



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE



Term Three: 5th - 16th September 2022

Kia ora e te Whanau,

I would like to notify the WCC school community of the makeup of our Board of Trustees:

Board Chair (Parent Representative) Wayne MacGillivray  
Deputy Chair: (Parent Representative) Anita Johansen  
Parent Representatives: Lee Christison, Kim Merwood and Jane Beaven.  
Student Rep: To be confirmed after closing date of student vote.  
Teacher Rep: To be confirmed after closing date of staff vote.  
Principal: Jocelyn Auld  
Principals PA: Keleigh Atkins

We have just completed two 'Open' Evenings and a number of 'William Colenso College experience slots' where potential students and whanau participate in activities and view our school campus. We know this can be a difficult and an apprehensive time for some Whanau as they make decisions and contemplate the right school for their student(s) to attend.

William Colenso College has much to offer, we are a vibrant, energetic, progressive school with a rich tradition of providing quality academic, cultural, sporting and a vast array of other opportunities for our students. We are co-educational and we cater for years 7–13 students. Our school is separated into two distinctive areas, Middle School, and Senior School. Our middle school (Years 7-9) offer home room classes which provide our students with the added comfort and security on their learning journey. We offer small class sizes; this allows for each student to be known individually. We provide opportunities for all students to achieve within an inspiring and caring environment. Our school values provide the foundation for our school community. These shared values are the basis for student-focused relationships which allow our school to have a strong family feel. Our students are at the HEART of all that we do, and our committed teachers work to support students to reach their potential both within and beyond the classroom.

Looking Ahead: **MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER** 'Practice exams' for senior students. These 'practice' exams are vital, the results from these exams are used if (for some reason), students are unable to sit their end of year exams.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori runs from **MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAHURU (September) – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAHURU.**  
#Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori. #TeWikiotereoMāori # Reo Maori #MāoriLangaugeWeek

On **THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 3:30pm.** Whanau Hui for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students. This is an evening where parents / caregivers can come in and talk with the subject teachers about student progress. Please keep the date free.

Students are eagerly practising for our school production 'Hatupatu' – do come along to enjoy the talents of our students. Our shows will run from **WEDNESDAY 21ST & THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER.** I cannot wait to see this fabulous production.

We are currently running an inter house competition where students will compete singing the waiata by Six60-Pepeha. The school wide house competition will be held on **TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

HOMEWORK CLUB is a new initiative that we have started up at WCC. The library will be open each **Tuesday** after school for students to work on homework or assessments. This is open to all students. If required, we will increase our homework club to Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm – 4pm (or longer if required).

On **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**, several schools from within our Matariki Kahui Ako will present a Kapa Haka bracket. This extravaganza will be held in our WCC hall. More details to follow.

**On the last day of Term 3 (FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER) we will finish school at 1:30pm.**

We are very proud of our committed rangatahi who get up early three times a week for a period of two months to train and undertake physical challenges early in the morning alongside the Police, teachers, local community, and iwi groups. The programme 'Te Vaka Maia' (formerly known as CACTUS) aims to build fitness, discipline, and partnerships. Kia kaha Koutou.

VAPES: Vaping is a trend in society that is causing concern. A growing body of evidence shows that smoking e-cigarettes, or vaping, may be even more dangerous than smoking cigarettes. A vape pen, is an electronic device that heats a pod of liquid, turning it into vapor that contains nicotine, flavourings, and other substances. At issue is what chemicals are contained in the liquid that is being vaporized and inhaled, and how they are affecting users — especially teens.

Here's what we do know about the chemicals in many vape pens:

The chemicals used in vapes are dangerous for both adolescents and adults.

A report from researchers found that using e-cigarettes caused breathing difficulties in both smokers and non-smokers of all ages.

The World Health Organization have issued warnings about the dangers that may be associated with e-cigarettes or vapes.

A reminder that Vaping is illegal for those under the age of 18. At WCC, if students Bring / use a vape, it will be confiscated and placed at the front office and will only be returned to parents. Thank you to those parents, and caregivers who continue to encourage your students(s) to attend school and to do the right thing. We appreciate your support.

Nga Mihi Kia Koutou Katoa - Whaea Jocelyn

## ENROLMENTS 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evenings. If you didn't manage to get in and want to arrange an enrolment for 2023, please call into the School Office or phone: 831 0180.

We have two evenings set aside for enrolment interviews: Monday 26th September and Wednesday 26th October: 3.30pm-5.45pm.

## WHANAU HUI / PARENT:TEACHER MEETINGS YRS 11-13

We will be holding parent/teacher meetings for all year 11-13 students, Thursday 15th September, 3.30pm - 6pm. To make a booking please:

- Log into: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
- Click on "make a booking" tab
- The "event code" is ezjub
- Continue filling in the steps, selecting subject, teachers name and time
- Parents can also do a booking via the school app under Alerts.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production this year is based on the well known legend of Hatupatu and the Bird Woman. It has been retold by WCC called "Aroha, Kaikaiwatu, Utu - Love, Betrayal, Revenge. "Kunangaituku Ki runga Hatupatu Kiraro. Our production is a fashion of Dance, Drama and Music. It will be on the 21st & 22nd September in our school hall. The set and costumes have been specifically designed by one of our students and teachers. We are looking forward to bringing this production to you.

Production time: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm, tickets \$5, available at the School Office.

## WCC SCHOOL APP

William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device) -

*"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.*

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

### MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)  
Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

# STUDENT ABSENCES

Thank you to whanau who contact the school to notify us of the absence of your child / children.

**Please note:** The phone number used for the absence system changes daily. The phone number is only valid for the day you get the text message. If you respond to a number after the date the text message was sent the school is unlikely to get your return message.

# SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch each day.

Big thanks to Libelle who are our school lunch providers. Your child is still welcome to bring their own food if they wish. If your child has a dietary requirement please let your child's form / tutor teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.

Libelle now have the School Tuck Shop set up, where students will be able to purchase food at lunchtime.

# KEY DATES

5th - 9th Sept:	Tongan Language Week
5th - 8th Sept:	Practice Exams for Years 11-13 students
Tues 6th Sept:	Nominations close for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees
Fri 9th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
11th - 16th Sept:	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
Tues 13th Sept:	Top Art Exhibition: EIT for Year 13 Art, Design and Photography students 12.30pm-2pm
Thurs 15th Sept:	Victoria University visit for interested senior students: 11.30am-12.30pm in the Library School Cross Country: 1.30pm-3pm
Fri 16th Sept:	Production rehearsal all day for production students
Mon 19th Sept:	Year 7/8PB Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
Tues 20th Sept:	Year 7/8HJ Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
Wed 21st Sept:	Year 7/8SE Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
Thurs 22nd Sept:	Year 7/8SH Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
Fri 23rd Sept:	Year 7/8CB Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-3pm
21st-22nd Sept:	School Production: Hatupatu: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show starts at 7pm, tickets \$5
Wed 21st Sept:	Student voting for Years 9-13 students in formtime for Student Rep on the Board of Trustees
Thurs 22nd Sept:	Year 6 students from Onekawa School visit for WCC Experience
Fri 23rd Sept:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Sat 24th Sept:	Te Vaka Māia Longest Day
Mon 26th Sept:	2023 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm bookings via school office
Thurs 29th Sept:	Sport / Cultural Photos in the Gym
Fri 30th Sept:	Final day of Term Three, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm
Mon 17th Oct:	Term Four Commences

