



# WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 29th March – 16th April 2021



Kia ora koutou katoa

We are well into the term now and I hope everyone is settled into their learning and routines of school life. I know we have many students involved in sports which are well into their seasons and I really enjoy hearing about their successes at our Friday morning staff briefing and at our School Assemblies.

It is important to us that our students and whānau feel like 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. Looking after our environment and grounds is also part of showing Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga.

Another core value of William Colenso College is Hirangatanga - showing excellence in effort. This was on display at our Athletics day earlier this month. It was great to see the students in their house colours participating in and enjoying the athletic activities held at the Hastings Sports Park. The results were very close, in fact there were only a few points separating the houses at the end of the day. Congratulations to Maropea for winning the participation points and Remutupo for winning the placing points, but when all points were added up, Tupari were the winning house for 2021.

Two weeks ago we held our first whānau hui for 2021, thanks to all those who came into the school for these. I know that life is busy and not everyone is able to make these evenings so if you want to know how things are going for your child or you want a copy of their Term 1 Report please contact the school office or your child's Teacher (Year 7-9) or Form Teacher (Year 10-13).

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break, remember that New Zealand schools are closed on the Tuesday following Easter Monday.

Take Care

Simon Mitchell



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## STAFF PROFILE

Kia ora e te whānau o te Kareti o Wiremu Koroneho

My name is Henry Ballantyne and I have enjoyed working at WCC on and off for about 10 years now. I have a Health and PE teaching background and I have been in teaching and education for about 25 years. Since 2009 my main job has been director of an adventure education company called Little Brown Kiwi. I have worked with a range of international schools from Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, America and more. The three main themes being adventure, environmental action and cultural exchange.



What I have learnt is that no matter where you are from in the world, people are actually more similar than we often realise! We all have our hopes and dreams, and we all appreciate it when people show us a bit of kindness.

What do I do here at WCC?

Well, my official title is Transitions Coordinator. My day to day job involves coordinating the driver's licence programme, overseeing CACTUS (in Term 3), careers day, work experience opportunities, GATEWAY, Trades Academy. Anything that aligns with preparing students for the future. I also teach Year 9 PE and I have a great bunch of tāne in Year 10. These young men are known as Tāne Tū Kaha and we meet each Friday. The foundation of this programme is based on the four aspects of hauora - Te Whare Tapa Whā. The programme involves physical fitness, mindfulness, local curriculum, day trips and bush walks, games, guest speakers and also work experience. At its core is to enhance the mana of our young men, celebrating their talents and who they are. I appreciate the school values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and hirangatanga. There are another couple of values which are worth highlighting too: mana motuhake (or self-determination) and matatū (endurance/perseverance). I'd like to encourage students (and to remind ourselves as teachers) that these are all worth aspiring to.

I live in Taradale with my wife Karen and my two young men - Finn (15) and Olly (13), and our dogs Poppy and Bubbles (I must admit that I am a little embarrassed that I have a dog named Bubbles!) My family are good fun to hang out with, which is a bonus. I love this country and feel privileged to be able to work with young people and the wider community of WCC. I am also studying Te Reo Māori, which I feel very fortunate to be able to do. If you are keen to help me on this journey, please do!

To finish, I'd like to acknowledge that 2020 was a time of immense change and uncertainty, and that we still live with some global challenges. I think that the following whakatauki captures an inspiring message:

**Hurihia tō aroaro ki te rā tukuna tō ātārangi kia taka ki muri i a koe**  
**Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you**

## SHOWQUEST

William Colenso College is entering the Showquest Competition this year held on the 14th June.

Students have selected to participate in this. Rehearsals will be Monday from 4pm and Fridays as part of the Performance Class.



## DAIRY DAY

On Wednesday March 17th, WCC attended a Dairy Day which was aimed at the Year 10's and Year 11's. The intention was to open students' eyes to potential pathways in the Dairy and Agricultural world. We were hosted at Kanui farm, close to Tikokino and students took part in seven different events on the day.



These included: team building activities with hay bales and fencing stakes, environmental awareness and action, driving licence information, farm machinery and mobile workshop overview - which included massive John Deere tractors, dairy farming and milking overview, financial planning with regard to managing a farm and also practical veterinary science regarding cows and mastitis. Students were also witness to five pregnant cows, one of which was in labour towards the end of the day. Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch towards the end of the presentations.

## 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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS

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 (\$95.00) and school cap (\$25.00).



## FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

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 via our website above.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos were taken for all students in the hall **Tuesday 23rd February**. 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 16th April**.

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

## 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 29th March:	Yr 7/8ED & Yr 7/8KM Ranui Farm Visit Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 30th March:	Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV 1st dose Immunisations
Friday 2nd April:	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday 5th April:	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Tuesday 6th April:	Easter Tuesday-schools only (School Closed)
Friday 9th April:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Friday 16th April:	Last day of Term One World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm
Monday 3rd May:	Term Two Commences



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