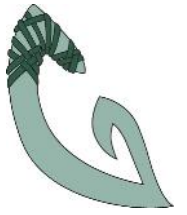




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 23rd – 27th June 2025



Kia ora e te whanau,

We welcome new students, whanau and staff to William Colenso College. Term 2 is quickly drawing to a close.

FAREWELL: I would like to acknowledge and farewell two staff members who are leaving us at the end of term 2. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to William Colenso College and appreciate all that they have done for our students, whanau and school community.

- Phillipa Wakefield (Math Teacher)
- Nic Scotland (Head of Student Support)

We wish them both well in their new challenges.

WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to Sara Neville who is returning to WCC to teach Math. We are thrilled to have you on board Sara.



Positive Ventures: We are very fortunate to have an amazing team who provide a range of awesome opportunities for our students to step up and raise the bar.

Learner License: Alex Gilbert (Year 12) and Sacha Gibson (Year 11) with their learner licences.

RYDA - Road Safety Workshop. On Thursday 22nd May, all of our Year 12 students had the opportunity to engage in a full day RYDA - Road Safety workshop at McLean Park. The aim of the programme is to increase an understanding of road safety issues (including risk factors), educate students about their rights and responsibilities on the road and equip them with the tools they need to choose behaviours that lead to safer outcomes on New Zealand roads.



Futureopoly: 52 Senior Students from WCC were provided with the opportunity to learn more and get excited about potential vocational career pathways. This event is an effort to ensure students are aware of opportunities available to them in the future and enable them to make informed choices about their career and increase their confidence talking to adults.

School Ball: On Saturday 14th June our school ball was held. Students and staff enjoyed a fantastic evening. The theme this year was 'TANGLED'. The decorations were spectacular. The students looked amazing. Our ball is an opportunity for our senior students to dress up and enjoy a formal evening with music, food and friends in a safe environment. I would like to thank the ball committee for organising the 2025 school ball. I'm sure our ball was enjoyed by all who attended.

**ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA**

Health and Safety Course: 30 WCC Year 13 students attended a 2 day health and safety course. Another fantastic opportunity to learn more about health and safety, gain credits and add to the Curriculum Vitae.

Te Vaka Māia (meaning vessel of courage): Another amazing opportunity starts in Term 3. Te Vaka Māia, is an eight-week intensive course for selected Year 10 to 13 students. Students have to apply to attend Te Vaka Māia, and range from those who could do with support, to some needing a boost, to those with leadership potential. Students participate in 3x training sessions per week, all starting before 6am. It culminates in "The Longest Day," a gruelling 8 hour, non-stop, 30 km urban run through Napier - including a stint up Mataruahou. Te Vaka Māia creates more resilient and motivated human beings.

I read the following and thought I'd share: **BECOMING A BETTER HUMAN BEING**

1. Be who you want to see in others. Be real and honest about who you are.
2. Treat everyone with kindness and respect. Don't belittle others. We are all humans!
3. Recognize your flaws and shortcomings. Be self-aware and challenge yourself to grow.
4. Recognize your strengths and talents. Every human being has value and can contribute to something.
5. Learn from your mistakes. Forgive yourself. Don't become a victim of your circumstances. Get up and glow, it's the best form of "revenge" and self-care.
6. Accept constructive criticism, even when it's unsolicited. You don't have to agree with it, but listening with an open mind can help you approach yourself and your life in new ways.
7. Apologize when you're wrong. Don't make excuses to justify your hurtful actions. Be humble, not prideful.
8. Educate yourself everyday and let others educate you too. We can learn from each other. Nobody knows and is right about everything.
9. Don't forget all the good someone has done to you when they hurt you.
10. Remember that self-improvement isn't about reaching perfection. We all make mistakes, we will be tested, we will fall short, but the most important thing is we need to keep getting back up and keep on trying.

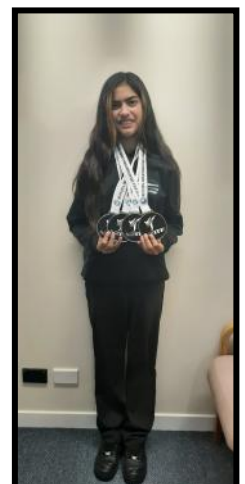
Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break. See you in Term 3, Monday 14th July.

Nga Mihi Nui
Whaea Jocelyn

STUDENT SUCCESS

On Monday 9th June, Raiha Kireka-Harker year 7 competed in the ITF Taekwondo Championships against a number of other schools at the Hastings Christian School, representing William Colenso College. She came 1st in sparring, 2nd in high kicks 2nd in patterns, and 2nd in team patterns receiving 1 Gold and 3 Silver Metals! She has also completed in other tournaments including Australia and is looking forward to competing in Khazikstan next year! Awesome Raiha.

If you have any stories of your child's success outside of school we would love to hear about it email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz



TRAVELLERS PROGRAMME

We are excited to be able to reintroduce to WCC the Travellers Programme for Year 9 students in Term 3. *Travellers is designed to help young people build resilience and equip them with the necessary tools to face life's challenges. Travellers has been running in Aotearoa schools now for 25 years.* We are hoping to run two groups of 8-10 students per group, for 8-10 weeks, and run by four of our amazing trained staff Joshua Young, Elesha Stockan, Ryen Ellison, and Tania from (DOVE).



The Year 9's will complete a voluntary and confidential online well-being survey, and from this students are selected to participate in Travellers - parent/caregiver consents to follow. A physical copy of the Travellers Manual will be available at Student Support Reception for students to have a look at. More information about Travellers can be viewed digitally at <https://www.skylight.org.nz/build-resilience/travellers>

KENNEDY RD GATE

The access gate we have that connects out to Kennedy Road will be locked from 9.30am-2.45pm each day.

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.

GIRLS WITH HIGH VIS

A small group of Year 13 girls experienced a big day out with Connexis and Unison on Wednesday 11th June. This was a hands-on taster day with five engaging work stations. Students tried their hand at working at heights with an extension ladder, were elevated to even greater heights in an EWP machine (like a large 'cherry-picker'), tested electrical circuits, had a ride in a side by side 4WD vehicle, operated a crane using a control board, and drove a small digger.



Students had a huge amount of fun and were able to learn by doing. One of the female Unison staff spoke to the group about her 6 and a half year journey with the company so far and the mayor of Hastings, Sandra Hazlehurst also showed up to show her support for young wāhine in the trades.

Once again, if you can see it, you can be it. It is great to see students pick up on these opportunities for personal growth and learning. Thank you to Connexis and Unison for putting on the Girls With High Vis day out. This was a roaring success, which was evident from the interest and the way that our students got 'stuck in.'

WCC BREAKFAST/LUNCH

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

A lunch is available at our interval break: 11am-11.30am for all students, these are provided by the School Lunch Collective who delivers healthy school lunches to participating schools under the Ministry of Education's Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunch Programme. Students are also welcome to bring their own food.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40am Bell Rings						
8.45am – 9.45am	1					
9.45am – 10.45am	2					
10.45am-11am		FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME
11.00am – 11.30am		INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL
11.30am – 12.30pm	3					
12.30pm – 1.30pm	4					
1.30pm – 2.00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2.00pm – 3.00pm	5					

KEY DATES

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

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