

# WILLIAM COLENSO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PÁNUI

Term One: 9th - 19th February 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui o tēnei tau hou.

Hello everyone, greetings for this new year. Welcome to all our new students, new staff, returning students, whānau and staff. I hope that you have had a wonderful break and are ready for the new school year. It's going to be a good one.

We started the school year off with a Powhiri on our very own marae with our wharenui 'Te Reo' standing watch. We have had a couple of house challenges and students seem to be settling in well.

This year we have added a Y7/8 class taking us to six classes. Our Te Reo Māori classes are now being taught in our wharenui 'Te Reo'. When the whare was built it was named Te Reo and the vision of the kaumatua who named it was that Māori language would be taught in it – so we are now fulfilling that vision.

The first term is very much about 'whānaungatanga' building relationships with students and whānau. It is important to us that our students and whānau feel that they belong to the William Colenso College whānau. We continue to nurture the Manaakitanga culture in the school where people respect and look after each other.

These are William Colenso College's core values:

Manaakitanga Respect
Whānaungatanga Belonging
Hirangatanga Excellence
Rangatiratanga Leadership
Rereketanga Diversity
Matatautanga Learning



Photos from recent House Challenges: Tug O War and Egg Drop

### STAFF PROFILE

My name is Brooke Pearson. I am a beginning teacher and this is my second year teaching at William Colenso. I am privileged to be a part of our amazing year 7&8 hub. I absolutely love and cherish this community and the whanaungatanga they show. I am originally from Palmerston North but moved to the Hawkes Bay to study education at EIT. My mum, dad and younger brother still reside in Palmerston North. In my spare time I love to swim (although not in the sea because there are sharks).

I have a passion for music especially Disney and Musical Theatre, you can often hear me singing in assemblies. I always have multiple books on the go to read, so you could say I'm an avid reader. I look forward to reconnecting with my yr8's, meeting my new yr7's and sharing the exciting new learning experiences we have planned with the kids. I love meeting whanau and having visitors in class, my door is always open.



Nga mihi

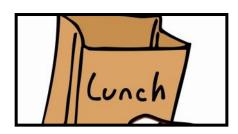
### SENIOR LEADERSHIP BADGE CEREMONY

On Wednesday 10th February, 7pm in the staffroom, we will be holding a ceremony for our senior leadership team, students, parents/caregivers.

This is a opportunity for all to get together and celebrate our senior leadership team, where they will be presented with their badges.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch each day. This was a real hit with the students when the lunches started in term four last year.



Big thanks to MÓN - Jackson's Artisan Foods who are our school lunch providers. Your child is still welcome to bring their own food if they wish. If your child has a dietary requirement please let your child's form / tutor teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.

#### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

The school app can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone. Search William Colenso College to download the app. This will have information available on: absences, school events, daily school notices and other messages will be sent via this option.

### SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A reminder that school hours for all students, Monday -Thursday 8.40am-3pm.

Interval Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.55am-11.15am

Friday: 9.40am-10.00am

**Lunch Times:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 1.15pm - 2.00pm

Friday: 12.30pm - 1.15pm

#### **Friday Timetable:**

Senior students (Years 10 – 13) <u>commence school at 10.00am on Fridays and finish at 3.00pm</u>. Assembly / Academic Mentoring is 10am every Friday. The reason for the later start, 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 10:30am, after students are released from assembly/academic mentoring. School finishes at 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.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask that all students wear either plain black shoes (no ankle boots) or plain black sandals (no socks) 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.

Available from the School Office are school jackets (\$92.00) and school cap (\$25.00).





### FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

We have set up an alumni page on our school website: <a href="www.colenso.school.nz">www.colenso.school.nz</a>. 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 via our website above.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos will be taken for all students in the hall <u>Tuesday 23rd February</u>. Your child will receive an envelope to place your photo order. Please ensure if you are paying by cash that you have the exact amount in the envelope as the payment is given directly to the photo company and not through the school; there is an option for payment by cheque/internet bank. We have spare envelopes at the front office for orders. Final day for orders is Friday 26th March.

#### Sibling photos are available but must be paid for on the day, envelopes at the front office.

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

## KEY DATES

Thursday 25th March: Monday 29th March:

Tuesday 30th March: Friday 2nd April:

Monday 5th April:

Tuesday 6th April:

Friday 16th April:

Wed 10th February: Senior Leadership Badge Ceremony: 7pm in the Staffroom

Thurs 11th & 12th February: Year 10 students at Pukemokimoki Marae for the day

Tuesday 23rd February: School Photos for all students

Monday 1st March: Ranui Farm Visit

Wednesday 3rd March: School Athletics: Hastings Sports Park

Tuesday 16th March: Year 9 Scholarship Evening: 6.30pm Staffroom

Wednesday 17th March: Parents Association Meeting: 6pm in the staffroom, new parents/

caregivers welcome

Ranui Farm Visit

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Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm in the staffroom

Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV 1st dose Immunisations

Good Friday (School Closed)

Easter Monday (School Closed)

Easter Tuesday-schools only (School Closed)

Last day of Term One

World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm

