



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 12th – 23rd May 2025



Kia ora e te Whanau,

Term 2 is well underway. A couple of highlights of students who are stepping up and raising the bar at William Colenso College.



Congratulations to **Matarita Paku** who was awarded a unity award for her significant contribution to the community.

Congratulations to two Year 12 art students **Edd Kuti and Ren Reid** who entered the Paris Art Deco Youth Art Competition, Ren won the People's Choice award and his piece sold. Edd's work won the Judges' award.

(Ren's work is on the left and Edd's work is on the right).



Congratulations **Crissell Marsh** (Y12). Crissell has been accepted into the Whakapiki Ake residential enrichment programme (4 days in Auckland) in July 2025. Whakapiki Ake is a recruitment programme that actively engages with rangatahi Māori enrolled in secondary schools to promote health as a career, and entry into Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' professional programmes through Auckland University.



We were delighted to host Fraser High School at our kura on Friday 2nd May. Our WCC senior dance class joined with the Fraser Touring group and together they learnt a Samoan Sasa. A great opportunity for both schools to work together.



Our Year 10 Pathway 2 Potential crew had a work site visit this week to Higgins Group HB, where they learnt that the Company is so much more than just roading and traffic management.



Term 2 is always a very busy term. We will remain focused on achieving excellence and enhancing our WCC culture of stepping up and raising the bar. We welcome those who are new to William Colenso College this term. We hope you embrace our school culture and make WCC your own. To our Year 13 cohort and especially our student leaders, thank you for stepping up and demonstrating what it means to be part of this school. Every positive contribution matters and helps enhance the special character of our school.

Our school values of **Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga** remain at the forefront of everything we do at WCC.

Through **Manaakitanga** we build respectful relationships, treat others with kindness, are welcoming of the viewpoints of others, show compassion, kindness and offer support.

Through **Whanaungatanga** we build relationships by fostering meaningful relationships, sharing experiences, and creating a strong sense of belonging.

Through **Hirangatanga** we Strive for Excellence by being in school, on time, in classes, doing the work required. We wear the correct school uniform and make an honest effort in all we do.

We would like to welcome **Mr Joshua Young** to William Colenso College. Joshua is covering for Amber Wijnsma, our Guidance counsellor who is on maternity leave. We wish Amber all the best as she awaits the arrival of a beautiful little girl. Joshua has moved to Hawkes Bay from Auckland and we hope he enjoys his WCC experience.

We would like to thank those who attended our parent / teacher interviews on Wednesday 7th May. Attending parent interviews is crucial for fostering a strong partnership between home and school, ultimately supporting your child's academic and personal growth. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, address concerns, and collaborate with teachers on strategies for success. If you were unable to attend the scheduled interview, please make contact with your child's teachers.

We encourage all WCC students to attend school. Some benefits of attending school:

Academic Achievement: Consistent attendance is directly linked to higher grades and greater success in learning.

Lifelong Learning: School provides a structured environment for developing a love of learning and the skills to seek knowledge throughout life.

Social Development: School offers opportunities to interact with peers, learn social skills, and develop positive relationships.

Life Skills: Attending school teaches important life skills like commitment, reliability, and perseverance.

Career Preparation: School provides the knowledge and skills needed for future careers, including higher education and employment.

Personal Growth: School helps students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, which are valuable for personal and professional success.

Community Engagement: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to participate in their communities and contribute positively.

We look forward to a positive term.

Wawatatia, Mahia, Ekea / Aspire, Act, Achieve

Whaea Jocelyn



STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

In Weeks 4 and 5 (19th - 30th May) of Term 2, many of our students will sit the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities, also known as the CAAs. The dates are set by NZQA, so it is really important for students to attend these.

There are 3 online assessments - Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. These allow students to achieve Literacy and Numeracy which is a co-requisite for NCEA Achievement.

Emails were sent to students and whānau last week. On Tuesday the 13th of May, we have a pre-CAAs briefing for students during Form Time, in the Hall.

NZQA provides practice activities for these assessments. You can find these, and more information on the Literacy and Numeracy Qualification here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/assessment/>



NZ MUSIC MONTH
TE MARAMA PUORO
O AOTEAROA

NZ Music Month of May, some of our music students have been learning songs by NZ artists.

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 whānau 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo orders are available for pick up from the front office for Years 9 -13.

Years 7 & 8 students should have received their orders from their classroom teacher.



WCC BREAKFAST

Te Whānau Ora in the Student Support Centre building is open for breakfast every week day between 8.00-8.40am for all students.



KEY DATES

- Mon 12th-14th May: L3 Kayak Multi Day
Thurs 15th May: Electoral Services Visit for Year 13's: 9.45-10.30am in the Library
Fri 16th May: L1 Canoe
Otago Uni Visit for Year 13's: School Library: 9.45am
Mon 19th May: L2/3 English Exam: 9am-11am
CAA Reading Exam Years 11 & 12: 11.30am-1.30pm
Year 10 Maths Exam: 2pm-3pm
Tues 20th May: L2 MTB - Day trip to Waipukurau
CAA Exam LAN students: 11.30am-1.30pm
Year 10 English Exam: 2pm-3pm
Wed 21st May: CAA Writing Exam Year 11: 1.30pm
Year 10 Music & Dance Exam: 2pm-3pm
L2 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Aro Tahi Youth Expo @ Pukemokimoki Marae for Your 12/3 Ldrs: 10am-2pm
Thurs 22nd May: RYDA Road Safety for Year 12 students
Level 3 English Exam: 9am-11am
CAA Numeracy Year 10 Exam: 11.30am-1.30pm
Fri 23rd May: Waikato Uni Trip
CAA Numeracy Exam Year 11: 11.30am-1.30pm
Mon 26th May: CAA Reading Exam Year 10: 11.30am-1.30pm
Tues 27th May: Careers Expo for Year 13 students: 1pm-3.00pm at PGA
CAA Writing & Numeracy Exam: 11.30am-1.30pm
Wed 28th May: CAA Writing Exam Year 10
Level 1 English Exam: 9am-11am
Thurs 29th May: CAA Numeracy L1LAN Exam: 11.30am-1.30pm
Mon 2nd June: Kings Birthday - School Closed
Tues 3rd June: Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
L3 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Wed 4th June: Futureopoly Event for Year 11 students at Tomoana Showgrounds
L3 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Thurs 5th June: Waikato Uni Scholarship Visit: 9.45am in the Library
Tues 10-11th June: L2 MTB Day Trip to Taupo
Sat 14th June: School Ball
Tues 17-18th June: L3 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Fri 20th June: Matariki - School Closed
Mon 23-24th June: L2 MTB Day Trip to Eskdale
Fri 27th June: World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm
Term Two finishes
Mon 14th July: Term Three commences