



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Two: 17th - 28th May 2021



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STAFF PROFILE

I wanted to live in New Zealand from the moment I first came here in 1992, when I travelled around the North Island on my own. I was blown away by the light and the space and by the kindness of everyone I met. Most of all, I was mesmerized by Hawke's Bay and by Napier – not least because it had Saturday afternoon closing and (of course) nothing was open on a Sunday.... just like my childhood in the UK. I loved it.



After 2 years of paperwork, blood tests and immigration interviews, I have lived here, in the Bay, for ever since arriving in 2009 and have never been back to the UK; why would I? I live in the best place on the planet! I have enjoyed teaching in several schools in 'the Bay' during that time, but when I'm not teaching, I enjoy making the most of the wonderful weather here; I adore swimming in the sea, feeling truly part of the environment and I try to get out on my bicycle as much as possible. I am most passionate about walking my dogs Alfie and Pipi, who I rescued from a dreadful life three years ago. I recently came across a distressed tiny kitten and so now have him too; Tigger.

In my spare time I play the piano and guitar, I also paint and make bespoke lightshades to order. I am also currently working with another local artist for a sculpture exhibition in September at C.A.N. The only family I have is my elderly and quite ill parents, who were visiting here when Covid 19 happened, and they have not managed to get back to their home in the UK ever since. It has been very distressing for them. Although they had based themselves in The Bay of Plenty, where they know people, I am hoping they will move to Napier if they manage to sell their UK house. They were both teachers, so it runs in the family.

I love teaching; developing good relationships, and helping young people to foster a passion for learning and understanding that 'getting it right first time' is not the expectation but that being open minded and not giving up is. I would have dearly loved to have had a family, but it wasn't meant to be. So since emigrating, I made it my mission to help others and have had the absolute pleasure of being a mum to seven very long stay international students, who all keep in touch with me and I am proud to have fostered a young boy from the Bay. *Jessica Hume - Teacher of Year 7/8HJ*

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.



YEAR 7/8 WHANAU TIME

Each week on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Year 7/8 classes have Whanau time in the School Library, 8.40am - 9.00am.

All whanau are welcome to attend, we would love to see you there.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Grace Utumapu - Year 11 has been selected for the U19 HB Volleyball team and Piki Ratapu - Year 13 won 2 silver medals at the long distance Waka Ama Nationals which were held in Picton during the Term One holidays. Piki received a silver in the J19M W2 10km race – representing Te Rau Oranga o Ngāti Kahungunu; and a silver in the J19 Mixed W6 16km race – representing Haeata Ocean Sports.

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.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

There is a teacher only day, Wednesday 19th May for all staff. There will be no classes for students, school resumes as normal Thursday 20th May.

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).



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FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

We have set up an alumni page on our school website: 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.

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

Wednesday 19th May:	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 20th May:	Queenstown Resort College Visit: 2pm Library
Friday 21st May:	Full School Assembly: 10am Waikato University Trip
Mon 24th-Fri 28th May:	Practice Exams Years 10-13
Fri 28th May:	Whānau hui for those who were a part of the Waikato University trip
Sunday 30th May-Friday 4th June:	Samoan Language Week
Monday 31st May:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Friday 4th June:	Full School Assembly: 10am Year 10 Horticulture Trip: 12.30pm-3pm
Monday 7th June:	Queens Birthday Observed - School Closed
Thursday 10th June:	Cross Country: 1.15pm
Friday 11th June:	Year 10 Horticulture Trip: 12.30pm-3pm
Monday 14th June:	Showquest Competition: Toitoe Hastings
Wednesday 16th June:	Whole School Careers Day
Friday 18th June:	Full School Assembly: 10am Year 10 Horticulture Trip: 12.30pm-3pm
Monday 28th June:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wednesday 30th June:	Year 11-13 students Work Ready Kete and range of workshops
Friday 2nd July:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Friday 9th July:	Last day of Term Two World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm
Monday 26th July:	Term Three Commences



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