



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 18th - 29th November 2024



Kia ora e te Whanau



Congratulations to our William Colenso College Jump Jam Team (WC TRIBE) who represented our school and the Hawkes Bay Region in Tauranga on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the JUMPJAM NATIONALS gaining 4th place. Our Team was made up of Year 7 & 8 students and was one of 68 schools who participated in the North Island Nationals this year. An amazing achievement. We are so proud of these students for the time and effort put into practising their chosen routine KOTAHITANGA. Outstanding!!! They also received Excellence in Performance, Technique and Costume.

**Nga Ringa Toi o te Matou a Maui – Hawkes Bay Secondary Schools' Māori Art Exhibition.** We are thrilled to have several students exhibit outstanding pieces of art this year. This is another amazing opportunity for students, whanau and the Hawkes Bay community to see the work of some of our talented students. The Exhibition opens on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm and remains open until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please pop into CAN (Creative Arts Napier), 16 Byron St to see the outstanding art pieces. A massive thank you to the WCC Art Department led by Ms Laura Jackson for their continued support and encouragement of our talented artists.

It's crazy to think we are in mid-November already; this year is racing by. We have a busy few weeks coming up:

- Mon 18th - Wed 20th Nov: International Camp (Raglan)
- Tues 19th Nov - Thurs 21st Nov: Year 9 EOTC camp
- Wed 27th Nov - Fri 29th Nov: Year 7 & 8 camp
- Thurs 28th Nov - Fri 29th Nov: International Camp (Tongariro)
- Sun 1st Dec - Wed 4th Dec: Leadership Camp
- Tues 10th Dec - Splash Planet (Years 7,8,9 & 10)
- Wed 11th Dec - Junior Prize Giving 10am (Years 7,8, 9 & 10)
- Wed 11th Dec - **World Famous** 12:30pm (ALL WELCOME). Last day of school for students.

Please ensure permission slips are returned to school as soon as possible for the above activities. We apologise for the cost of splash planet; the cost of this activity is for admission into the pools and part of the bus hire. The school is subsidising the cost of the bus hire due to the hike in price for Splash Planet.

**Vaping:** To date, I know 0 students who have been able to quit vaping. I have spoken to a large percentage of students who vape, and some have stated they struggle with quitting. Some want to quit but because they are hooked it is hard to give the addiction up. Below is a list of the types of students that are more at risk of vaping:

- Students that go to small schools.
- Students that go to big schools.
- Students that play sports:
- Students that don't play sports:
- Students that go to school:
- Students that don't go to school:
- Students that listen to music:
- Students that play video games:

Vaping is a life altering choice that can last their entire life. Once a student starts vaping it is very very very hard for them to quit. It will take nicotine gum, patches, therapy, and much more for them to quit. "It's easier to prevent a forest fire than it is to put one out!"

**Attendance:** In Aotearoa New Zealand, learners are expected to attend school every day the school is open – yet many don't. Our attendance levels are worse than in other comparable countries and are continuing to fall. In 2022, secondary school regular attendance fell to 37 percent. This is concerning, because the evidence is clear that regular attendance is important for learning, wellbeing, and life outcomes. This is not an issue that schools can tackle alone, we need our whanau support. Regular school attendance makes a big difference. Everyday counts, and we know that missing too many days leads to lower achievement, poorer wellbeing, and other worrying outcomes. We are mindful of the array of reasons why students don't attend school, and we will continue to work with whanau around these concerns. Please encourage your student to come to school. Call us if support is required.

**Enrolments for 2025:** We are currently taking enrolments for 2025 and encourage Whanau who are wanting their student(s) to attend WCC in 2025, to make an appointment at our front office.

**Start Dates for 2025:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February will be the official start date for students. Our School Powhiri to welcome new students and whanau to WCC will start at 9am. We invite all new students (and whanau), to meet on the tennis court (opposite the administration building by 8:50am). Following the Powhiri, all students will attend a welcome back assembly in the school hall.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Waitangi Day and the school will be closed. School will commence on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 8:45am.

A huge thank you to those who continue to support our students and our school.

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa  
Whaea Jocelyn



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# 2025 ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Years 7-13 for 2025. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the School Office for enrolment information: 06 831 0180. If your child is a current Year 8 student or you are enrolling a Year 9 student in 2025 please visit our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz) for more information on the 2025 Year 9 Scholarships, or call into the School Office and pick up an application form. Applications close **Friday 22nd November, 2024.**



## Haere Mai

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Te Kareti o Wiremu Koroneho



We are seeking homestays for international students NOW



Always wanted to travel the world? We're bringing the world to you and want to pay you to experience it. German, French and Japanese students are arriving at William Colenso College. We're looking for homestay parents who can introduce them to a genuine sweet-as Aotearoa lifestyle. Homestay rates are \$275 per week for 2024. Host a boy or a girl. We currently need a homestay for a German girl and boy.



If you are interested in hosting an international student and would like to know more, please contact us for more information.

Jody Stent - Homestay coordinator  
[jody.stent@colenso.school.nz](mailto:jody.stent@colenso.school.nz) / 0210469322

We are seeking homestay families for our international students.

If you are interested in hosting an international student please contact Jody Stent email: [jody.stent@colenso.school.nz](mailto:jody.stent@colenso.school.nz)

## Ngā Ringa Toi o te Matou a Māui

Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' Maori Art Exhibition  
CAN Napier, 16 Byron Street  
November 15 - 28  
Opening 5.00 Rāpare 15 2024



Reclaiming my Culture (after Hannah Hoch)

Alijay Wairua  
William Colenso College

We are proud to have 14 students work displayed at this exhibition, until 28th November at Creative Arts Napier.

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Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically



# TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING

A 'paid union meeting' is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 26th November 2024 @ 1pm - 3pm.**

Please note the school day will end at **12.30pm Tuesday 26th November for students** to allow teachers to attend this union meeting.

Limited supervision will be provided for students who cannot be collected by parents. Please notify the school **IF** your child requires supervision from 12:30pm - 3pm.

Sincere apologies for the inconvenience of this disruption.

# NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM 2025

**All of the current WCC uniform is now at NZ Uniforms, Hastings at a discounted price. The 2025 new uniform will be available from Monday 6th January, 2025.**

Information on the new uniform has been posted on our school facebook page, the school app and emailed out to those parents/caregivers who are on our email distribution list. If you have any further queries please contact the School Office.

# KEY DATES

5th - 29th Nov:	NZQA Exams commence
18th - 20th Nov:	International student trip to Raglan
19th - 21st Nov:	Year 9 Camp
Fri 22nd Nov:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Mon 25th Nov:	International students trip to Splash Planet
Tues 26th Nov:	Teachers Paid Union Meeting: 1-3pm, students will finish school@12.30pm
27th - 29th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camp
Wed 27th Nov:	2025 Enrolment Interviews: 4pm-5.45pm
28th & 29th Nov:	International students trip to Tongariro Crossing.
1st - 4th Dec:	Leadership Camp
Wed 4th Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting; 5pm
Fri 6th Dec:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 10th Dec:	Splash Planet trip for whole school (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)
Wed 11th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving School Hall: 10am-11.30am
	Final Assembly: 12.30pm-2pm, we aim to finish the assembly around 2pm but may finish slightly earlier, students will be dismissed once finished.

## **2025 Start Dates:**

Thurs 30th Jan:	Year 7 & 8 Meet the Teachers Sausage Sizzle: 1.30pm-3pm
Wed 5th Feb:	All students commence at 8.40am
Thurs 6th Feb:	Waitangi Day - School Closed

