



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term Four: 1st - 12th November 2021



Kia ora koutou katoa

As always Term Four is again a busy term. Last week our Year 11 – 13 students had their practice exams. Our Middle School will be attending camps towards the end of the term and are starting to work towards this in their classes.

This term we are focusing on our value – ‘Kaitiakitanga’ – looking after our environment - especially Papatūānuku – keeping her free from rubbish. Please ask your children what they think this is and how they can help. There was definitely an improvement in how we collectively dealt with the rubbish last week. Thank you!

‘Covid 19’ requirements have changed how schools conduct school related events which involve bringing whānau and communities into the school. This is having a significant impact on how we organise prize giving for example. Unfortunately at this point we will not be hosting prize giving with whānau, as we have done so for many years. We are currently working through how we can celebrate student success and share this without having a formal event in our hall. We will communicate arrangements in the coming weeks.

Another change from previous newsletters is to our subject selection evening which was to be held on Thursday but, like our prizegiving, is unable to be run. Students will start the 2022 subject selection in classes on Friday 5th November, and whānau are welcome to make contact with their child's dean if they have any questions regarding this process.

We have available for \$8 each our own WCC face masks. You can purchase these through the front office and we have eftpos available.



Remember with only 6 weeks left in this term that ‘EVERY LEARNING HOUR MATTERS’ so please encourage your child/ren to attend school every period – times are very uncertain in that we don’t know what COVID will do next!

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



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STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Keleigh Atkins and I started at WCC in May 2004, when Colenso High School merged with Wycliffe Intermediate School and became William Colenso College. I am the Executive Assistant to the Principal, which I absolutely love. No day is ever the same in a school and that's the enjoyment of working as part of the administration team in the front office alongside Jayne and Keri, who I thank both for their team work and friendship. All the staff at WCC are amazing in what they do and I see this on a daily basis.

I'm lucky enough in my role to have contact with students and I enjoy meeting with our student senior leadership team every Monday along with Ms Kersey, setting goals and working with them to support their roles.

Previously I worked at Flaxmere College in the office, which was a bit of a return for me as I had been a pupil of previously Flaxmere Intermediate. I moved to Flaxmere with my Mum, Dad and 2 sisters when I was around 11, and my parents currently still live there.

I am married to Paul and have two adult children who both attended WCC in their senior years. I also have two grandchildren, 1 & 6 years old, who I absolutely adore and love spending time with.



PAST/PRESENT BASKETBALL

We held the past / present members / students basketball game during last weekend. It was a fantastic day, Tini Williams, Kirsty Solomon, Bea Carter-Judd, Bobbie Seymour and Brooke Pearson did a fantastic job of pulling it all together. Such a positive day and awesome catching up with ex students. My highlight was watching Bryan Adams dominate, coming away with 9 points out of his teams 35. Grace Sogafai Utumapu & Yves Chen both current WCC students scored 4 points each.

*Josh Badger - HOD PE/Health & Sport
Girls/Womens Past/Present Team*



ENROLMENTS 2022

Due to Covid and lockdown we were unable to have our set Open Evening. We would like to offer to anyone who is considering enrolment for 2022 to contact the School Office - 831 0180, to arrange a time to come in for a visit, and to confirm your enrolment by **Friday 26th November.**

We have an enrolment interview afternoon set for **Thursday 4th November: 3.30pm-6pm**, you can make an appointment time through the School Office for this.



**ASPIRE, ACT, ACHIEVE
WAWATATIA, MAHIA, EKEA**

SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS

As of January 2022, due to an increase in material costs and freight prices, the cost of the School Jacket will be \$103.50.

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 until December 2021) and school cap (\$25.00).



CRAFT CLASS - TE ATI WHAITI ARAWHITI

Wednesday 3rd November for Staff & Whānau: Te Āti Whāiti Karawhiti or The Arty Farty Craft Class will be starting.

What: Fabric/Textiles Crafts - Learn to sew; do your mending; make your Christmas Gifts; share ideas and skills ... have a laugh.

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm every Wednesday through to Wednesday 1st December.

Where: B1 (Textiles class)

Tea & Coffee provided (wouldn't mind if someone wanted to bring something for supper).

I'm wanting to make a Quiet/Activity Book for a toddler ... What would you like to make?

Contact: Whaea Bobbie 027 376 2580 to enquire.

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.



CACTUS / TE VAKA MAIA

Initially we postponed the graduation dinner to Saturday 5th November. However, schools have been advised to strongly consider alternative options for prizegivings and this extends to the Cactus/Te Vaka Māia group as well. Due to ongoing uncertainty, the decision has been made to cancel the proposed dinner in 2021.

It is still important to acknowledge the students and everyone else who has played a part in Cactus/Te Vaka Māia this year.

As such, we will be acknowledging our students and awarding certificates at a school assembly on **Friday 12th November at 10.00am** in the William Colenso College hall. It is also a time to acknowledge and thank the other adult supporters for their part. A short film has been created, which highlights the event and this will be played at the ceremony. A link to this film will also be available to all students so that parents and supporters can re-live the students' successes.

To all of the adult participants and supporters, thank you for the sustained effort throughout the programme as well as the final push to complete the longest day.

Thank you for your understanding.

KEY DATES

Thurs 4th Nov:	2022 Enrolment Interviews: 3.30pm-5.45pm please phone the school office to make an appointment time
Mon 15th – Fri 19th Nov:	Year 7 & 8 Camps
Mon 22nd Nov:	NCEA Exams Commence
Tue 23rd Nov:	Teacher Only Day, no school, senior students are required to attend NCEA exams
Mon 29th Nov-Fri 3rd Dec:	Year 9 Camps
Mon 29th Nov:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Wed 8th-Fri 10th Nov:	Tane Tu Kaha Tongariro Crossing Trip
Thurs 9th Dec:	Year 7-9 Prizegiving Senior Prizegiving
Fri 10th Dec:	Final Assembly: 2pm Final Day for all Students

2022 Start Dates:

Mon 24th Jan:	School Office Open for Student Enrolments
Mon 7th Feb:	Waitangi Day Observed School Closed
Tues 8th Feb:	All students commence

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