



Term 1: 3rd - 14th February 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt Principal

Tena koutou katoa and welcome to all our new students, returning students, whānau/families, and staff. I certainly hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and you are ready for the new school year.

New Staff

We welcome to the WCC team, five new staff for 2020, from left: Ms Nicola Scotland (Head of Learning Support), Miss Moana Keefe (Year 7/8 Teacher), Miss Brooke Pearson (Year 7/8 Teacher), Mrs Beth Te Kiri (Deputy Principal) and Mr Dan Evans (Year 7/8 Teacher).



Hirangatanga – Striving for Excellence

In 2019 Student results in the Level 3 and University Entrance NCEA National Qualifications certainly demonstrated our students' abilities to achieve well beyond their peers across Aotearoa/New Zealand, with 73% of all Year 13 students achieving Level 3, and all students who were planning to go to University achieving University Entrance. This demonstrates our relentless and deliberate focus on creating a school culture which supports students to achieve accelerated progress towards the pathways which meet and exceed their expectations.

Rangatiratanga – Leadership

Our new student leaders attended a Treaty of Waitangi wananga/workshop with the staff last Monday, followed by two days leadership training before classes started last week. The purpose of the wananga was to support staff and students feel more confident in their understanding of the Treaty, and how we can all bring the Treaty to life within our day-to-day lives. The leadership days provided students with the opportunity to develop relationships and leadership skills to support them in the year ahead.

Whanaungatanga – Belonging

We are holding our full school powhiri for all new students, staff and whānau/families at 10:00am, Wednesday 5th February. Please come along.

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

One of the expectations that we all need to be relentless about is the importance of being at school and in class on time. We continue to review student achievement to enable us to make improvements and we continue to find that those students whose attendance is 90% or better, achieve their qualifications.

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*



WAITANGI DAY



Waitangi Day (the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, celebrated as a public holiday in New Zealand on 6 February since 1960), will take place this year on **Thursday 6th February**. **School will be closed on this day as well as Friday 7th February**, school will resume as normal **Monday 10th February**.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

NO CELLPHONES are to be used in the classroom as they are a serious disruption to student learning and outcomes. Please support your child's learning by not texting or phoning during class time. If you need to contact your child please phone the college office and we can arrange this.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school hours please provide a written note/text or phone the Attendance Office: 8310180 Ext 825 or 826. Your child will need to sign out at the student office before they leave the grounds.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask that all students wear either plain black shoes (no ankle boots) or plain black sandals with a back strap under the ankle. Students who have technology classes need to wear covered shoes in these classes. **Please ensure your child's uniform items are named clearly, this helps if they end up in lost property.**

Kidscan - We are fortunate to be supported by Kidscan with shoes and jackets (Warrior wind jackets). If you require any of these items please contact the Student Office.

Looking good makes you feel good, which leads to better performance.

When people take pride in the way they dress, they are showing respect for themselves, to their family and their school. When this happens others show them respect and start looking at the positive things they do instead of the negatives.

We expect all students to be equipped with the correct uniform, and for Year 13 students to wear appropriate tidy mufti. To ensure school is a place where learning is a priority and conflict is minimised, any student who is wearing incorrect uniform will be sent home to take the incorrect item home (they will then be expected to return to school). No notes will be accepted and we will not be taking incorrect uniform off students and holding it until the end of the day.

STUDENT ID CARD

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



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



SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse.**



Cost for the jackets are \$92.00.
The jackets are produced by

Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

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

Tues 4th Feb: Senior Leaders Badge Ceremony: 6pm in the staffroom

Wed 5th Feb: School Powhiri: 10.00am

Thurs 6th Feb: Waitangi Day - School Closed

Fri 7th Feb: School Closed

Wed 12th Feb: School Assembly: 12.40pm

Fri 14th Feb: Year 7 & 8 Whanau Catchup, Parents/Caregivers are invited in for a cup of tea and chat with your child's teacher: 2pm-4pm

Wed 19th Feb: Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the Staffroom, all parents/caregivers welcome

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: School Assembly: 12.40pm

Thurs 27th Feb: School Photos all day

Mon 2nd March: Year 7/8PB Ranui Farm Visit

Tues 3rd March: Whole School Athletics: Hastings Sports Park, parents/caregivers welcome to attend

Tues 10th March: Year 7/8KM Ranui Farm Visit

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

Thurs 19th March: Teacher Only Day, students not required to attend school on this day

Thurs 26th March: Whanau/Teacher Meetings: 2pm-6pm, students will be dismissed at 1.15pm

Mon 30th March: Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm

Thurs 9th April: Last day of Term One

Tues 28th April: Term Two Commences, Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm