



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 9th - 20th November 2020



Kia ora e te whanau - Beth Te Kiri, Acting Co-Principal

When we use the word 'whānau' we use it in all that it embraces. Here at William Colenso we believe that we are an extension of your whānau, wanting the very best for our rangatahi (young people) and you.



This week we started to hand out lunches to all of our students – this is an initiative from the Ministry of Education. This like all things has its teething problems that we are working through. As I walked around, I watched the students eating their lunch. Our middle school ate in their area – some senior students ate on the rugby field while others chose to eat outside the gym area. I asked a few students what they thought: “Yeah it’s ok”, “This was free! Not bad eh”, “It’s really good”. When talking to a couple of teachers they said that they noticed the difference to the energy levels of their students in their period 5 class. Some quotes from some of our whānau: “Loving the free lunches for my tribe – thanks so much, looking forward to my grocery bill dropping”,

“My child didn’t like carrot sticks and now he does!” “My child has never eaten so much lunch! thank you”. (Photo of some of our senior students enjoying their free lunch.)



This year we have been looking at our curriculum and ensuring that it caters for the needs of our students. There is a group of teachers who meet to develop this curriculum which is responsive and appropriate for **our** students so that Māori have success as Māori, Pasifika have success as Pasifika, European have success as European and all other ethnicities have that same success. This curriculum embraces ‘The place where our feet stand’ a curriculum that brings to life the many stories and places that our beautiful Hawkes Bay has to offer; a curriculum that draws on local knowledge, traditions, and customs: a curriculum that is integrated from our middle school through to our senior school; and a curriculum that moves with the times and is entrenched in our local community.

(Photo of your teachers working on the curriculum.)

A Kīwaha that I love : E kore e pai to kōrero, katia to waha. If you have nothing nice to say – then don't say anything.

Have a great week whānau.

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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

Kia ora koutou katoa

It has been thirteen weeks since I started as the Director of Education for Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti. In some ways the time has gone very fast, as I learn new jobs and get to know a lot of new people. But it also feels like I have been away from WCC for ages, as I miss the interactions I have with students, staff and whānau on a daily basis.

My role is very different from being a teacher. I spend a lot more time on my computer answering and sending emails. I visit Gisborne and Wellington at least once every four weeks. My visits to Wellington are to take our region's voice to the National Office of the Ministry of Education and learn about new government initiatives, so I can support their role out into schools, kura and early learning centres. During my time in Gisborne and Hawkes Bay I visit schools, kura and early learning centres to help understand what their needs are, and to provide whatever support I can. I also work alongside iwi, councils and other government organisations to ensure Education is working in partnership with all of our community.



One of my stand-out days was my trip through the East Coast visiting schools and kura. It was such a privilege spending time in these wonderful communities in an isolated and beautiful part of Aotearoa New Zealand. I met Cassiopeia Harrison (Head Girl in 2019) where she is working and studying in a kura just outside Ruatoria.

I keep up-to-date with how you are all going. It has been a very tough year for everyone, with lost time and the ongoing concerns caused by COVID. These have been once in a life time challenges, but I believe we have been very fortunate to live in Aotearoa NZ and to be part of an awesome community at WCC.

Make the most of the weeks left in Term 4. Keep working hard at your school work and making sure you have positive relationships with everyone around you. Let Mr Badger and the surf team know that I have been trying to get into the water whenever there is a swell, but there hasn't been a lot rolling into the Bay.

Ngā manaakitanga

Daniel Murfitt

SE&S Director Education Hawkes Bay | Tairāwhiti

NATHAN WALLIS PRESENTATION



Change your Brain, Change your Life!

Neuroplasticity and the brain's power to improve your life and that of your child's.

William Colenso College - Napier

Wed 25 Nov 2020 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz

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We have some tickets available for whanau/family if you are keen to attend, please either comment on our facebook page or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz and you will go into a draw.

We will contact you Friday 20th November to advise if you have been selected.

Tāne Tū KAHA PROGRAMME

We are seeking opportunities for up to 10 young men to engage in work experience as they develop skills for their futures.

We know that the longer boys are in school, the better their chances of success in 'the real world'. At the same time, we are very keen to give the students some practical experience in a work environment.

Our intention (initially) is to connect the students to a workplace, one day a week, for 5 consecutive weeks. We aim to start this work experience Thursdays (9am till 3pm) from Thursday 15th October. The boys can contribute and help out at the workplace and at the same time learn some valuable life skills and also:

- Establishing pathways
- Practical work experience opportunities for mechanics, farming, fencing, horticulture and trades
- Support in class and time in group work out of class
- Relationship focused: connecting and making connections in the community
- Establishing good ongoing communication with a significant adult.

This newly formed group is known as Tāne Tū Kaha (Men, stand strong). I am the group facilitator and mentor and will be available to drive and support both the employer and the students to achieve the best result. I know the boys will be very appreciative of the opportunity and to learn from people with experience.

If there are potential opportunities for rangatahi to connect with the world of work, this could include environmental and marae based initiatives, or anything that could benefit young people in their future transition from school to the workplace - please contact henry.ballantyne@colenso.school.nz
Phone 0274 525 494

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Vae Kitiona** - Year 11 for your selection into the Hawke's Bay Netball Performance Development Group Tier 2 (P2). The team will train twice per week for 6 weeks this term. This opportunity will help prepare them physically and mentally for the 2021 season of sport.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

There will be a teacher only day Thursday 26th November for teachers of the Senior School:

- Year 7-9 students programmes will run as scheduled
- Year 10 students are not required to be at school
- Exams will run as scheduled however senior staff will not be available for any pre- examination discussions nor to supervise catch up work

ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA

2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child you would like to enrol with us for 2021, please contact the College Office to book an appointment time. We offer:

- Quality education that ensures success for all learners
- Individual chromebooks
- Huge variety of sports
- An environment that values tikanga of Ngāti Kahungunu
- Bus service from Clive, Westshore/Bayview/Eskdale
- Year 9 Scholarships worth \$1,000 + a chromebook and chromebook case (forms available from the school office or school website)
- No subject or sports fees for Years 7 & 8
- Te Reo Māori nurtured in our environment
- Gender neutral uniform
- Free school lunches for all students provided by MÓN - Jackson's Artisan Foods

FINAL DAY OF 2020

The final day of school for Term Four 2020 for all students will be **Thursday 10th December**. Normal school day: 8.40am - 3pm. We will be holding our end of term World Famous @ WCC assembly from 2pm-3pm in the school hall, please come along if you can.

START OF YEAR - 2021

School will commence for all students **Monday 1st February, 8.40am-3pm**.

There will be a powhiri at 8.40am, after this all Year 7-9 students will go to the hall to be placed in their form classes (parents/caregivers are welcome to come into the hall).

Senior students Year 10 -13 will go straight to their form classes after the powhiri.

KEY DATES

10th-13th November:	Year 7/8 Camps
Tues 10th November:	9NS to Par 2 Mini Golf: 11.30am -1.30pm
Wed 11th November:	9AB to Par 2 Mini Golf: 10am -12noon
	Full School Assembly: Senior Sports Prizegiving: 12.40pm
Fri 13th November:	9NR to Par 2 Mini Golf: 9.30am -11.30am
Monday 16th November:	NCEA Exams commence
Friday 20th November:	Dance Showcase, 7pm in the School Hall
24th-26th November:	Year 9 Camps
Wednesday 25th November:	Full School Assembly: 12.40pm
	Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the staffroom all welcome
	Nathan Wallis Presentation: Change your brain, change your life: 7.30pm-9pm, School Hall
Thursday 26th November:	Teacher NCEA Day, (more information within the newsletter)
Friday 27th November:	Year 7-9 Teacher Only Day, no school for these students
Monday 30th November:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Monday 7th December:	Year 10-13 Senior School Prizegiving: 7pm
Tuesday 8th December:	Year 7-9 Middle School Prizegiving: 1pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 9th December:	Year 7-10 @ Splash Planet for the day
Thurs 10th December:	Final day for all students: 8.40am-3pm, Final Assembly: 2.00pm-3pm