



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 20 2021

Term 3 Week 4

Upcoming Events

- 24 Aug Year 5&6 Girls Ripa Practice
- 27 Aug BOI Beast
- Daffodil Day
- 1 Sep Interschool Junior Cross-Country
- 8 Sep Multi-Sport Event Year 5& 6 Girls
- 20 Sep Middle College Waitangi Trip

Senior School Chromebooks

If we do not return to school next week, senior students will need to continue their NCEA work online.

Therefore, we are wanting to ensure every student has access to their own device, and so if you could please let your child's form teacher know that you would like to borrow a device by Sunday 22 August, that would be appreciated. If your child has access to their own device, that is great.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Senior College leader Ben Keyte at:

ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz

Canteen Dates Term 3

Canteen will be open to all our students on the following dates:

Friday Week 6 03/09/2021

Friday Week 8 17/09/2021

Friday Week 10 01/10/2021

The Junior college will bring an order form home that they can use to order food from the canteen for that week.

From the Principal

Our Foundation Rock is Jesus Christ

As we enter a new phase in this Covid pandemic we must all remember that the 'groaning of creation' should not affect the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. Our Biblical story is full of times when humanity was suffering, but the constant is always God's love for us all, culminating in Jesus joining us in the flesh and showing us what the future holds. We must not let doubt and fear rule our lives, but look to the promises made and the Word of Jesus for our hope.

We have reached an exciting place in the school's history; we are full. Our current roll cap is 300, and our enrolments for 2022 have now reached that number. This includes those returning, new enrolments and New Entrant children starting throughout the year. We will be approaching the Ministry to increase our roll cap, but until that time we will have a waiting list. We have already begun enrolments for 2023 and 2024, and families wanting to join us are encouraged to enrol their children early as our classes will generally remain full further up the school. WCET have started the development of our 20 year plan, and this will guide our future growth and building.

Next Friday, hopefully, we have a mufti day supporting Daffodil Day. This annual event provides financial support for the Cancer Society, which does such good work in our community.

As our school continues to grow, and provide a Christian learning environment, we are thankful that our foundation is rock, not sand. We are grounded in the Truth of Jesus, and not reliant on the ever-changing ways of the world. Our role is to equip our young people for the world they are in, by reflecting the world's fiction against the truth of Jesus. This includes love for others, all others, even when we disagree. Our Faith is a lived experience, and as the fallen world around us continues to challenge our worldview, we will continue to pick up our cross every day and proclaim that the Kingdom is here, amongst us now. We will look to Jesus for our guidance and strength, and pray that Excellere College continues to be a lighthouse in our community.

Blessings,

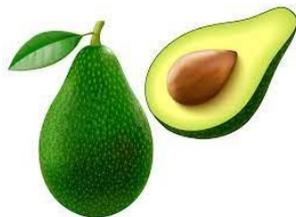
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

'For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'

1 Corinthians 3: 11 (NIV)

Avocado Fundraiser

The Excellere College Support Group has been offered a really fantastic opportunity to partner with a local Avocado grower to sell export quality avocados at a bargain price and keep a portion of the profits to pour back into our School!



- Export quality - each Avocado is large—average w200g+
- Picked to our order
- Ripening period of approx. 10-12 days
- Supporting a local Northland grower

Further details on how to order will be confirmed once we know more about the covid levels.

Kind regards,
Nat Brown, on behalf of the Excellere College Support Group

School House Gardens—Donations Needed

All of our house groups are making new gardens representing the different house colours of our school. We would appreciate any donations of plants or money to contribute towards making these gardens look great.

Donations can be made to the school office (when we are in Level 2) or contact Parakiore house leader Abby Fensham on: abby.fensham@excellerecollege.school.nz



Staff Vacancies

Relief Teacher Aides Wanted

We currently need some relief teacher aides to help out when our teacher aides are away. If you are interested or know anyone who may be, please collect an application form from the school office.

For more information you can contact Tamara Chambers:

tamara.chambers@excellerecollege.school.nz

BOT Student Election

Nominations for the student election are now closed.

The candidates are :

Zac Brown, Cody Allan, Melisa Tshuma and Ryan Whitehead

22 Sep — Voting opens

28 Sep — Votes counted and results declared

Week 4 Netball Results

Excellere Intermediate 1 vs KIS 3	Loss 15-16
Excellere Int 2 vs Takahiwai Int: White	LBD
Excellere Year 5&6 vs TGS Pukeko	Loss 5-26
Excellere Year 3-4 Eagles vs MPE Marvels	Win 11-8
Excellere Year 3-4 Hawks vs Maunu: Pirates	

Year 1 & 2 Netball Festival

The Year 1-2 netball team finished the season with a fun filled festival day! A big thank you to Rochelle Garton for doing an amazing job coaching this team and all the parents who have helped to make this season a success.

The Whangarei Netball Centre have announced that the season for all our other netball teams will be postponed until further notice. Coaches will be in touch with the netball teams with further updates as we have them.



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.

Level 2 Photography Work — Guinevere Janse Van Rensburg



Year 3's Learn About Emergency Services

Room 5 Year3 is learning about the emergency services. Today officer Gary came to visit us. The students asked him questions and had a chance to look inside the police car.

- Amanda Annandale,
Year 3 Teacher



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