



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

November 12 2021

Term 4 Week 4

## Upcoming Events

- 18 Nov Thursday 18th November Years 4,5,6 Athletics Fun-Day
- 15-19 Nov Senior's Study week
- 22 Nov NCEA exams begin
- 25 Nov Years 1,2,3 Run-jump-throw fun-day
- 18 Nov Junior Athletics
- 29 Nov School Board Meeting

## 30 Nov Teacher Only Day

- 6 Dec Transition afternoon - Yrs 1-6
- 10 Dec **Awards Day - Students Only**  
Junior College  
Middle College  
Senior College 2-3pm
- 13 Dec Rooms 1 & 2 fun day
- 14 Dec Last day of 2021
- 01 Feb First day of school 2022

## 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).

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



## From The Principal

### Jesus is the way

As we end week four we are faced with the reality of the vaccination Health Order impacting our school. A small number of staff will be unable to work on-site after November 15th. We respect the personal decision these staff have made, and understand the impact it is having on themselves and their whanau. All these staff will continue to work from home in supporting their classes, and the school, and where necessary we will have a reliever in the class. Throughout this season we continue to be encouraged by God's love, and an understanding that this powerful, rescuing, healing, transforming love is renewing the whole world, and ourselves with it.

Next week is Study Week for our NCEA students. This is an opportunity for some uninterrupted revision before exams begin. Where necessary students will be asked to come in to school for some extra tutoring, or to complete Internals. Some staff will also be providing a Zoom option for study assistance. Please support your children by providing a quiet place for study, and keeping extra stress minimal.

The coming weekend looks to be a little damp, however with the temperature warming I hope you are all able to experience the beauty of God's creation and find some calm within the storm.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father but through me.  
John 14: 6 (NASB)*



## NorthTec Hospitality Graduation

On Monday the students who have been attending NorthTec Hospitality Academy had their graduation. Every week Bianca Allan and Waimirangi Marsden-Te Tuhi have attended NorthTec every Monday to learn about hospitality managements, customer service, and the financial side of running a hospitality business.

Students received their graduation certificates in Level 3 hospitality service as well as 30+ NCEA credits.



## Interact Sausage Sizzle

On Wednesday Interact ran it's final fundraiser for the year before the seniors headed off for their exams. The Team ran the sausage sizzle, as well as the canteen to sell off the remaining stock before the school holidays. Interact raised \$430 for two local charities, Open Arms and I Have a Dream.



## Sports: Things to Look forward to....

Excellere College has been registered 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.

## 2022 Teacher Aide Positions

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](mailto: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



## The 2021 Excellere College Graduates



The Year 13 Excellere College graduates have completed their time here and are about to begin a new season in their lives. We would like to wish them all the best and are excited about their futures.

As we will be missing out on a leavers assembly the students have shared their future pathways.....



**Marlo Quenalt**  
2015 - 2021  
Next year I will study Psychology & Management in the hope of improving the quality of someone's life one day.



**Garreth Belcher**  
2019- 2021

I would like to study to be a Mechanic next year.



**Jack Milina**  
2015 - 2021

I am aiming to be a Sparkie (Electrician) next year.



**Waimirangi Marsden—Te Tuhi**  
2020 - 2021

I am undecided on a career but will enjoy working next year.



**Mia Wiseman**  
2019- 2021

I will be working and saving money to go to college to study Art.



**Erin Giles**  
2015 - 2021

I would like to become an Architect and would like to study at Auckland or Victoria Uni.



**Johnathan Law**  
2016 - 2021

I am undecided on a career but will enjoy working next year.



**Bianca Allan**  
2009 - 2021

Next year I will be an apprentice chef at Nook Espresso for 2 years. I will also continue my photography business.



**Connor McKenzie**  
2010 - 2021

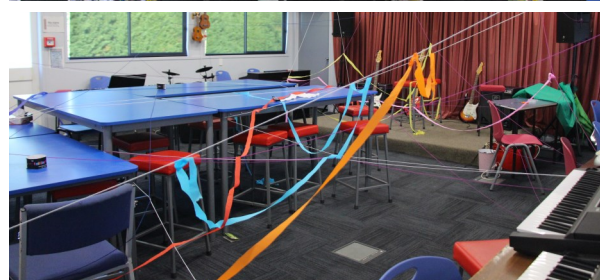
Next year I should be working in Auckland as a Civil Engineer.



**Matthew Shortland**  
2015 - 2021

I would like to study Aeronautical engineering at Auckland Uni after a gap year next year.

## Year 13 Prank Day





## Year 5 & 6 Girls Multi-Sport Tournament



This week the Year 5 & 6 girls finally were able to put their sports skills to good use. After many training sessions and multiple cancellations of their multisport event, we decided to turn this event into a Year 5 vs Year 6 battle. The girls played four games in total: Rippa Rugby, Netball, Football and Touch Rugby. They ALL did so well but there had to be a winner and it was the Year 5 girls. Both teams received medals and the winners took home the cup presented by Hannah from Sports Northland.

Awards: Sportsmanship awards Lucy and Kelly. Most valuable athlete, Hana and Leti. Goofball award Sophie and Ellie. Special awards to, Abby, Sophia and Mae.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator





## Staff vs. Students Basketball

On Monday the Year 9 & 10 finally had their match up with a team made of staff members. Due to the covid restrictions this year has left the team practicing every week but with no teams to play against. Somehow the staff managed to find 5 able bodied uninjured staff members to take on a team of super fit super

practiced students. Needless to say it was a hard match for both teams and the speed that the students played took its toll on the older team. In the end experience and accurate goal shooting won on the day and the staff took away the imaginary trophy with a score of 26 to 22.



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# School transport services impacted by unavailability of drivers.

We apologise for the late notice to our parents but we have only received this from The School Transport Services this afternoon.

The [Covid-19 Public Health Response \(Vaccinations\) Amendment Order \(No 3\) 2021](#) mandated Covid-19 vaccinations for all drivers of school transport services funded by the Ministry of Education.

A School transport service for our school will not run from **Tuesday 16th** November until further notice. This is for Routes 1249 and 1100 which come from **Onerahi to Excellere** and return each day.

You will need to find alternative means of transport from 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Help with costs of alternative travel arrangements**

The Ministry is offering Conveyance Allowance refund to support those eligible students whose school transport service has been suspended. Please contact our office if you would like us to apply for this.

For an update on the situation, or if you have any questions about any other school transport services, please contact Ritchies transport directly. Phone 094387142.