



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 12 2021

Term 1 Week 6

## Upcoming Events

- 16-19 March Year 7-8 Camp The Farm
- 17 March WPSA Primary Swimming Sports
- 23-26 March Year 12 Camp Tangihua Lodge
- 1 April Easter Assembly
- 2-6 April Easter Holidays
- 7 April NZQA Meeting @ Excellere College 5:30-6:30 Rm 17
- 8-9 April Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Tramp
- 15 April School Photos
- 16 April End of Term 1
- 3 May Start of Term 2

## Christian Schools' Survey

The NZ Christian Proprietors Trust are seeking to understand parents' experiences and perspectives on Christian Schools. The survey findings will help to inform future developments of new Christian schools in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The survey will take you less than five minutes. Go to this website for the link: [www.nzcpt.nz](http://www.nzcpt.nz)

The survey closes on 19 March and collated results will be distributed to schools following the NZCPT meeting on 26 March. Many thanks for your support.

## Year 9 & 10 Camp



Last week the Year 9's and 10's had a great time camping out at the Adrenaline Adventure Park. Not only did they have a good time but they learned some new skills too. Some of the highlights were the crossbow games, inflatable obstacle course on the water, wake boarding and raft building. The Burma trail, spotlight, not having to shower everyday, and Mr. Carroll's cooking.

Some of the new skills we gained were leadership skills and working as a team. We really had to use these when we were building our rafts. Some of us developed better communication skills too! Some learned how to tie knots, paddle board and kayak. Others were pleased they took the opportunity to try things that they wouldn't have had the guts to do otherwise.

A highlight for many students was the opportunity to use the wake board tow. For many it was their first time giving wake boarding a go.

It was great to see aspects of honor, compassion and integrity some through while on camp. People made the time together fun for everybody and were good at including everyone in activities and games. People acted like good friends and showed respect to each other.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Carroll for his divine camp dishes and to all the staff and parents who were an amazing team to have the 3 days with laughing, having fun and learning with the students.

- Mrs Kelly

## From the Principal

### Beauty ... from within to without

Some of our talented athletes competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Athletics day yesterday. They represented us extremely well, achieving highly and showing a wonderful competitive character. Congratulations to Bianca, Estelle and Micah.

On Wednesday Mr Osborne and I attended a hui with Kahui Ako staff from across Whangarei.

Continuing from last year's Wellbeing focus we were able to review our response to Covid and reflect on the results of our student 2020 Wellbeing survey. We are well placed to strengthen our caring school culture, reflecting God's love for us all.

Next week our Year 7 and 8 classes head off to The Farm for their adventure. This is a fantastic environment, and we pray the weather adds to the enjoyment of their experience.

The fourth of N.T. Wright's "Broken Signposts" that I will explore is Beauty. Beauty reminds us that we are made in the image of God; that Creation is a pointer towards the glory of God, as Jesus is the unveiling of that glory. The beauty of redeeming love in the story of Jesus. It is the celebration of new creation, new beauty, new life. We see beauty in God's creation, when we look beyond the surface of our 'fallen world'.

"The haunting sense of loveliness, the transient yet utterly powerful stabs of something like love but something more and different as well." (p92)

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your words are wonderful, I know that full well."*

## 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 on 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

Phone: 09 4352458 Email: [office@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:office@excellerecollege.school.nz)

## 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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## Year 6 Artworks



The Year 6 students practiced their colour blending skills using chalk pastels yesterday with Mrs. Rummery. The students learnt about shading and blending colours to turn an outline into a picture that had depth, tone and colour. 'My favourite part of my picture is the pineapple. I like how I blended green with yellow' - Ellie  
'My favourite part of the picture is all the colours I mixed on the mango' - Kelly

The work tied in well with the learning the students have been doing in class about nutrition and health. 'We have been learning that you are what you eat. We should have 5 servings of vegetables and 2 fruit each day' - Sahara

## 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



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Journey



Last week a very keen and ambitious group of students embarked on a 3 day Journey of walking. The walk started at Spirits Bay on the East Coast of the far North. Over the next 3 days we walked and camped. We set up camp at Tapotupotu in between rain showers, and the final night we watched a beautiful sunset at Twilight Campsite. We were blessed with some great weather and avoided the torrential rain we were expecting. We finished the walk at Te Paki Stream on the West Coast, as we reached the toilets and sand dunes we received the Tsunami Alert! So on top of a 50km walk we walked another 5km up the road to get to higher ground while we waited for our ride. — Mrs. Anson



My favorite highlight was the second day, where we had to do some navigation work as there wasn't a walking trail in the sand dunes. Something that I've learnt from this tramp is to really minimize the weight of your hiking pack, as mine was 24kg! I think we can all say that we had fun, despite the thunder storm and tsunami warnings. —Chane Schreuder

This tramp was the perfect time to challenge myself mentally and physically, while being surrounded by God's amazing creation! I'm looking forward to the final qualifying Gold tramp around Waikaremoana Lake. —Bianca Allan

I really enjoyed this tramp, it had nice views when the rain cleared, and the beaches looked very inviting to swim in. Something I learned for next time is to get tramping boots. —Caleb Duinkerke



## Marlo's Devotion - Jonah and The Whale

The Lord called Jonah to preach in Nineveh against their evilness. This was an overwhelming task as God's plan for Jonah was extremely dangerous - almost like going to ISIS and telling them to turn to Christianity. Because of this he ran from God and tried to escape on a ship.

Reading this story it can seem silly how Jonah tried to run from God, you may even think of him as foolish to think he could escape a divine being with a boat on the seas of God's creation. But how much does this relate to us? What 'boat' do you use to try to escape from God's plan for you? It could be a life of partying or an ignorance to God's lessons. It could be that you push him from your mind in replacement for earthly wants or needs. Everyone struggles with it no matter the extent of your faith - following God's plan can almost seem like stumbling through a dark void - guided by a warm hand that you clutch onto for fear of the darkness, but sometimes that hand seems to think more of you than you do yourself, and staying in place, where you may build a false sense of security. I know for myself, I can be terrified of what God has planned for me. Engrossing myself in study or games is my 'boat' to escape from God's plan.

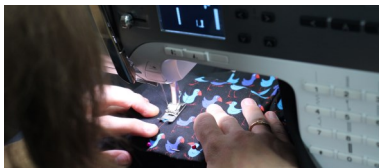
On the boat, Jonah went below deck to sleep, but was woken up by the captain to call on him to pray to his God as such a terrible storm had appeared on the water. Once the crew found that Jonah was the cause of the storm, they were terrified of him - and what he had done to anger his God. Jonah was then thrown off the boat to calm the storm. It was here God called up a whale to swallow Jonah.

It is here where we are given a snapshot of what life was for Jonah while he was running from God, In his situation that was represented by him sleeping - For us today that could be connected to us enjoying our freedom away from God, as we try to escape him, but his sleep is cut short by a storm as the people around him begin to fear Jonah for what he had brought upon them, ultimately the men threw him off the ship.

I can't speak for others - only for my feelings, but the times I have tried to run from God and live without him, were the times I struggled the most - it was those times when my actions brought those closest to me to tears and I started to hurt those around me despite lying to myself about liking the actions I was taking at the time, but like Jonah when I turned my sight back towards God, and my devotion to him and his plan - I was able to form a smile again, and those around me lost their need to worry so much about me.

Trying to run from God and his plan will never end in fulfilment. Some people choose to live life in that state, but for me, I want to smile and be glad even when the world seems to crash around me, like the storm that battered that boat.—Marlo Quenault, Year 13

## The Sew Bros



Every Friday, the senior college has Enrichment, which is a time for students to work on charity projects or be involved with school groups. During this time there are a group of eager students who are learning how to sew with the goal to make items needed in the school.

They are currently designing and creating aprons due to the fact that they are relatively easy to make, but there is also a need for them in the hospitality, art and science departments. The aprons will be sold to these three departments and the profits will be donated to a charity of the students choosing.

After the completion of these unique and quirky aprons, the students will decide on their next project. Some ideas they have already, include doll clothes, wheat packs, tote bags and face masks. The Sew Bros members: Mia, Guinevere, Kian and Gabi. They are supported by Carole Wootten, Linda Auton, Anna Underwood and Chantel Minnaar.  
- Rhozius Gordon

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

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

## New Orthodontist in Town!

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## Looking for U7 Girl's to Play Rippa Rugby



Any U7's girls interested in playing Rippa Rugby?

There are team spaces still available at the Northland Rugby Women's 10's Tournament next Saturday March 20th at Pohu Island.

If you are interested contact the Primary Schools Rugby Development Officer: Hannah Shalders on 021 188 9384.

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