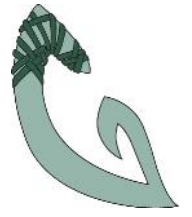




WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Three: 9th - 20th August 2021



Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Can't believe that we are already at the end of our second week of the term - so much has happened.

Last Saturday night the school ball was held at 'The Old Church' in Meeanee – what a stunning venue, and what made it more stunning was how beautiful and how handsome our rangatahi are!! Some of them I barely recognised. What was really neat was to see whānau waiting for their family members to take photos – I think that they may have been as excited as the students. I certainly was. I love seeing our students outside of the school environment – their behaviour was exemplary and it was fantastic to see them on the dance floor enjoying themselves.

I have been to watch some netball and basketball games. Our students show such manaakitanga when they are on the courts – looking after each other and also the opposition – if they contact them they make sure that they are ok and play on.

Over the next week we are focusing on Hirangatanga – Excellence. What could this look like in your home? Have a kōrero with you kids and ask them what it would look like – maybe set up a way to monitor when the value is shown. Praise them when you see it and get them to praise you when you show it. We are going to be handing out certificates at our next assembly (13 August) to students who show this value during the day. By the way you are more than welcome to come and be a part of our assemblies. They are on every fortnight Friday at 10.00 – 10.30am.

CACTUS / Te Vaka Māia kicked off this week – well done to all the students that have made it to the trainings – some are so keen that they arrive at 5am! They are pretty exhausted by the end of the day. Please encourage them to get to bed early.

Just a reminder that school is closed on Thursday 12th August, as we have a teacher only day, classes will not be running.

Have an excellent couple of weeks until our next newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana
Simon Mitchell and Beth Te Kiri
Acting Principal and Co Principal



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STAFF PROFILE

Ko Tongariro, ko Kauhehei ngā maunga
Ko Kāwhia, ko Roto-a-Tara ngā moana
Ko Taupō te roto
Ko Waikato te awa
Ko Tainui, ko Te Arawa, ko Takitimu ngā waka
Ko Mōkai, ko Pukehou ngā marae
Ko Ngāti Raukawa, ko Ngāti Tuwharetoa, ko Ngāti Kahungunu ngā iwi
Ko Ngāti Te Kohera, ko Ngāti Whatuiāpiti ngā hapū
Ko Seymour tōku whānau

Kia ora Whānau
Ko Bobbie Seymour tōku ingoa (but I prefer Whaea Bobbie or Bob to Miss Seymour)



I've been hanging out in the Tech Block at WCC since 2005. And I love working with your kids. I'm one of the lucky ones cos I get to work with ALL our students right from when they start here in Middle School (as a wee Year 7) right through to when they finish and are all grown up in Year 13. I've had the privilege of teaching some inspirational rangatahi over the years.

I grew up just down the road (SH2) on a farm, halfway between Te Aute College and Otane. I'm the eldest of 3 girls so I got to be my dad's sidekick. He put me at the steering wheel of a tractor when I was 6 years old while he fed out hay from the trailer behind (the tractor was in 1st gear ... and the paddock was very flat). He also taught me how to kill a sheep, use a chainsaw, drop the motor out of a car (he'd been a mechanic prior to marrying my mum) and sharpen an axe! My koro (Mum's dad) was concerned that the only dress he'd ever seen me in was my school uniform!

I'm the very proud, single-parent of two adult children: Sarah Anne Te Ahumai & Samuel Te Wiremu are my pride and joy. They are now 33 & 31 respectively ... BUT have yet to produce a mokopuna for me! I'm hanging out to be Nana Bob (although I am honorary Nan to one of my ex-student's who I also consider to be part of my whānau). I live in Hastings with my (Glaswegian) partner Alan, 3 cats and a boxer called Rowan. BC (Before Covid) Alan & I went to the UK. Scotland was so wild & beautiful (away from the cities) that I want to go back and see more. If you happen to drive by you'll spot me lining up to get vaccinated down at Pukemokimoki so I'm all ready for when the world returns to its new 'normal'.

SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL

If your child needs to attend an appointment during school hours please provide a written note/text or phone the Attendance Office: 8310180 Ext 825 or 826. Your child will need to sign out at the student office before they leave the grounds.

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.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

There is a teacher only day, **Thursday 12th August for** all staff. There will be no classes for all students, school resumes as normal Friday 13th August.

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. 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).



NCC - CABINET ART

The Napier City Council, once again are teaming up with Chorus to continue their mission of turning cabinets around the streets of Napier into works of art.

Five cabinets have been chosen for beautification and the call is out to all you talented artists out there who are game enough to enter your design and turn these cabinets into canvases!

If you are interested please see Ms Jackson.



FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

We have a former students / staff (Toa Tauā) 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 former students / staff (Toa Tauā) page can be found on the News & Events page via our website above.

TOA TAUĀ- We have given our WCC former students / staff group this name because it means “**A Leader of and for the Future Generation**”, a fitting name for this group of people. This section will be where news of ex students & staff of our Toa Tauā will be shared. Enjoy. If you have news of any ex-students / staff please get them to contact sue.martin@colenso.school.nz

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.



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

Thurs 12th Aug:	Teacher Only Day - no classes for all students
Fri 13th Aug:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Thurs 19th Aug:	WCC Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall
Fri 27th Aug:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Mon 30th Aug:	WCC Mid Term Break - School Closed
Tues 31st Aug:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 1st Sept:	WCC Open Evening: 6.30pm School Hall
Fri 10th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Thurs 16th Sept:	2022 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-6pm in the Library
Mon 20th - Fri 24th Sept:	Year 11-13 Practice Exams
Wed 22nd Sept:	Voting in form time for Yrs 9-13 for Student BOT Rep
Fri 24th Sept:	Full School Assembly: 10am
Sat 25th Sept:	CACTUS Longest Day
Mon 27th Sept:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Fri 1st Oct:	World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm-3pm
	Last day of Term three
Mon 18th Oct:	Term Four commences

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