



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

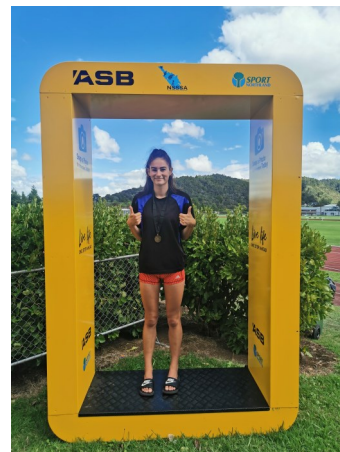
March 19 2021

Term 1 Week 7

## Upcoming Events

- 16-19 March Year 7-8 Camp The Farm
- 17 March WPSSA Primary Swimming Sports
- 23-25 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

## Northland Secondary Schools Athletics



On Thursday the 11th of March, three Excellere College students participated in the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Athletics day. It was a successful day with all three students placing in their events.

Micah Ellis (Year 9), had 3 consistent throws in the shotput competition and placed first in Junior Boys (under 14) shotput overall with a throw of 9.95m.

Bianca Heise (Year 12) competed in three senior (over 16) events throughout the day. Firstly she placed 2nd in the Senior Girls Discus with a throw of 22.38m. Following this she placed 2nd in the Senior Girls 400m race, despite pulling a muscle on the final stretch. At the end of the day, despite being injured from the previous event she finished 4th in the Senior Girls shotput.

Estelle Cullen (Year 12) showed her outstanding ability in the Intermediate Girls (under 16) High Jump. The rest of the competitors were done at 1.35m, so Estelle competed against herself to see how high she could go. She won the competition convincingly with a jump of 1.51m.

## Teacher Only Days

As part of the Government's review, and changes, for NCEA the school will be closing for three national Teacher Only Days this year. This will allow staff to be updated on the coming changes. Junior and Middle College staff will be working on our Local Curriculum review on these days.

The three days are:

- Term 2 - Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> (week 3)
- Term 3 - Tuesday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> (week2)
- Term 4 - Tuesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> (week 7)

## Sports Coordinator Wanted

For more information, contact the school office, Phone: 09 4352458

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

## Welcome to our New Entrants!

March 15th marks the date for the first cohort of 5 year old's for 2021. We would like to welcome Aliyah, Olivia and Yarden. The girls had a few school visits prior to starting on Monday, they were very excited to join Mrs. Bucknell in Room 2 and become part of the Excellere College family.



## From the Principal

### Freedom ... and our true human potential

Our Year 7 and 8 camp, at The Farm, was a great success, with the weather helping our students get through the activities, and stay warm and dry. We thank our staff, and parent support, for providing this opportunity. Next week our Year 12 students head to the bush in the Tangihuas. With more settled weather on the way they are in for a wonderful experience in God's creation.

I am today up in Paihia fellowshipping with the Principals from our Northland Christian schools. This termly hui is an opportunity to share and support each other in our roles. A focus this year is how we, as Christian schools, navigate reviewing and adapting our local curriculum to ensure our Christian special character is strengthened through our learning programmes.

The fifth of N.T. Wright's "Broken Signposts" that I will explore is Freedom. Worshipping God allows us to do the thing we most want to do, loved by God. True freedom is being free from the worldly choices which then take away our freedom, through sin and idolatry. As image-bearers we approach true human potential, a new kind of freedom, through Jesus.

*"The desire for freedom is a God-given instinct implanted in all image-bearers. The God who made us wants us to be free." (p131)*

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

*"So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

*John 8: 36 (NIV)*

## Easter Assembly — 1st April

Thursday 1 April at 11.20am.  
in the GYM

Ps Aaron Halvorson will be preaching and there will be a showcasing of items from the Junior & Middle College, Kapa Haka and Worship Band.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the staff lounge.

Please join us in celebrating a Risen Savior.



## Head Boy and Girl



### 1. Introduce yourselves:

**Chane:** This year I'll be turning 17. I started my journey at Excellere College in 2019. Some of my interests and hobbies include: tennis, running (long distance), playing guitar, shopping and spending time with friends & family. My involvement in the school includes being part of the Duke of Edinburgh team and being a tennis coach.

**Ryan:** I'm Ryan Whitehead and I've been at Excellere College for 10 years, this year I'm turning 16, and am excited to get my drivers license. I enjoy playing guitar and producing my own music as well as watching Netflix. I am a part of the school worship team and help with assembly setup.

### 2. What do you bring to the role as head student?

**Chane:** Being Head Girl means that I would go "the extra mile" for others. I hope to offer guidance and support, as I strongly believe that a problem shared is a problem halved.

**Ryan:** What I bring to this role is my willingness to get things done with quality. I also show compassion towards others, where I make it a priority to help people in need.

### 3. What projects are you working on at the moment?

**Chane & Ryan:** Some of the projects we are working on are planning the ball with the rest of the ball committee, creating a draft plan for the assembly, which is in Week 9, and also just getting to know each other and building our friendship.

## Junior Athletics Success

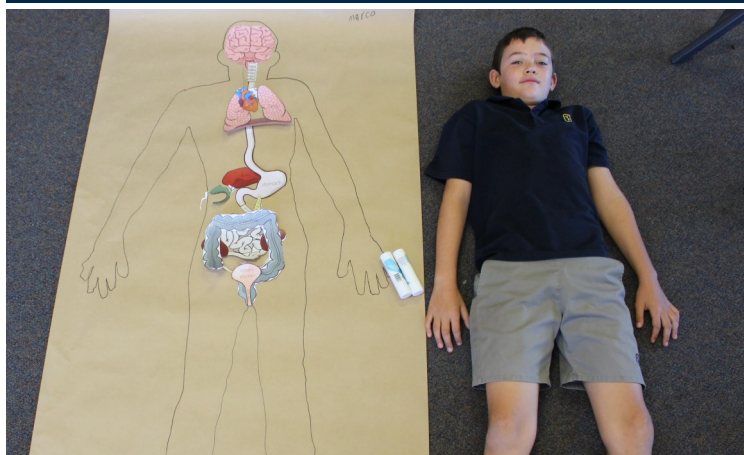
Last weekend one of our junior school students, Kelly De Beer (Year 6), participated in the Northland Athletic Champs.

She is a member of Marist Athletics Club and her specialty is the 1500m. There were 5 competitors in the final and a close finish. Despite having a fractured arm, Kelly came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Under 11 Girls 1500m race.





## Learning About The Digestive System



On Wednesday we started to draw each other on the paper. We printed off pictures of the stomach, small and large intestine, and the main organs in our body. Working together my buddy and I put the organs in the correct place.

The best part has been drawn around. The hardest part was figuring out where the bits and pieces went, we accidentally put the liver in the wrong place to start off with!

The weirdest part was watching a funny clip where a character gets swallowed by a mouth and goes into someone's digestive system. That was a bit gross!

Did you know that it takes 24hrs for your digestive system to process food? I have learned more about what is inside me-it's pretty cool.

- Marco Herbst, Year 6

## Year 9 Cellular Structures



Year 9 students have been enjoying gaining an understanding of the complexity of life with study of plant, animal, bacterial and fungal cells. Viral particles have been discussed and the

importance of a cells defense against invaders has been looked at by making clay and paper models of plants and animal cells as shown here.

If you have a chance, pop into the office foyer. They are a fascinating sight with the parts of the cells clearly shown by the students most magnificent models. Mitochondria for power, nucleus to control the functions of the cell, as well as ribosomes and ER to make proteins coded for by the DNA.



Some students didn't manage to finish their models but, like in life, when a snapshot is taken, the models represent a moment in time with some cells up and running, some cells under construction and some just beginning their life's journey. The Year 9 class is a pleasure to teach and have so many questions, its wonderful to see their enthusiasm for science.

- Dave Rooney, HoD Science

## Level 1 English — Static Image



A visual response to the themes in the poem 'Hate He Said' by Steven Oliver: 'The knife indicates the VIOLENCE towards the Aboriginal people. The blood is the SEVERITY of violence towards the Aboriginal people. The footprints represent the SPREAD of Aboriginal people throughout Australia. The map of Australia shows where the EVENTS took place. The flag shows it is a commonwealth country because it is a UNION JACK in the top left corner and the stars show the SOUTHERN CROSS.

- Kitchie Turque, Year 11

## 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  
Telephone: 09 4352458  
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## Room 1 — Year 2 T-Shirt Art



In Room 1 we designed our own T-shirts. We could choose from different patterns to using our own favourite drawings. Then we coloured our T-shirts with lovely bright colours and cut them out.

The teacher took photos of us holding a soft toy of our choice, which was then glued in the centre of our T-shirt. Then we chose a colour dye that would make our design stand out better and dyed a background on which to mount our design. Finally we mounted our T-shirts and gave a description which was added to our work.

They worked hard on these and were very excited to share their favorite parts of the creation process: 'Drawing it' - Anton, 'Doing the background' - Eva, 'Drawing it too' - Kayden, 'Coloring in' - Leah

## Level 2 Hospitality



This year our Level 2 Hospitality class consists of JJ, Tristan, Wai and myself (Myah). So far we learnt about grilling, hygiene, knife skills and of course cooking. Every week on Monday we cook, so far we made savoury bread, beef fajitas, chicken chow-mein, BBQ lamb and summer vegetable salad. The staff have been impressed with our cooking skills. So far as there has been plenty of food to share with staff and students.

—Myah Slack-Matafeo, Year 12

## 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!

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 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

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