



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 1st – 9th December 2025



Kia ora whānau

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding year at **William Colenso College**, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved together and to thank everyone who has contributed to making 2025 such a positive year for our kura.

This year has been filled with growth, connection, and learning. Our students have shown tremendous **resilience, creativity, and kindness**, whether in the classroom, on the sports field or through performing arts. We are proud of the way our young people continue to demonstrate our values of **Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Hirangatanga** every day.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to support our students academically, emotionally, socially and personally. To our Board of Trustees, thank you for your steady governance and care. And to our parents, caregivers, and wider whānau — your ongoing support, encouragement, and belief in our school community make all the difference.

We also take this time to acknowledge and farewell staff and students who are moving on to new adventures. Thank you for the contribution you've made to our school — you'll always be part of the William Colenso whānau.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to **rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones**. We look forward to welcoming our students back in 2026, ready for another year of learning, growth, and opportunity.

Step Up / Raise the Bar

As we move into the final part of the year, we encourage all students to step up and raise the bar in everything they do. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, in creative pursuits, or in everyday interactions, now is the time to challenge yourself and aim higher. Push beyond your comfort zone, take initiative, and embrace opportunities to learn and grow. Remember, success isn't just about talent—it's about effort, determination, and the willingness to give your best every day. Let's finish the year strong by raising the bar for ourselves and inspiring those around us.

On behalf of the WCC staff and Board of Trustees we would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa
Whaea Jocelyn



WCC 2025



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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

HOMESTAY PARENTS

We are seeking homestay parents for our international students in 2026. Open your home, change a life and experience a new culture.

Hosting an international student/s is a rewarding opportunity to welcome someone into your home and share your lifestyle, while learning about another culture.

Homestay families will receive a \$310 compensation each week. If you are interested or would like more information please contact our International Department: (06) 833 6752.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The final day for government-funded school lunches will be **Friday 5th December**.

Students will need to bring their own food and drink for the Splash Planet trip, Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December.

KEY DATES

Mon 1st Dec:	International Student Bike and BBQ
Tues 2nd Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 3rd Dec:	Student Leadership Camp
Fri 5th Dec:	Last day for school lunches, Year 7-10 Prizegiving: 1pm-3pm
Sat 6th Dec:	Student Leadership Camp returns
Mon 8th Dec:	Splash Planet trip for the day for all students
Tues 9th Dec:	World Famous @ WCC assembly: 9am-11am, final day for students.

2026 Dates:

Mon 2nd Feb:	Senior Course Confirmation: Year 11: 1-2pm & Year 12 & 13: 2-3pm in the School Library, uniform is not required for Years 11 & 12.
Wed 4th Feb:	All students start school: 8.40am, Powhiri at 9am
Fri 6th Feb:	Waitangi Day - School Closed



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