



Term 1: 4th - 15th February 2019

Kia ora koutou katoa - Daniel Murfitt Principal

Kia ora and welcome to all our new students, returning students, whānau/families, and staff. I certainly hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and made the most of our fantastic summer.

Hirangatanga – (Striving for Excellence)

2018 Student NCEA results continue to show strong evidence of groups of students, and individuals meeting and exceeding their achievement goals.

We know that for students to have the best opportunity to access their chosen pathway Level 2 NCEA is a critical qualification. It is evident from the following statistics that WCC students are excelling compared to all other students at Level 2 NCEA.

William Colenso College	National	Comparable schools in NZ
82%	76%	67%

Figure.1 percentage of students in Year 12 achieving NCEA Level 2 in 2018

Rangatiratanga – (Leadership)

Our new student leaders were the first people to start school back when they attended a leadership camp with the student leaders from Tamatea High School, on 23rd January. The purpose of the camp was to develop relationships and leadership skills to support them in the year ahead. The feedback from Mr Gold and the other instructors was that the group were awesome and throughout the two days they worked incredibly well as a team, learnt how to lead, demonstrated resilience, and empathy towards each other. The strong message from the students was that they strengthened the community through collaboration.



Head Girl Cassiopeia Harrison



Head Boy Lee Rangitaawa



Deputy Head Boy
Seiin Paul



Waikamaka House
Leader Myste Winiana



Whānaungatanga - (Belonging)

It is an exciting time of the year as we welcome seven new teachers to our staff. They bring with them a vast range of experiences and skills which have already added significant value to our team.

Welcome to:

Mr William Knight: Yr 7/8, Ms Shyna Kesha: Yr 7/8, Mrs Nicole Reihana: Year 9, Ms Carmen Edgecombe: Yr 7/8, Miss Marewa King: Kapa Haka Tutor and Learning Coach Supporting Waiata and Tikanga in Year 7 & 8, Mr Chris Swain: Mathematics & Physical Education, Mrs Mary Mayes: Year 9 and Mr Solomone Funaki (Mone): Teacher Aide.

Attendance Expectations

One of the most important 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.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

A reminder that school hours for all students, **Monday -Thursday 8.40am-3pm.**

Interval Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10.40am -11.00am
Wednesday: 10.30am-10.50am
Friday: 9.40am-10.00am

Lunch Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 1.15pm - 2.00pm
Wednesday: 1.20pm - 2.05pm
Friday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Friday Timetable:

Senior students (Years 10 – 13) **commence school at 10.00am on Fridays and finish at 3.00pm.** This is to enable longer learning periods, and the ability to offer broader curriculum options. Friday courses will run as either full day or two half day programmes (on the same day). Students who are undertaking EIT or Farming programmes will study from 8:40am – 3:00pm on Fridays. All other Year 10 – 13 programmes will begin at 10:00am and will run through to 3:00pm. Courses will either be two or four hour programmes.

Years 7-9 students **commence at 8.40am on Fridays and finish at 3.00pm.**

During wet weather days, the school lunchtime will be shortened and students will be dismissed at 2.40pm. If in doubt about an early finish, contact the school office: 831 0180.



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

WAITANGI DAY



Waitangi Day (*the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, celebrated as a public holiday in New Zealand on 6 February since 1960*), will take place this year on Wednesday 6th February. School will be closed on this day and resume as normal Thursday 7th February.

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.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask that all students wear either plain black shoes (no ankle boots) or plain black sandals 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.

WARMER WEATHER

With the extreme hot weather Hawkes Bay has been experiencing we advise students to bring a water bottle with them to school. We have water fountains available around the school.

The navy blue bucket hat (\$16.99) is available for purchase at The Warehouse or students can have the option of a grey cap available for purchase through the front office (\$25.00).

STUDENT ID CARD

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

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.

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.

KEY DATES

Wed 6th February:	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Thurs 7th February:	Senior Leaders Badge Ceremony: 6pm in the School Hall
Thurs 28th February:	School Photos in the school hall for all students
Wed 6th March:	Whole School Athletics Day @ Sports Park in Hastings
Thurs 7th March:	Whanau / Academic Meetings: 2pm-6pm, students will be dismissed at 1.15pm for the day
Thurs 14th March:	Year 9 & 13 Scholarship Evening: 6pm in the Staffroom
Fri 12th April:	Last day of Term One, World Famous @ WCC Assembly: 2pm
Mon 29th April:	Term Two commences

**2018 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION
AWARD: EDUCATION FOCUS: TAKATŪ**

**2017 WINNERS PRIME MINISTER'S EDUCATION
AWARD: EXCELLENCE IN LEADING: ATAKURA
FINALISTS FOR TEACHING & LEARNING /
GOVERNANCE**

