



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 2nd - 13th September 2024



Kia ora e te Whanau,

Our Open Evening was held on **Wednesday 21st August**. It was lovely to have Whanau (existing and future), visit our school and see how WCC operates. We are grateful to the outstanding students who shared their experiences of their time at WCC and to those who performed and shared their amazing talents including our MC (Nikau), our Kapa Haka Roopu, our amazing violinist and our dynamic dance crew. If you would like to see our school in action, or require an enrolment interview, please call the front office to make an appointment. **Enrolments for 2025** are now open.

Congratulations to our **Intermediate School Jump Jam Students** who represented our school on Sunday 25th August. This was the first time WCC has competed in the Jump Jam competition. 12 - Year 7/8 students worked hard over term 2 and 3 to perform and their hard work paid off with them scoring 1st place for their category! The group was also awarded a certificate of Excellence in Technique as well as a Certificate of Excellence in Performance. We are all so very proud of these students, they were amazing and represented our kura so well. They are heading to Nationals in November.

Congratulations to two former students, **Jamie Houston and Matangirau Whaanga** who are currently in Hilo, Hawai'i at the Va'a World Sprint Championships representing their club (Te Rau Oranga o Ngāti Kahungunu Waka Ama) and their country. They competed in the J19 division in the 1000m and 500m races. **Te Manako Totoru** is also there as part of the J16 team. He attended WCC for two years in the middle school. We are always proud to hear of the success of current and past students.

Congratulations to **Hawera Neera** who has been selected to referee at a National Basketball Tournament. Hawera has taken the opportunity to focus on Basketball Referring. We wish Hawera well on this journey.

We have 4 weeks remaining of term 3, which is the most important academic term for our seniors. This means our students (seniors especially), need to focus on their academic studies. Internal assessments need to be completed as well as preparation for external examinations. Using the remaining time this term and the 3 weeks of term 4, before study leave commences is so very important for our senior students. What does this mean? It means students must attend school, communicate with their teachers, do their work to the best of their ability and hand in all assessments on time. Failure to do this could jeopardise students from passing NCEA. Please encourage your son/daughter to work hard on both internal and external assessments and to attend classes on time.

As well as working on academic studies we have several events taking place over the remainder of term 3 and into term 4.

- Presenters from Te Whakapikiake (Auckland University) will visit WCC on **Thursday 5th September**. They will run 2 sessions at our kura and will share with interested students and whanau about their pathway to a health science degree.
- We have a designated speaker for students interested in a career in science. He will visit WCC on **Monday 9th September @ 12:30pm** and will be in the library.
- Our school cross country will take place on **Thursday 12th September**. Students are encouraged to take place (walk, jog, run). House points will be awarded. The aim of the event is to have fun.
- Our second window for the NCEA co-requisite **CAAs** (common assessment activities), will take place **from Friday 13th September to Friday 20th September**. Selected students in Year 9, 10 and 11 will sit Literacy (Reading), Literacy (Writing) and Numeracy Assessments. More information on the CAAs can be found in the following link <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/supporting-akonga-and-whanau#te-reo-matatini-and-pangarau-in-ncea-2024-2025>.

- **Thursday 19th September:** we have our Subject Selection Evening from 4:30pm – 6pm (in the library). Students and whanau are invited to meet with our Deans to discuss possible subject options for 2025. This evening is especially important for students who are currently in Year 9 - 12. This is a great opportunity for students and whanau to talk our Deans and to ensure students are taking the right subjects for their future pathway. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Dean for additional support.
- **Thursday 19th September @ 6pm** (in the hall), we are showcasing our musically talented students.
- In week 10 (**Monday 23rd September – Thursday 26th September**), we are holding our practice assessment week for Level 2 and Level 3 subjects. This is a good opportunity for students to practice for external exams.

Term 4:

- Our Level 1 students will have the opportunity to practice for external exams early in term 4.
- **Friday 17th October:** our Dance Show Case will take place; this is a wonderful event and is also a final opportunity for our senior dance students to complete dance standards.
- **Wednesday 23rd October:** our annual Sports Awards will take place. This evening highlights students and staff who have participated in sport at WCC in 2024.
- **Wednesday 30th October:** our Senior Prize Giving will take place; all are invited to share in the success of our senior cohort. Whanau of students being presented with an award will be notified prior to this prestigious evening.

Thank you to whanau who encourage students to attend school. Lateness continues to be a concern. I want to share an experience I had when I relieved (covered) a class recently. The bell went at 8:40am for our 8:45am start. I arrived at the classroom and there were NO students. I unlocked the door and made myself comfortable but was concerned as to where my students were. ZERO students from 17 is not ideal. I wondered if the students had peeked into the classroom and when they saw me, decided they weren't going to come to class. I sat by myself for the first 20 minutes. From 9:10am the students slowly started to arrive, by 9:30am I had 7 students. Not ideal. This experience of taking a period 1 class prompted me to ask parents to please encourage your student to arrive at school prior to the first bell please. I did investigate to see if lateness was the norm for our students. I was told by several staff that many students struggle to arrive at school prior to the 8:40am bell. Most wander into school during period 1, period 2 or later for some. Students are missing out on valuable learning time. It is also very disheartening for staff to prepare lessons for students who either don't show up or arrive late. Latecomers are also very distracting for students who are already in class and are trying to focus and work. After each late arrival, the teacher must restart the lesson to cater for the late comer(s).

Teaching students to arrive at school on time is a life lesson. Our aim is to prepare students for when they eventually find employment. If we turn up to work late on a regular basis, we will most likely lose our job. Obviously, there are genuine reasons that might occasionally mean a student will be late to school, we are happy to work with whanau around this, but for a few students this is an everyday occurrence. Can I please ask whanau and students to make a concerted effort to arrive at school on time each morning.

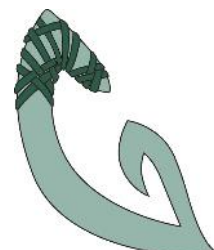
Hirangatanga – our school value and focus for term 3 is appropriate as we strive for success. How do we strive for success? We start by having and a positive attitude and mindset. We keep motivated. Success is a verb – success comes about by our 'actions.' No action means no success. Success is a journey, it's about forward momentum and progress. Stay focused and work hard to achieve.

Thank you to those who continue to support our school. We appreciate your support.

Nga Mihi Nui
Whaea Jocelyn



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



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.

HOMESTAY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Haere Mai

William Colenso College
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 / 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

PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your address or contact details please contact the school office to update by phone: (06) 831 0180 or email postmaster@colenso.school.nz. It is important the school has up-to-date contact information in the case of an emergency.

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 newsletter electronically

KEY DATES

1st-3rd Sept:	Level 2 Trip Outdoor Ed Class
Tues 3rd Sept:	Nominations close for student rep position on the BOT
Thurs 5th Sept:	Level 2 Outdoor Ed Class: Blokart, Whakapiki Ake - Yr 10 & 11 Students Whakapiki Ake Whānau Hui a Roho: 6-8pm School Library
6th-7th Sept:	Level 1 Overnight Trap Outdoor Ed Class
Mon 9th Sept:	Level 2 Blokart Outdoor Ed Class
10th-11th Sept:	Level 1 Canoe Outdoor Ed Class
Thurs 12th Sept:	School Cross Country: 1.30pm-3pm, Level 2 Outdoor Ed Class Blokart
Fri 13th Sept:	PJ Day for students & staff, students can wear appropriate PJ's for the day, gold coin donation with proceeds going to Pink Ribbon. If students choose not to wear PJ's they must wear their full school uniform. Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
16th-20th Sept:	Year 7 & 8 Optimist Yachting
Mon 16th Sept:	International Student Trip to Ranui Farm
Wed 18th Sept:	Level 3 Kayak Outdoor Ed Class
Thurs 19th Sept:	Level 2 Outdoor Ed Class Blokart; Voting for Student Rep position on BOT in form class: 10.45am Subject Selection for Years 10-12 in 2025: 4.30-6pm School Library, Music performance by students: 6pm School Hall
20th-21st Sept:	Level 1 Overnight Tramp
Fri 20th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
23rd-26th Sept:	Practice Exams for Years 12 & 13
Tues 24th Sept:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 25th Sept:	Level 3 Kayak Outdoor Ed Class
Thurs 26th Sept:	Touch Tournament Years 5-8 various schools participating on school fields Level 2 Blokart Outdoor Ed Class
Fri 27th Sept:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm, final day for Term Three
Mon 14th Oct:	Term Four Commences



The Napier chapter of the Year 12 Art Exhibition. Schools exhibiting are William Colenso College, Napier Girls, Napier Boys, Tamatea High, Taradale High and Sacred Heart College. We have 25 students exhibiting across Design, Painting and Photography.

Running from Friday, 30th August - Thursday 12th September at CAN (Creative Arts Napier).