



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

November 5 2021

Term 4 Week 3

Upcoming Events

- 9 Nov Staff v Students Basketball
- 10 Nov Wednesday 10th November
Girls Multisport Year 5 vs Year 6
- 18 Nov Thursday 18th November Year
4,5,6 Athletics Fun-Day
- 15-19 Nov Senior's Study week
- 22 Nov - NCEA exams begin
- 25 Nov Year 1,2,3 run-jump-throw fun-
day
- 29 Nov School Board Meeting
- 30 Nov Teacher Only Day**
- 10 Dec Awards Day - 3 Events
- 13 Dec Rooms 1 & 2 Fun Day
- 14 Dec Last day of 2021
- 1st Feb - 2022 BEGINS

Parents: Mask Use Reminder

Parents remember to wear masks when you are out of your vehicle and onsite.

In the office, walking children to classrooms and talking to teachers.

Also a reminder to scan/sign in where required. Thanks so much.



From The Principal

Jesus is our rock

The School Board is providing an update on how we will navigate the current Covid-19 Health Orders' environment. We are developing plans to ensure our classes are staffed appropriately, and student learning can continue through to the end of the year. This is a difficult time for us all, and in spite of our circumstance we must continue to lean into our God for strength and peace. Jesus showed us what the Kingdom holds, and that His love for us all is never-ending. This is a time that, despite our differences, we must remember, and show, that we are all children of God and our strength is in unity through Christ. We thank you for your continued support and patience.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students successfully navigated their adventure to Cape Brett and back. It was a long walk, however they all handled the tramp well and enjoyed a good sleep at the hut. The spectacular views, local wildlife and camaraderie made this a memorable experience for our students as they complete their Bronze requirements.

We have two weeks left until NCEA exams begin for most of our senior students. They continue to use their preparation time well and are in good heart as they approach the exam season.

Thank you to our parents for their safety-minded driving in our carpark. It is a busy place after school, and we appreciate the way you are being patient in the line of vehicles we have down our driveway. The flow of cars works well, with students being picked up from the space along from the Whare. This keeps children safe as they wait along the path. Please remember that if you exit your car and come to the office, or to a Year 1 or 2 class to pick up a child you need to wear a face covering.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 6-7 (NASB)

Barista

The level two barista students have been working on creating a new "signature espresso." They were creating a Bubble-gato.

(Espresso with ice cream and bubblegum syrup). It turned into a science experiment when juice from half a lemon was added just for laughs. Clarence was very brave and tried it!

Well done to the students this year for learning new skills on our espresso machine! Thank you to Brittany for sharing your professional barista skills and knowledge with us this year



Sports: Things to Look forward to....

Monday 8th November Year 9-10 basketball team vs teachers

Wednesday 10th November Girls Multisport Year 5 vs Year 6

Thursday 18th November Year 4,5,6 Athletics Fun-Day

Thursday 25th November Year 1,2,3 run-jump-throw fun-day

Plus lunch time sports each week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

This week I have registered Excellere College in the TRY challenge. This is a new initiative that Sanitarium is organising as the Northland Weetbix TRYathlon has been cancelled for the immediate future.

We are looking at running this event as part of the PE curriculum during Term 1, 2022. This will be open to the Years 4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10.



The challenge asks the students to set their own challenge/sports goal, train for their challenge and then complete their challenge (teachers will oversee this). There are prize packs to be awarded to the students once they have finished their challenge, these are \$10 and include a t-shirt and medal. We will be asking for payments for this during Term 1 next year.

Zola McDonald
Sports Coordinator

Tote Bags for Sale

During Enrichment time on Fridays, the 'Sew Bros' have been making Tote bags which are now for sale for \$10 each.

There are a variety of colours and sizes. Please contact the office to purchase.



Year 13 Leavers Dinner



On Wednesday night we celebrated our Year 13 students with a dinner at Parua Bay Tavern. Some of the students graduating had been at the school since Year 1 while others joined the class later on in the middle or senior school. Despite this, we reflected on the group's closeness and their ability to cope with the many challenges and still experience success over the past two years.

Before dinner we had the speeches, Mr. Whitehead's reflected on the school student graduate profile while Mr Keyte used the Pohutukawa tree as a metaphor for nurturing, being fed and growing in God. Mr Wojnowski, School Board Chair prayed for them. The floor was open for students, parents and teachers to speak and reflect on the years past.

Afterwards, dinner was served followed by a range of cakes made by Bianca Allan and the Level 1 hospitality students. We will miss the class of 2021 and would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Erin, Jack, Bianca, Mia, Marlo, Matthew, Connor, Garreth, Johnathen, and Waimirangi.



Thursday Lunchtime Sports

On Thursday, during lunchtime, our sports coordinator Zola, organized novelty relays on the field. Students were in teams of four and participated in races that required, speed agility and team work. Three legged race, crab crawl, bear crawl, soccer ball dribble, through the hoops and leap frog. Well done to the winning team of Declin, De Wet, Chris and Kaiden.



Teacher Aide Positions 2022 (Permanent, and Fixed term)

We invite applications for the following Teacher Aide positions, opening Nov. 5th and closing Nov. 17th.

All positions will require a degree of flexibility to be able to work with a mixture of teachers, and students, across our Year 1-13 school.

Please provide a cover letter, completed school application forms, and a CV.

Applicants are expected to maintain and enhance our Christian Special Character.

For specific job descriptions please contact the office at office@excellerecollege.school.nz or 09 435 2458.

We look forward to your applications.

	Role	Hours per week
1	Permanent: Senior College	25
2	Permanent: Senior College	25
3	Permanent: Senior College	25
4	Permanent: Junior/Middle College	25
5	Permanent: Junior College	15
6	Fixed term: Senior College	14
7	Permanent: Middle College (incl. High Health)	10

Duke of Edinburgh—Bronze Expedition to Cape Brett



The eager group of Bronze students took on the challenge of Cape Brett this week. Each day we had to walk a total of 16km across hilly terrain. God blessed us once again with beautiful weather and stunning views. Student's were able to push through the agony and pain of yet another hill, as they got to appreciate the wonder of God's creation.



As always the trip was full of laughs, tears and of course entertainment. Mr Keyte's humour never gets old, always supplying the entertainment. A group of boys proved they could survive in the wild as they collected 3 impressive sized rock crabs, providing them with an after dinner snack! Some students decided their packs weren't quite heavy enough and took up the hobby of collecting small rocks along the way! Overall it was a fantastic trip, with some outstanding map navigation. I am so proud of every single one of the students who came. Well done Zac Browne, Caleb Duinkerke, Kitchie Turque, Aimee Whitehead, Ani Ripia, Natahlia Thompson, Felix Haag, LJ Volschenk and Jordan Allan.
- Mrs Anson. DOE coordinator



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