



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 10th - 21st March 2025



Athletics Day: Wednesday 5th March 2025

🧡 🧡 💙 💜 Kia whakahī te mahi tahi! The annual William Colenso College Interhouse Athletics was a very busy day. The whole school dressed in a sea of colour proudly representing our school houses. Students cheered the athletes who ran, jumped and threw. House Spirit was next level with students encouraging and supporting each other. It was heartwarming to see so many students showing incredible house spirit and enthusiasm throughout the day. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for supporting this event. Your help made everything run smoothly and the day couldn't have worked without you. Special mention to our PE department and Sports Coordinator for their efforts in organising and setting up our Athletics Day. Well done, Tumeke!

Attendance: As stated in the last newsletter, I would like to share some thoughts around Attendance.

Attendance at school is crucially important to your child's learning, confidence and sense of belonging. We value the partnership we have with you in helping your child to reach their potential.

Here are some important facts about attendance:

- Our school monitors the attendance of all students on a daily basis. We record the reasons for absence and code them according to Ministry directives, for example illness, justified absence due to extenuating circumstances or explained but unjustified.
- Any student whose attendance drops below **90%** is a deep concern to us. This works out at 10 days per year, or 2 and half days a term.
- **We ask that unless your child is unwell or their attendance is impossible due to a family emergency or circumstances outside your control that you do your utmost to send your child to school. This is compliance with the law and means that your child can make the most of being at school.**
- If you do not explain your child's absence, they are recorded as truant. **Please contact the Attendance Office every time your child is not at school and let us know the reason.**
- Persistent lateness is also an issue and we ask you to remind your student(s) to arrive at school before the first bell at 8:40am.
- **There is a direct link between poor attendance and poor achievement.**

Some examples of justified absence:

- Illness
- Funeral/Tangi
- Medical treatment offsite (for example a dentist visit)

Some examples of unjustified absence:

- having a day off for a birthday or any other reason
- family holidays
- going shopping

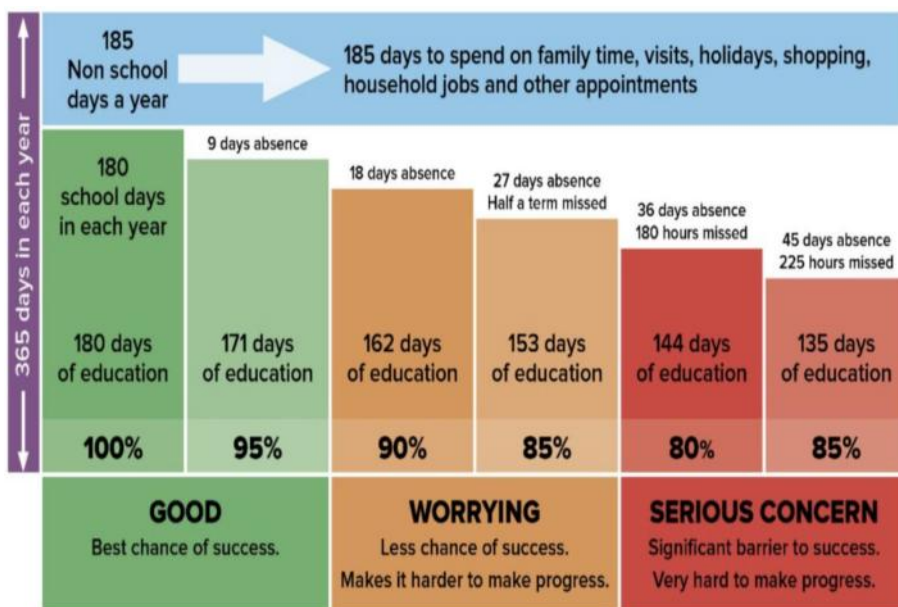
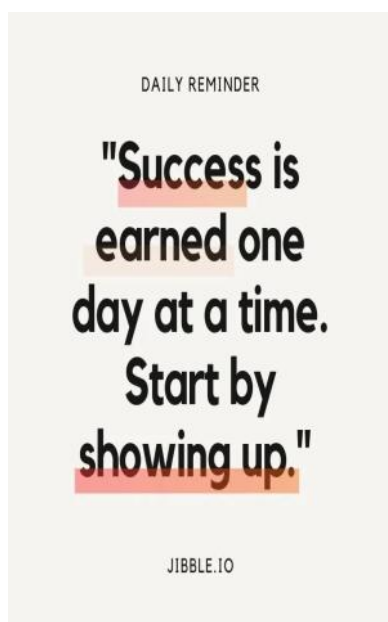
Attendance - What We Do:

- Text in the morning if we have not heard from you and your child is absent
 - Code the absence (T = truant and will be the code if you do not tell us why your child is away)
 - Form Teacher followup: phone call / text home
 - Dean: Request a meeting if Truancy is concerning and ongoing
 - Dean / SLT: Attendance meeting/hui around barriers to attendance OR a home visit
 - After a period of unjustified absence we may send our Home Liaison officer for a visit to try and determine the reason for the absence
 - Make an attendance service referral to the truancy officer if the issue is not resolved.
- This is so that the school is compliant with the law.**

What we need from you:

- Send your child to school, keeping them home only if they are sick or you have a genuine family emergency. Also make sure they are at school on time. Vital learning can be missed when your children are late
- Contact the attendance office if your child is unable to attend school, and explain the reason. The school will text you if there has been no contact prior to 9:15am.
- If for any reason you need to take your child from school during school hours, notify the Attendance Office
- Where possible, make appointments outside of school hours.

Thank you for helping us work together to make sure our students are achieving their potential!



SCHOOL CARPARK

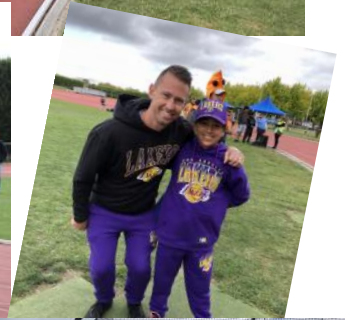
Our school car park (Arnold Street Entrance) is becoming unsafe to use for our students during drop off and pick up times each day. We are experiencing record numbers of parents / caregivers dropping off and picking up students before and after school. We encourage whanau to use the back gate off Morris Spence for drop offs and pickups please. Please be mindful we have an Early Childhood Centre and Teen Parent Unit, there are currently a number of workmen who also use our front gate to access their building sites.

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

ATHLETICS PICS



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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Our School Communication
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- School Alert Groups
- Direct Absentee Line
- Contacts Directory
- School Events
- Daily Notices
- Plus Much More!

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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.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school hours please provide a written note / text or phone the Attendance Office: 8310180 Ext 708 or 709. Your child will need to sign out at the student office before they leave the grounds.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos were taken for all students on **Tuesday 11th March**.

Options to order are:

With the photo order envelope your child brought home, which must have the **correct amount** of cash in it as the school won't be able to change any money and eftpos is **NOT** an option as the payments are made directly to the Photo Company.

The other option of ordering is online:

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=GNXDMWDC>

On photo day your child would have been given an internet access key code to enable parents/ caregivers access to online viewing of the photos. If the internet access key code is misplaced please contact the School Office: (06 8310180).

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.

KEY DATES

Tues 11th March:	School Photos for all students
Fri 14th March:	WCC current & ex Staff 15 + years service afternoon tea: 3.30pm / Staffroom
Tues 25th March:	Year 7 Vision Screen Programme
Thurs 27th March:	Year 9 Hearing Screen Programme
Fri 28th March:	WCC Cultural Day
Tues 1st April:	78SE MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 11.45am-2.30pm
Thurs 3rd April:	78PB MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 8.45am-11.30am
	78SH MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 11.45am-2.30pm
Fri 4th April:	International Students Sports Day @ Taradale High
Mon 7th April:	Year 7 & 8 HPV Immunisations
	International Student Trip
Tues 8th April:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 9th April:	International Student Trip returns
Thurs 10th April:	Waikato University Visit: 9.45am in the Library for senior students
Fri 11th April:	Final Day of Term One

