapes are illegal, ALL VAPES will be confiscated and will NOT be returned to students. A plea to parents to **NOT** buy vapes for students.

Nga Manaakitanga

Whaea Jocelyn

Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te
rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.
Foster the pathway
of knowledge to strength, independence
and growth for future generations.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 14th March for all students who are present at school on this day. Photos need to be pre ordered before photo day, <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=ZX68H794>

Students have been given an order envelope by their form teacher for cash payments only, the cash needs to be in the envelope (we don't give out cash from the school eftpos and we are unable to break notes/cash) please return these to the school office. Please also ensure the students full name and class is written on the envelope.

You will need an access code to view the photo/s, please contact the School Office (06) 831 0180 the day after photos for your code.

If you have pre ordered and decide after viewing you no longer want the photo your order can be cancelled by email.

LOST PROPERTY

Please name your child's uniform and shoes as we are getting a number of lost uniforms with no names.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Our **Homework Club** commenced last week again for this term. Homework Club gives students an opportunity for further learning and preparation for assessments. These sessions will be run on Thursday afternoons (3pm – 4pm) in Te Whanau Ora/Student Support Centre for Term One.



ATHLETICS DAY

Our annual Athletics Day will take place Wednesday 13th March at the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park. Students need arrive to school on time to travel by bus to the venue, they will return by 3pm. Students are not required to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear their house colours:

Tupari - **Orange**, Remutupo - **Blue**, Waikamaka - **Yellow**, and Maropea - **Purple**.



A school lunch will be provided for students, they are welcome to bring their own food and drink, parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: www.colenso.school.nz

Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the

WCC 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.

PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed address or contact details please contact the school office to update by either by phone: (06) 831 0180 or email: postmaster@colenso.school.nz

KEY DATES

Wed 13th March:	Athletics Day, Hastings Sports Park
Thurs 14th March:	School Photos, Homework Club: 3-4pm
Fri 15th March:	School Assembly: 2.15pm
Wed 20th March:	Kapa Haka Practice: 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thurs 21st March:	Homework Club: 3-4pm
Tues 26th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 27th March:	Kapa Haka Practice: 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thurs 28th March:	Homework Club: 3-4pm
Fri 29th March:	Good Friday School Closed
Mon 1st April:	Easter Monday School Closed
Tue 2nd April:	Easter Tuesday School Closed
Wed 3rd April:	Kapa Haka Practice: 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thurs 4th April:	Homework Club: 3-4pm
Fri 5th April:	Year 7 & 8 Trip to Ranui Farm, School Assembly: 2.15pm
Wed 10th April:	Kapa Haka Practice: 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thurs 11th April:	Revolution Tour Performance to students: 2-3pm, Homework Club: 3-4pm
Fri 12th April:	Term One Finishes, World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm
Mon 29th April:	Two Two commences



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