



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

July 30 2021

Term 3 Week 1

## Upcoming Events

- 3 Aug Teacher Only Day
- 4 Aug Year 5&6 Girls Rippa Practice
- 5 Aug Earthquake Drill 10:45am
- 11 Aug Year 7&8 Futsal Tournamant  
Student Council fundraiser
- 12 Aug Mathex  
Year 5&6 Girls Rippa Practice
- 13 Aug Assembly
- 16 Aug Christian Schools Cross-Country, Kaikohe
- 18 Aug Year 5&6 Girls Rippa Practice
- 19 Aug Girls Badminton Competition Year 9-13
- 20 Aug Junior School Cross-Country
- 24 Aug Year 5&6 Girls Rippa Practice
- 27 Aug BOI Beast  
Daffodil Day

## Term 3 Theme — Challenge!

### Why is Challenge important for Excellere College students?

Challenge is an important theme for students at Excellere College. We do not grow unless we are challenged, in the same way that the strongest trees are those that are constantly getting buffeted by a winds. They learn to sink their roots deep into the earth, much as we hope our students sink the roots deep into their learning and the love of Christ.



### What does Challenge look like in the Senior school this term?

In the Senior College, term 3 has challenge embedded throughout it. There is the Duke of Edinburgh gold tramp, where students are challenged to plan and carry out a tramp around Lake Waikaremoana for 5 days. In class, students are finishing internal exams across subjects, with end of year portfolios being due in many subjects, creating challenging deadlines and standards that need to be met. There are the derived grade exams in Week 8 for NCEA students that challenge students to prepare for their exams.

We want to produce students who are resilient, which means taking on a challenge and not shying away from them because they are hard. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens and empowers me" Phillipians 4:13.

### What does Challenge look like in the Middle school this term?

The aim of our learning journey this term is to lead students on a journey where they discover opportunities for themselves to grow through challenge.

Topics such as sustainability of our environment, school council, Mathex, speech competition, Merrivale visits, debating and exploring puberty, engaging in novel studies and celebrating conservation week are on the agenda, as well as encouraging greater participation in sports (facilitated by our sports coordinator Zola).

As always, we encourage students to be active participants in their learning; problem solvers and initiators of possibilities, who will raise their expectations of what they could do create ways to do it.



### What does Challenge look like in the Junior school this term?

In the Junior College we are going to challenge ourselves in a range of ways over this term. There is a X-Country race being prepared for students from Year 1-6 for the end of Week 4. Students will be busy training for this event at school during the next few weeks. Year 4-6 students will also be participating in class speech competitions towards the end of the term. Year 6 students are being challenged to conquer all the times tables 1-10 before they head off to Middle College next year as Year 7s. We are of course going to be inspired by studying both Olympics and Paralympics as part of our inquiry studies.

Mrs Nicole Grammar, Junior College Leader

## Northland Dental Advice

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## From the Principal

### The Kingdom is Amongst Us

Our Learning Conferences yesterday, were a good opportunity to review progress at this point of the year, and korero on the next steps in learning. Learning is never linear, and is often buffeted by the winds of external events and emotions. Our hope is to provide an environment where our students can engage in the learning, and, over time, take more responsibility for their learning. The partnership with home is an important piece of the jigsaw and we thank for your continued support of our mahi (work).

Next week we have our second Teacher Only Day focusing on the approaching Curriculum changes. Our Senior College staff will be exploring what this means in the NCEA space, with more detail for specific subjects being available. The rest of the staff are beginning the Refresh of our Local Curriculum. We are using two lens to review this: the Kingdom Signposts (Justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, power) and Authentic and Meaningful learning. Both of these will allow us to develop programmes that engage students in the learning and provide opportunities for student agency. Your responses in our recent Curriculum Survey, along with student survey data, will help us in this journey.

We are approaching fullness for 2022, with only 6 spaces available in specific Year levels, before we hit our roll cap of 300. This is a reflection of the great work our staff are doing, and the obvious desire in our community for what we offer as a Christian Special Character school.

Blessings,

Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

‘Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘here it is,’ or ‘there it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.” *Luke 17: 20-21 (NIV)*

## Springs Challenge Reminder



Springs Challenge booklets can be brought to Mr. Keyte anytime this term for checking and marking off.

The last day for Springs Challenge booklets will be Friday Week 10.

## Mufti Day Fundraising for I HAVE A DREAM

I would like to acknowledge the generous donation of \$225.60 you have made to I Have a Dream Charitable Trust. Thank you for your valuable contribution towards our work.

Yours Sincerely,  
Scott Gilmour, Chairman  
I Have a Dream Charitable Trust



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## School Water Upgrade

During the holidays we transferred from spring water supply to town water supply for the water to our Gym and surrounding classrooms. This will provide a more reliable supply, as we grow. We still have access to the spring supply, which may also be used in the future.

We thank Hayden, and his ‘I Plumb 4 U’ team, for expertise in carefully finding pipes, connecting pipes, and returning the area back to its original form afterwards.



## Representing Whangarei In Futsal



I got selected out of the best 16 futsal players in Whangarei to go to Wellington and play in the NZ Youth Futsal Tournament against the best team in New Zealand. We had only been training for 2 weeks as a team together and we still did pretty well. Our coach was Christian Reynolds. Out of four games we won one of them. The biggest win we got was 7-0 against the Capital Black Wellington squad. Even though we only won one game, we still came fourth because of our 7-0 win against Capital Black. Throughout the tournament I managed to score 2 goals. It was an amazing experience and I would definitely do it again.  
- Matthew Philander, Year 9

## Northland Rippa Rugby Experience — Year 5 & 6 Girls

This term the Year 5 and 6 girls are going to be entering a GIRLS only multi-sport tournament. They will compete against other schools in Whangarei and will play four different sports, Rippa Rugby, Touch Rugby, Soccer and Netball.

On Tuesday we had Hannah Shalders from Northland Rugby teach the Year 5 and 6 girls how to play Rippa rugby and they had an absolute blast! Thanks to Year 9 students Connor Grobber and Charlie Nichols who helped out with the teams.

The girls will come home with a permission slip this week, please sign and send these back to school before the 6th August. I have also decided to help develop the girls Rippa skills further and will have training sessions during lunchtime once a week until event day, which is Wednesday 8th September.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



### Lunchtime Training Dates:

**Week 2: Wednesday 4th August**

**Week 3: Thursday 12th August**

**Week 4: Wednesday 18th August**

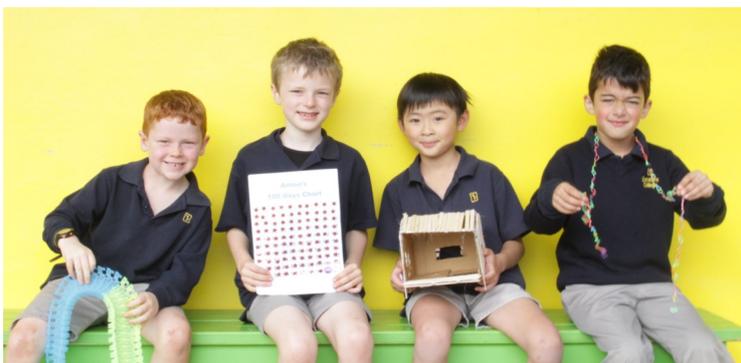
**Week 5: Tuesday 24th August Year**

**Week 6: Tuesday 31st August Year**

**Week 7: Tuesday 7th September**

## Room 1 Celebrating 100 Days of School

In Room 1, the children have been making artworks to celebrate being at school for 100 days. Some of the creative ideas were a rhino out of cardboard and one hundred pieces of tape, an artwork made from 100 fruit loops hanging from string and a snake made from loom bands. The difficult parts were tying knots and gluing pictures on. The kids enjoyed this and had lots of fun being creative.



# Year 7 Art— New Zealand Animals



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