



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

May 7th 2021

Term 2 Week 1

Upcoming Events

- 19 May Interact Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- 20 May Teacher Only Day
- 21 May Careers Expo, Auckland
- 26 May Yr 7-8 Winter Tournament
- 2 June Yr 4-6 Winter Tournament
Yr 7-3 Cross Country
- 7 June Queen's Birthday
- 12 June Senior School Ball
- 28 June MC Museum/Expo
- 2 July Assembly
- 9 July Term 2 ends

ANZAC Day Dawn Parade, Whangarei City



At 5:30am on Sunday the 25th of April, people from Whangarei met at the RSA in Hannah street to begin the parade down to Laurie Hall carpark for the ANZAC ceremony. There were around 20 students from

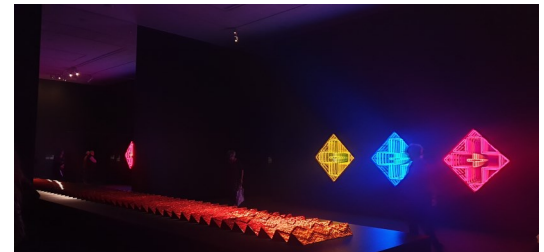
Excellere College as well as Ryan Whitehead (head boy), Graeme Whitehead (principal) and myself, Chane Schreuder (Head girl). Thousands of people walked from the RSA to the Ceremony. The Whangarei schools lay wreaths at the cenotaph followed by the roll call speeches, singing and the last post. It was cool to see so many people coming together in memory of the fallen soldiers. - Chane Schreuder, Head Girl

Auckland Art Gallery Field Trip



On Wednesday the senior NCEA Visual Art students went to Auckland Art Gallery to see the amazing contemporary Maori Art exhibition Toi Tu Toi Ora. After a wee hiccup with the car parking building with our oversize van height, 10 students and two teachers headed to the landmark exhibition. The exhibition consumed the whole art gallery, showcasing the best sculpture, photography, video, painting, design and drawing from Maori artists over the last 70 years. It was wonderful for students to experience the scale of these artworks, as seeing artwork on a computer screen or in a book just doesn't have the same impact.

The students completed two activities at the gallery, a clue based scavenger hunt using their cellphones to photograph their answers and a personal response to 3 artworks which impacted them. The students will use these artists to help develop ideas for their NCEA artwork later on in the year. This inspiring exhibition closes 5pm this Saturday; it is definitely well worth the visit!



From the Principal

We are all accepted

Welcome back for term Two. This beautiful autumn sunshine certainly is a great way to start our term, and keep faces smiling.

It was wonderful to see a group of our students at the ANZAC dawn parade during the holidays. The 5.30am start was no barrier, and I thank parents for supporting their children in this event. Our Head students led the local schools in placing a wreath during the ceremony. Lest we forget...

We welcome Gary Walker to our staff for six weeks this term. Gary is a student teacher, in Year 8, and will be sharing his gifts with us all during this time.

During the holidays our deck got a verandah. This will keep the rain off over winter, keeping the deck drier, and provide shade from the sun during the warmer months. We thank WCET for completing this project.

As we settle into another busy term our prayers are for the health and safety of our students and whanau, and that focus on learning is strong amongst our students.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Accept on another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Romans 15: 7 (NIV)

Teacher only day Reminder

Thursday 20th May

As part of a recent agreement with the Government all schools are able to have eight TOD's: one in 2020, three in 2021, and four in 2022. These are to cover upcoming NCEA, and curriculum developments. **Excellere College will be closed for all students on November 27th.** This is during the NCEA exams.

New Around the School



Over the school holiday break, a verandah was installed over the decks in front of the 7 middle college/senior classrooms. This will protect us from the sun's rays, and Northland precipitation. New picnic tables have also been purchased to provide the middle college and senior students with more seating under the decking. We thank WCET for this mighty structure.

Photograph Our Maunga (Mountains) House Competition

The houses at Excellere College are all named after mountains near the school: **Parihaka, Parakiore, Hurupaki** and **Hikurangi.**

To help us all remember the names and what they look like, we are having a photography competition with house points and prizes!

The competition runs until **Wednesday 19th May.** Get snapping over the next few weeks and get to know our Maunga!



Parakiore

Hurupaki

Parihaka

Hikurangi

Adventure Playground



Our Seniors, rediscovering their youth, on our Adventure Playground. Friday is Seniors day...

Year 12 & 13 — Paint ball



This year the Year 12's and 13's have a closer bond between our classes. Because of this we are trying to further our interclass relationships with outside of school activities! The year is young so on Sunday the second of May some of the year 12s and 13s had a paintball game. We held this paintball game at Strategy Tag and had a good turn out of 14 people. We even had some past students come and join the fun which was amazing for continuing the connections with our old classmates.

- Marlo Quenault, Year 13

Science



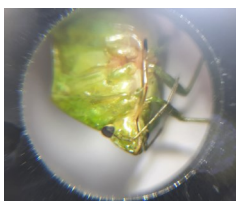
Recently science students had the opportunity to view various insects such as stink bugs, stick insects and cicadas under microscopes attached to cellphone cameras. The images captured show what is possible with new technology and useful for seeing in detail the genetic variation which is shown by different individuals of the same species.

Chemistry students were able to compare on a micro scale the effects of burning phosphorus on a match head. Year 9 and 10 students were a little horrified getting up close and personal to so many bugs but managed to overcome this to really enjoy the detail the microscopes afford.

Science is a big part of modern life and technology advances have made previously inaccessible aspects such as microscopy readily available to many more students

Soon all year 7 and 8 students, along with some very lucky seniors, will have an opportunity to go on a scuba dive at the Poor Knight's Islands through the magic of Virtual Reality provided by The Peter Blake Trust.

- Dave Rooney, HoD Science



May the 4th Be With You!



Tuesday was May the 4th, so all those with a passion for Star Wars came out of the woodwork. The costumes ranged from award winning cosplay creations made from foam, fiberglass, and original sewn designs to clothing found around the house and repurposed for the day. Hats off to Mrs. Kelley who kept the Princess Leia hair style for the whole school day.

NZ Grappler NoGi Nationals

Congratulations to Rhian and Rhys who competed in the Grappler NoGi Nationals during the holidays. Rhian won 3 out of 3 fights to win a gold medal and Rhys did well fighting boys quite a bit larger than himself.



Year 10 English



The Year 10's have begun studying *Romeo and Juliet* in English this term. This has involved choreographing the opening fight scene, then considering what Shakespeare is saying is the cause for all this violence and the dangers of seeking revenge.

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

WHANGAREI CHAPTER

Your personal invitation to a interdenominational dinner function for ladies and men. You are invited to share a meal followed by Andrew sharing his story.

Andrew Robinson pastors World Harvest Church in Glenfield Auckland along with his wife Joanne and his four children. Andrew has owned and operated multiple cafés and businesses over the last 20 years and has a powerful testimony of God's miracle power both in business and Christian ministry. Come expecting miracles.....

When: 6:45pm, Wednesday 12th May

Where: Parish Hall, 2a Kamo Road, Whangarei

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

Bookings: Contact Jesse 027 860 9520 or jessereid614@gmail.com by Tuesday May 11



Tikipunga Football Club

Calling all 10 or 11 yr old girls who would like to play football this year (experience not required)

Girls Football Team

Quick! Registrations are now open! contact Jo-Ann on. **021 157 4677**

Trainings are 5pm Thursdays

C'mon girls! Lets show em!



Business Advertising

Business advertising available \$50 per term. Contact: julie.hale@excellercollege.school.nz



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The MCC Tennis Club

Does your child want to learn to play tennis?
Our head girl Chane Schreuder would like to welcome more students to join her lessons in Term 2

Who: Students aged 5 - 13 years
Day & Time: Monday afternoons @3:10-4:00 pm
or Monday mornings @08:00-08:45am
Location: Excellere College gym
Cost: \$120 per term
Contact: Email: chane.schreuder@gmail.com
Phone: 027 213 3376



Kamo Junior Squash for Students

2021 Kamo Junior Squash for Students. It takes place on Monday nights throughout Terms 2 and 3 from 4pm to 6pm. The squash club is part of the Kamo Rugby Club in Butler Place.



Students new to squash are very welcome to come and have a go for two weeks for free. Coaching included. Racquets are available. Bring clean sports shoes. (no bare feet or street shoes)

Membership costs and registration forms can be found on www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/156365

Queries to Fiona.mooseandfi@gmail.com

Spit, don't rinse after brushing
Tuwha, kauri e opeopea i muri i te taitaitanga

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing your teeth; especially at night

Need a dental appointment for your child?
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