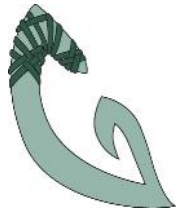




# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 20th - 31st July, 2020



## **Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt, Principal**

Ngā mihi kia Matariki tau hau – Welcome to the Matariki New Year

Welcome to our new term, which we all certainly hope will be more productive and less disruptive than last Term.

We finished the Term with a very successful and enjoyable senior school ball. This may have been the first school ball in the country this year. This was due to the motivation and preparedness of our senior students who organised the ball. They were determined to have a celebration for our international students who were travelling back to Brazil and Germany. The ball was very successful with students enjoying the occasion, the food, music and dancing.



On the 3rd August I will be embarking on a new and challenging role as the Director of Education for Hawkes Bay/Tairāwhiti. This role is for twelve months and will see me leading the Ministry of Education for the region. I will be charged with advocating for our region in Wellington, and leading policy and programmes which are the priority for the Government and Ministry of Education. I will certainly be taking you all with me into this role, as I will have students in my mind when asked to make decisions or asked for advice on policy or programmes.

Our two current Deputy Principals (Simon Mitchell and Beth Te Kiri) will be Acting Principals for the next twelve months. Other members of the senior leadership team supporting them will be Phil Robertshaw (Guidance Counsellor), Bryan Adams (Head of Pastoral Care), Leah Kersey (Pedagogical Support, Event Management & Student Leadership) and Keleigh Atkins (Executive Administrator).

Ngā manaakitanga

# STAFF PROFILE



Bula Vinaka, Talofa Lava and Kia Ora Whanau

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”

My name is Aarti Jyotika, also known as AJ. I teach mathematics at William Colenso College. An area I am very passionate about. I have been teaching for around 6 years, 4 years at our kura. I came to New Zealand to join my family from the beautiful Fiji Islands in 2015. To understand the pedagogy in depth for NZ schools, I studied at The University of Waikato for a year for my teacher training.

I love and enjoy cooking, watching documentaries, connecting with people, gardening and my favourite is shopping. I love dogs as pets, and have had a few in Fiji. So far, I have been able to acquire the goals I had set for myself and have a few more to achieve. I am the youngest and the only daughter. They all live in The mighty Waikato.

The college has provided me with lots of opportunities and support to grow personally and as a better mathematics teacher. Some of the support was around getting my full driving license, my residency and lots of professional development courses. I am very thankful to the school for showing me continuous support to improvise and apply strategies for quality learning.

I look after the Pasifika students as their Pasifika Liaison person and I enjoy this role. This year I have taken up another role as the Assistant Head of learning for mathematics and science which is a big learning opportunity. The most challenging part at Colenso was participating in CACTUS for two years with my students. However, the outcome has always been amazing in many ways and I am more determined this year. A big vinaka vakalevu to the staff, students and whanau for the amazing mahi for our kura. “Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu” Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.

# POLICE STUDIES



Police studies is a new class at WCC in 2020 which is run in conjunction with Police Officer Che Lind. It is a Friday class where students complete an hour's worth of physical training in order to reach the entry requirement for the Police followed by two hours of classwork around the roles of the Police.

When students complete this course they will gain a certificate at Level 3 which will mean they do not have to go to a tertiary institution to gain this certificate before they can apply for the police. This saves them \$800 and 3 months of study. This class is currently exceeding expectations both in the physical tests and the theory work. At the end of the

year hopefully some of them will be ready to apply for the 2021 Police intake.



**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.

## 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 who have been involved with either Colenso High School or William Colenso College.

The Alumni page can be found on 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.

## WCC SCHOOL APP

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

*"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.*

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.

ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE: WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

# C. A. C. T. U. S

CACTUS ((Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit Support) programme, commences Monday 3rd August, please be at the gym at 0530.

All candidates will receive an email prior to this - if you are unsure please see Mrs Engels (please note we had numerous applications for a place on this course, unfortunately not everybody was able to be included, selection relied on attendance at the compulsory meeting in term 2.

## ATTENDANCE

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.

## KEY DATES

Monday 20th July:	Term Three Commences
Wednesday 22nd July:	Henry Hill & Richmond Year 6 students visit: 9.30am-12.30pm Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
Monday 27th July:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wednesday 29th July:	Marewa & Te Awa Year 6 students visit: 9.30am-12.30pm
Monday 3rd August:	CACTUS programmes commences
Wednesday 5th August:	Nelson Park School Year 6 students visit: 9.30am-12.30pm Full School Assembly: 12.40pm Parents Association Meeting Staffroom All Welcome: 6pm
Thursday 6th August:	Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall
Friday 14th August:	Revolution Tour in at lunchtime for student entertainment
Wednesday 19th August:	Haka Waiata House Competition: 12.40pm
Friday 21st August:	Year 7 & 8 Whanau Catch Up: 2pm-4pm, all parents/caregivers welcome
Monday 24th August:	WCC Mid Term Break School Closed
Tuesday 25th August:	Years 11-13 subject teachers and whanau meetings: Year 11-13 students dismissed at 1.15pm
Wednesday 26th August:	Year 6 Onekawa School students visit: 9.30am-12.30pm School Production: 7pm
Thursday 27th August:	School Production: 7pm
Monday 31st August:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday 1st September:	Teacher Only Day, no classes for students
Wednesday 2nd September:	Full School Assembly: 12.40pm Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall Parents Association Meeting Staffroom: 6.00pm All Welcome
Wednesday 16th September:	Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
Thursday 17th September:	2021 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 23rd September:	Parents Association Meeting: 6.00pm All Welcome
Friday 25th September:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm-3pm Final Day of Term Three

