



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

June 25 2021

Term 2 Week 8

Upcoming Events

- July 28 Middle College Museum Expo
- July 1 Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country
- July 9 Mufti Day
- School Reports Out
- Assembly
- Last day of Term

A Night At The Opera



A few Excellere students were privileged to attend the "Marriage of Figaro" an opera that dates back to 1786 on Sunday the 13th of June. From the balcony seats we got to view the entire play, the many orchestra players and actors below.

"Two years ago I watched the first part of this opera, the Barber of Seville. The Marriage of Figaro was the second part of the opera which and was focused more on a love story" - Bianca

"I enjoyed the story and the plot twist. I can't believe who his fiancée was! I also

enjoyed holding the bus up late for the third time in a row for McDonalds" - Kian

"I really enjoyed the opera. It was incredible and a good experience since I'd never been to one before. I was sitting on the edge of my seat for the whole three hours. It was like a drama. I would love the chance to do it again." - Felix

It was an extremely busy weekend as the school ball was only the day before. We would like to thank Mrs Smith for organising it all.

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Learning Conferences

Term 3 Week 1, Thursday 29 July starting at 2pm-8pm

Bookings open on July 1

Go to: www.parentinterviews.co.nz

Code MVMAD3WF

On this day, school will finish at 1:20pm
Bus students and those who cannot be picked up will be supervised.

Excellere College Canteen

WEEK 9 MENU

- Hashbrown \$1.00
- Choc Chip muffin* \$0.50
- BLT Sandwich \$2.50
- Wedges \$3.50
(w/ Sour Cream, Cheese and Sweet chilli sauce)

*Dairy free and Gluten free options available

Junior students: Hand your order forms to your teacher on Thursday morning

BLAKE Poor Knights Virtual Reality Experience



On Monday some students will have the opportunity to meet some of New Zealand's most exciting and innovative educators. Utilising VR technology and supported by the BLAKE trust, Year 7,8,9,10 students will visit the subtidal wonderland on our doorstep at Tawhiti Rahi Motu and Aorangi Motu (The Poor Knights Islands).

The Poor Knights is a treasured location which is protected by both Rahui and marine reserve status. Respect for Tangaroa, protecting our seas from the threats of fishing, plastic and terrestrial pollution is an indelible legacy forged by Sir Peter Blake. These educational aspects available to students aid the ongoing work of the Trust set up in his honour.

From the Principal

The Power of the Spirit

This week we farewelled Kolene Hintz who is off on Maternity leave. Kolene has been a gem as one of our Teacher Aides, and we wish her well for the new baby. We welcome Nat Brown to our Teacher Aide team next week.

The Whangarei Christian Education Trust (WCET) is beginning the process of developing a 20 Year Plan for Excellere College. The initial hui was held this week, and identified the key aspects of the plan. Watch out for an opportunity to have input into this exciting development as the year progresses.

Early next week we will be getting two containers for a temporary Caretaker space. As Arise rebuild their carpark Peter needs to move on-site. Whilst we plan for his permanent home he will be based in the laneway at the end of our carpark. These will be arriving after school on Monday, when the carpark has cleared.

Our Christian concept of power is different from the common world's view. We do not see strength, force and violence as the answer, rather love, forgiveness and servanthood. Jesus came to serve, with humility, those in need. We have been provided with the same power, through the Holy Spirit, to grow the Kingdom.

Blessings,

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."
John 15: 26 (ESV)

Parent Helpers Needed For Canteen

This term the canteen has re-opened thanks to Mrs. Minnaar and the student canteen group, but we are still short of helpers. We are asking if there are any parents willing to supervise the kids and help out with the food prep.

Any parents keen to help will be needed between 11:20am and 2pm on Fridays. If interested, contact Chantel Minnaar on chantel.minnaar@excellerecollege.school.nz



Position Vacant

Teacher Aide

Starting in Term 3. This is a fixed term position for Terms 3 & 4, working in Rooms 3&4. The hours of work will be 20 per week including paid breaks.

The pay will be paid according to the Support Staff in Schools salary scale. We may enter into subsequent employment by agreement.

Excellere Netball Results Week 7

Excellere Intermediate 1 vs WIS: Green WIN 30-10

Excellere Intermediate 2 vs KIS 6 WIN 14-8

Excellere Year 5-6 vs OVS: Blue Panthers LOSS 10-14

Excellere Year 3-4 Eagles vs Marist: Year 3-4 WIN 8-3

Excellere Year 3-4 Hawks vs Onerahi Yellow WIN 9-3

Excellere Year 1-2 Kiwi vs MPE: Magic

Mufti Day for I Have a Dream

The last day of Term, Friday July 9th we will have a Mufti Day to support the 'I Have a Dream' charitable trust.

Students are to wear mufti and bring a gold coin to donate to this worthy cause.

The logo for 'I HAVE A DREAM' is displayed in large, bold, blue capital letters. The 'I' is a vertical bar to the left of the word 'HAVE', and 'A DREAM' is stacked to the right of 'HAVE'.

The logo for 'CHARITABLE TRUST NEW ZEALAND' is displayed in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font, centered below the 'I HAVE A DREAM' logo.

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Interhouse Futsal: Preliminary Games

On Tuesday we had our preliminary rounds of interhouse futsal. Hikurangi played Parihaka and Parakiore played Hurupaki. The first game was Hikurangi with Parihaka and the final score was 4-0 which puts Parihaka into the final for next week. The second game was unfortunately a default win for Hurupaki as Parakiore was not able to make a full team.

Next Tuesday we will have the final games for futsal: Parihaka vs Hurupaki as the final and Hikurangi vs. Parakiore for third and fourth place. With house points being so close at the moment it will be an exciting couple of matches that could have a big impact on the overall winner.



Team Building Activity: The Helium Hula Hoop



The helium hula hoop game looks pretty straight forward: the hula hoop is balanced on straight fingers of everyone in the group and has to be lowered to the ground. It seems simple but requires a lot of communication to prevent the hula hoop from going up in the air! It can take anywhere from 5min to 20min+ to get the hoop on the ground.



The Year 5's and 11's did this activity for buddy class and found it to be quite challenging! Have a go at it with your family and friends!



Running the Length of NZ?!



This year a group of Year 9 students have been running around the school during their enrichment period on Friday. The running group is very popular and includes: Lahratio, Connor, Charlie, Matthew, Rhys, Bella, Samantha, Maia, Maggy, Ulrike, Emma. The group says that the reason they are dedicating their Fridays to running, is to increase their fitness and see how far they can run in a year, maybe even the length of New Zealand?!

The track they run is 500m and each student completes around 10 circuits in an hour. In Term 1 the group did a combined distance of 142km. In Term 2 they beat that score and so far have run 193km by the end of Week 6.

Year 1 Art

For Inquiry we have been looking at the life cycle of the frog. We learned many new facts about frogs. For example, not all frogs are green, some are bright colours like yellow, orange and red.



Year 6 Pastel Artworks



Junior College Arts Rotations



Skate Zone Schedule



Week 9 Room 2 (Y1)

Week 10 Room 6 (Y5)

SkateZONE

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCH TIME

Wear closed shoes when riding

Be considerate of others and look after equipment

Wear safety gear...definitely a helmet



Bring your wheels to school (and your safety gear)

Mrs Annandale takes a group of students for the crafts rotation on Tuesday afternoons. Students are learning to use different mediums to make art and crafts e.g. Cards. Waka. Maori treasure box, using ice cream sticks, ribbon and pipe cleaners to make bookmarks, photo frames, pencil puppets.



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