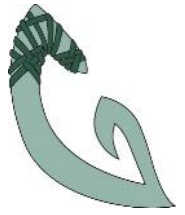




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 26th May – 6th June 2025



Kia ora e te Whānau

Within the Napier Secondary school community we were devastated to hear of the sudden loss of a young secondary school student. Our heartfelt condolences to the whanau and to the Napier Boys High School community. It is devastating that a young life has been taken too soon. As a community we need to do better. Ka Aroha hoki.

We wish to welcome new students and whānau to William Colenso College. Nau mai Haere mai ki te Kareti o Wiremu Colenso. (Welcome to William Colenso College).

School Uniform: As the days start to get colder, it is a good opportunity to remind students that they have the option to wear school uniform long black trousers, our school uniform hoodie / crew neck or a school uniform jacket. A reminder that shoes need to be a plain black shoe. Slippers, Gumboots or any other form of boot is not acceptable. For those who are still wearing the white shirts, these are currently heavily discounted at the uniform shop in Hastings. Please wear our school uniform with pride.

Winter Sport: It is great to see so many students keen and excited to be involved in winter sport. We appreciate those who support our sports programme in any way, as coaches, managers, drivers, referees, supporters etc.

Board of Trustees: This is an election year for the Board of Trustees. We are looking for individuals who want to join our capable Board of Trustees team. The role of the Board is to oversee the governance of the school. We are very keen for our Board to reflect the diversity of our school community. Communication and collaboration are important skills to possess for this role. New Board members will be provided with ongoing support and training. If you think you might be interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees please contact the front office for more information on the process.

School Devices: As you are aware, the school provides devices (chromebooks) for student use. We have a number of chrome books in most classrooms.. We are fortunate to have the William Colenso Charitable Trust provide these devices and upgrade the devices for our students. Sadly a number of these devices have been treated badly. As a school we want to continue providing devices but the cost of repairing the damage is a concern. Students please treat our school devices with care.

School Values: Recently we had Fraser High School visit our kura. The message they shared was around 'RESPECT'... This was a timely reminder that respect is hugely important in our school. Our school value of Manaakitanga reminds us that we need to show Respect in all we do. Respectful behaviour involves treating others with courtesy and consideration, valuing other people's perspectives, and showing empathy. It also means being mindful of our words and actions, respecting personal space, and acknowledging others' efforts and achievements.

At WCC, Manaakitanga is a concept that embodies hospitality, kindness, generosity, and a caring attitude towards others. It's about showing respect, generosity, and support, extending aroha (love and compassion) to those around you. This includes making people feel welcomed, valued, and included. We foster a sense of community and collective responsibility. We act in a way that promotes the well-being of others, whether it's through providing for their needs, offering support, or simply showing kindness and respect.

Term 2 Focus: Students are reminded to remain focused through term 2 to ensure they achieve academic success. Term 2 provides opportunities for students to improve overall achievement and performance. A reminder to concentrate on classwork, retain information, improve understanding and prepare for assessments. Term 2 is also a good time to work on time management skills, complete assignments and build good study habits.

Attendance: Continues to be a school wide focus (as expected by the Ministry of Education and Government).

We ask parents to:

- Ensure your child attends every day they are able
- Reinforce good attendance habits
- Open communication with school

As a school, we are required to:

- Monitor student attendance
- Support parents to reinforce good attendance
- Communicate attendance habits to parents

Please do not be offended if we contact you about the absence of your student(s).

Waiata / Haka Inter-House competition: Students are currently preparing for our annual inter house Waiata / Haka Competition. We look forward to seeing the students in action later in the term.

We appreciate the support and encouragement we receive from parents/caregivers and whānau .

Nga Mihi Mahana
Whaea Jocelyn

ARCHITECTURE TALK

On Tuesday 13th May, five enthusiastic students attended a talk hosted by Havelock North High School about Architecture. Students heard from five successful Architects about their journey and what this career is all about. The guest speakers were Hilary Finn, Sam Scrymgeour, Casey Anderson, Monique Albiston and Dr Antony Pelosi.

Some important messages included that a career path is not always a straightforward journey. There were tales of failure before finding success. Other 'takeaways' included:

- The idea of training, being open to re-training and upskilling
- Developing relationships during study - for example at university
- Being prepared to take a risk
- Not being put off if you don't (yet) have the right qualifications, or if maths isn't your favourite subject
- Travelling opens the mind
- Doing something you are passionate about makes a world of difference.

This quote really stood out:

"You might be good at something you haven't tried yet."

This, to me, speaks to continual learning and trying new things. This is the wero to all students at WCC - keep building your experiences and keep yourself open to new opportunities.

Well done to those students who realised that this was a good opportunity to learn more about a potential pathway that suited them. Sometimes the first step is the hardest.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

In Weeks 4 and 5 (19th - 30th May) of this term, many of our students will sit the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities, also known as the CAAs. The dates are set by NZQA, so it is really important for students to attend these.

There are 3 online assessments - Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. These allow students to achieve Literacy and Numeracy which is a co-requisite for NCEA Achievement.

Emails were sent to students and whānau regarding these exams.

NZQA provides practice activities for these assessments. You can find these, and more information on the Literacy and Numeracy Qualification here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/assessment/>

HARD MATERIALS

Hard Materials students driving Go Karts.

This is part of the workshop experience when some senior students get the opportunity to take the school Go Karts out on the fields and drive them around.

They have seatbelts, helmets and a track and have a lot of fun.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We're pleased to share how proud we are of our students for consistently wearing the correct school uniform. It has been wonderful to see so many students arriving each day looking neat, tidy, and ready to learn.

Their pride in appearance reflects their respect for our school values and creates a strong sense of unity across our school community. A big thank you to our parents and caregivers for your ongoing support in helping maintain these high standards. Your efforts at home make a real difference, and we truly appreciate it.

There are some students who are wearing incorrect black pants, the following **are not** school uniform long pants: track and cargo pants or tight leggings.

A reminder that NZ Uniforms in Hastings are the stockists of the WCC uniform. Please if you have any queries about our uniform contact the School Office: (06) 831 0180.

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.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40am Bell Rings						
8.45am – 9.45am	1					
9.45am – 10.45am	2					
10.45am-11am		FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME	FORMTIME
11.00am – 11.30am		INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL	INTERVAL
11.30am – 12.30pm	3					
12.30pm – 1.30pm	4					
1.30pm – 2.00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2.00pm – 3.00pm	5					

KEY DATES

Mon 26th May:	CAA Reading Exam Year 12/13, CAA Reading Year 10: 11.30am-1.30pm
Tues 27th May:	Careers Expo for Year 13 students: 1pm-3.00pm at PGA CAA Numeracy Exam: 11.30am-1.30pm
Wed 28th May:	CAA Numeracy Exam Year 12/13: 11.30am-1.30pm
Thurs 29th May:	L1 English Exam: 8.45am-11am, CAA Writing Year 10 Exam: 11.30am-1.30pm Haka/Waiata House Competition: 2pm
Mon 2nd June:	Kings Birthday - School Closed
Tues 3rd June:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5pm, L3 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Wed 4th June:	Futureopoly Event for Year 11 students at Tomoana Showgrounds
Thurs 5th June:	Waikato Uni Scholarship Visit: 9.45am in the Library
Tues 10-11th June:	L2 MTB Day Trip to Taupo
Sat 14th June:	School Ball
Tues 17-18th June:	L3 MTB Day Trip to Waipukurau
Wed 18 –19 June:	Health & Safety Course Year 13
Thurs 19th June:	Matariki Karakia and Kai: 6am-7.30am
Fri 20th June:	Matariki - School Closed
Mon 23-24th June:	L2 MTB Day Trip to Eskdale
Fri 27th June:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2.15pm Term Two finishes
Mon 14th July:	Term Three commences