



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 25th May - 5th June



## Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt, Principal

Ko ngā ingoa o tatou whare ako

Last week we unveiled our new building names, this has been a project a year in the making. All our buildings are now named after manu/birds and rākau/trees. These replace the alphabet names of the blocks; the new names have more mana and stories which support localised curriculum and a sense of whanaungatanga, for example the Tākapu is the new name of K Block (Year 7 & 8), the Tākapu also known as Gannet is a large seabird. There is a Gannet Colony at Cape Kidnappers close to the Napier area. They are well known for aero dynamics when diving into the water to catch fish. They are like javelins when hitting the water. As a result of this, the birds lose little or no speed initially on entering the water. Learning that happens in this area of our kura is dynamic, culturally appropriate and responsive so that the learners may dive deep for the knowledge at their own pace.

Kia ora to Matua Hemi for blessing our buildings on our return to school.

The first week physically back at school since the beginning of Level 2 has been very positive. Staff and students have enjoyed reconnecting after spending 8 weeks working remotely.

We started the week with karakia and a sausage sizzle. This was an opportunity to settle back into school and reassure students that WCC is a safe place to be, and that we have all the procedures in place to ensure health and hygiene are prioritised. We are also putting in place strategies to ensure students working towards NCEA qualifications will not be disadvantaged.

It is important that students and whānau/families know that WCC is a safe place to be and that their/your child should return to school as soon as they can. Thank you to whānau/families who have been in communication with us about keeping your child at home for a short period of time. For those students who are not coming to school and have not been in contact with the school, they will now be classed as truant.

Thank you to all the staff, students, whānau/families who have provided manaakitanga/kindness and support to everyone over the last nine weeks. It has been challenging, but you have all stepped up and risen to the challenge. Nga manaakitanga - Daniel Murfitt



**ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE: WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA**

## DRIVING LESSONS

Driving lessons will commence next week - Wednesday 27th May. Please see Mrs Engels to ensure you are included. Registration for learner license is open now, please collect forms from outside the Deans' office.



## ALUMNI PAGE

We have set up an alumni page on our school website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz), we would love to hear from any ex-students, teachers, support staff that have been involved with either Colenso High School / William Colenso College.

The Alumni page can be found under the News & Events page.

## 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.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that school will be closed, **Monday 1st June for Queens Birthday**. School will resume as normal for all students, Tuesday 2nd June.



## COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES



Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from **Monday 18 May**. If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines

### MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.colenso.school.nz](http://www.colenso.school.nz)  
Or email: [keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz](mailto:keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz) to register and receive the newsletter electronically

## SCHOOL 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.

## SCHOOL ID CARDS

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

## LEAVERS' HOODIES

For Year 13 & International students only. If you would like to purchase a leavers' hoodie, payment can be made at the front office \$65 each and we have a range of sample sizes to try on. Last day for payment is **Friday 8th June**.



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals for our school production start this coming Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th of May from 4.30-6pm. If you want to be involved with dance, singing, music, acting, backstage, makeup, costumes or more, please come along or come talk to Miss DJ or Ms Kersey for more information.



## CHROMEBOOKS

**Please** return all school and Ministry of Education chromebooks to the library by **Monday the 25th May**. These chromebooks are required for students to use in classes at school. If the chromebook is damaged or the charger is broken please return them as well. We will not be charging people for damaged equipment as we understand accidents do happen.



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# 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

Monday 25th May:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Staffroom
Wednesday 27th May:	Full School Assembly, Surf School: 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 29th May:	Karaoke: 12pm-1pm for students outside the gym
Monday 1st June:	Queens Birthday - School Closed
Wednesday 3rd June:	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Wednesday 10th June:	Full School Assembly
Thursday 11th June:	School Cross Country
15th-18th June:	International Student Trip
Wednesday 17th June:	Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday 24th June:	Whanau Taku Huarahi Ako / Parent : Teacher Meetings: 9am-6pm. School not operating normal timetable, students are only required at school at their whanau meeting appointment time
Thursday 25th June:	Otago University Visit for those students interested in tertiary study for 2021: 11am in the Library
Friday 26th June:	Karaoke: 12pm-1pm for students outside the gym
Monday 29th June:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 2nd July:	Brazilian Carnival Performance
Friday 3rd July:	Brazilian Carnival - World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm



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