



Term 2: 25th June - 6th July 2018

Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt Principal

Judges of the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards were welcomed to school last Thursday. We are finalists in the prestigious awards for the second year in a row.

In 2017 we were finalist in three categories and won the Excellence in Leading – Atakura Award. This award celebrated William Colenso College's school leadership and influence, which has supported improved and sustained outcomes for all children and young people.

This year we are a finalist in the Prime Minister's Education Focus Prize - Takatu Prize. This prize celebrates outstanding inclusive practices that enable all children and young people to succeed.

We have developed our own model to enable all children with additional learning, health, behaviour, and social needs to be successful at school. The development of our Student Support Services has created a focus on 'wrap around support' for students, which has helped to encourage an inclusive and safe environment for all students. It has positively impacted on student achievement, student belonging/whanaungatanga and other positive social outcomes.

Our Student Support Services is one of the hidden gems which make up our school. It was first created 12 years ago, and has developed into a comprehensive centre, staffed by a wide range of people who do an amazing job every day. It is fantastic to have this innovative approach to supporting students recognised on a national scale.

The Prime Minister's Awards winners will be announced at a ceremony in Wellington on July 3.



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**2017 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION
AWARD EXCELLENCE IN LEADING.**

**FINALISTS FOR TEACHING & LEARNING /
GOVERNANCE.**

**2018 FINALISTS EDUCATION FOCUS
AWARD: TAKATU**



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WHANAU / FAMILY ACADEMIC MEETINGS

On Wednesday 27th June we will be holding our extended whanāu/family academic meetings. The school will be closed for the day to enable these meetings to run throughout the day and early evening.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for you, your child, and their academic mentor/form teacher to discuss in detail their progress and any further supports required. You will also take home a brief report, and these will need to be picked up at the meeting.

Your child has been given a booking sheet, if you need another please collect from the front office. Please ensure you send the form back with a time which suits your own schedule.

SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse.**

Cost for the jackets are \$92.00. The jackets are produced by

Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm.

This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The Performing Arts Department production 'Michael' will be held Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July.

Tickets are available from the front office, \$15 including a platter, max 100 people per night. Don't miss out.



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.

MISSED A NEWSLETTER? WANT TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our newsletters can be viewed on our website: www.colenso.school.nz
Or email: keleigh.atkins@colenso.school.nz to register and receive the newsletter electronically

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Reminder that with regards to footwear, no canvas or ballet style shoes are permitted. Students who have technology classes need to wear covered shoes in these classes. We ask that all students wear either plain black shoes (no ankle boots) or plain black sandals with a back strap under the ankle.

Kidscan - We are fortunate to be supported by Kidscan with shoes and jackets (Warrior windjackets). 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.

NZQA FEES

Students in Years 11-13 will be entered in the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA). NZ Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has advised that a full Year 11,12 or 13 course will cost \$76.70. The College collects these fees for NZQA.

Benefit Support: If the main caregiver of a Year 11-13 student is receiving a WINZ benefit payment or holds a Community Services Card their fee can be reduced to \$20 per student or \$30 per family.

NZQA information and financial application forms have been handed out to students, if your child has not received one please collect one from the front office. Parents/caregivers who applied for financial support in 2017 will need to reapply this year.

WCC SCHOOL APP

William Colenso College has its own school app which can be downloaded to your apple or android cellphone (device). Search William Colenso College to download the app.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

CELLPHONE USE 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.

Aspire, Act, Achieve
Nawatatia, Mahia, Ekeā

SCHOOL NURSE

Our school Nurse Kim Merwood will be available for students to see each day 9am - 3pm. Students will need to make appointments through the Student Office.



LUNCH CLUB

We would be grateful of anyone who has excess fruit and veges that could be used to make food for our lunch club. These can be dropped into the front office: 8.30am- 4pm, during school time.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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.

KEY DATES

Monday 25th June:	Board of Trustees Meeting: 5.30pm
Tuesday 26th June:	Cross Country: 1.15pm
Wednesday 27th June:	Whanau/Family Academic Meetings all day, all parents / caregivers to attend set meetings, students not required to attend school for classes: 9am-6pm
Friday 29th June:	Kapa Haka group to perform at Onekawa School: 9.20am Kapa Haka Noho Marae: WCC
Saturday 30th June:	Kapa Haka Noho Marae: WCC
3rd, 4th & 5th July:	School Production: seated by 6.45pm show starts at 7pm
Wednesday 4th July:	Parents Association Meeting: 6pm Staffroom
Friday 6th July:	Last day of Term Two, World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm
Mon 23rd July:	Term Three Commences

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