



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 3rd– 14th November 2025



Kia ora e te Whānau

Ongoing Strike Action: Thank you to our school community for your understanding around the recent strikes. While the strike action is as much to do with working conditions as pay, it is evident other countries clearly value their teachers more and this is reflected in the remuneration of teachers in other countries:

NZ 61,329 - 103,086

AUS 96,713 - 161,312

UK 90,011 - 139,560

Retention of teachers is just as important as recruitment, we have so many young teachers abandoning the profession and heading off shore (about 20% attrition in the first 5 years). While we had hoped this industrial action would be sorted quickly, it appears this is not going to be the case.

Please note we have been informed of the next strike action scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 5th November from 1:15pm - 3:15pm**. (please note, school will end at 1:15pm). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Senior Prize Giving @ WCC

Congratulations to our 2025 Prizegiving winners! Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have truly paid off. Whether you were recognised for academic achievement, sporting prowess, cultural contributions, or leadership, each award reflects your effort, perseverance, and the positive impact you've made within our school community. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and celebrate the inspiration you provide to your peers. Keep striving for excellence and continue to shine in all that you do!

- **Dux 2025: Maarie Johansen (Head Girl 2025)**
- **Proxime Accessit 2025: Karoline Franke (Deputy Head Girl 2025)**
- **Outstanding SportsPerson 2025: Crissell Marsh**

Senior Student Leaders 2025

William Christensen, Maarie Johansen, Karoline Franke, Te Ata Lamont, Hawera Neera, Joseph Hohepa, Matiu Rangitaawa, Sky Pin, Shylah Bates, Kayden Robertson and Hannah Gito.

A sincere thank you to our 2025 Head Students! Your leadership, dedication, and commitment to our school community have been outstanding. Throughout the year, you have acted as role models for your peers, supported staff and students alike, and contributed positively to school life in so many ways. Your energy, initiative, and willingness to step up have made a real difference, and we are truly grateful for your service. We celebrate your achievements and the legacy of leadership you leave for future cohorts.

Thank you and good luck to our 2025 Year 13 cohort

A heartfelt thank you and best wishes to our 2025 Year 13 cohort! Over the years, you have grown, contributed, and left your mark on our school in countless ways - academically, socially, and through leadership. As you step forward into your final exams and prepare for the exciting next chapters of your lives, we want you to know how proud we are of each of you. Embrace the challenges ahead with confidence, carry forward the lessons you've learned, and continue to make a positive difference wherever you go. Good luck, Year 13 - you have a bright future ahead!

Senior Leaders 2026

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Head Students in 2026.

Head Boys: Sidney Ropitini and Kelly Puhara, **Head Girls:** Rosie Christison and Crissell Marsh

NCEA Exams begin on Tues 4th November:

We wish our senior students every success as they embark on their end-of-year exams. This is a time to showcase all the hard work, dedication, and perseverance they have shown throughout the year. We encourage them to approach each exam with confidence and focus while taking care of themselves both mentally and physically. Remember, preparation and a positive mindset are just as important as knowledge. We are proud of all our students and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Friday 14th November: Teacher Only Day

This is a government approved day for all schools to allow teachers to work on the new curriculum. The school will be closed.

Calendar

- Tues 4th Nov - Fri 28 Nov: NZQA Exams
- Wed 5th Nov: Students dismissed at 1.15pm due to strike action
- Fri 7th Nov: **Last Day for Year 11 students:**(p5) year level assemblies
- Wed 12th Nov - Fri 14th Nov Year 10 Maori Trip to Rotorua
- Fri 14th Nov: **Teacher Only Day**
- Tues 18th - Thurs 20th Nov: International Camp
- Tues 18th Nov - Thurs 20th Nov: Year 9 EOTC camp
- Fri 20th Nov - School Assembly (Year 7,8, 9 & 10)
- Mon 24th - Fri 28th Nov: Year 7 & 8 camps
- Fri 28th Nov - P5 Form Time
- Wed 3rd Dec - Sat 6th Dec: Leadership Camp
- Fri 5th Dec - **Junior Prize Giving** 1pm (Year 7, 8, 9 & 10)
- Mon 8th Dec - **Splash Planet** (Year 7, 8, 9 & 10)
- Tues 9th Dec - **World Famous 9am - 11am (TERM 4 CONCLUDES at the end of World Famous @ WCC Assembly)**

Leaving Students

As our senior students prepare to leave school, and our junior students remain at school, it is a good time to remind us all of our school values: Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hiriangatanga. We encourage our student body to embrace all opportunities available - whether they be academic, social, cultural or physical.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Jocelyn



ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA



HOMESTAY PARENTS

We are seeking homestay parents for our international students in 2026. Open your home, change a life and experience a new culture.

Hosting an international student/s is a rewarding opportunity to welcome someone into your home and share your lifestyle, while learning about another culture.

Homestay families will receive a \$310 compensation each week. If you are interested or would like more information please contact our International Department: (06) 833 6752.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The last day for school lunches will be **Friday 5th December**. Monday 8th December is the Splash Planet trip - students will need to bring a drink and food for the day; Tuesday 9th December is our World Famous @ WCC assembly finishing around 11.30am, when students will be dismissed for the year.

STUDENT MAHI



Congratulations to Christopher Roy Year 12 for fixing up his Grandmother's lawnmower, which had been flooded in the cyclone.

Christopher kept working on it, until it was running again, then mowed the lawn in front of the workshop.

Well done.

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Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the newsletter electronically

WCC BREAKFAST/LUNCH

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

A lunch is available at our interval break: 11am-11.30am for all students, these are provided by the School Lunch Collective who delivers healthy school lunches to participating schools under the Ministry of Education's Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunch Programme. Students are welcome to bring their own food also.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

The school app can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone. Search William Colenso College to download the app. This will have information available on: absences, school events, daily school notices and other messages will be sent via this option.

KEY DATES

Tues 4th Nov:	NCEA Exams commence
Fri 7th Nov:	Last day for Year 11 students
Wed 12th Nov:	Year 10 Maori Rotorua Trip, International Student Trip: Tongariro Crossing
Fri 14th Nov:	Year 10 Maori Rotorua Trip return, International Student Trip Tongariro Crossing returns, HB Secondary School Teacher Only Day: School Closed
Tues 18th Nov:	International Student Camp to Mahia & Year 9 Camp
Thurs 20th Nov:	Year 9 Camp and International Student Camp return
Fri 21st Nov:	Final day for new Year 7 & 9 enrolment uniform starter pack promotion
Mon 24th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps
Wed 26th Nov:	International Students surfing at Waimarama Beach
Fri 28th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps return
Mon 1st Dec:	International Student Bike and BBQ
Tues 2nd Dec:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 3rd Dec:	Student Leadership Camp
Fri 5th Dec:	Year 7-10 Prizegiving: 1pm-3pm
Sat 6th Dec:	Student Leadership Camp returns
Mon 8th Dec:	Splash Planet trip for the day for all students
Tues 9th Dec:	World Famous @ WCC assembly: 9am-11am, final day for students.

2026 Dates:

Mon 2nd Feb:	Senior Course Confirmation: Year 11 & 12 1-2pm & Year 13: 2-3pm in the School Library, uniform is not required for Years 11 & 12. Year 7 & 8 Sausage Sizzle, come in and meet the teachers: 1pm-3pm
Wed 4th Feb:	All students start school: 8.40am, Powhiri at 9am
Fri 6th Feb:	Waitangi Day - School Closed

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