



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 26 2021

Term 1 Week 8

Upcoming Events

- 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 Last day of Term 1
- 3 May First day of Term 2

The Mud Run: I'll preface this by saying the mud was actually quite warm...and thick and sticky and smelly and gross. Once everyone was done we went to the river bed and cleaned up as well as we could. Then we got into the camp van and to say that the camp van stank is an understatement. We tried to shower too. I ended up using a hose because the line for the shower was so long.
— Annalisa Gabler



Year 7 & 8 Camp Reflections



Last week the Year 7 and 8 students went to The Farm for a 4 day camp. The camp was an action packed farm experience which included motor bikes, horses, kayaks, night games, bush craft, tents, milking cows, mud and most of all team work and friendships.



Raft Building: One of many activities was the raft building and water slide. The raft building was a great experience testing our knowledge of team work and tying knots. We were split into two teams and had to build a raft in 5 minutes and then took turns battling it out to see whose raft was the best! Next we went over to the water slide zooming down the waterslide and splashing into the refreshing water! Everyone had a great time and a highlight was watching some of the leaders go down as well!
-Dannica Knobel and Jaynee Chambers



Horse Riding: While we were at The Farm we did lots of enjoyable activities and one of those was horse riding. When we first arrived, we had the amazing opportunity to get to know the leaders and their horses. There were many different types of horses all with different personalities. We were able to try out jumping, trotting, rein handling and the safe zone. Overall it was such a great experience and we all had so much fun! - Dannica Knobel & Jaynee Chambers

The Motorbikes: Camp was a crazy and fun experience for everyone there! But my favourite thing was... the motorbikes! On the last day of camp we got to choose if we wanted to do horse riding or motorbikes for one last time before we left and OBVIOUSLY I chose motorbikes! On the last day we also had a race with the motorbikes! Here are the winners for boys and girls:
1st Boy: Keanu, time: 1:17
1st Girl: Te' Rina, time: 1: 28
- Isla McGlashan

From the Principal

Jesus ... is Truth

Our Year 12 camp, in the Tangihuas, was blessed with good weather and great company. In a rugged part of God's creation our students developed their teamwork and 'loving their neighbour' character traits. We thank our staff for their support of this adventure.

Next week, on Thursday, we have our Easter assembly. Please join us as we celebrate this time of Grace and renewal. Jesus' death and resurrection restored our personal relationship with God, cleansed us as a temple for the Holy Spirit, and ushered in the Kingdom of new creation. We are now active contributors to growing the Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven".

This is the truth that Jesus Christ showed us.

The sixth of N.T. Wright's "Broken Signposts" that I will explore is Truth. The discernment of truth-telling is a challenge of our times. In our post-modern world truth is a claim to power and individual opinionism. However, Truth is a project, as it brings God's new creation into being as an active force.

Jesus is the truth that changed the world, therefore we are commissioned to tell the truth about Jesus, and the fallen world we live in.

"The reason truth is such a paradox in the present time is that the ultimate truth is the new creation, which fulfills the present creation by abolishing death, which has corrupted it." (p148)

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead Principal

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

John 16: 13 (NIV)

Easter Assembly — 1st April

You are warmly invited to our annual Easter Assembly on Thursday 1 April at 11.30am.

Ps Aaron Halvorson will be preaching and there will be a showcasing of items from 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.



WCET Sponsorship Thank-You

The Whangarei Christian Education Trust would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the families and staff members who have generously donated either one-off payments or continuing instalments, to sponsor other families in our School Community to cover their Attendance Dues.

The response has been heart-warming and greatly appreciated. If you would like to partner with WCET in this way, there are sponsorship pledge forms with further information available from the Office.

Thank you and God Bless,
- WCET Trustees

Easter Flax Crosses



The Year 10 students made flax crosses in Te Reo this week. Incorporating raranga (flax weaving) with the upcoming Easter celebrations.

- Danielle Smith

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!
Email: julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

Year 9 Enrichment Learning

Jacob Mitchell—Mountain Bike Skills



Jacob has been practicing his mountain biking skills during enrichment classes because he "likes mountain biking". His bunny hopping skills have improved the most and can now successfully jump over the stairs outside Room 14 and 15 without breaking a sweat. His favorite part of mountain biking is the liberating feeling of jumping and being in the air.

Jasmine Barker—Learning Japanese



Jasmine uses Enrichment to improve her Japanese which she has been learning on and off since last year. She is using a website called Busuu which teaches you how to pronounce and write Japanese words through videos. Jasmine is really interested in Japanese culture and loves anime and manga. She plans to go to Japan in the future.

Keziah, Dehlia, Lahratio, Connor, —Running NZ!



For enrichment four students chose to attempt to run the length of New Zealand. Every week they run for an hour around a 500m track on the school field. Lahratio and Connor aim to run from Cape Reinga to Palmerston North. Dehlia and Keziah's goal is to run from Cape Reinga to Lake Taupo.

Year 5 ESOL Students

The ESOL Students practiced their speaking and listening skills in English whilst creating fruit kebabs this week. Then later, they practiced their writing and reading skills.

"We made fruit kebabs. They were yummy. I made them with Chris, Jaejin and Miss Smith. We made them in the cooking room because it was our cooking session. We put fruit on kebab sticks."

- Daluchi Ezeokafor



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Year 10 Writing—The Swim

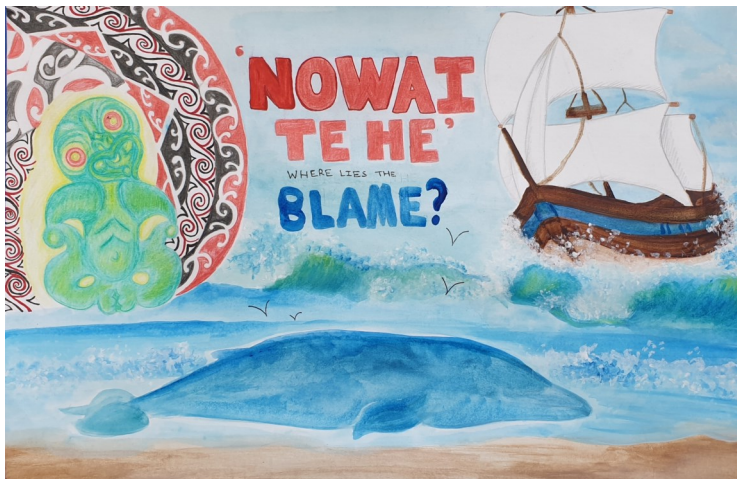
So I dived. Swimming is a wonderful experience; The feeling of the cool water consuming you as you slide into it and the serenity that comes from being underneath, there is no noise, just you and the water. You float upwards and hear the cheering (and jeering) from the crowd coming closer, threatening to take over the water's silence, the water pushes you up, up, up asking you, no, ordering you to fight the noise, to make it stop.

You explode up from the depths and the noise becomes overwhelming and there is only one way to make it stop. You must race, you must win, using the freestyle stroke you have spent your life perfecting, you speed forward, your arms are in perfect sync with your legs and your head. 1, 2, 3, breathe. 1, 2, 3, breathe; Is the beat you diligently follow to keep the sharp air in your lungs and the heavily chlorinated water out.

You're gaining on the others, you can feel their presence ahead of you, it is a mighty presence but not impassible. You're nearing the finish and the crowd grows louder screaming for their racer to win. You rush forward going as fast as you can, you reach out your hands and feel the slap of water against the concrete wall; on each side of you the other racers are finishing. In the end you didn't win but you know you will next time.

- Joel Shoemaker, Year 10

Level 1 NCEA Static Image



A visual response to the themes in the poem *The Whale* by Witi Ihimaera: 'The whale and the seagulls represent the loss of the Māori traditions. Around the Tiki are Maori patterns and designs. I wanted the patterns and the Tiki to represent one part of the blame for the loss of the Māori traditions. I did this because the old man in the poem 'The Whale' questioned himself if he was to blame for the loss because he did not pass on the traditions.

The reason I wanted to put the ship there was to represent the colonialism of New Zealand, showing the Pakeha's world coming to take over the Māori traditions and influencing the Maori way.' - Lucy Grammar, Year 11

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Dinner & Guest Speaker

Your personal invitation to an interdenominational dinner function for ladies and men with guest speaker
Craig Pattern.

When: Wednesday 14th April, 6:45pm

Where: Parish Hall, 2A Kamo Road, Regent, Whangarei

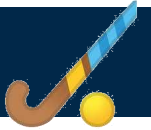
Dinner: \$20 per person, cash on the day

Bookings: Jesse: 027 860 9520 or jessereid614@gmail.com by Tuesday 13th April.

Craig Pattern: Craig was adopted as a child and grew up in Auckland with a caring family. In his late teenage years life went downhill when he developed anorexia. He had to give up his studies at the Auckland Institute of Technology and suffered difficulties for years until he improved with the help of family, medication and a psychologist.

He then had a great job travelling the country selling encyclopedias and met his wife Winne through this. Craig and Winnie started a business selling cellphones and he was the first person in NZ to advertise them on television. Life was great until the flash lifestyle came crashing down through mis-management and they lost everything. After this, Craig attended a church service and invited Jesus into his life. You are welcome to come and listen to Craig share his story.

Hora Hora JMC Hockey



We are looking for players for winter who are aged between Year 3 and 8. Practices are on Tuesday.

Any enquiries to Shirley-Anne 021 292 4366

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