



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 17th - 28th February



Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt, Principal

We have had a wonderful start to the term with new staff and students settling into classes and forming positive relationships across the school.

The Board of Trustees have taken up the new government schools donation subsidy scheme. This scheme provides schools with funding if they don't charge whānau and families any classroom related school fees. As a result we have been able to remove significant charges for our school whānau/families and we are still able to maintain our broad curriculum opportunities. The following table below provides an overview of what charges have been removed and what contributions we are still asking for.

Charges which have been removed	Contributions which we still need extra financial support to continue the activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School donation. • All subject fees. • Any trips which occur during the school day and are subject related e.g., Science trip to the rocky shore, museum, aquarium. • Music tuition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports fee of \$50 to be involved in all sports. Though there are some exceptions where excessive costs and trips are required e.g., surfing. • Year 7 – 9 camps. • Trips which involve an overnight stay e.g., Outdoor Education. • Trips which are extra and not part of the curriculum e.g., skiing. • Hire of music instruments for tuition.

Summer sports are well underway with a large number of opportunities for students to participate in touch rugby, volleyball, waka ama, tennis, basketball, surfing, volleyball and other activities. If there are any whānau/family members who would like to help coach or manage sports teams this year please contact Whaea Tini through the school office.

Focus value for the week

Whanaungatanga – (Belonging) – This value is expressed throughout the college and community by all of us demonstrating positive and meaningful relationships, which supports everyone to have their identity valued so they belong. It comes with the responsibility of contributing and supporting everyone in our school community.

ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE: WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos will be taken for all students in the hall **Thursday 27th February**. Your child will receive an envelope to place your photo order. Please ensure if you are paying by cash that you have the exact amount in the envelope as the payment is given directly to the photo company and not through the school; there is an option for payment by cheque. We have spare envelopes at the front office for orders. Final day for orders is Friday 12th April.

Sibling photos are available but must be paid for on the day, envelopes at the front office.

ID Student Cards are \$10.00 each and can be paid for at the front office. These are available to purchase throughout the year.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A reminder that school hours for all students, **Monday -Thursday 8.40am-3pm.**

Interval Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10.40am -11.00am
Wednesday: 10.30am-10.50am
Friday: 9.40am-10.00am

Lunch Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 1.15pm - 2.00pm
Wednesday: 1.20pm - 2.05pm
Friday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Friday Timetable:

Senior students (Years 10 – 13) **commence school at 10.00am on Fridays and finish at 3.00pm.** This is to enable longer learning periods, and the ability to offer broader curriculum options. Friday courses will run as either full day or two half day programmes (on the same day). Students who are undertaking EIT or Farming programmes will study from 8:40am – 3:00pm on Fridays. All other Year 10 – 13 programmes will begin at 10:00am and will run through to 3:00pm. Courses will either be two or four hour programmes.

Years 7-9 students **commence at 8.40am on Fridays and finish at 3.00pm.**

During wet weather days, the school lunchtime will be shortened and students will be dismissed at 2.40pm. If in doubt about an early finish, contact the school office: 831 0180. This information will be placed on our facebook page and school app.

HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS

All schools have a responsibility to promote and provide (via school canteens) healthy food options. Due to health reasons please ensure that your child doesn't bring high sugar drinks into school, we appreciate your support with this. Our school canteen is open every interval and lunch for students to purchase drinks and food.

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*

STAFF PROFILE

My name is Peter Fry. I am Head of the English Faculty and have been at William Colenso College since it began in 2004. In fact, I arrived at Colenso High School in late 2002 when I moved my family down to Napier after many years in Auckland. I have stayed so long at Colenso because I love it. I love the staff (teachers, office and support staff), the students and the common goals we are all trying to achieve at this school. I have worked in many schools and this is by far the most progressive and the most caring. I have a wife (also a teacher) and two children. My boys are grown-ups (24 & 21) and I am very proud of them and their achievements. I also have two thoroughly indulged cats: Frank & Ziggy. In my leisure time, I love reading and going for long walks. As I enter the twilight of my teaching career, I am heartened to see so many fine young teachers (anyone under 60 is young in my books) working at this school. We are all very lucky to be associated with this school, but some of you will not realise it immediately. In 10-20 years you will look back on your time here and say to yourself, "WCC really was a great school. I am so fortunate."



Pictured in photo from left: Cassie Harrison: Head Girl 2019, Mr Fry, Kyia Butcher: Deputy Head Girl 2019 and Lee Rangitaawa: Head Boy 2019.

DRIVING SIMULATOR

We have been fortunate to have a driver simulator at school for a week. This was arranged for the College via GOT DRIVE (a charitable trust that delivers our restricted, defensive driving and full licence programmes).

Student Feedback

It was a really great opportunity to improve my driving, I found it really boosted my confidence. The programme was really engaging with realistic scenarios and helpful feedback on current strengths and weaknesses. I could practise things that were identified as a weakness without the danger of making a fatal mistake on the actual road. The distractions scenario really showed the impact of texting whilst driving and how badly it affected your road positioning and most people ended up crashing in this open road situation, proving what they're always telling us about texting being a real no, no. We were really lucky to have been given this opportunity.



Pictured left: James Elford-McArthur Year 13 experiencing the driver simulator.

Pictured right: Frank Tuapawa (Year 13-Deputy Head Leader) outside the simulator.



2018 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION AWARD: EDUCATION FOCUS: TAKATŪ

2017 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION AWARD: EXCELLENCE IN LEADING: ATAKURA FINALISTS FOR TEACHING & LEARNING / GOVERNANCE



EX STUDENT NEWS

Carwen Jones who was Deputy Head Girl in 2016 has graduated from the Ara Teritary Institute of Canterbury with a Bachelor of Communications, specialising in Radio. Carwen is currently working at ZM radio station as a Digital Content Producer.

WCC SCHOOL APP

William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device). Search William Colenso College to download the app.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

KEY DATES

- Wed 19th Feb:** Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the Staffroom, all parents/caregivers welcome
School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Fri 21st Feb:** Year 7 & 8 Fun Afternoon at Napier Aquatic Centre: 1pm-3pm
- Mon 24th Feb:** Year 7/8 CB Ranui Farm Visit, Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
- Tues 25th Feb:** Year 7/8 ED Ranui Farm Visit
- Wed 26th Feb:** Performing Arts Welcome Evening: 6pm in the Hall, School Assembly: 12.40pm
School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 27th Feb:** School Photos all day
- Friday 28th Feb:** Year 7 Vision Testing
- Mon 2nd March:** Year 7/8PB Ranui Farm Visit, International Students Leave for Trip
- Tues 3rd March:** Whole School Athletics: Hastings Sports Park, parents/caregivers welcome to attend
- Wed 4th March:** School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 5th March:** International students return from trip
- Tues 10th March:** Year 7/8KM Ranui Farm Visit
- Wed 11th March:** Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Fri 13th March:** Year 7 & 8 Fun Afternoon at Napier Aquatic Centre: 1pm-3pm
- Mon 16th March:** Year 7/8KE Ranui Farm Visit
- Wed 18th March:** Year 10 Farm Trip, Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the Staffroom, all welcome
School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 19th March:** Teacher Only Day, students not required to attend school on this day
- Wed 25th March:** Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 26th March:** Whanau/Teacher Meetings: 2pm-6pm, students will be dismissed at 1.15pm
- Mon 30th March:** Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
- Tues 31st March:** Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV 1st vaccine
- Wed 1st March:** School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 2nd April:** Year 7&8 classes, Whaea Kawe's Te Reo Class & Whaea Bobbies' Manaaki-Marae class to Pukemokimoki Marae
- Wed 8th April:** School Surf Training: 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Thurs 9th April:** Last day of Term One, Assembly 2pm
- Tues 28th April:** Term Two Commences, Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm