



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 19th 2021

Term 1 Week 3

Upcoming Events

- 23 Feb Year 11-13 Senior College Learning Conferences
- 25 Feb Year 7-13 Athletics Day Kensington Park
- 3-5 March Year 9-10 Camp Lake Edwin, Hikurangi
- 3-5 March Duke of Edinburgh Gold Tramp Te Paki, Cape Reinga
- 9-12 March Year 11 Camp Kai Iwi Lakes
- 16-19 March Year 7-8 Camp The Farm
- 17 March WPSSA Primary Swimming Sports

Middle College First Aid



This week the Middle College had the instructor from St Johns come and upskilled us around basic First Aid. These are essential skills for us to have and it was great to see the students engaged with the tutor, asking relevant questions and then practicing the skills required.

For some it was a new experience and for others, it was a refresher but for all, it was relevant and beneficial. We will revise what we have learned in class so make sure you ask your child what they know to test their skills and keep their learning refreshed.

- Megan Kelly, Middle College Leader

Athletics Day Reminder!

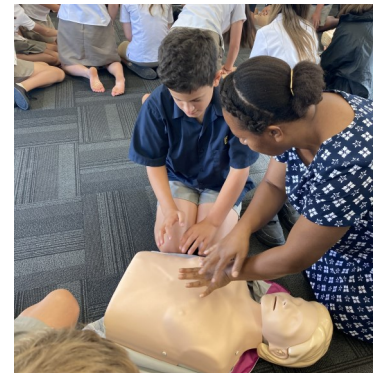
Athletics day is on next

Thursday 25th February.

Trigg Stadium Athletics, Park Ave

Please ensure students are dropped off between 8:30-8:45 and picked up around 2:30-2:45.

All students need to wear their PE gear, bring lunch and water bottles, and are advised to also bring running shoes and a light rain jacket just in case there are showers.



Year 3 Art



These beautiful little artworks were made by the Year 3's in Mrs. Annandale's class in the first week of school.

They combine pencil, felt tips and dye in the centre with coloured in patterns collaged around the outside. In the corner of the designs, the students went outside and chose natural objects to stick onto the corners. The coloured paper really makes them POP!

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Please have a look around for any books that might belong to our school. We have quite a few missing. Your help would be appreciated.

- Maria Shortland, Librarian



From the Principal

Justice for all

We were reminded this week that Covid is still a major part of our lives. The move to Level 2, although of limited impact at school, reminded us of the need to continue following hygiene guidelines, know and record our movements, be mindful of others, and remain watchful. The cancellation of our picnic was disappointing, but in line with our Core Values of compassion, integrity and honour. Looking after each other, and loving our neighbour is our way, in Christ. We continue to pray for those in Auckland who are most affected.

Our Senior College staff are having a Korero session next Tuesday afternoon for parents to talk through 2021 learning. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with staff about your child's plans for the year.

Next Thursday, weather permitting, we hold our annual Year 7-13 Athletics day. This is always a great day of competition and fun. Please join us, at Trigg Stadium, if you are able.

The first of N.T. Wright's "Broken Signposts" that I will explore is Justice. He sees this as the Creator being utterly determined to put things right. He sees the role of the Kings in the Old Testament was to 'put things right.' Yet they were always waiting for the true King. Then Jesus came, as that King, to bring Creation into renewal. At this point the 'Putting the world right Project' finally got off the ground, through Jesus, and we were all called to be part of it, not just observers. It involves participatory Justice, and we are restorers of the broken signposts of Justice.

"The risen Jesus has won the victory over injustice and now sends his followers to work on the multiple projects of new creation. Justice itself - restorative, healing, life-giving justice - is central to that task." (Broken Signposts, p29)

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6: 8 (NIV)

Dyslexia Plus Workshop

Key Functions, ones that empower your child. This family friendly workshop hosted by Dyslexia PLUS, Whangarei. 1 Adult and 1 child (8 or older) combos are invited to this 2 hour introductory workshop on the 8 executive functions that can transform 'I can't' to 'I CAN'.

This will be led by RTLB Janet Stowell who has written the book 'The Executive Function Toolkit for Classroom Teachers'. **Saturday 27 February, 10 – noon, Whangarei Women's Club Rust Ave.** \$15 per combo Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4ecqjrw2> by 23 February.

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), or let the office know so your child can receive a booklet.

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 Buchanan's classroom (Room 17).

Ben Keyte, Senior College Leader

Sports Co ordinator

Sports Co ordinator wanted for 2021

This is a fixed term position for approx. 5-10 hours per week and requires the appointee to perform a range of tasks

- Liaising with Sports organisers.
- Co ordinating school wide events.
- Organising students for events.
- Information notices out to parents.
- Collection of consents and payments from students.
- Organize transport to events.
- Occasionally will be required to attend events and supervise the students.
- Maintaining records of student participation.

For more information contact the school office.

Phone 094352458 - email office@excellerecollege.school.nz

Y12 & 13 Communication Course



In Week 1 the Year 12's and a group of Year 13 students stayed on site and completed Communications and Confidence, a course provided by Gold Star. This was to learn about how to grow communication and confidence skills.



Over the three days, we learnt of the different ways to communicate, such as verbal, nonverbal and written communication. We also were expected to deliver a three-minute speech about ourselves. I think we were all feeling a bit nervous, but as we got to the last day, we were feeling a lot more confident in ourselves because of the excellent tutors who were very friendly and willing to help us pass. One of the many things I took away from this course is: "Don't worry what other people think about you. They are too busy worrying about what you think of them."

The courses offer a total 14 Level 3 unit standard credits. This will give us students a good head start on our NCEA credit totals.

- Ryan Whitehead, Year 12

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

Contact:

Email: chane.schreuder@gmail.com

Phone: 027 213 3376

Business Advertising

This year we would like to offer some spaces for **business advertising** in the school newsletter. \$5 for a one off advertisement, \$50 a term or \$200 a year.

Support the school and promote your business in 2021!
Contact Julie on: julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz



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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



Year 9 Science

Year 9 students enjoyed their first practical in Science last week. Students had to learn the names of laboratory equipment, how to use measuring equipment and how to light the Bunsen burners.



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 are 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

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 humour.

Whangarei Netball Centre, 44 Kensington Avenue, Whangarei

6:30pm Monday 22 February 2021

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

THIS EVENT IS RUN AS A FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTHLINE
Please note, this venue is not wheelchair accessible

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

or contact Christian on 021 246 7328 or christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz



Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes Northland Youth Theatre

Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! These classes focus on having fun, developing drama skills, teamwork and building confidence.

We explore elements of storytelling, movement and characterisation through games, scenarios and short script work. Our goal is for young people to fall in love with theatre craft.

Spaces available in all Classes: Junior (ages 9 - 11), Intermediate (ages 11 - 14), Senior (ages 14+)

Email: office@nyt.org.nz or message us on Facebook or Instagram @Northland_youth_theatre