



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

May 14th 2021

Term 2 Week 2

Upcoming Events

- 18 May Interhouse Volleyball final
- 19 May Interact Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- 20 May Teacher Only Day**
- 21 May Careers Expo, Auckland
- 26 May Yrs 7-8 Winter Tournament
- 27 - 28 May Music Mentor
- 1 June Interhouse Colouring Competition
- 2 June Yrs 4-6 Winter Tournament
- 2 June Yrs 7-13 Cross Country
- 4 June School Assembly
- 7 June Queen's Birthday**
- 10 June Middle College to Waitangi
- 12 June Senior School Ball



Interhouse Volleyball Competition

During lunchtime on Tuesday we had our first interhouse sports tournament run by the house leaders. Each game lasted for 15min with the winner being the team that had the most points at the end of the time.

The first game was Hikurangi vs. Parakiore. Hikurangi convincingly won with a score of 18-3. The second game was Parihaka vs. Hurupaki where Parihaka dominated thanks to strong serves from Kitchie, Estelle and Demi. The final score was 17-7. The final will be held next week and house points awarded.



Senior School Ball

The Royale Ball

Where: McKay Stadium,
Kensington

When: June 12,
6:30 - 10:30pm

Tickets: \$65

Must be paid by June 9

New Teachers in the Middle College

This term we welcome some new people into our Middle College space. Whaea Maria Jackman and Gary Walker.

and look after Maths and English. Whaea will be working in this role for the rest of the year.



Whaea Maria will be teaching Year 10 Maths and PE as well as taking over the Year 9 class for Social Science, Christian Living, Te Reo, Health and PE. Mrs. Kelly will continue to be the Home Room teacher



Gary is a second year student teacher. He is working in Year 8 with Mrs. Crosbie for 6 weeks. The class seems to have already won him over as he has decided that Intermediate is his new favorite age level to teach!

From the Principal

We are all lifelong learners

It was great to see our Interhouse volleyball competition earlier this week. This was organised by our House Leaders and will be followed by more events throughout the year.

On Wednesday loud explosions rocked the deck around our prefab block. Fortunately they were controlled, as Mr Rooney conducted a series of experiments for a large crowd of our students. We thank Mr Rooney for his enthusiasm in bringing Science alive.

Next Thursday the school will be closed as we hold a Teacher Only Day. The Ministry of Education is providing professional learning, across NZ, to help our Senior College staff with the upcoming changes in NCEA. The rest of our staff will be preparing for our Local Curriculum Refresh.

We are developing a Christian lens to review all our curriculum, and explore the local aspects of this. We are also developing an Essential Knowledge Kete to identify the foundational knowledge we believe our students should all acquire during their journey with us. During this term we will be seeking your input into this through a digital survey. Stay tuned ...

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

*"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long."
Psalms 25:5 (NIV)*

School Netball

Junior netball kicked off with some tough games last week and our Intermediate teams finished their grading games. One of the opposing Intermediate teams defaulted, so rather than waste the time the Intermediate team played the parents! There was a lot of fun with the parents winning, but only due to the Intermediate shooters scoring all their goals for them! A rematch is definitely on the cards later in the season!



Netball Results - Week 1

Year 5-6

Loss 5-6

Coaches will be in contact with game times and court numbers. FEES: Please arrange to pay the netball fees to the school office as soon as possible. You may contact the office if you would like to arrange to pay by bank deposit or incremental payments. Fees are \$50 for Years 1-6 & \$95 for Years 7-8.

Interact Sausage Sizzle

\$2

SAUSAGE
SIZZLE



Where
Out Side
the Gym

When
Wednesday
the 19th of
May at Lunch
time

What
Sausage on Bread
with Mustard,
tomato sauce and
Onions

The Interact club is fundraising for the Whangarei homeless shelter 'Open Arms' to provide meals and to power those in need. We are also funding 'GEE' a charity that educates young women in Nepal to help them live a better life.

House Photography Competition: Photograph Our Maunga (Mountains)

The houses at Excellere College are all named after mountains near the school: **Parihaka**, **Parakiore**, **Hurupaki** and **Hikurangi**.

To help us all remember the names and what they look like, we are having a photography competition with house points and prizes!

The competition runs until **Wednesday 19th May**. Get snapping over the next few weeks and get to know our Maunga!

Maunga Photography House Competition

There are three categories:
Junior, middle and senior
Enter up to four photos
(one of each mountain)

The Mountain should be recognisable
and identifiable

To enter email photos with name and year level to:
julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

Parakiore

Hurupaki

Parihaka

Hikurangi

Science Extravaganza: Dry Ice Experiments



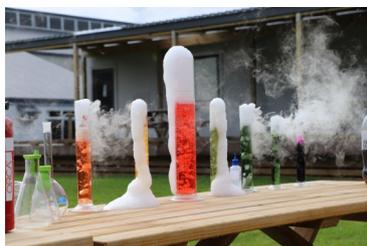
In what is believed to be a first at Excellere College the whole school attended a science demonstration on Wednesday in front of the new senior school classrooms. New entrants through to Year 13 College students to collect under the fantastic new verandah and watch Mr Rooney with his very able yr13 Chemistry students Matthew Shortland and Garreth Belcher undertake some exciting experiments with DRY ICE and a bunch of chemicals, balloons and flasks of all colours of the rainbow.

Universal indicator was used to show how acidic Carbon dioxide makes water and it was a timely reminder about the damage FIZZ can do to teeth, with the acidic liquid eating away at teeth and causing decay. Self inflating balloons, mountains of bubble bath and auto changing liquids were among some of the things the students thoroughly enjoyed but who doesn't like a big explosive finish.

Demonstrating the immense pressure change which occurs when solid dry ice

sublimates to its gaseous form meant an exciting countdown waiting for the water filled Coke bottles to explode.

Coming up there is something significant in the pipeline for 28 June for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 classes with The Sir Peter Blake Trust bringing their Virtual reality Tangaroa Moana Taonga experience to the school. Some very lucky senior students will also get an opportunity to take part and provide leadership to the middle school students for this as well. - Dave Rooney, HoD Science



Year 8 States Of Matter Haiku

The States of Matter Haiku

Gas, liquid, solid
They are not in the same order
But they still matter

By Nina

Solids, liquids, gas
These are three states of matter
Hard Runny Airy

By Esther

Haiku

Three states of matter
they are Solids,liquids,gas
Tables are solid

By keanu

I'll Tell You Today,
Three States Of Matter There Are,
Gas, Solid, Liquid.

By Connor

States of Matter

Solids are solid
Liquids move very smoothly

Gas Liquid Solid

By Malan

YOU MATTER

SOLID LIQUID GAS

The states of matter.
We use all three every day.
What else could **Matter**? - Jaden

School Canteen Revival!

After months of having no canteen on a Friday, Mrs. Minnaar and a group of eager senior students, are pleased to announce that the canteen will officially be reopening. The menu has been revamped entirely, to benefit the students and give everyone more variety! There are multiple choices for snacks, drinks and foods to satisfy your cravings. With reasonable prices and friendly students, the canteen will definitely become a favourite amongst our students. A big thank you to Mrs. Minnaar for organising all of this, and a big thank you to every student that has volunteered to be a part of this. Today was the first trial run. Canteen will begin officially Friday Week 4.



Buddy Class: Year 11 & Year 5



The Year 11 class with Mr. Keyte and Miss Hale has been paired up with Mrs. Matheson's Year 5 class this year. So far we have been getting to know each other through games. We have done name games, drawing games and after weeks of asking, the Year 5's got to play one of their favorite games: Paper Scissors Rock Relay.



Buddy Class: Year 13 & Year 9

This week the Year 9's shared board games they created with their Year 13 buddy class. These involved activities like push ups, going back to the start and testing personal knowledge. Overall there was a lot of conversation and laughter, a great community building activity.



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