



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 18th - 22nd September 2023



Kia ora e te Whanau,

As term 3 draws to a close, it is fitting that I thank those who assist our students in any way. Our staff, our coaches, our managers, our production teams, our Te Vaka Maia team. We have several students who assist our kura in many ways. To those who continually display our school value of Manaakitanga, we say thank you. Your assistance is most appreciated.

This month we celebrate Hepetema Māori at Te Kareti o Wiremu Koroneho. Our Te reo Māori students organised a range of activities for our students and staff. We are fortunate to have so many supporters who are always willing to assist and provide extra support as required. Nga Mihi kia koutou Katoa Whanau. To our senior leaders who organised the House Challenge on Friday 8th September, thank you for the time and effort placed in organising this amazing house event. Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

I would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the following staff who are leaving our Kura at the end of term 3.

Kana Koga: Thank you for your quiet and respectful nature, your ongoing kindness to staff and students as you interacted with all in your role in our student reception at Te Whanau Ora. We wish you well with your move to Central Hawkes Bay. We will all miss your calm demeanour.

Whaea Marewa King: Thank you Whaea Marewa for your support and commitment in teaching Te Reo Maori and Kapa Haka at William Colenso College. We wish you well on your new journey to Rotorua.

Phil Stoyanoff: Phil has been a welcome addition to our grounds team, his expertise was noticed and appreciated, and we are so very sad to see Phil leave. Thank you Phil for the way you manicured our school lawns and the areas you spruced up with your painting skills. We would like to wish you well for your future endeavours.

Recently I read an article on the unspoken rules of Aotearoa New Zealand. In other words, the things that set us apart from people from other countries. Every nation has things that make them unique, things that, when mentioned, immediately evoke images of that country. Aotearoa New Zealand is no exception.

A recent social media post highlighted some of the more quirky and hilarious things that are undeniably, irrefutably Kiwi - the "unspoken rules" that every self-respecting New Zealander must follow. A golden rule of life in New Zealand is: "obey the aunties, even if they are not your aunties."

As I read this article, I started thinking about the unspoken rules of schools. Every school I've worked in has its own quirky way. So, what are some of the unspoken rules at WCC? I hope we are trying to be better every day. How can we be better every day?



Be who you want to see in others. Be real and honest about who you are. **Treat everyone with kindness and respect.** Don't belittle or place anyone on a pedestal. We are all humans!

Recognise flaws and shortcomings. Be self-aware and challenge yourself to grow.

Recognise your strengths and talents. Every human being has value and can contribute to something.

Learn from your mistakes. Forgive yourself. Don't become a victim of your circumstances. Get up and glow, it's the best form of 'revenge' and self-care.

Accept constructive criticism, even when it's unsolicited. You don't have to agree with it, but listening with an open mind can help you approach yourself and your life in new ways.

Apologise when you are wrong. Don't make excuses to justify your hurtful actions. Be humble, not prideful.

Educate yourself every day and let others educate you too. We all can learn from each other. Nobody knows and is right about everything.

Don't just forget all the good someone has done for you when they hurt you. Look at the good they once did too.

Remember that self-improvement isn't about reaching perfection. You will make many mistakes, you will be tested, you will fall short, but the most important thing is to keep getting back up.

2024 – Year 9: We are excited to notify our school community of an upcoming change to our senior school. In 2024, our year 9 cohort, (who are our **current year 8's**), will join our senior school, and will no longer be attached to the middle school. This change will mean our year 9 students will no longer be 'home roomed' but rather will be placed into a 'core class' where they will attend English, Maths, Science, Social Studies and PE/Health in their 'core class'. Students will be taught by senior subject teachers. They will also continue to experience a range of rotating 'specialist' classes throughout the year. We have made this change because we want to prepare our students for years 11-13 (Levels 1-3 NCEA). We are hopeful students will gain an in-depth understanding of what is required of them when they reach year 11.

Form Rooms: Year 7&8 students will remain in their homeroom class during form time. All senior school students will be placed into a vertical form room where they will join other year level students in their form class. These will be assigned within our school house system. Each form class will have a form teacher and House Dean who will assist with academic and pastoral matters.

Uniform: From 2024 Year 7&8 students will remain in the blue school polo shirt. Years 9,10, 11 & 12 will wear the **white school shirt**. Our year 13 cohort will wear Mufti. This change will provide a clear distinction between our middle and senior school students.

**Nga Mihi
Jocelyn E Auld**

HOMEWORK CLUB

Reminder we have our Homework club running this term.

Homework club gives students an opportunity for further learning and preparation for assessments. These sessions will be run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (3pm – 4pm) in Te Whanau Ora.

These sessions are not used for catching up on missed assessments.



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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

NCEA INFORMATION



WHAKAPIKI AKE



HUI-Ā-ROHE

FOR RANGATAHI MAORI YEARS 9 - 13 AND WHANAU

SUPPORTING SUCCESS IN SECONDARY TO POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN TERTIARY AND HEALTH
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HAR2023>



06:00 - 08:00 pm
20th September 2023



Operatic Society Theatre,
18 Coronation Street,
Ahuriri Napier

What to Expect :



IMPACTS OF CHOICES



DEGREE PLANNING



KEY TIPS TO SUCCESS



CULTURAL IDENTITY

YEARS 9-11

IMPACT OF CHOICES
HOW NCEA + UE WORKS
IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL IDENTITY
CAREER PATHWAYS - HOW DO I KNOW WHERE I WANT TO GO?

YEARS 12-13

PREP FOR UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND AND HEALTH SCIENCES
ACADEMIC PATHWAYS + SCHOLARSHIPS
GUARANTEED ENTRY CRITERIA + RANK SCORE
KEY TIPS TO SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO UOA, FMHS

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This is a great opportunity for our Year 9-11 students and whaanau to learn more about NCEA and the importance of subject selection, and also what we offer at Year 12 in 2024.

For our Year 12 and 13 rangatahi we will focus on how Whakapiki Ake and Vision 2020 will support our taura into a health science related pathway (Academic/pastoral/financial) and also the key "need to knows" moving forward. Our Year 12 rangatahi will also find out more about what support we offer, next year as a Year 13 student.

SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

From **Monday 18th September** students will receive subject selection forms and information on 2024 courses from their Form Teachers. Students can complete the paper form and return this to their Dean, or select courses online using the KAMAR portal. 2024 Course information will be on our website as well. A reminder about KAMAR login details for whānau will be sent on Friday via email.

We will also be holding a subject information evening for Students and Whānau in the School Library on **Wednesday 20th September between 5 - 6 pm**. This is a good opportunity to talk over courses and ask questions with the Teachers and House Deans.

TE VAKA MAIA 2023



70'S COLENZO REUNION

There will be a reunion for former students & staff of the 70's decade. This will be held at the **Mission Estate Winery, Saturday 25th November 2023 at 11.30am.**

Registration is available on the WCC website. An informal celebration with an opportunity to catch up with old friends, classmates and staff.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Ka Ora, Ka Ako, Healthy School Lunch Programme provided through the Ministry of Education is available to all William Colenso College students 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 / homeroom teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.



KEY DATES

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| Mon 18th Sept: | 7/8CB Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-11.40am 7/8SH Optimist Yachting: 12pm-3pm |
| Tues 19th Sept: | 7/8PB Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-11.40am 7/8CB Optimist Yachting: 12pm-3pm Year 10 Outdoor Ed Waka Ama International Ski Trip Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm |
| Wed 20th Sept: | 7/8CB Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-11.40am 7/8PB Optimist Yachting: 12pm-3pm Course Selection Evening for students who will be in Years 10-12 in 2024: 5pm-6pm in the School Library |
| Thurs 21st Sept: | 7/8SH Optimist Yachting: 8.40am-11.40am 7/8SE Optimist Yachting: 12pm-3pm Year 10 Outdoor Ed Waka Ama Ahuriri Mixed Touch Tournament: Year 5-8 Students from various schools: 10am - finish approximately 2pm |
| Fri 22nd Sept: | End of Term Three |
| Mon 9th Oct: | Term Four Commences |



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

