



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 25th August – 5th September 2025



Kia ora e te Whānau

Firstly, I'd like to sincerely thank our students, parents and community for your support and understanding during the teachers' strike on **Wednesday 20 August**. Your encouragement means a lot as we continue to advocate for better conditions and resources that ultimately benefit all tamariki.

Welcome to any new students and whānau. We hope you enjoy your time at WCC. A warm welcome to our new Learning Support Co-ordinator Kaehler Dawson. We look forward to working with you as you support our WCC students and whānau.

Open Evening: Thank you to those who supported our Open Evening on Tues 12 August. If you missed our Open Evening and want to enrol at WCC for 2026, please call our front office to organise an Enrolment Interview.

Disco: Thank you to our middle school leaders who organised and ran the Year 7 & 8 disco. It is always great to see our students having a fun and enjoyable experience.

Cross Country: On Thursday 28th August we have our annual cross country event. Whether you are a competitive runner or just giving it a go, taking part in cross country has so many benefits:

- ♦ **Improves fitness** – It's a great way to build stamina, strength, and overall health.
- ♦ **Boosts mental resilience** – Cross country challenges you to keep going, even when it's tough – a great life skill!
- ♦ **Encourages teamwork and support** – You might run individually, but the event brings everyone together. It's all about giving it your best and cheering each other on.
- ♦ **Connects you with nature** – Running outdoors in fresh air is good for your body and your mind.
- ♦ **Builds confidence** – Finishing the race, no matter your place, gives you a real sense of achievement.

Remember – it's not about being the fastest, it's about showing up, challenging yourself, and being proud of what you can do. It's a great way to earn points for your house. Give it a go – you might surprise yourself!

Te Vaka Maia 2025:

Congratulations to the students who committed to and are about to complete the **7-week Te Vaka Maia challenge**—this is an incredible achievement! Your dedication, perseverance, and mental toughness truly stood out. Waking up early and arriving at school by **5:45am** 3 days a week is no easy feat. You've shown what it means to push beyond limits and stay committed to a goal. We are so proud of your effort, your teamwork, and your determination. Ka mau te wehi! We look forward to your whānau celebrating with you on the longest day - Saturday 6th September.

Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members:

On behalf of the school community, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Trustees who are standing down from their roles: **Lee Christison, Wayne McGillivray (Presiding Member), Anita Johansen (Deputy Presiding Member)**.

Your commitment, time, and leadership have made a meaningful difference to our school. Through your service, you have helped shape the direction of our kura, supported student achievement, and strengthened connections with our wider community. We are truly grateful for your contributions and dedication, and we wish you all the very best for the future.

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees:

We are pleased to warmly welcome our newly elected **Board of Trustees; Joy Zhu, Andrea Wilson and Kaye Pratt. Kim Merwood and Jane Beaven are continuing on as elected members.** Thank you for stepping into these important roles and for your willingness to serve and support our school community.

As a Board, you play a vital part in shaping the future of our kura, upholding our values, and ensuring the best outcomes for all ākonga. We look forward to working together in partnership as we continue to grow, strengthen, and move forward as a school.

At the closing of the nominations (Tuesday 19th Aug) for the Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees we congratulate Rhys Fallen who will continue on as our Staff Representative. The Student Representative position has four candidates and voting will take place Thursday 4th September, for all Year 9-13 students during formtime.

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Keep Pushing – Finish the Term Strong!

As we head toward the end of term, this is a great time to remind ourselves that we need to remain focused and put in our best effort in the weeks ahead. Whether you're working on assessments, improving your attendance, or aiming to reach a personal goal - **every bit of effort counts.** Keep showing up, stay organised, and make the most of every learning opportunity. Your hard work now will set you up for success later. You've got this - let's finish the term strong together!

To Our Senior Students – Keep Going with NCEA!

With NCEA assessments well underway, stay focused and keep pushing forward. Every standard you complete, every internal you finish, and every bit of study you do brings you one step closer to your goals.

Remember:

- ☐ **Use your time wisely** – plan ahead and stay on top of deadlines
- ☐ **Ask for help** – your teachers, deans, and whānau are here to support you
- ☐ **Believe in yourself** – your effort and mindset make a real difference

It's not about perfection - it's about progress. Back yourself, work hard, and be proud of what you achieve.

Ngā Mihi
Whaea Jocelyn

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your address or contact details please contact the School Office to update by phone: (06) 831 0180 or email postmaster@colenso.school.nz. It is important the school has up-to-date contact information in the case of an emergency.



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



ART EXPO

There will be over 100 Year 12 student artworks on display at CAN (Creative Arts Napier) for this exhibition.

Over 20 of them are by our amazing Design, Photography and Painting students. Check out the exhibition on the opening or while it is on display at CAN.



YEAR 12/13 CHEMISTRY TRIP

Each year the Chemistry Group in the School of Food Technology and Natural Sciences, Massey University, Manawatu, offers a Year 12/13 chemistry experience at Manawatu Campus to a limited number of high schools in the region, (Thursday 4th September).

The Year 12/13 chemistry students will experience a two-hour hands-on chemistry session in the laboratory in the morning and some tours through some of the research facilities at the University after lunch to complete the day (depending on availability). The sessions will be conducted by academic staff and post-graduate students.

Our Year 12/13 Chemistry class has been invited to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to take part in practical experiments led by university staff and postgraduate students, as well as to tour some of their research facilities. There is no charge for the visit.

TE VAKA MAIA 2025



SCHOOL UNIFORM

To help us return lost uniform items to their rightful owners, please ensure that all uniform pieces are clearly named.

Thanks for your assistance.

USED LAWNMOWERS

Students can gain credits by rebuilding used lawnmowers in our construction classes. We could do with some more for 2026. If you have an old lawnmower, which doesn't run, and would like to donate, we can collect them. Please email damon.thomas@colenso.school.nz or text 021 022 389 86.



Many thanks

KEY DATES

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| Mon 25th Aug: | Yr 7 & 8's to Science Roadshow: Napier Boys High School: 1.45pm-3pm |
| Wed 27th Aug: | Sports Photos |
| Tues 26th & 27th Aug: | Outdoor Ed Level 3 Overnight Tramp |
| Thurs 28th Aug: | Cross Country @ 1pm |
| Fri 29th Aug: | Outdoor Ed 2 Day Tramp |
| Tues 2nd Sept: | Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm |
| Wed 3rd Sept: | School Ski Day Trip |
| Thurs 4th Sept: | Selected Year 12/13 students to Massey University, Chemistry Trip |
| | Victoria University Course Planning: Library at 11.30am |
| Sat 6th Sept: | Te Vaka Maia Longest Day |
| Sun 7th & 8th Sept: | Outdoor Ed Level 2 Survival Trip |
| Tues 9th Sept: | 2026 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm |
| Sun 14th-16th Sept: | Outdoor Ed Level 3 Multi Day Tramp |
| Wed 17th Sept: | Matariki Ka Hui Ako Kapa Haka |
| Thurs 18th Sept: | Mixed Touch Tournament Year 5-8, Contributing Schools, WCC Fields:9am-2.45pm |
| Fri 19th Sept: | World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm, Last Day of Term 3 |



Starter Uniform Pack: Every NEW completed 2026 Year 7 & 9 enrolment receives a starter uniform pack: Hoodie or Crew Neck, Polo Shirt, either a skirt, shorts or trousers. Offer expires Friday 21st November 2025.

William Colenso College offers small class sizes, specialist teachers and minimal school fees.

Enrolment interviews can be arranged by calling the school office on 06 831 0180