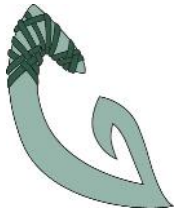




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 6th – 17th October 2025



Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to Term 4! Welcome to new students and whānau. We hope you enjoy your time at WCC. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting term ahead.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank our entire school community for their understanding and support during the recent PPTA industrial action. Your patience, encouragement, and cooperation during this time have been invaluable. It is heartening to see students, whānau, and staff come together, maintaining a positive and respectful atmosphere despite the challenges. Your support helped our school navigate this period smoothly. We are grateful for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure the best possible learning environment for our students.

Term 4 is always a special one – filled with learning milestones, sports events, performances, and end-of-year celebrations. It's also a time to reflect on the progress made throughout the year and to set goals for finishing strong.

Some key focuses for Term 4 include:

- * Continue to build on classroom learning and preparing students for the transition into their next year level.
- * Celebrating achievements and showcasing the amazing talents within our school community.
- * Looking forward to upcoming events such as prizegiving and camps.
- * Preparation for end of year exams.
- * Let's make the most of this final term together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our students thrive.

The Importance of Regular Attendance

A quick reminder that being at school every day makes a big difference to your child's learning. Consistent attendance helps students:

- * Keep up with classroom learning and not miss important lessons.
- * Build strong friendships and social skills.
- * Develop positive routines and responsibility.

Even missing a day here and there can add up over time. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or family emergencies, but we encourage families to prioritise school attendance whenever possible. Together, we can help every student make the most of their learning opportunities. Thank you for your support in helping our tamariki succeed!

Being Kind to Each Other

Kindness / Manaakitanga is one of the most important values we can teach and practise every day. At school, small acts of kindness / Manaakitanga help create a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for everyone.

Some examples of being kind or showing Manaakitanga look like:

- * Including others in games and conversations.
- * Using respectful words and listening carefully.
- * Helping someone who is struggling.
- * Celebrating each other's successes.
- * Showing patience and understanding when things don't go our way.

When we are kind to one another, we build stronger friendships and a community where everyone feels they belong. Kindness doesn't just make others feel good – it makes us feel good too!

This term, we encourage all students (and adults!) to look for opportunities each day to be kind. Even the smallest action – a smile, a thank you, or helping hand – can make a big difference. Together, let's keep building a school culture where kindness / Manaakitanga leads the way.

Term 4 is a busy term with lots of events occurring. We welcome all parents of senior students to join us for prize giving on Thursday 30th October.

Thurs 10th Oct:	Dance showcase @ WCC: 6pm
Wed 15th Oct:	EIT Awards @ EIT
Thurs 16th Oct:	WCC Sports awards @ WCC: 6pm
Wed 22nd Oct:	2026 Student Enrolment Interviews 3:30pm - 5:45pm
Fri 25th Oct:	Hawkes Bay Anniversary (School Closed)
Mon 27th Oct:	Labour Day (School Closed)
Thurs 30th Oct:	Senior Prize Giving @ WCC: 6pm
Fri 31st Oct:	Last Day for Year 12 & 13 students
Fri 31st Oct:	Senior Students (Years 11-13) Leavers Dinner: RSA Napier 6pm
Tues 4th Nov:	NZQA exams begin
Fri 7th Nov:	Last day for Year 11 students

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Jocelyn

William Colenso College
Te Kareti O Wiremu Koroneho: Years 7-13
Enrolment Interviews: Tues 9th Sept & Wed 22nd Oct (3:30pm - 5:45pm)



Starter Uniform Pack: Every NEW completed 2026 Year 7 & 9 enrolment receives a starter uniform pack: Hoodie or Crew Neck, Polo Shirt, either a skirt, shorts or trousers. Offer expires Friday 21st November 2025.

William Colenso College offers small class sizes, specialist teachers and minimal school fees.

Enrolment interviews can be arranged by calling the school office on 06 831 0180



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STUDENT SUBJECT SELECTION

Wednesday 8th October we will be holding our Subject Selection afternoon from 4:00pm – 5.00pm (in the library). Students and whānau are invited to meet with our Deans to discuss possible subject options for 2026.

This opportunity is especially important for students who are **currently in Year 9 - 12**. This is a great chance for students and whānau to talk with 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.

Year 10 Dean: Rhys Fallen: rhys.fallen@colenso.school.nz

Year 11 Dean: Leah Kersey: leah.kersey@colenso.school.nz

Year 12 Dean: Hayley Christison: hayley.christison@colenso.school.nz

DERIVED STUDENT EXAMS

Week 2 (13/10-17/10)

Important notes

- All Exams are in the Library
- Exams are based on the NCEA level of the exam paper not the subject class
- You must be at the Library at least 15 minutes before the Exam starts

These exams follow NCEA exam rules:

- No Phones or smart watches in the exam room
- No notes or written material
- You are allowed a drink bottle (clear bottle), and pens (blue/black). Chrome books will be provided for digital exams
- These exams are an opportunity to practise completing these assessments in an exam setting and within the timeframes and provide a derived grade result.

Derived grades are evidence-based grades that we may award to students when they can't attend an examination at the end of the year, or their performance is impaired.

Time	Monday 13/10	Tuesday 14/10	Wednesday 15/10	Thursday 16/10	Friday 17/10
9am- 12noon	L1 Science L2 English L3 Biology	L1 English L2 History L3 History	L1 Maori L1 Health L2 Maths L2 Maori L3 English	L1 Maths L2 Biology L2 Music L3 Chemistry	L1 History L2 Physics L3 Stats & Maths L3 Japanese
12.30- 3.30pm	L3 Physics L3 Health	L2 Health L2 Dance	L2 Chemistry	L3 Health L3 Maori	

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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

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 welcome to bring their own food also.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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.

KEY DATES

Mon 6th Oct:	Term 4 Commences, Powhiri for new students/international students: 11.45am
Wed 8th Oct:	Student Subject Selection: 4-5pm in the School Library, for students who are currently in Year 9 - 12
Fri 10th Oct:	Dance Showcase: 6pm in the School Hall
Tues 14th Oct:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Thurs 16th Oct:	Sports Prizegiving: 6pm School Hall
Tues 21st Oct:	Year 7 & 8 HPV Immunisations
Wed 22nd Oct:	2026 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm
Fri 24th Oct:	HB Anniversary - School Closed
Mon 27th Oct:	Labour Day - School Closed
Thurs 30th Oct:	Senior Prizegiving: 6pm School Hall
Fri 31st Oct:	Last day for Year 12 & 13 students, Senior Leavers Dinner: 6pm RSA Napier
Tues 4th Nov:	NCEA Exams commence
Fri 7th Nov:	Last day for Year 11 students
Wed 12th Nov:	Year 10 Maori Rotorua Trip
Fri 14th Nov:	Year 10 Maori Rotorua Trip return
Tues 18th Nov:	International Student Camp & Year 9 Camp
Thurs 20th Nov:	Year 9 Camp returns
Fri 21st Nov:	International Student Camp returns, final day for new Year 7 & 9 enrolment uniform starter pack promotion
Mon 24th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps
Fri 28th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps return
Tues 2nd Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 3rd Dec:	Student Leadership Camp
Sat 6th Dec:	Student Leadership Camp returns
Mon 8th Dec:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 1pm
Tues 9th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving: 10am-11.30 School Hall, final day for students.

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