



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI



Term Four: 28th Nov - 9th Dec 2022

Tēnā rā koutou katoa e te whānau o Te Kareti o Wiremu Koreneho,

2022 has been another difficult year for most. I would like to thank our students and staff for their commitment and perseverance. As the year draws to a close, I would like to wish our Year 11, 12 and 13 students well as they finish their NCEA exams and start their summer endeavours. To our Year 13 cohort - thank you for the effort you have made as senior students at WCC. We wish you well on your life journey. A quote I love reminds us that at the end of life what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters.

I would like to make special mention of Mr Peter Fry who is retiring from teaching after 40 years of continuous service. What an outstanding innings. May the years of retirement be rich, rewarding and kind; and may there be no limit to the happiness you find. Arohanui Peter.

We would also like to wish the following staff members all the best as they pursue other teaching or life avenues.

Jody Stent – (Jody will continue at the Teen Parent Unit)
Rebecca Porter
Aaron Vaughan
Kura Stainton
Marewa King
Vanessa Jones

Congratulations to our students who performed in the **Dance Show Case** held at WCC on Friday 11th November. We certainly have very talented students who are amazing at expressing themselves through movement. They have mastered dance as a vehicle of expression. They can tell a story, convey feelings and emotions, and connect with others through dance. They don't need to use words as their body does the talking!!!

A big thank you to our staff who supported our middle **school camps**. Several staff spent a lengthy period away from their whanau. They do this to allow our students the opportunity to attend camps. Students who go on camp often enjoy the various activities provided and these experiences are often the highlight of the year. The aim of camp (or education outside of the classroom) is to enable students to develop outdoor skills while also enhancing their social and personal development. There is an element of environmental awareness included in the camp experience. It is a great chance to learn away from the walls of the classroom and engage in activities outside of the mainstream curriculum. While we understand being away from home can be challenging for some students (and parents), attending camp is an important milestone and the benefits are overwhelmingly positive.

Some of the benefits of attending school camps are:

It allows students the opportunity to disconnect with technology and reconnect with themselves and others.

- Develop Social Skills
- Build lasting relationships with other students
- Build connections with staff
- Learn new activity skills
- Build or improve independence
- Expand experiences in nature
- Teach personal Preparation
- Decisions making skills
- Educational Learning
- Build resilience and confidence

Year 9 Market Day was a massive success. Thank you to our year 9 students for taking time to work on and understand business enterprise. There were some very innovative ideas from washing staff cars to providing boil up and fried bread.



Thank you to our Whanau who attended our **middle school hui** on Thursday 24/11. We appreciate your support. Reports will be emailed / sent out to those who were unable to attend this hui.

Attendance at school is currently a big topic in the news, so much so politicians are making comments on who they believe are responsible for the attendance of students at school. It was suggested that schools need to do more to encourage student attendance. At WCC, we appreciate the support of whanau to ensure their children attend school. Unlike the politicians, I won't lay blame as I believe there are several valid reasons why students may not be attending school. Please know at WCC we want students to be in classes learning. We recognise that attendance has a major connection with learning outcomes. We want to work with and assist our whanau. If you are having difficulty with your child's attendance, please call our attendance office. We will do all we can to offer support. In 2023 we wish to continue to highlight the importance of attendance at school.

As a school, it is important for us to regularly acknowledge and reward achievement. At every assembly we celebrate student success. At the end of the school year, **prize giving** is held to recognise the effort and progress of students. Top scholar awards and cultural prizes are presented. If your child is receiving an award, we invite you to attend our prize giving celebrations.

Important calendar dates 2022:

Mon 28 Nov – Wed 30 Nov	Year 10 practice exams
Fri 2nd Dec	School will finish at 12noon to allow staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting
Tue 6 Dec	Prize giving for Yrs 7- 9: 1:30pm (School Hall – All Whanau welcome)
Tue 6 Dec	Prize giving for Yrs 10-13: 6:30pm (School Hall – All Whanau welcome)
Thurs 8 Dec	Splash Planet (All Yr 7– 10 students)
Fri 9 th Dec	Last day for students (school will conclude by 11:30am)

Important calendar dates 2023:

Thurs 2 nd Feb	Middle School Whanau - Meet the Teachers 1pm – 3pm
Fri 3 rd Feb	Course Confirmation 9am – Year 11, 10am – Years 12 & 13
Tues 7 th Feb	8:45am arrive for 9am Powhiri, Y13 to overnight camp (information to be sent to students and whanau)
Wed 8 th Feb	Year 10 to Tutira Trip (information to be emailed to students and whanau)
Thurs 9 th Feb	Senior School Whanau – Meet the Form Teachers 3-5pm
Fri 10 th Feb	First House Activity
Wed 15 th Feb	Badge Ceremony

ENROLMENTS 2023

If you would like to make an enrolment for 2023 you will need to contact the School Office (06) 831 0180 to make an appointment time.

We would prefer enrolment interviews to take place during 2022 for 2023.

For new students to WCC, who want to start school at the beginning of the school year, enrolments need to be completed by **Thursday 2nd February, 2023**. There will be limited opportunity to enrol in February 2023. If the above date and times are not suitable, please call the front office for an alternative date and time in November 2022.

PAID UNION MEETING

Students will be dismissed at 12noon, Friday 2nd December due to all teachers attending a Paid Union Meeting.

Bus students - the bus will be available for pick up at 12.15pm.

VISITING THE COLLEGE

For health & safety purposes, a reminder if you are visiting the college for any reason, please call into the front administration office and sign in first.



PRACTICE EXAMS YEAR 10'S

Practice exams for all year 10 students will be held 28th-30th November in the library. These exams will be in preparation for students moving into year 11 and NCEA in 2023.

KEY DATES

Mon 28th Nov:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Mon 28th-30th Nov:	Year 7/8HJ & 7/8 SE to camp
Wed 30th Nov-Fri 2 Dec:	Year 7/8CB, 7/8PB, 7/8SH to camp
28th-30th Nov:	Year 10 Practice Exams
Fri 2nd Dec:	Paid Union Meeting students will be released at 12.00noon
Tues 6th Dec:	Year 7-9 Prizegiving: 1.30pm-3pm School Hall
	Year 10-13 Prizegiving: 6.30pm School Hall
Wed 7th - 9th Dec:	Tāne Tū Kaha Tongariro Crossing Trip
Thurs 8th Dec:	Year 7-10 Students to Splash Planet for the day
Fri 9th Dec:	Final day for students, WCC Assembly: 10-11.30 approximate finish, students dismissed after assembly

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Fri 3rd Feb:	Student Course Confirmation: 9am - Year 11, 10am - Years 12 & 13, uniform is not required for Years 11 & 12
Tues 7th Feb:	All student commence school: 8.45am Powhiri Whole School: 9am, students, parents/caregivers to gather in the school carpark Year 13 students leave for overnight trip to Guthrie Smith Education Centre
Wed 8th Feb:	Year 10 & middle school leader students to Guthrie Smith Education Centre for the day, returning end of day with Year 13's

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