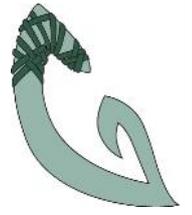




# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 2nd – 13th December 2024



Kia ora e te Whanau,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge those from Colenso High School who lost their lives in the Erebus Disaster 45 years ago (28/11). Secondly, I would like to express to our Whanau who whakapapa to Tangoio Marae how amazing it was to hear Te Iwiwhati has returned home.

As this is the last newsletter for 2024, I would like to sincerely thank whanau, friends, and our community for your support this year. There are many who step up and work tirelessly to support our students whether they are family, supporters, coaches, teachers, mentors or friends... to you all, thank you for your support. At William Colenso College we strive to provide a supportive learning environment where students can learn and grow at their own pace, continuously improving, and reaching their full potential. Not only does education empower us through the knowledge we gain, but it also opens new opportunities we never thought possible. There is a quote that says... **Be not afraid of growing slowly, Be afraid of standing still...** Secondary school is just one step in life's journey. Some of our students overcome many obstacles to attend school each day. The perseverance of some of our students is an inspiration.

To the **Board of Trustees**, I express thanks for your time, effort and commitment this year. We are very fortunate to have a Board who is committed to doing the best job for our school and students. We appreciate the care and passion of our Board for our students and school.

Thank you to our **Support Staff, our Learning Coaches, Te Whanau Ora staff, Sports Coordinator, Office Staff, Canteen Workers, Cleaners and Grounds team**. Our students benefit greatly every single day because of you. Thank you for your time, effort and commitment.

At the end of this school year, we farewell the following staff:

**Mary Mayes** (Learning Support Coordinator – 6 yrs). We are sorry to see Mary leave WCC. She has supported many students and teachers. Mary has supported literacy and has helped by being involved in testing students. Mary has worked extensively within our Kahui Ako. Recently Mary has assisted in the Technology Department at WCC. We wish Mary the best as she moves onto a new and exciting teaching role.

**Whaea Skye Stanley** (Science Teacher / Kapa Haka Tutor). We would like to thank Whaea Skye for her contribution to our students at WCC especially our Kapa Haka Roopu. She has made a big impact in the short time she has been with us. Both staff and students will miss her. We wish Skye love and laughter on her new journey.

**Whaea Kere Heperi** (Te Reo Maori) It has been a pleasure to have Whaea Kere with us this year. Her quiet demeanour and support for our students has been greatly appreciated. We wish you peace and happiness on your new journey.

**Orine Pui** (Learning Coach) – Wishing you well on your next adventure.

**Te Ao Rakete** (Learning Coach) – Thank you for your support especially in our middle school.

**Dhana Coon** (Learning Coach) – Thank you for all you have done to support our students. All the best for what lies ahead.



**To our Head Students for 2024:** Rylie Kawenga, Ashley Christison, Renz Bernabe and Hakopa Snow Pimm I extend my sincere appreciation and that of the school for the service you have provided your fellow students and your kura this year.

**To our 2024 - Year 13 cohort:** I want to thank you for your industry, your sense of humour, your honesty, your adaptability and the work ethic you have demonstrated throughout this year. I have seen... humour, pride, respect, work ethic, leadership, oratory excellence, faith, trust, spirit, approachability, sharing, real talk, openness, commitment, and courage by most. I hope as you take time to reflect on 2024 that you are proud of your efforts. Some have weathered storms which have made them stronger; you now face the excitement of continuing your journey. Remember to take the best of your time at William Colenso College and combine it with the excitement of the future and steadily move forward into new and exciting adventures. Success isn't about a secret formula; it's about the choices we make every day. Choose consistency over intensity, progress over perfection, and fundamentals over fleeting fads. Embrace the power of small steady steps repeated relentlessly. Whether in our personal journey or professional pursuits, this is the path to lasting achievement.

Our school values of **Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga** and our school mission to **Aspire, Act and Achieve** can and should be used as reminders in our lives to be the best people we can. To those who leave us at the end of this academic year, we wish you all the very best, stay in touch, join our alumni, and share your success and journey with us. We are proud of you!!! Thank you for believing in William Colenso College.

I hope that over the holidays everyone is blessed with the opportunity to take a well-earned break to refresh and rejuvenate. Students are encouraged to engage in the following activities:

**Reading** is a great holiday activity because reading fiction aids relaxation but also builds vocabulary, improves reading comprehension and develops written expression, all skills that will assist in future learning.

**Physical activities** such as walking, bike riding, going to the beach, going to the gym or playing sports all have great physical benefits but will also aid memory function and thinking skills.

**Keeping a journal** is a great way to sketch, make lists, keep track of notes, create mind maps, store memorable quotes or pictures or ideas. It doesn't really matter what is recorded – by regularly putting pen to paper, students become introspective, think actively and document their thought processes, all habits that help in learning.

**Crosswords, word searches, puzzles** and **Sudoku** books are also great activities as they require you to work through the steps to reason and reach a solution which all help challenge the mind.

**Enrolments for 2025:** We are currently taking enrolments for 2025 and encourage Whanau who are wanting their child(ren) to attend WCC in 2025, to make an appointment ph: (06 831 0180) or call into school.

#### **Start Dates for 2025:**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** will be the official start date for students. Our School Powhiri to welcome new students and whanau to WCC will start at 9am. We invite all new students (and whanau), to meet on the tennis court (opposite the administration building) by 8:50am. Following the Powhiri, all students will attend a welcome back assembly in the school hall. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Waitangi Day - the school will be closed. School will commence on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 8:45am.

Hari Kirihimete  
Whaea Jocelyn



# 2025 ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Years 7-13 for 2025. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the School Office for enrolment information: 06 831 0180, or call into the School Office before the school year ends.



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If you are interested in hosting an international student and would like to know more, please contact us for more information.

Jody Stent - Homestay coordinator  
jody.stent@colenso.school.nz/ 0210469322

We are seeking homestay families for our international students.

If you are interested in hosting an international student please contact Jody Stent email: [jody.stent@colenso.school.nz](mailto:jody.stent@colenso.school.nz)

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Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

# NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM 2025

All of the current WCC uniform is now at NZ Uniforms, Hastings at a discounted price. The 2025 new uniform will be available from Monday 6th January, 2025.

Information on the new uniform has been posted on our school facebook page, the school app and emailed out to those parents/caregivers who are on our email distribution list. If you have any further queries please contact the School Office.

## KEY DATES

1st - 4th Dec:	Student Leadership Camp
Wed 4th Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting; 5pm
Fri 6th Dec:	Full School Assembly: 2.15pm
Tues 10th Dec:	Splash Planet trip for whole school (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)
Wed 11th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving School Hall: 10am-11.30am
	Final Assembly: 12.30pm-2pm, we aim to finish the assembly around 2pm but may finish slightly earlier, students will be dismissed once finished.
	Buses will run as normal, bus students may want to organise alternative transport.

### 2025 Start Dates:

Mon 20th Jan:	Uniform Pop Shop @ WCC: 2pm-6pm
Thurs 30th Jan:	Year 7 & 8 Meet the Teachers Sausage Sizzle: 1.30pm-3pm
Wed 5th Feb:	All students commence at 8.40am
Thurs 6th Feb:	Waitangi Day - School Closed

