



Excellere College

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Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

September 10 2021

Term 3 Week 7

Upcoming Events

Week 9 Derived Grade exams

1 Oct Last day of Term 3

Week 10 Daffodil Day - Mufti

18 Oct Term 3 begins

10 Nov Leavers' Dinner

19 Nov Leavers' Assembly and last day for Years 11-13

22 Nov -
14 Dec EOY NCEA exams

9 Dec Awards Day @ Arise Church
Morning Junior College
Evening Middle and Senior College

14 Dec Last day of 2021

Board of Trustees Student Election

Voting Papers are now being accepted at the school office or by post.

22 Sept
Votes close at 12pm

28 Sept
Votes counted and Results declared



From the Principal

We have no fear, in Jesus

This week we moved to Level 2, and welcomed back our students to school. Procedures are the same as back in March, with plenty of sanitiser around, stop-drop-and go in the carpark, and an awareness of appropriate hygiene. It was great to hear the happy buzz of friends reconnecting, and staff back in the zone. We had 90% attendance for our first day back, which is fantastic. We now have only three weeks until the holidays, and this will be a busy time of catching up and consolidating lockdown learning. Our NCEA students need to be very focused at this time as they prepare for our exam week, complete internals and look to NCEA exams now beginning late November.

Thank you to our parents for their patience in our carpark after school. This is always an area that requires special awareness. Please wait until you are alongside the Whare before you open the door for your child. This keeps them off the carpark itself, and keeps the line of cars moving. This line can stretch out to the road and it is important it is not held up by cars picking up children along the driveway. We will maintain this process through Level 2.

Jesus' response to fear was to remind us to trust God, rather than falling into worry and anxiety. When we value other things above God we prioritize them instead. By aligning ourselves with God's values we will be better able to understand the important things in life and live out our God-given purpose.

Blessings,
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6: 34 (NASB)

NCEA Credits — Lockdown Update

The Government has decided that students disrupted by 16 days of COVID-19 lockdown this year will be eligible to receive Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs) at a rate of 1 LRC per 5 credits achieved through assessment, up to a cap of 8 LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 6 LRCs at Levels 2 and 3.

The thresholds for being awarded endorsements and University Entrance will remain at their normal levels for students who have not been disrupted for 20 school days. By way of comparison, please note that UE changes and endorsement changes did not apply until 32 school days in 2020.

We are also mindful that in addition to LRCs and the flexibility that's inherent in NCEA, students will also benefit from the two-week delay to end of year examinations and most portfolio submission dates. This will provide additional time which can be used for further teaching, learning and assessment, so students can earn their full entitlement of LRCs.

Daffodil Day



Mufti Day Donations for the end of Term 3 will go to the Cancer Society .

Students will be given the Daffodil Day ribbons that we received for the official Daffodil Day.

Sports News.....

Refunds: Next week we will be refunding payments for the BOI Beast. For those of you who have paid, please bring in your eftpos card so we can reverse that payment.

Badminton: There is a teams competition on the 3rd November for Year 9-10 girls, so I was wondering if girls who were going to play in the cancelled August tournament would like to enter this event? If you do, email Zola McDonald on: sports@excellerecollege.school.nz

Girls Year 5-6 Multisport: The organisers for this event are looking to find another date that will suit all the different codes. We are not sure if it will be this term or next, but I will keep you informed.

Junior School Cross Country: We are looking at having this event in Term 4 once the levels have dropped back to normal so that we can have parents attend.

Term 4 events: put these in your calendar.

3 Nov	Badminton novice teams girls year 9-10
4 Nov	Badminton novice teams boys year 9-10
10 Nov	Volleyball girls festival year 9-10
15 Nov	Futsal festival year 9-10
18 Nov	Volleyball girls year 9-10 junior-cup
22 Nov	Netball Fast-5 year 7-8 and year 9-10 mixed
24 Nov	Interschool junior athletes event
25 Nov	Badminton festival year 7-8 mixed
2 Dec	Croquet mixed year 7-8

Dates to be confirmed

Ki-o-rahi tournament junior school

Junior school Athletics



Kamo Cricket Club

Kamo Cricket Club Registrations are now open for ALL teams All ages - girls and boys Years 1 - 13



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New School Website—Models Wanted!

We are in the middle of redeveloping our school website with the goal of having a brand new site ready to launch mid Term 4. Miss Hale is an OK photographer..... but is struggling to get usable photos that are the right format, not too cluttered and suitable for computer and cell phone layouts.



We are looking for students (with permission from their parents) keen to pose for photos that can be used for the website. If you are interested, email Miss Hale on:

julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

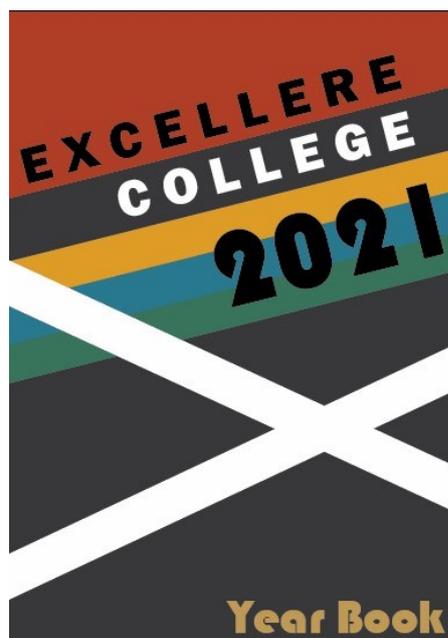
Springs Challenge Reminder



Friendly reminder that SPRINGS challenge booklets are due to Mr Keyte with all the required evidence by the last Friday of term (October 1).

If students wish to create their own lockdown challenge, please email Mr Keyte to get confirmation. If you are doing amazing projects in lockdown, it should count for SPRINGS!

School Yearbook!!!!



The 2021 school yearbook will be available in Week 4 Term 4 this year. Each family will receive one copy for free. Extra copies will cost \$7 each and will need to be ordered before the end of Term 3.

The Yearbook is reproduced as a hardcopy only. If your child does not have photo consent but you are OK for their photos to be put in the Yearbook,

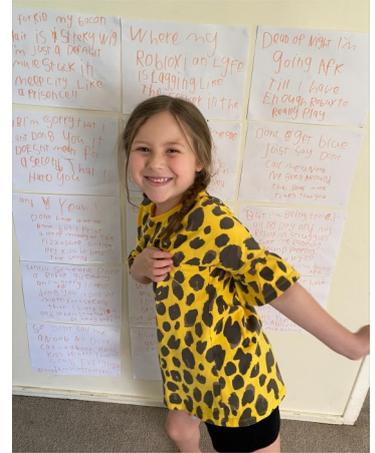
please let their homeroom teacher know.

To order extra copies, contact our office manager Carole Wootten on: office@excellerecollege.school.nz

Year 2 Lockdown Learning

During this very unexpected lockdown, the students from Room 1 took the opportunity to do lots of learning with arts and crafts and baking in the mix, managing new skills and even taking on a challenge, were also part of it. Ngaire turned 6 on the 31st of August and wrote a letter to tell Mrs Brits how much she missed her. Anna enjoyed playing in the jungle gym her dad built for her

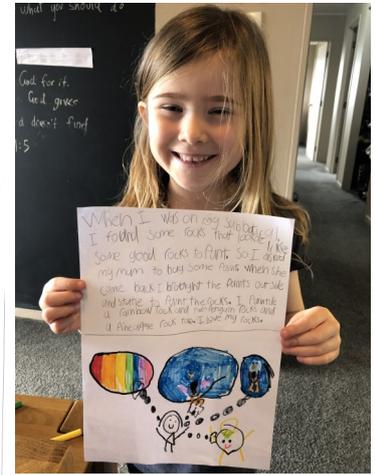
and her little sister. Anton made a sunflower and also had to type his own acrostic poem. Ethan ordered numbers using cards and he also had to learn how to use a mop to clean up after his science experiment. Roma wrote out the words of her favourite song and then practiced her dance moves. Leah took on a challenge to write with her mouth, not using her hands at all.



A Crocodile In The Garden

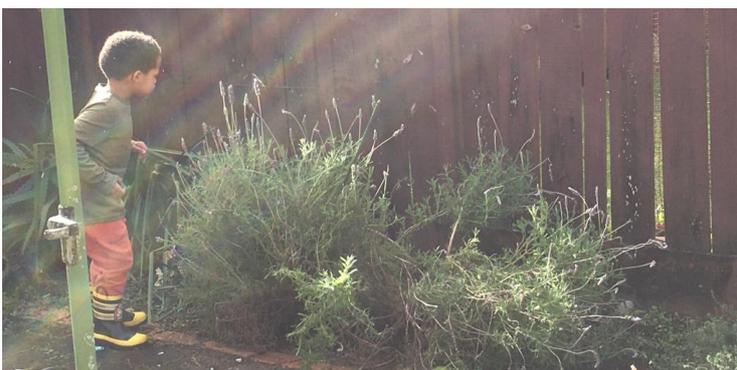
(An acrostic story by Anton Dukerker, based on the Margaret Mahy story)

Curious crocodile!
Rooster, cat, clown, elephant and crocodile shapes he snipped in the hedge with his jaws.
Oh! No! The clippers broke!
Chewing gum didn't fix the clippers!
Off went the leaves as the crocodile cut shapes with his jaws.
 "Don't muck about" the crocodile was told.
Impatient he wrenched the clippers open.
Loves new things.
Everyone likes the new hedge.



Year 1's Bee Studies

As part of Bee Awareness Month in September Room 2 has been doing a science study about bees.



Walking Water Experiment



Samuel M from Room 5 (Year 3) has been making playdough, climbing trees and he did a "Walking Water" experiment with his sister.

This experiment shows the water travelling up the paper towel, out of one glass and into another. It was awesome to watch, especially the pretty colours mixing.



Level 3 Lockdown Art

Mia Wiseman
Level 3 Painting



Bianca Allan
Level 3 Photography



Erin Giles
Level 3 Design

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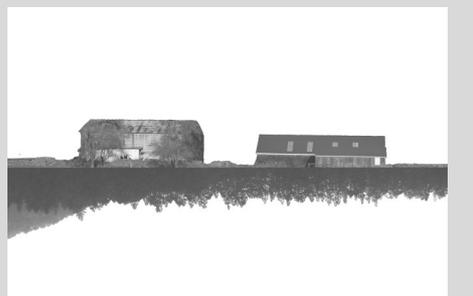
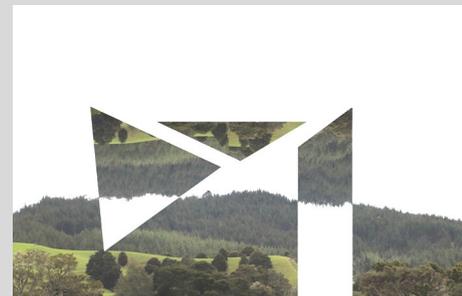
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