



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 3rd - 14th August, 2020



## Kia ora koutou katoa - Beth Te Kiri, Acting Principal

Ko Maungatautari ko Kahuranaki ōku maunga  
Ko Waikato ko Ngaruroro ōku awa  
Ko Tainui ko Takitimu ōku waka  
Ko Waikato ko Ngati Kahungunu ōku iwi  
Ko Ngāti Koroki Kahukura te Hapū  
Ko Beth Kara Te Kiri tōku ingoa

What a privilege it is to be standing alongside Simon Mitchell as Acting Principals while Daniel takes a year's leave. We wish Daniel the very best in this new venture and know that he will be an asset to the Ministry of Education. He waka eke noa – we are in this boat of education – working together to make education the best that it can be.

I have been at William Colenso for nearly 8 months and these are some of the values ( I could fill the whole newsletter) of the things that I have seen that make this college an excellent choice for educating your whānau.

**Whanaungatanga** – relationships between teacher and students is of the utmost importance, for our students and our teachers there is a real sense of belonging

**Rangatiratanga** – our student leaders are excellent role models and stand proud as leaders

**Manaakitanga** – there is a high level of respect shown between teachers and students and with the students amongst themselves. The middle school are very respectful of their tuakana in the senior school

**Ekea** – our teachers go over and beyond when it comes to the success of our students – co constructing, collaborating with students for the best learning outcomes.

This week I have been to netball, rugby and basketball games; the values that we hold strongly in our school are reflected during these sports games, where students don't just show Manaakitanga to each other but they show it to the opposition. This makes me feel very proud of our amazing rangatahi (young people).



2018 PRIME MINISTER'S  
EDUCATION AWARDS:  
Education In Focus Award:  
*Takatū*

2017 PRIME MINISTER'S  
EDUCATION AWARDS:  
*Excellence In Leading Award:  
Atakura Finalists For Teaching  
& Learning /Governance*



## STAFF PROFILE

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā mātāwaka o te motu  
Teenā koutou katoa

Ko Mauao, ko Hikurangi ōku maunga. *My sacred mountains are Mauao and Hikurangi.*

Ko Ngāti Ranginui, ko Ngāti Porou, ko Ngāti Kahungunu ōku iwi. *My people are Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Porou, and Ngāti Kahungunu*

Ko Takitimu, ko Horouta ōku waka. *Takitimu and Horouta are the sacred canoes that my ancestors arrived on here to Aotearoa.*

Ko Tauranga Moana tōku tuurangawaewae. *Tauranga Moana is where I was born and raised.*

Ko Kahuripene Kawe ahau. *I am a proud younga Wahine Maaori, I am Kahuripene Kawe.*



I started my journey here at Te Kāreti o Wiremu Koroneho in 2017 as the Head of the Māori Department and have loved my journey here this far. I teach Te Reo Māori, Tikanga, Kapa Haka and Māori Tourism and have the best support team who make this all possible. I have learnt so much in the 4 years I have been apart of this whaanau and have grown so much as a Young Kaiako Māori.

Sadly, I lost my mother at the age of 2 and for a long time I have wanted to learn more about her, and where she is from. I was fortunate enough to receive my first teaching job here in the homelands of my mother, which has made my journey at this kura so much more meaningful and a very beautiful experience. I now work with 1 of my mothers younger sisters, Moana Keefe and truly believe that isn't by coincidence: HOW LUCKY AM !!! This is what I love most about our Kura, we are a big Whānau and the support is so real.

I have learnt that my job here isn't just for myself, but it is for our students, it is for all of our whaanau, it is for our people, our community and my way of giving back to my own iwi Ngāti Kahungunu and the wider community. I truly believe in the values that this school is framed by, Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Hirangatanga, because these are some of the many values that are important to my whaanau and to my culture; Te Ao Māori.

My passion is to reconnect our students, our whaanau and our people with Te Ao Māori, through not only Te Reo Māori, but through Tikanga, Whakapapa, Kapa Haka, Karakia and gaining a sense of belonging and direction. Everyone has their own beliefs and perspectives of what Te Ao Māori is, but for me, it is all about knowing who you are, where you come from and where you are going in the future. This creates many positive pathways for our students and their futures, showing them that there is something out there in the world for THEM (YOU), BUT, it won't just fall on to your lap; you need to get out there and WORK for it.

I leave with this whakatauaaki I have put together, that best describes why I am doing the Mahi I am doing:

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Alan Niwa, Year 10 who has been selected for the Tama U15's Tuakana Maori Rugby League. Tau ke koe!



### 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

## 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.

## STUDENT 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.

## READER / WRITER SUPPORT

If you are interested in volunteering to be a reader/writer to support students in their internals or externals examinations, please give Nic Scotland - Head of Te Whanau Ora/Student Support a call on 027 255 2002.

## KEY DATES

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 Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall
Thursday 6th August:	Revolution Tour in at lunchtime for student entertainment
Friday 14th August:	Haka Waiata House Competition: 12.40pm
Wednesday 19th August:	Year 7 & 8 Whanau Catch Up: 2pm-4pm, all parents/caregivers welcome
Friday 21st August:	WCC Mid Term Break School Closed
Monday 24th August:	Years 11-13 subject teachers and whanau meetings: Year 11-13 students dismissed at 1.15pm
Tuesday 25th August:	Year 6 Onekawa School students visit: 9.30am-12.30pm School Production: 7pm
Wednesday 26th August:	School Production: 7pm
Thursday 27th August:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm Staffroom
Monday 31st August:	Teacher Only Day, no classes for students
Tuesday 1st September:	Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
Wednesday 2nd September:	Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall Parents Association Meeting Staffroom: 6.00pm All Welcome
Mon 7th-Fri 11th September:	Practice NCEA Exams
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
Monday 12th October:	Term Four Commences

