



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 4th - 15th September 2023



Tēnā Koutou Katoa,  
He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He Tangata!  
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In my office I have a plaque with the above Maori Proverb on it. As I read this proverb every day, I am reminded of the importance of people. As the proverb states: What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people. As I think about some events that have taken place over the past month, I am mindful that sometimes it is easy to forget how important each of us in our school whanau are. Each of us has a reason to be here and each of us is wanted and needed at our kura. Please continue to show Manaakitanga in the way we treat each other.

A quick reminder to us all:  
If you see someone behind, walk beside them.  
If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them.  
Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them.

Congratulations to our sport teams for their participation and sporting achievements this term. It is always a privilege to see our students in action. They are outstanding as they represent their whanau and our kura. Congratulations also to our Te Vaka Maia students who continue to put in an amazing effort in their early morning training sessions. What an inspiration to see so many dedicated individuals. A huge thank you to the support team behind this great initiative.

I would like to acknowledge our student leaders for their positive, effective, and constructive leadership. We have been very fortunate to have such outstanding leaders in 2023. As we start the search for leaders for 2024, I encourage all students to consider their own capabilities and look for opportunities to serve in a leadership role. We look forward to your contribution and to working with you in 2024.

Over the past two weeks we held our open evenings for new students coming to William Colenso College in 2024. This is an opportunity to come in and have a look at what happens in our school. You are most welcome to browse our Facebook page, check out our school website or come into to school to collect a hard copy enrolment pack. If you would like to make an enrolment appointment, please contact the school office. It is important to have the correct information so you can make an informed choice.

## **NCEA Practice Exam Week: Monday 11th September - Friday 15th September**

Year 11-13 students who are completing external assessments will have the chance to practice their exam skills during practice exam week. The first exam is on Monday 11th September. Exams will run all week. Students have been provided with a full timetable. These exams are an important opportunity for students. The results from these exams may be used to assign a grade to a student if they are unable to sit the proper exam in November, eg due to illness or tangihanga.

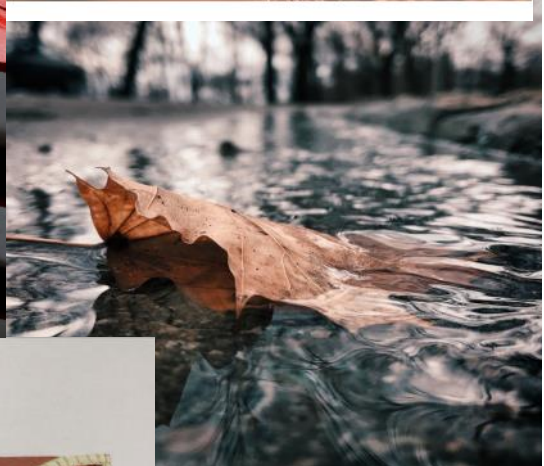


# 2024 STUDENT ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Years 7-13 for 2024. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the School Office for enrolment information: 06 831 0180.

# ART STUDENTS SUCCESS

Michael Rakanui - Deputy Head Boy Year 13, Lynette MacGillivray - Head Girl Year 13, Leilani Moore Year 13 and Cris Moetu Year 12 have had works selected for the 2023 Ringa Toi, Maori Art Exhibition. Work will be on display at Te Papa from 13th September for 2 weeks. This is the third year that students have had work selected for this prestigious exhibition. Lynette also had work selected for last year's exhibition.





# ACCELERATED LEARNING

Kia Ora e te whānau. In the middle school we have been focusing on 'Accelerating' your child's learning in 'Reading, Writing and Maths' Whānau have been invited to participate in some evenings where we discuss this with you and give you a pack of goodies to take home and use with your tamariki. We would love you to come to our next hui where we are looking at 'Reading'. This will be held in one of the Year 9 classrooms and is on the **Thursday 14th September 6.00 - 6.30 pm**. Please ring the office if you would like to attend: 06 8310180

# 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.



# SURVEY - KAPA HAKA AHUREI

Kia ora koutou,

We shared a survey at the Kapa Haka Ahurei recently held at WCC and got some really valuable feedback from respondents around what they know about the Kahui Ako. The group is keen to have more feedback, please click on the QR code to complete the survey.



# KEY DATES

Fri 8th Sept:  
Sat 9th Sept:  
Mon 11th - 15th Sept:

Wed 13th Sept:  
Thurs 14th Sept:  
Fri 15th Sept:  
Tues 19th Sept:  
Wed 20th Sept:  
Thurs 21st Sept:

Fri 22nd Sept:  
Mon 9th Oct:

Waikato University Visit: 9.30am in the Library  
Te Vaka Maia Longest Day  
Maori Language Week  
NCEA Practice Exam Week  
Year 9 Market Day  
Cross Country: 1.15pm-3pm  
School Assembly: 2.15pm  
Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm  
Otago University Visit: 10.45am in the Library  
Ahuriri Mixed Touch Tournament: Year 5-8 Students from various schools: 10am - finish approximately 2pm  
End of Term Three  
Term Four Commences



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE  
WAWATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

