



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 25th March - 12th April 2024



## Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau,

A warm welcome to all new students and whanau who have joined William Colenso College since the start of the year. Term 1 is racing by quickly. It is great to report that most of our students have settled into routines and classes and are making the most of the opportunities available to them. We have several extra-curricular activities underway. It is awesome to see so many eager students attending our Kapa Haka Roopu and the Homework club which is designed to offer additional support to students. The numbers of students participating in sport and the variety of sports being tried is outstanding. We enjoyed a very successful Athletics day at Hastings Park. Thank you to those Whanau who came along to support their Tamariki. Even though it was a super-hot day, our students were outstanding and excelled in both track and field events. Thank you to staff who supported our students in either their age groups or at a field or track event. I am thankful to those who assist our students in extracurricular activities. We couldn't run any extracurricular events and sports without support.

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** We are very fortunate to have one of our students on the Napier Youth Council 2024. Their focus for the year is on important issues like environment, inclusivity and creating more leadership opportunities and fun activities for young people. We are thrilled to have Maarie Johansen representing WCC on the youth council.

**FAREWELL:** We are saddened to be saying farewell to one of our esteemed learning coaches Ingrid Stevens. Ingrid has been a delight to work with and I know our students and staff will miss her cheerful, kind and supportive nature. We wish Ingrid all the best on her new adventure.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Our strategic and annual plan which includes our school vision, mission, values, and goals is located and available for whanau and our school community on our school website <https://colenso.school.nz/>

**CELLPHONES:** As you are aware, the new government initiative of 'phones away for the day' is set to come into effect from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We are asking for parental / caregiver assistance with the new guidelines.

**How can parents & caregivers help?** If you require your student(s) to bring their phone to school, please remind them the phone must be kept in their bags. This also includes Ear pods and other listening devices. We are aware that many parents like to stay in touch with their child by texting during the school day. A friendly reminder that School is a place for focusing on learning. Every time focus is interrupted, it takes a lot of brain power and energy to get back on task. When a phone vibrates in a pocket, the focus moves from what the student was learning to what is happening in their pocket, they wonder what the notification is. When they are asked a question, they haven't heard a word the teacher has said because their brain is elsewhere. Please note, you can still contact your child if you have a change in plans or a family emergency: please contact the front office. If the message is not urgent it can probably wait.

**ATTENDANCE:** Another area where parents / caregivers can assist us is in supporting your child to be successful in school by making school attendance a priority for your child / children. Parents and caregivers have a legal duty to ensure children get a full-time education. Being at school and in class is important and a requirement to learning.

Developing good habits while at school will be beneficial to students long after they have completed secondary school. To develop good habits, students should be encouraged to:

- have a regular bedtime that allows for a good nights sleep
- organise their lives by leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time
- turn off electronic devices one hour before bedtime
- attend classes on time.

Helping students to build responsibility skills is an important life lesson and will set them up to make the most of the opportunities that come their way. Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for students to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

**What is the school doing to improve school attendance?** In addition to our attendance team, we have individual form teachers monitoring daily attendance. A fortnightly session between form teachers and deans has been added to our meeting schedule to review attendance concerns. We use attendance data to analyze attendance and target the reasons behind poor attendance. We also have support from attendance services who make visits to the homes of students who are not attending school. We hope these measures will aim to improve attendance, leading to better attainment and mental wellbeing amongst our students. In most cases, if your child's attendance level is falling, we will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what help can be put in place. You can expect the school to meet with you to discuss our concerns. If the barriers to your child's attendance are in school, the school would like to work with you to help overcome the issues.

Ngā Mihi Whaea Jocelyn

### Athletics Day 2024



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on Thursday 14th March for all students who were present at school on this day.

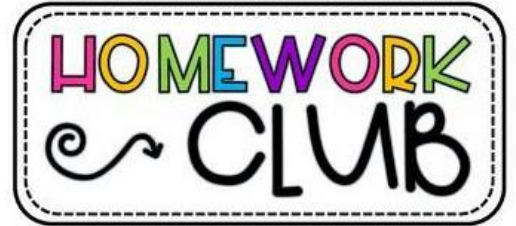
Photos can be ordered <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=ZX68H794>

Students who had their photo taken will have been given an access code to allow you to view the photo/s, on line. If your child has misplaced it, please contact the School Office (06) 831 0180 for your code.

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

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Our **Homework Club** has commenced again 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.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS

School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50

The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Yuta, Kengo and Komei from Japan arrived this week for a 2 week visit to school. Here is Kengo being greeted by Sky from Cambodia, Emanuel from Brazil and their homestay Dad, Milton.

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

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)

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

## 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](mailto:postmaster@colenso.school.nz)

## KEY DATES

Tues 26th March:	International Student Cultural Day, Year 7 & 8 Immunisations, 78SE / PB year 8's to Outdoor River session: 8.45am-1.30pm, Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 27th March:	78SH / PB Year 7's to Outdoor River session: 8.45am-1.30pm, 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:	Year 7 & 8 Vision Screening, 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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