



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

October 1 2021

Term 3 Week 10

Upcoming Events

2-17 Oct School Holidays

- 18 Oct Term 4 begins
- 22 Oct Memory Verses completed
- 25 Oct LABOUR DAY - School closed
- 1-2 Nov DOE Bronze Tramp
- 10 Nov Leavers' Dinner
- 12 Nov Leavers' Assembly and last day for Years 11-13
- 15-19 Nov Senior's Study week
- 22 Nov - NCEA exams begin
- 30 Nov Teacher Only Day
- 6 Dec Transition afternoon
- 9 Dec Awards Day @ Arise Church
Morning Junior College
Evening Middle and Senior College
- 14 Dec Last day of 2021

Daffodil Day



Today we raised \$319.50 for The Cancer Society

School Trophy Return

With the end of year fast approaching please return the trophy/s that your children were awarded last year to the school office.



From the Principal

Practise the Art of Stillness

Our Duke of Edinburgh tramping students were blessed with good weather during their adventure at Whangarei Heads, this last week. They had long days of tramping, and early nights of sleeping. Some tired bodies have returned, but it was a very worthwhile experience for all.

As the holidays begin I encourage you to enable rest for your children. The recent lockdown experience, has again left our students tired. This is a national issue, and the on-going anxiety surrounding Covid cannot be underestimated in its affects on our children. Amongst the messaging, from many sources, be sure that love and hope are at the forefront. Jesus showed us that finding peace, and quiet, no matter the circumstance helped with the experience of prayer and meditation with God. He perfected the art of stillness. We need to learn from Jesus.

Term Four will be another busy term, and Excellere College will continue to provide a loving, stable learning environment, despite any Covid intrusions. As many of our NCEA students are well prepared for their exams we have decided to provide a week of Study leave starting November 15th. Staff will be available for tutorials during this week. Details of this will be provided early Term Four.

We thank you all for you continued support of Excellere College during these unsettling times, and pray that we can welcome you back into school next term.

Blessings,
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."
John 14: 27 (NASB)

BOT Student Representative Results 2021

Declaration of 2021 Student Election Results

Names and votes:

ALLAN, Cody Withdrawn

BROWNE, Zac 11

TSHUMA, Melisa 5

WHITEHEAD, Ryan 5

Invalid Votes 0

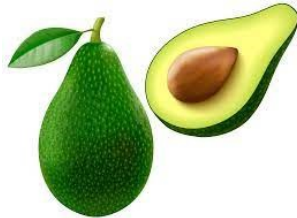
Total Votes 21

I hereby declare that **Zac Browne** has been duly appointed as Student Representative for the Excellere College Board of Trustees.

Signed,
Maria Shortland, Returning Officer

Avocado Fundraiser Update

Hi Parents and Caregivers,
Thank you so much for the massive uptake in the Avocado fundraiser. A couple hundred bags have been going out over the last few days - we smashed our targets and managed to raise close to \$500 for the school!



A special mention of gratitude to those parents who went over and above to round up orders from their workplaces and extended networks too - we greatly appreciate you!

Due to the success and ongoing interest in more orders, we hope to partner with our new friend Kevin the Avocado grower, to run another order in Term 4. Details out in due course.

Thanks again, happy (& healthy) eating!
Nat Brown, Excellere College Support Group

School House Gardens

All of our house groups are making new gardens representing the different house colours of our school and so any donations of plants or money contributing towards making these gardens look great would be very much appreciated and could be handed into the front office.



Excellere College Teacher Aide Position

This is an exciting opportunity to work in the Junior College to provide behavior and learning support for a student. This will include 1-1 support and supporting the student within a group of their peers. The applicant needs to be fit, energetic, have initiative and be good at playing and collaborating (with the student) to design and carry out activities.

You'll play an active role in supporting the student through activity at lunchtime and learning programmes during class time. Specific training for this role will be provided.

Fixed Term for Term 4 2021

Start date 1st November - 14th December

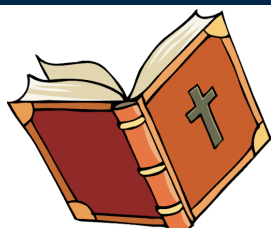
10 hours per week 2 hours per day

1-3pm Contact: Tamara Chambers

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Memory Verses

The deadline for the students to complete their memory verses for the year has been extended to Friday 22nd October, Term 4, Week 1. This is due to the school closure during the Covid lockdown.



Whangarei Junior Athletics Club

Junior Athletics Club (ages 7-14) is starting up in Term 4. The first Club Night is Monday 18 October 5.00pm



Registration Day is Saturday 16th October 9am – 12pm which is followed by 'Have a Go Day' on Sunday 17th October 10am – 12pm.

Club nights are Monday 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Coaching nights are Wednesday 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Our location is Trigg Stadium, Kensington Park (entrance off Park Road, Kensington). Check out our Facebook page: Junior Athletics Whangarei or phone/text Robyn for any queries: 021 468 323.

See you there!
Robyn Hallberg

FGBMFI Dinner & Guest Speaker

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International has a great night planned for Wednesday October 13.

We have Don McDonell sharing with us. Don is a very sought after speaker, who moves powerfully in the Holy Spirit with an inspiring testimony!!

Don McDonell is a sought after and gifted speaker that travels extensively inspiring thousands from motivational business and leaders groups to churches, with a relevant challenging and fun message that leaves audiences inspired and changed. With over 40 years of experience in leadership, business and Christian ministry, founding and leading Inspire Church for the last 20 years. Don and his wife Julia live to see countless lives impacted by powerful signs and wonders.

Having lived a life of faith and believing God through some of the most challenging circumstances life can throw at you. Such as a near fatal accident leaving him paralysed and the painful tragedy of his sons death. Don will inspire you and encourage you that you can overcome and live an inspiring life.



You are invited to share a meal followed by Don sharing his story This is an evening for men and women, so invite a friend along - YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

Cost: \$20 which includes a Fantastic hot dinner meal & dessert

When: Wednesday the 13th of October 2021, 6.45pm

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

Dinner: \$20 pp, cash on the day

Bookings: To Jesse 027 860 9520 or FGBMFIWHG@gmail.com by Tuesday the 12th of October

Friday Afternoon Music Concert



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Tramp

Chane, Jack and Bianca completed their final expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold award. This entailed them tramping for an average of 8 hours a day, covering more than 24kms some days, and a total elevation gain of 5000m for the trip. The students learned to appreciate stairs, a hot meal, and going to bed at 8pm, as well as some great jokes from Mr Keyte. The trip was

based at the peach cove hut and the students climbed Mt Manaia, Mt Lion, Bream head and walked to Kauri Mountain. They experienced a range of terrains from mountain, to bush and beach. It is a great accomplishment for which they should be proud, and rest well from. Special thanks to Mrs Anson for arranging and coordinating the trip.



Recent Interact Club Projects

Last week the Interact club used their enrichment hour to repair some old school equipment. They have been working hard at a variety of jobs, currently raising money for Open Arms, a homeless shelter in Whangarei.



This year the Interact club has organised sausage sizzles, completed odd jobs and delegated funds to make a difference in the local and global community. Through their efforts they have recently managed to sponsor a young Nepalese girl's education. Soma would otherwise not be able to attend school, but thanks to the sponsorship through the 'Girls Empowered through Education' charity, she will be provided with school supplies and a year of education. 'GEE' are passionate about seeing vulnerable young women educated to protect them and offer a brighter future.





Welcome to my world

Grade: 10
Region: Ramkot, Kathmandu

Soma loves to sing and dance.

Soma currently lives with her elder brother and father. Her mother works as a domestic helper and stays in the house she looks after. Soma's father is not involved in her life and does not contribute. He is often drunk and can show aggression.

In the absence of mother and father, the children are looked after by some of their neighbors. Soma's mother is taking financial care of the whole family and her income is not enough to cover all expenses.

With your help we will be able to support Soma through providing her with care, supplies and education.

Soma Tamang



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A Hands-On Anatomy Lesson In Science

Following the College examination period, Year 12 biology students along with Year 10 science students, had an opportunity to compare avian anatomy with their own. Dissection of chicken wings shows analagous features with our own limbs. Senior students then had the chance to practice their surgical skills with open heart surgery on sheep hearts. Tricuspid valve removal, repair, and reinsertion were attempted with varying degrees of success. Luckily no lambs or chickens were hurt during the procedures, although none survived the experienced due to the inexperience of the surgeons Abby Fensham and Zac Browne. Marlo Quenault has discovered an aversion to repair of living tissue at this stage of his career.



Middle College Speech Competition Finals



The Annual Middle College Speech Competition has hit a new high with the caliber of entries from each year level. The finalists had us laughing and thinking all at the same time. I am always so blessed to see our students perform like this in such a proactive and encouraging way.

Finalists

Year 7 Zara Burton, Dannica Knobel and Henu van der Merwe.

Year 8 Ella Yung, Rosie de Vetter and Christiaan van Dijk

Year 9 Jacob Mitchel, Charlie Nicholls and Miguel Shortland Mendez.

The winners were Dannica, Rosie and Miguel. Congratulations.

Thanks to Our Business Sponsors:

Business advertising available \$5 per week, \$50 per term or \$200 per year. The money raised will go towards digitally printing the school year book.

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