



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 12th 2021

Term 1 Week 2

## Upcoming Events

- 17 Feb School Picnic  
Wednesday 6-8pm
- 23 Feb Year 11-13  
Senior College Learning  
Conferences
- 25 Feb Year 7-13 Athletics Day  
Kensington Park
- 3-5 Year 9-10 Camp  
March Lake Edwin, Hikurangi
- 3-5 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Tramp  
March Te Paki, Cape Reianga
- 9-12 Year 11 Camp  
March Kai Iwi Lakes

## Year 7-13 Athletics day—February 25

Today we began the heats for our 100m running races. With the school's consistent growth over the last few years, the athletics day programme has become very full so this will free up time on the day. The final 100m races will be held at our Year 7-13 Athletics day on Thursday February 25.

On this day, students will need to be dropped off to the athletics stadium by 8:45am. There will be a teacher there from 8am to supervise. Students on the late bus will be dropped off by the bus and picked up at the end of the day. We will aim to finish around 2:25pm so please arrange transport for students accordingly. We would love to see parent spectators on the day as well as parents willing to help with the running of events. If you can help, please email Ben Keyte on [ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz)



## School Picnic—17th February

On Wednesday February 17, we will have a school picnic from 6-8pm outside the school gym (weather dependent).

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.

## Drawing Club

This week we held the first Drawing Club in the art room. This is open for students in Years 7-13 who want to spend an hour each week sharing the love of drawing. Drawing Club will be held every Wednesday lunchtime. Drawing paper is provided, students will need to bring their own pencils and pens.

## The MCC Tennis Club

**Who:** Students aged 5 - 13 years

**Day & Time:**

Monday afternoons @3:10-4:00

OR Monday mornings @08:00-08:45

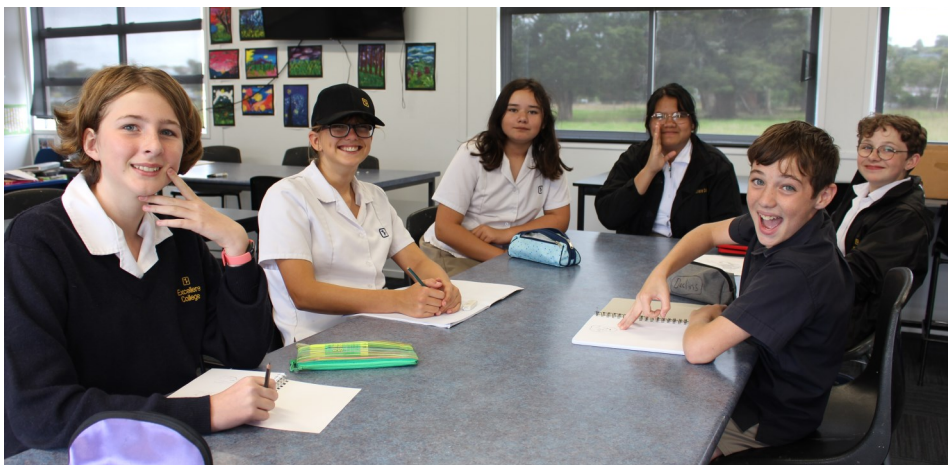
**Location:** Excellere College gym

Cost: \$120 per term

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## From the Principal

### We all have a role in Kingdom growth

As we finish our second week, and first week of full timetabled classes, it has been heartening to hear the sounds of cheery voices, and see the sight of settled learning across the school. This is always a busy time for our senior staff, and students, as course selections are finalised, and programmes begun. This year we have had to organise our largest group of video-conferencing (VC) courses, and we thank you for your patience as we juggle our timetable, against other school timetables, to ensure our students can access the subjects they need. We are committed to providing as many options as we can, for our students.

We already have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, including our Y7-13 Athletics day, camps, and Duke of Edinburgh adventures. We are also hoping the weather allows us to hold our annual Picnic next Wednesday evening. We have 'hit the ground running' again this year, as the busyness of school life picks up for 2021.

I have recently read the latest book from N.T. Wright called 'Broken Signposts'. He identifies seven broken signposts that point the way towards God's Kingdom on earth. These seven aspects of life are all things that will reach perfection in God's Kingdom, things we must constantly work on ourselves, in this current fallen world. They are justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth and power. Over the next few weeks I will unpack each one, and share my thoughts on their place in our Excellere College culture, and their importance in our Christian education.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

*"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"*

*John 20: 21 (NIV)*

## 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



## 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

## 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 you want it to continue, so please book in with your students' teachers. The link to the conferences is: [www.parentinterviews.co.nz](http://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



## Springs Challenge

It is SPRINGS challenge time. SPRINGS challenge is a voluntary task students can choose to do across the school. Students need to complete set challenges in a range of areas and collect evidence to gain the SPRINGS challenge award at the end of year Prize giving.

This is for students Y4-13 to complete. If you would like your student to complete this challenge, please email Mr Keyte ([ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz)), or let the office know so your child can receive a booklet.

## Y11 & 13 Schools Safety Course



Last week the year 11s and some year 13s attended a safety n action course. The basis of this course provided us with knowledge to schools safety essentials and hearing and manual handling conservation. The courses offered a total of 22 credits: 3 Level 1, 4 Level 2 and 15 Level 3 unit standard credits.

The school safety essentials gave us an understanding of the health and safety responsibilities, including an overview on what equates to taking all practicable steps to ensure the safety of workers, providing the correct personal protective clothing and equipment and managing risks, as well as providing supervision and appropriate health and safety training.

We also gained an understanding of emergency procedures, worker participation and engagement and hazard reporting. The hearing and manual handling conservation gave us an understanding of the hearing mechanism and the causes of hearing impairment. It also covered the legal obligations in terms of protecting the hearing of others.

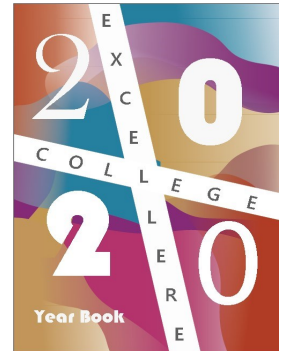
In manual handling conservation we learnt about the harmful and physical demands placed on our bodies and how you can use tools to support your long term physical performance. We also learned how to apply effective lifting and moving techniques that will relate directly to the work activities and gain awareness and knowledge for combating back and other related injuries.

- Chane Schreuder, Year 13

## 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](mailto:julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz)

**Thanks to the following businesses for their support:**



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18 John St. Whangarei Town Centre

## Old Boys Marist Junior Rugby Rally Days

Thursday February 18, 4-6pm & Sunday March 14, 10-12pm

OBM Rugby Club, 44 Port Road

Open to all boys and girls born from 2005-2017.

All players must attend one of the two rally days. All new players to the club must bring either their birth certificate or passport for proof of age

New players register on line:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/obmrfc>

Any questions, contact Chanelle Salmon on:  
021 417 271



## Play Futsal at Northland Futsal Academy

The ultimate pre-season training

**"No time, plus no space, equals better skills. Futsal is our national laboratory of improvisation"**

- Dr. Miranda, Professor of Football, Uni. of Sao Paulo

**"The best sport in the world"**

- Riley, Year 10 Year 10 futsal fanatic

Details and registration go to:  
[www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)

or contact Christian on 021 246 7328 or  
[christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](mailto:christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)



## Raising Teenage Girls Seminar

Learn the essentials for successfully navigating the roller coaster ride that is raising teenage girls.

Are you concerned about raising your daughter in today's world?

Would you like to hear from someone who's been there, done that and survived with their marriage, sense of humor and sanity (mostly) intact?

Shelley will share practical advice, tips, strategies and experiences of what worked (and what didn't) after raising three daughters in these challenging times. All presented in a down to earth manner with a good dose of humor.

Whangarei Netball Centre, 44 Kensington Avenue,  
Whangarei

6:30pm Monday 22 February 2021

Tickets \$12.50 available at: <http://bit.ly/raisingteengirls>

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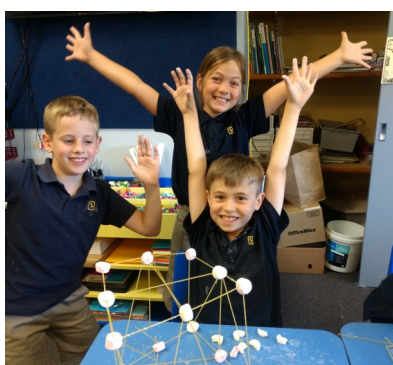
Please note, this venue is not wheelchair accessible

## Classroom Whanungatanga

The first few days of school are about getting to know one another and relationship building / whanaungatanga:



Year 3's did a name scramble where they had to pick up a name label, find the student and tell them one interesting fact about themselves.



Room 4 did a marshmallow and spaghetti group challenge to make the most interesting creation.



Year 11 also did a marshmallow themed challenge, the aim of this game was to build the highest structure with a marshmallow at the highest point.

## Kamo Rugby Club

Kamo Rugby Club are a family focused club who want to offer the opportunity for any players U5 to U16 to play.

We are having our first club rally day on Monday 15 February 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Information can be found at:  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc/HOME>

Nga mihi Tasha & Tamara  
Kamo Rugby Club - JMB & IMB