



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 5th 2021

Term 1 Week 1

Upcoming Events

- 8th Feb Waitangi Day (public holiday)
- 10 Feb School Picnic 6-8pm
- 23 Feb Senior College Learning Conferences, Year 11-13
- 25 Feb Year 7-13 Athletics Day Kensington park
- 26 Feb Year 12 PE Snorkelling
- 3-5 March Year 9-10 Camp Hikurangi
- 3-5 March Duke of Edinburgh Gold Tramp Cape Reinga

Excellere College Pōwhiri



Tēnei te mihi ki a koutou katoa -Nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai rā. Greetings and welcome! On Tuesday, our college year started with a Pōwhiri - a Māori welcome ceremony. We welcomed 25 students and their parents to Excellere College. As per Tikanga (protocol), the manuhiri (visitors) were welcomed by Karanga by Mrs Smith and Kaikaranga by Whaea Cheryl.

Mr Whitehead, Ps Merv and Mr Keyte shared the vision of the college and impressed the importance of embedding the school motto: Whaia te Maramatanga o te Karaiti - seeking the enlightenment of Christ in all we do.

Our wonderful Kapa Haka and Mr Osborne led the Himene Tautoko (hymns to support the sentiment of our speakers). To embrace the culture of whanaungatanga (family- likeness) the students were later treated to a sausage sizzle prepared by Mr Smith and student leaders. Thanks to staff and students for contributing to the success of this our 7th Pōwhiri. Ma te Atua e manaaki - God bless.

EXCELLERE COLLEGE VACANCY: SPORTS CO ORDINATOR

Part Time Position

Contact the school office for more information



From the Principal

The Kingdom is here

Welcome to 2021. Our powhiri, on Tuesday, started our new year by sharing a Kingdom glimpse of community with our new families. Students have returned to their learning in a calm, orderly way and our Year 11—13's are catching up with each other in a series of life-skills courses. We have also enjoyed the blessing of air-conditioning on these hot days (unfortunately our two new rooms are still awaiting theirs from a container ship...).

We welcome our new staff: Stephanie Whyte in Reading Recovery, Marisa Mills in Year 4, Larissa Matheson in Year 5, and Rebecca Pennefather in senior English.

We thank WCET for the provision of two more classrooms, completed during the holidays. These will be our new senior Maths and English rooms.

As we settle into the beginning of another year of learning, we are prayerful that the disruptions of 2020 will not affect us too much. This is the Lord's Kingdom and as we await His return we will continue to reflect the love Jesus for all, and share our hope in Him with our students.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6: 9—10 (NIV)

School Picnic—10th February

On Wednesday the 10th of February there will be a School Picnic from 6-8pm outside the school gym.

All are welcome to come along and meet the teachers and new families of Excellere College. Bring your picnic and we will supply the BBQ and sausages.

There will be some organized games and music. Looking forward to seeing you there.

2021 Head Boy and Girl



Introducing our Head Boy and Girl for 2021, Chane Schreuder and Ryan Whitehead. Chane has been a student of Excellere College for almost 2 years and is in Year 13. She has shown leadership in the school through her work with the school counsel, tennis club and Duke of Edinburgh. Ryan Whitehead is in Year 12 and has attended Excellere College for over 10 years. He brings to the role a servant heart through his work in music and event organisation.

Important Events for Senior Students

There are two important events this term for senior students in Years 11-13.

NCEA learning conferences: This will be held on Tuesday 23 February from 2pm-5pm for Year 11, 12, 13 students and their parents/caregivers. This will be an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to meet, ask questions and receive information about the subjects their child is taking.

This is just for NCEA students as we are wanting to start the year off in the way we want it to continue, so please book in with your students' teachers. The link to the conferences is... www.parentinterviews.co.nz

Our school code is **JVKZLSWY**

NCEA Evening: The Senior College will be holding an NZQA information evening on Wednesday 7 April for parents new to NCEA, especially those with students in Y11 and 12.

The evening will start at 5:30pm and finish at 6:30pm and will be held in Mr Buchanans classroom (Rm 17).

Ben Keyte, Senior College Leader

2021 Term 1 School Camps



School camps are a highlight of the school years and an important part of Excellere College's school life. This Term is a busy one with school camps booked to take advantage of the late summer weather.

It is important that students attend these camps as it is an important part of developing the class culture / Whanaungatanga, and spend time in God's creation. Please send the permission forms back as soon as possible to help with planning around numbers, and any special dietary and medical needs your child may have.

Another important part in planning camps is parent helpers. Please indicate on your child's permission forms if you are available to help.

Week 5—Year 9 & 10 Camp	Lake Edwin, Hikurangi
Week 6—Year 11 Camp	Kai Iwi Lakes, Kaipara
Week 7— Year 7 & 8 Camp	The Farm, Whangaruru
Week 8— Year 12 Camp	Tangihua Lodge, Waiotira

Girls Brigade

Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun and inclusive group for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our badgework programme focuses on developing the physical, educational, social and spiritual skills of those who attend. You can find out more @ <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>

There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei and we meet on Thursday nights during term time commencing 18 February: 1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, contact Brenda 027 2771159

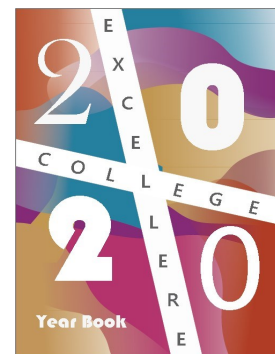
2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei, contact Sue on 021 2600792



Business Advertising

This year we would like to offer some spaces for **business advertising** in the school newsletter. The standard size of the advertisement will be 9x5cm and will be \$5 for a one off, \$50 a term or \$200 a year.

The money raised will go towards subsidising the digital printing of the school magazine this year. Digital printing offers better colour and clarity than inkjet and it is printed locally here in Whangarei.



Support the school and promote your business in 2021! If you are interested, contact Julie on:

julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

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2021 New Staffing



Larissa Matheson — Year 5

My name is Mrs. Larissa Matheson, and I am the new Year 5 teacher at Excellere College. I enjoy teaching all subject areas but my favourites would have to be Art, Music, Dance and Physical Education.

Outside of school I use my interest in music to play piano and sing at ELIM church.



Rebecca Pennefather — Senior English

I have been teaching for six years, four at KingsWay College Silverdale, one for Timeplan in England and another at Pompallier Catholic College. My interests include God, friends and good literature.

I am very grateful to be beginning my seventh year of teaching at Excellere College.



Marisa Mills—Year 4

My name is Mrs. Marisa Mills and I am the new Year 4 teacher. Last year I was team teaching with Sue Brits in Room 1 for Terms 3 and 4.

I have experience teaching a wide range of ages from babies up to Year 9. I love teaching through a Christian lens.

New Classes—Room 17 & 18

The two new classes purchased at the end of 2020 have now been fitted out on the inside and had their decks built over the holidays. Room 17 (new senior Math room) and room 18 (new senior English room) have been completed on the inside and are ready in time for the school year.



Holiday Improvements

Over the holidays both playgrounds got a freshen up with new bark being delivered. The gardens around the school and the school driveway also got the same treatment and we're looking smart for the beginning of the school year.



Wanted in the Art Department —Old Shirts for Painting

Old button up shirts are wanted in the art department for students to wear while painting.

If you have any old shirts please bring to the office next week so I can start replacing some very much preloved shirts which are almost an artwork in their own right!

Many thanks,
Julie Hale HoD Visual Art

