



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 13th - 24th February 2023



Kia ora Whanau,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. I can't believe it's already time for school to start. It seems like just yesterday our students were doing the happy dance as they left school and headed home for their Christmas and summer break. I sincerely hope your break has been everything you wished for. We offer our sincere condolences to those who lost family over the break. We welcome any new students and staff and their families to the William Colenso Whanau. Nau Mai Haere Mai.

Across New Zealand we have experienced unsettled weather over our traditional summer. Our Auckland Whanau have been hit hard and our thoughts are with them as they clean up after the floods.

The start of a school year gives us an opportunity for a fresh beginning, to try new things and to refocus on the path ahead. Life is not about expecting, hoping, and wishing, but more about **doing, being and becoming**. It is a good time to remind ourselves of the things that are important to us at our school ie: our vision, mission, and values, and the other requirements we have to provide a safe learning environment to all.

MISSION: Wawatatia, Mahia, Ekea / Aspire, Act, Achieve

VISION: To prepare students for success in our learning environment and in their future, by valuing their contribution as individuals and celebrating diversity.

VALUES:

Manaakitanga – (Respect) – This value is expressed in the college by behaviour that supports positive relationships between individuals and all those in the college community. We will seek to treat people with dignity through supportive and productive relationships.

Whanaungatanga – (Belonging) – This value is expressed throughout the college by recognising that every individual contributes to the wider school community. The college will provide an environment that supports assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction to all.

Hirangatanga – (Striving for Excellence) – This value is expressed in the college through the recognition of the individual giving their very best toward any task or relationship they have. Value will be placed on recognising excellence as being derived from effort, perseverance and performance

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Attendance: Students are expected to be punctual and attend school regularly.

Student Safety - The school is responsible for ALL students during the school day and therefore their whereabouts must be known from **8:45am - 3pm**.

Absences - Should be explained by a dated letter, email or text from the caregivers giving the duration of the absence and the reason for the absence or by phoning the school attendance office on the day of the absence. If it is known in advance that a student will be absent for a few days, the school should be notified (please call the attendance office).

Lateness - Students who are late to school must sign in at the student office in Te Whanau Ora. They will have 5 minutes to move into class. Once at school, students have no reason to be late to class, if they are late for any reason, they must produce a note.

Leaving the School Grounds - Students must sign out at the student office in Te Whanau Ora (before leaving school) where a leave pass will be provided. Students must sign back in on their return. Students can produce an appointment card or have a note from a parent / caregiver outlining the time of the appointment.

Illness - Students who feel unwell must report to the student office in Te Whanau Ora. Students need a NOTE from a classroom teacher before going to the Sick Bay. Our staff will assess you and notify parent / caregiver if you are required to be collected from school.

Consequence for Lateness

1st Late	2nd Late	3rd Late
Restorative Chat	Teacher Imposition	School Imposition (Required to make up time after school.

Toilet Pass - A toilet Pass is required if wanting to visit the toilet during class period.

Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, and Vaping: WCC is a drug free, alcohol free, smoke free & vape free school. The possession of alcohol, drugs, vapes and smokes are prohibited in classrooms, offices, school buildings and school grounds. **ALL VAPES WILL BE CONFISCATED AND NOT RETURNED TO STUDENTS AS THEY ARE ILLEGAL FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE.** Parents can collect confiscated vapes from the school office.

CELL PHONES - Year 7-12 students are **NOT** permitted to have / use a cell phone out in ANY classes or teaching spaces eg: Gym, library. Phones are permitted at break times.

Consequence for having a cell phone out in class = Confiscation

1st Confiscation + hand it over to teacher without drama	2nd Confiscation + hand it over to teacher without drama	3rd Confiscation hand it over to teacher without drama
Collect from office after school	Collect from office after school (WARNING)	Parent to collect from Office, student is not to have a cell phone at school for remainder of term.

UNIFORM AND BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

As students are visibly associated with the school while they are in school uniform it is important that the matters of behaviour, dress, rules of the road are adhered to.

Students must wear the correct uniform at school OR bring a note from home explaining any short-term uniform problems. NO graffiti is permitted on school uniforms.

Smoking / Vaping is not permitted by students, this includes any school functions and to and from school while in school uniform.

Alcohol & Drugs are not permitted at WCC.

Offensive Language and Behaviour is not acceptable.

“School is about finding who you are, because that’s more important than trying to be someone else.” – Nick Jonas

Thank you for all you do to assist us to improve every day. We look forward to a great 2023.

Whaea Jocelyn

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

Big thanks to Libelle Group Ltd 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.

STUDENT ID CARDS

We will be having our class and individual id photos taken for all students, **Thursday 9th March**. This year we are using a new photography company to do this so there maybe a change in cost for the ID cards for students. All costs for the photos / ID cards will be advised nearer the time.

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.

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NEW STAFF 2023



Hallo allemaal, Hi everyone, Kia ora koutou

My name is Herman van Egten alias the BFG (so they say !). This year I will be teaching Science to the Year 9, 10 & 11 students. What I love about teaching at WCC is the teamwork between teachers, students and other staff. There is a lot of aroha and togetherness that makes this school unique, everyone can be proud of that ☐

Personally I love listening to music, I am a fan of F1 racing and I love the outdoors, boating, playing music, (guitar at times) and walking the dogs. Being Dutch, cycling and ice skating are some of my favourites. I forgot to mention I enjoy dancing but you won't see me doing that in Science classes.

As I mentioned before , I am Dutch, which means I was born in The Netherlands, or Holland which is the more common name for my country. Me and my wife Irene, who grew up in South Africa, emigrated from the Netherlands to New Zealand in 1997. At the time our 2 daughters Nathalie & Lara were 3 & 5 years old. We settled in Rotorua for the first 2 years, but Hawke's Bay was calling. My son Douwe who is now 23 was born in Hastings. We are also surrounded and entertained by a number of animals: two dogs, Bobo (alias Mr Bojangles) & Shiloh, three cats (Tibbe, Elsa and Layla) and a huge number of doves. We try to keep the number below 20 by regularly taking the eggs away, but chances are we are slowly losing that battle.

To cut my story short ...I love animals, I love people and I can't wait to make 2023 the BEST YEAR for all of us!

Nga mihi

KEY DATES

Wed 15th Feb:	Student Leader Badge Ceremony: 6.30pm in the staffroom
Tues 28th Feb:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 1st March:	Year 9 Scholarship Evening: 6.30pm in the staffroom
Wed 8th March:	Full School Athletics Day at the Hastings Sports Park
Thurs 9th March:	School Photos in hall
Fri 17th March:	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues 28th March:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Fri 31st March:	School Ball
Thurs 6th March:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2-3pm
	Last day of Term One
Mon 24th April:	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues 25th April:	Anzac Day - School Closed
Wed 26th April:	School resumes for all students

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WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

