



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 12th - 23rd February 2024



Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau. Ngā mihi o te tau hou - Happy New Year. A warm welcome to our new students, families and staff who have chosen to join the William Colenso College whānau in 2024. This year we welcome a large group of new students as well as two new staff members, Mr Rohit Mani (Maths) and Mrs Skye Stanley (Science). Nau Mai Haere Mai.

I hope you enjoyed a sensational summer break and are ready to face the reality of returning to school. A new school year gives us an opportunity for a fresh start, it is a time to set new goals, and to try new challenges. One of my favourite quotes is attributed to Abraham Lincoln and Peter Drucker, “**the best way to predict the future is to create it.**” So how do we go about creating our own future. I think we need to be an active participant – get involved. By knowing what you want, and what you are willing to do to get it will help you to shape what your future will look like. The message to our students this year is to **get involved - be a participant**, not an observer. **Be an upstander** not a bystander. **Speak up**, don't be quiet. **Put your hand up**, not out. Now is a great time to refocus and set goals for 2024. Life is not about expecting, hoping, and wishing, but more about **doing, being and becoming**. To our students, we want you to be an active participant in your education. **Turn up to school on time, attend every day, focus in class, do your best, ask for help and get involved.**

The beginning of the year is also a great time to remind us of the things that are important to us. For our school it is our vision, mission, values and focus for the year.

Our MISSION: Wawatatia, Mahia, Ekea / Aspire, Act, Achieve

Our VISION: To prepare students for success in our learning environment and in their future, by valuing their contribution as individuals and celebrating diversity.

Our VALUES:

Manaakitanga – (Respect) – This value is expressed in the college by behaviour that supports positive relationships between individuals and all those in the college community. We will seek to treat people with dignity through supportive and productive relationships.

Whanaungatanga – (Belonging) – This value is expressed throughout the college by recognising that every individual contributes to the wider school community. The college will provide an environment that supports assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction to all.

Hirangatanga – (Striving for Excellence) – This value is expressed in the college through the recognition of the individual giving their very best toward any task or relationship they have. Value will be placed on recognising excellence as being derived from effort, perseverance, and performance.

Our FOCUS FOR 2024:

- Consistency & high expectations
- Improved attendance
- Positive behaviour
- Correct uniform
- Wellbeing (Hauora)



Consistency & High Expectations

Consistency helps us develop good habits and stay focused. Whether it's learning a new skill, adopting healthy habits, or overcoming challenges, consistency allows us to make progress. Having high expectations is about supporting and empowering students to learn and achieve personal excellence.

Improve Attendance:

- Attend school everyday.
- Be on time to school and classes.
- Be in class / no wandering.
- Stay in class.
- Ask for a pass to leave (ie toilet - going to Te Whanau Ora-Student Support).
- Shop is out of bounds during the school day unless you are a Year 13.
- Late students: Year 7 & 8 students sign in at the Student Support Centre, all other year levels go directly to class, your form teacher will monitor your lateness.

Positive Behaviour: (in classroom and in the grounds)

- Be a good listener.
- Allow others to learn.
- Respect others/property.
- Complete assigned work.
- Follow directions.
- Always do your best.
- Use time wisely.
- Be interested.
- Ask questions.
- Improve Communication to sustain better relationships.
- Build Resilience

Correct Uniform

When everyone is wearing the same clothing, it eliminates the pressure on students to wear expensive and trendy clothing to fit in with their peers. This promotes a sense of community and inclusivity, as everyone is part of the same team. One of the main reasons why schools implement uniforms is to improve discipline.

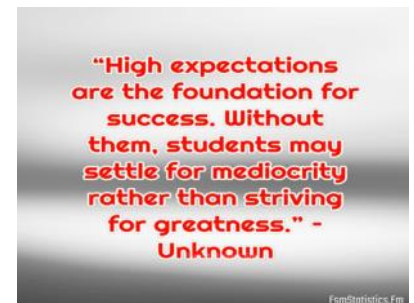
Wellbeing / Hauora = Self Care

Self-care means taking the time to do things that help you live well and improve both your physical health and mental health. When it comes to your mental health, self-care can help you manage stress, lower your risk of illness, and increase your energy. Even small acts of self-care in your daily life can have a big impact.

Below are some tips to help you get started with self-care:

- Get regular exercise.
- Stay hydrated.
- Make sleep a priority.
- Try a relaxing activity.
- Set goals and priorities.
- Practise gratitude.
- Focus on positivity.
- Stay connected.

Self-care looks different for everyone, and it is important to find what you need and enjoy. It may take trial and error to discover what works best for you. In addition, although self-care is not a cure for mental illnesses, understanding what causes or triggers your mild symptoms and what coping techniques work for you can help manage your mental health.



Phones - Term 1 2024

Our current Policy relating to mobile phones is that they are not to be used in class or during class time (unless specifically directed by a teacher in connection with a learning activity). This policy is currently under review in response to the government's recent guidance around no phones in school, due to begin in term 2. We will update you regarding this as we work through our review process. Phones are not to be used in class OR during class time. This includes after the 1st Bell has rung after breaks, if a phone is seen, it will be confiscated.

Vapes

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.

We look forward to a positive year and we want this to be the case for all our students and staff. **“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”** Remember to be an active participant in your education. Turn up to school on time, attend every day, focus in class, do your best, ask for help and get involved.

Ngā Manaakitanga Whaea Jocelyn

WCC WHANAU NCEA WORKSHOP



NAU MAI HAERE MAI

William Colenso College
Thursday 22 February at 5pm to 6pm

Join us for a workshop designed to help whānau understand NCEA

What we will cover:

- Changes to the NCEA system
- Aspirations of your tamaiti
- NCEA Endorsements
- University Entrance
- The importance of STEM
- Choosing the right subjects
- Tips for supporting your tamaiti



Can't make it to the workshop?
Scan the QR Code to book one for you and your whānau.

NZQA
Māori Tahua Mītauranga e Aotearoa
New Zealand Qualifications Authority

SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch 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.

SCHOOL DAY

WCC school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3pm each day. Interval break for students is: 11am-11.30am and Lunch is 1.30pm-2pm. If there any changes to these times we will communication this through out school facebook page, school app and email distribution list.

NEW STAFF

We have a new member of staff for 2024: Rohit Rupendra Mani. Rohit is married with 2 children and has moved over from Lautoka City, Fiji. He has been teaching for 23 years, and has taught: Mathematics, Physical Education, Social Science, Basic Science, Family Life.



Moana Keefe will be our Music teacher this year moving from teaching Year 9, and Skye Stanley who has been completing her teaching training with us will be teaching Science.



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.

KEY DATES

Fri 16th Feb:	School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 27th Feb:	Year 7 & 8 Day Trip to Pukemokimoki Marae Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Fri 1st March:	School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 5th March:	Year 9 Scholarship & Student Leader Badge Ceremonies: 5.30pm Staffroom
Wed 13th March:	Athletics Day, Hastings Sports Park
Thurs 14th March:	School Photos
Fri 15th March:	School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 26th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Fri 29th March:	Good Friday School Closed
Mon 1st April:	Easter Monday School Closed
Tue 2nd April:	Easter Tuesday School Closed
Fri 5th April:	School Assembly: 2.15pm
Fri 12th April:	Term One Finishes, World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm



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WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

