

WILLIAM COLENSO COLLEGE



Term Three: 8th - 19th August 2022



Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you for all you do to support our tamariki. Term 3 is a full-on term that requires students to knuckle down and get on with the mahi.

Some students have a drive from inside to learn new things and explore new ideas. Others look at successful persons around them and get motivated to succeed. However, this is not the case for all students and many of them will need immense motivation and inspiration from teachers and parents to work hard.

Many stories provide a good lesson. There are also real-life examples of successful people and simple stories of normal people who have worked hard to achieve goals as part of their life journey. This is a motivational story that might help students to work hard and lay a foundation for a successful life.





A man was walking nearby to a group of elephants that was halted by a small rope tied to their front leg. He was amazed by the fact that the huge elephants were not even trying to break the rope and set themselves free.

He saw an elephant trainer standing beside them and he expressed his puzzled state of mind. The trainer said, "When they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them."

"As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

It is the false belief of the elephants that denied their freedom for lifetime. Likewise, many people are not trying to work towards success in their life, just because they failed once before. Keep on trying and don't get tied up with beliefs of failure.

Nga Mihi Mahana Whaea Jocelyn



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



We have three international students who have joined the WCC whanau.

Pictured: Jody Stent-Homestay Coordinator, Hannah Genkel Year 11 from Germany, Sky Pin Year 10 from Cambodia and Santo Tsukioka from Japan.

OPEN EVENINGS 2022

We will be holding our open evenings for interested parents and students in Years 7-13 who are considering enrolment for 2023. These will take place: **Tuesday 16th, and Wednesday 31st August: 6.30pm starting in the School Hall.**

These evenings are a great time to come in and see what facilities we have to offer to your son or daughter in 2023 and to meet with staff and students. If you are unable to make either of these dates, please contact the School Office: 831 0180 to arrange another time.

PHYSIO CLINIC

Students have access to a Physio Clinic at school every Tuesday from 11:30am. The clinic runs from the Student Office and bookings are essential.

Students are welcome, but under 16 year olds must take a form home to be signed by a parent / caregiver before being booked.

Injuries must be due to an accident if the student is to receive free treatment.





ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

TE VAKA MAIA PROGRAMME

The very first Te Vaka Māia programme started Monday 1st August with an excellent turnout of students, past students, WCC staff, Police and Te Kupenga Hauora. Based on the earlier 'CACTUS' programme, it has become a big feature of WCC in the last 10 years.

We look forward to another exciting programme, culminating with The Longest Day on Saturday September 24th.



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 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
Or email: 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 are in the process of setting up a School Tuck Shop where students will be able to purchase food at lunchtime. We will advise via all our communications when this will be available.

KEY DATES

8th - 12th August: Cook Island Language Week

Wed 10th August: Henry Hill year 6 students visit for WCC Experience: 10.30am-12.30pm

Fri 12th August: Full School Assembly: 2.15pm

Tues 16th August: WCC Open Evening, starting in the School Hall: 6.30pm

Fri 19th August: Science Roadshow

Tues 23rd August: Richmond year 6 students visit for WCC Experience: 10.30am-12.30pm

Wed 24th August: Teacher Only Day, staff professional development

Thurs 25th August: EIT Day: Yrs 11,12 & 13: 11.30am-2pm

Nelson Park year 6 students in for WCC Experience: 9.30am-12.30pm

Fri 26th August: Full School Assembly 2.15pm

Wed 31st August: WCC Open Evening, starting in the School Hall: 6.30pm

Thurs 1st Sept: Marewa year 6 students visit for WCC Experience: 9.30am-11.30am
Sun 4th Sept: Former WCC & Tamatea High School Netball Players vs current Ahuriri

school netball team: 10am WCC Gym

5th - 9th Sept: Tongan Language Week

5th-8th Sept: Practice Exams for Years 11-13 students

Tues 6th Sept: Nominations open 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: 12.30pm-3pm

Fri 16th Sept: Production rehearsal all day for production students

20th-22nd Sept: School Production: Hatupatu: 7pm-8.30pm, doors open at 6.45pm, show

starts at 7pm tickets \$5

Fri 23rd Sept: Full School Assembly: 2.15pm Sat 24th Sept: Te Vaka Māia Longest Day

Wed 21st Sept: Student voting for Years 9-13 students in formtime for Student Rep on the

Board of Trustees

Fri 30th Sept: Final day of Term Three Mon 17th Oct: Term Four Commences