



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 5 2021

Term 1 Week 5

Upcoming Events

- 15 March Cohort Day for New Entrants
- 16-19 March Year 7-8 Camp The Farm
- 18 March Yr 11 Food & Beverage Course
- 23-25 March Year 12 Camp Tangihua Lodge
- 25-26 March Yr 11 Food & Beverage Course
- 29 March BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm
- 1 April Easter Assembly @ 11.20am
- 2-6 April Easter Weekend - School closed
- 7 April Yr 11 Food & Beverage Course
- 8-9 April DOE Bronze Tramp
- 15 April PHOTO DAY
- 16 April End of Term 1
- 3 May Beginning Term 2



Year 12 PE Trip to the Poor Knights



Our first excursion for physical education for 2021 started on a high, with a tight group of six year 12's travelling to the Poor Knights.

The journey out on the water was rough and therefore a bumpy 40 minute boat ride to our destination, causing some of us to not be able to enjoy the full experience of the boat ride. Once we had arrived it was all worth the discomfort. When we reached Poor Knights the water had settled and it was a perfect day to explore - the sea was clear and not too cold. We changed into our wetsuits and dived right in, with no time to waste. We were offered a variety of different activities to partake in, which included; the opportunity to snorkel, paddleboard, kayak or to just relax on the boat.

It was a memorable experience to witness all the different fish, coral and underwater plant life. We were truly blessed to have had the opportunity to see this beautiful part of New Zealand and thank you to Mr. Keyte for taking us and allowing us this opportunity.

- Bianca Heise, Year 12



From the Principal

Spirituality ... is to be human

One aspect of our Student Graduate Profile is 'Excellere College graduates strive to be obedient to God's Word, displaying character traits of a developing relationship with Christ.' I have been heartened, this week, to see and hear examples of this within our student group. Whether in the way they are interacting with each other, or conversations about Jesus and their Faith, they are all on the journey to discover their part in God's big story.

Our Year 9/10's have survived their time on camp, in a watery environment. The wonderful, fun facilities helped them forget the Northland drizzle they experienced. Our Duke of Edinburgh trampers also survived an adventure at the top of Te Ika a Maui (North island), seeing the power of God's creation in action before their eyes.

The third of N.T. Wright's "Broken Signposts" that I will explore is Spirituality. Spirituality is our knowledge that there is something beyond our current understanding that matters. There is a bigger truth, life vision of God, through Jesus. In the Bible we have Jesus answering the questions we should be asking. He is sharing the truth that it is God with us: from Garden, to Tabernacle, to Temple, to Jesus, to the Spirit available to all.

"The presence of Jesus and the power of the Spirit confirm that to be human was and is a good thing; being creatures of space, time and matter was and is good; and that the powerful, rescuing, healing, transforming love of God is renewing the whole world, and ourselves with it." (p83)

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead

Principal

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."

John 1: 17-18 (NIV)

WCET Sponsorship

We have a number of families who are struggling to pay the Attendance Dues for their children.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

This would be in the form of a tax-deductible donation which would be placed in a Whangarei Christian Education Trust fund to enable students to continue their education at Excellere College.

Please contact the school office for more information

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Email: office@excellerecollege.school.nz

Welcome To Our New Science Teacher: Dave Rooney

I've had a fairly unorthodox pathway to get here. The last 2 years I have been practicing being retired and running a fairly low key online business which has been amazing. This has enabled me to travel overseas and up, down and around New Zealand. Through living off grid and seeing all 4 corners of New Zealand has opened my eyes to the beauty and fragility of this country and the ocean surrounding us.



I am currently living in Matapouri. My wife and I have put solid roots down here in Springs Flat with the purchase of some land just up the road. Hopefully our 4 children see the advantages and join us here soon. I am looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful students here, along with their families. Coming from a school which had excess of 2500 students I am soothed by the family / community feeling and love the aroha and wairua here at Excellere College.

Easter Assembly

Thursday 1st April @ 11.20 am

in the gym

All Welcome.

Please join us afterwards for morning tea and light refreshments.

Sports Co Ordinator Wanted

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

- Liaising with sports organisers
- Coordinating school wide events
- Organising students for events
- Information notices out to parents
- Collection of consent forms and payments
- Organise transport to events
- Occasionally to attend events and supervise students
- Maintaining records of student participation

For more information, contact the school office

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Y7-13 Athletics Day Results

It was an exciting time tallying the house points. After adding the points for the heats we ran at school, the points for those who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the bonus points for those students who broke school records, the points stood at: Hurupaki: 466, Hikurangi: 472, Parakiore: 475, Parihaka: 476.

Every student who competed on the day received 1 point per event. Once these points were added, the difference between first and second was the closest it has ever been and equivalent to the points that only a couple of students participating would have gained.

Congratulations to Parihaka Whānau for taking out first place for the second year in a row !

Whānau Point Results

1st	Parihaka	634 points
2nd	Hurupaki	623 points
3rd	Parakiore	617 points
4th	Hikurangi	597 points

Age Group Athletics Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Under 12 Girls	Dannica Knobel	Hannah Shortland	Ella Yung
Under 12 Boys	Clayton Grobler	James Walker	Joel Erceg
Under 14 Girls	Maggy Teariki	Keziah Knobel	Ulricke Schreuder
Under 14 Boys	Josh Carter	LJ Volschenk	Tui Levita
Under 16 Girls	Estelle Cullen	Hannah Watene	Rhian Howells
Under 16 Boys	Ryan Whitehead	2nd = Lukas Morunga Davis 2nd = JJ Shortland	
Open Girls	Bianca Heise	Demi Whiting	3rd = Chane Schreuder 3rd = Myah Slack Matafeo
Open Boys	Jack Milina	Johnathen Law	Rory Dawson

Students selected to represent the school at the Northland Athletics Championship event are:

Estelle Cullen (girls U16 High Jump), Micah Ellis (Boys U14 Shotput), Bianca Heise (Open Girls 400m, Discus, Shotput)

2021 Whānau Leaders



PARAKIORE Whānau

Abby Fensham &
Bianca Heise



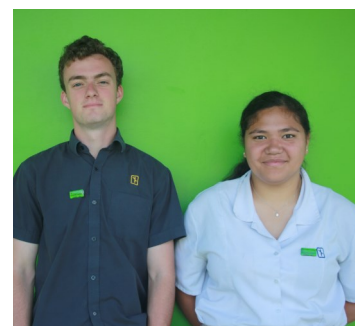
PARIHAKA Whānau

Estelle Cullen &
Demi Whiting



HIKURANGI Whānau

Matthew Shortland &
Bianca Allen



HURUPAKI Whānau

Jack Milina &
Waimirangi
Marsden Te-Tuhi

Excellere College Netball



Netball notices went out this week to all students who have expressed interest in playing for the school this year. Please return the permission slip promptly as we need to get numbers to the Whangarei Netball Centre.

Please contact Tamara Chambers

(tamara.chambers@excellerecollege.school.nz) if your child didn't receive a notice and your child is interested in playing.

Ryan Whitehead - Spotify Artist!

Ryan Whitehead, Year 12 student and Head Boy of Excellere College is now a Spotify artist. His first single Come Home was uploaded to Spotify last month and features the vocals of Daniellah Patuawa, our 2020 Head Girl.



'I can still remember sitting on the couch writing this song, a lot of late nights/early mornings, of pages and pages of writing. I am so fortunate to have worked with Ellah, she is an amazing singer and adds so much to the song.'
- Ryan

Ryan Whitehead - Come Home (feat. Daniellah Patuawa). Out on Spotify, Apple Music and over 150 different streaming platforms.

More music coming soon...

Cereal Boxes Wanted

Wanted: flat, clean, empty cereal boxes for use in Reading Recovery by Room 1 students.

Many thanks, Stephanie Whyte, Reading Recovery

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

Thanks to the following businesses for their support:

New Orthodontist in Town!

Caleb Lawrence Orthodontics is a specialist orthodontic practice based in Whangarei. We pride ourselves on providing quality personalized treatment to patients in our care.

We are offering an **introductory offer** of \$500 off upper and lower braces for new patients until the 31st of May.
Terms and Conditions apply.

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