



Haere Mai



*From the International Department of William Colenso College
to our partner agencies and parents of current international students.*

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Current Student Numbers:

Japan - 3

Germany - 2

Cambodia - 2

Brazil - 6

Kia ora Koutou Katoa

Term 1 2025 start dates have been confirmed. School starts on February 5, so if you have students coming to us next year, please be aware of the start date.

Yet another busy term of events and study. At the end of term one our five short term Japanese students left. Lili from Germany also left, she was with us for 3 terms and gained NCEA level 3 in that time and also gained Level 2 university entrance English - a momentous achievement. Well done Lili.



Carla (right), arrived this term. As part of our orientation we went up Otatara Pā, where there is a stunning view across the bay. Karo, who has extended her stay with us for another 18 months, kept Carla company.

Congratulations Robin



Robin received a service to International Education from SIEBA after being nominated by the school for his 28 years working with internationals and over 50 years in education. Robin's whānau made a surprise appearance at the Awards Dinner. Thanks for all your hard work Robin



Cohen, Crispian, Robin and Kathy were invited to the awards by SIEBA

Past students stay in touch

Isabel and Rahel on their recent catch up in Berlin. Rahel has been accepted to study in Auckland for a semester in July studying Social Work.





Tsubasa embraces Māori culture

Our Kapa Haka group performed as part of the Matariki (Māori New Year) celebrations at Pukemokimoki Marae. Tsubasa (back right) has embraced Māori culture as a keen participant in performances and by learning Te Reo Māori (Māori language) in class.

The Matariki celebration included a meal for 150 students and their families. This was prepared by our Manaaki Marae students - some of our other keen internationals helped with food preparation for the dinner.

Below they are performing at Mānawatia a Matariki ki Mareanui.



Haka and Waiata House Competition

Our Haka (above) and Waiata (song) house competition saw the 4 school houses vying for top spot. Our Brazilians, Japanese, German and Cambodian students joined in with enthusiasm giving everything a go.

Our school houses are named after some of the mountain peaks that surround Hawke's Bay - Waikamaka, Maropea, Tupari and Remutupo. Each house has a colour. Mine is Waikamaka - the yellow house, and we won this event. Students were very excited.

Rotorua Trip

We had a wonderful trip to Rotorua. The trip took in the Skyline Gondola, Waikite Valley Hot Pools and Thermal area, Canopy tours - this involved ziplining through pristine native forest with 1000 year old trees, Huka Falls, Aratiatia Rapids, Te Puia cultural experience and Wingspan, where native birds of prey are nursed back to health and trained to be able to return to the bush.

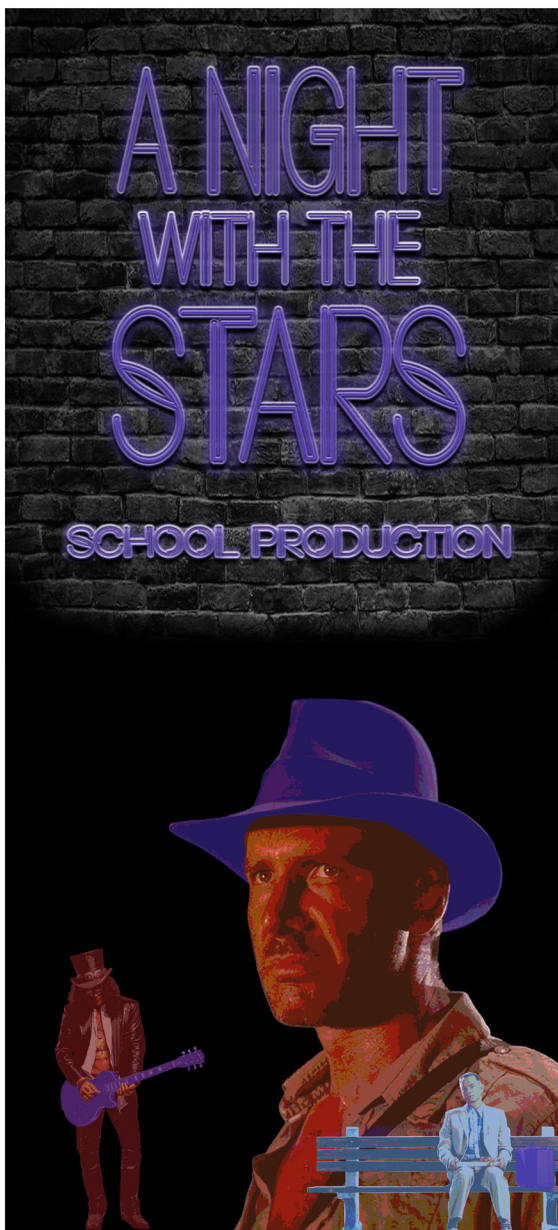


Karearea and a Barn Owl - the Barn Owl flew over from Australia for the first time in 1947. By 2008 enough owls had flown over the Tasman Sea to be able to breed.



Thermal activity at Whakarewarewa thermal valley along with a stunning cultural performance

A Night with the Stars



The school production this term was 'A Night with the Stars', an awards style presentation of song, dance and performance from our many actors, dancers and performers. Among those was Hevillin from Brazil and Karo from Germany. Karo is a founding member of our current school band. The band also competed in the local 'Rock Quest' competition. Performances included songs from Fleetwood Mac, Michael Jackson and Slash. Film and dance excerpts were from Grease, Forrest Gump and Dirty Dancing among many others.

Karo also designed the poster, tickets and programme in Design class.

The show ran for 3 nights and by the end students and staff were thrilled to have the school holidays to recover. Well done team.



Hevillin and partner at the awards



The Band