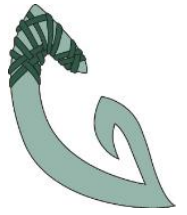




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 24th March – 11th April 2025



Kia ora Whānau

We would like to thank whanau who encourage our students to both attend school and be on time. We were seeing an improvement in attendance, but sadly in the last two weeks, there has been a decline. Your support is very much appreciated.

Research shows that the most successful students are often those who have decided early on what their career ambitions and long term goals are. Successful students always set themselves clear targets to help them reach their potential.

All students should set personal goals and targets for themselves identifying what they want to achieve in 2025. Form teachers can work alongside students to help them focus on improving and achieving this year. The following four areas can be used as starting points for students:

1. Academic
2. Attendance
3. Sport or cultural activity
4. Personal / well-being

I would like to encourage parents / caregivers to discuss the goals or targets set by your children and to provide them with lots of support and encouragement along the way. It is helpful to ask your student(s) how they are doing and if they need further support.

Goal Achievement: Motivation is crucial for setting and achieving goals in various areas of life, including education, work, and personal pursuits.

Behavioural Influence: Motivation energises and directs behaviour, impacting performance and overall well-being.

Learning and Growth: Motivation fosters a growth mindset, encouraging individuals to take initiative, embrace challenges, and persist in the face of setbacks.

It is fair to say that motivation is key, those students who are motivated will achieve great things in life and those with no or little motivation will struggle.

Recently I shared with the students the importance of:

1. Building relationships that support them on their school / life journey
2. Building positive connections to help them get where they want to go in life
3. Not to lose focus
4. Working hard to achieve their goals
5. Enjoying their journey.

**ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA**

I read the following gem and wanted to share it...

Children will become who you say they are.

Say they are *smart*...they will believe they are *smart*.

Say they are *sassy*...oh, you will get some *fire*.

Say they are *forgetful*...they will *forget* to bring their homework home every day and never "know" where anything is.

Say they are *mean*...they will be *rude* to you, their siblings, and friends at school.

Say they are *kind*...they will tell the kid who feels left out to come play with them, look to help the teacher and comfort a crying friend.

Say they *can* become a singer, dancer, or doctor...and they will always try.

Who we think they are matters.

It will become their inner voice.

If we tell someone something enough, they will believe it - especially our impressionable, vulnerable kids.

So, please speak to your children like they are the kindest, smartest, most magical people in this world who can do anything they work for...

What they believe is who they'll become.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our focus remains on our 3 school values:

MANAAKITANGA, WHANAUNGATANGA and HIRANGATANGA. We encourage our students to show Manaakitanga by being respectful to others at all times. We expect our students to show respect to themselves, others and our school environment. We show respect to others by actively listening, empathising with other people's perspectives, apologising when wrong, showing gratitude, while acknowledging achievements and respecting boundaries. We have high expectations of our students. Being respectful to other students and staff is necessary for all to feel valued, and provides a sense of belonging. Respectful relationships lead to powerful connections.

Ngā Mihi Nui
Whaea Jocelyn

SCHOOL CARPARK

Our school car park (Arnold Street Entrance) is becoming unsafe to use for our students during drop off and pick up times each day. We are experiencing record numbers of parents / caregivers dropping off and picking up students before and after school. We encourage whānau to use the back gate off Morris Spence for drop offs and pickups please. Please be mindful we have an Early Childhood Centre and Teen Parent Unit, there are currently a number of workmen who also use our front gate to access their building sites.

MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

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

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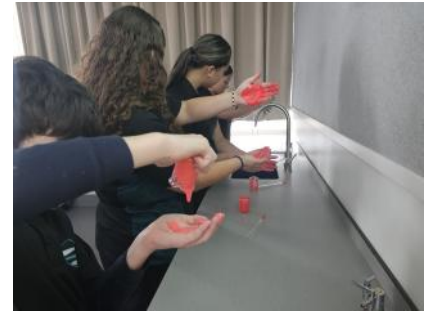
Our students participated at the ECNISSAC (East Coast North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Champs) held at the Hastings Regional Sports Park last week. Congratulations to Hahle Siale Kirk Intermediate boys discus - 2nd. Chloe Peehi and Kiriana Tikitiki competed well but did not pick up a placing. Chloe participated in three events, high jump, long jump and shot put.



YEAR 9 SCIENCE



9HIR applying their qualitative and quantitative knowledge investigating oobleck.



WCC SPORTS



Sports impacts the wellbeing of our rangatahi, physically, emotionally and mentally. It creates a foundation of belonging, whānaungatanga.

Volleyball continues to be our largest sport played here at William Colenso College. We rely heavily on past students to coach our top teams. Jireh Sanerivi, Grace Utumapu and Hakopa Snow Pimm - Senior A Boys, Maleha Kitiona and Iosefa Sa'a - Senior A Girls.

Student coaches Hannah Joyce Gito, TK Tamainu, Felix Mean and Jakarna Keil, filter themselves amongst the remaining teams.

Our six volleyball teams have had a revamp of uniforms, the girls welcoming the long sleeves; boys, singlet tops.

It's impressive to see the growth of skills, confidence to referee, manaakitanga for each other and pride in themselves.

Our William Colenso volleyball community has certainly "Raised the Bar" for the next generation to follow. If you want to know their results, then I think it's about time you find a seat courtside!

Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby is a short season of five weeks. Struggles with commitment in the boys team meant relying on the girls touch players to fill in. Thank you to TK Tamainu and Chloe Peehi for refereeing our games.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos were taken for all students on **Tuesday 11th March**.

Options to order are:

With the photo order envelope your child brought home, which must have the **correct amount** of cash in it as the school won't be able to change any money and eftpos is **NOT** an option as the payments are made directly to the Photo Company.

The other option of ordering is online:

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=GNXDMWDC>

Your child would have been given an internet access key code to enable parents/caregivers access to online viewing of the photos. If the internet access key code is misplaced please contact the School Office: (06 8310180).

WCC BREAKFAST

Te Whānau Ora in the Student Support Centre building is open for breakfast every week day between 8.00-8.40am for all students.



KEY DATES

Tues 25th March:	Year 7 Vision Screen Programme
Thurs 27th March:	Year 9 Hearing Screen Programme
Fri 28th March:	WCC Cultural Day
Tues 1st April:	78SE MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 11.45am-2.30pm
Thurs 3rd April:	78PB MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 8.45am-11.30am
	78SH MTG and Mataruahou Trip: 11.45am-2.30pm
Fri 4th April:	International Students Sports Day @ Taradale High
Mon 7th April:	Year 7 & 8 HPV Immunisations
	International Student Trip
Tues 8th April:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm
Wed 9th April:	International Student Trip returns
Thurs 10th April:	Waikato University Visit: 9.45am in the Library for senior students
Fri 11th April:	Final Day of Term One
Mon 28th April:	Term Two Commences

