



Upcoming Events

- 1 Nov School Board Meeting
- 1-2 Nov DOE Bronze Tramp
- 2 Nov Year 7-8 lunchtime team sports
- 3 Nov Lunchtime games on field
- 3 Nov Leavers' Dinner
- 4 Nov Year 9-10 lunchtime team sports
- 15-19 Nov Senior's Study week
- 22 Nov - NCEA exams begin
- 29 Nov School Board Meeting
- 30 Nov Teacher Only Day**
- 6 Dec Transition afternoon
- 10 Dec Awards Day
- 13 Dec Rooms 1 & 2 Fun Day
- 14 Dec Last day of 2021

Teacher Only Day Reminder

Tuesday 30 November

NCEA Review
and
Curriculum Planning Day

From The Principal

God's love is for all

As we negotiate the current Covid environment a priority for us, at Excellere College, is to maintain a calm, peaceful space for our students. I have been encouraged by the evidence of compassion, integrity and honour that is being displayed throughout the school. As we all have personal opinions about what is happening in New Zealand, our overriding message is to show love, and respect for those we agree with, and those we do not. God's plan will continue to unfold despite our current circumstance and keeping a focus on His Kingdom and all it represents is vital. I thank our Excellere community for their on-going support and prayers at this time.

Next week a group of our Duke of Edinburgh students will be tramping to Cape Brett, and back. This is the culmination of much fitness work and planning throughout the year. We wish the team, and Mrs Anson and Mr Keyte, peace and enjoyment during this adventure.

With three weeks left until NCEA exams begin we are counting down with specific learning for these students. It is important that they are well prepared, and as relaxed as can be, for this time. Please continue to support, at home, with a quiet place to study and limited distractions and stress.

Although the weather is unpredictable at present we are looking forward to a full five days at school next week. I wish you all a restful weekend.

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8 (NASB)

Parents: Mask Use Reminder

There have been a number of parents this week onsite without masks. Please remember to wear masks when you are out of your vehicle and onsite (in the office, walking children to classrooms, talking to teachers, talking to each other in the car park). Also a reminder to scan/sign in where required. Thanks so much.



Sport Update for Term 4

Covid has cancelled the girls' year 5-6 Multisport, so I have switched this to an inhouse event that will take place on the 10th November (the same date as planned). Mrs Matheson and I will be organising a fun day for the girls to replace the event that they have been training for. The year 5s will play against the year 6s at the four sports that they have been practicing, rippa rugby, soccer, netball and touch rugby.

Unfortunately due to Covid, Northland Sports Association have decided to cancel **ALL** sports events for term 4. That means that the following events will not be on, girls and boys badminton (3-4th Nov), rippa rugby (9th Nov), futsal (15th Nov), volleyball (18th Nov) and fast-5 netball (year 7-8 & year 9-10, 22nd Nov). I am currently working on creating some in-house events for term 4, so that the students can still enjoy participating in sport.

Below is my draft idea of term 4 sports:

Tuesday lunch time: Year 7-8 team sports
i.e basketball, netball, futsal, rippa rugby

Wednesday lunch time: everyone, mass games
i.e. octopus, rob-the-nest, capture the flag, chain tag, dodgeball

Thursday lunch time: Year 9-10 team sports
i.e. European handball, basketball, futsal, netball

I apologize to the students and parents, I was hoping for a 'clean' term this term, full of events and fun - but that hasn't worked out. I am SO gutted for the students who were so eager to put their names forward to be part of the Excellere teams. For those of you who have paid, you can seek your refund from the office.

Students, remember to bring PE gear on these days so that you can be part of the fun.

Zola McDonald
Sports Coordinator



Relief Teacher Aides wanted

We currently need some relief teacher aides to help out when our teacher aides are away.

If you are interested or know anyone who may be, please collect an application form from the school office.

For more information you can contact
Tamara Chambers
Email: senco@excellerecollege.school.nz

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.



Online Book Club

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NORTHERN WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations
Thurs 4 Nov	Plunket Family Centre, 33 King Street, Kensington
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Thurs 11 Nov	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
Thurs 18 Nov	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei
Wed 24 Nov	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Tikipunga
Thurs 9 Dec	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei



Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Specialist make an appointment by phoning 0800 5248 4256 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.

House Gardens Competition



On Thursday the house leaders led the students in the final house competition for the year, who of the 4 houses will be crowned The House Gardening Champions?

The leaders were all given a budget to spend and time to order the plants that best represented their houses. However, due to Covid there were not all the options that the House captains would have liked, so Peter chose a variety of other plants in their whānau colours, with Parakiore scoring Strawberries and Tomatoes, and Hurupaki getting to plant some lovely green peas.

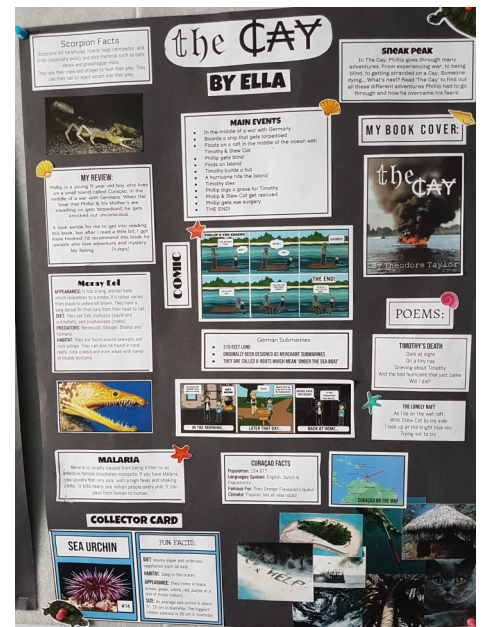
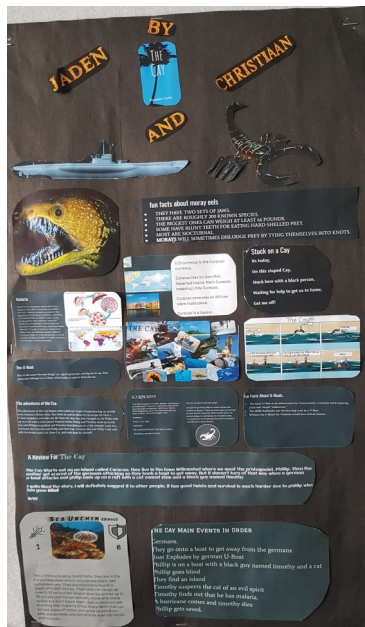
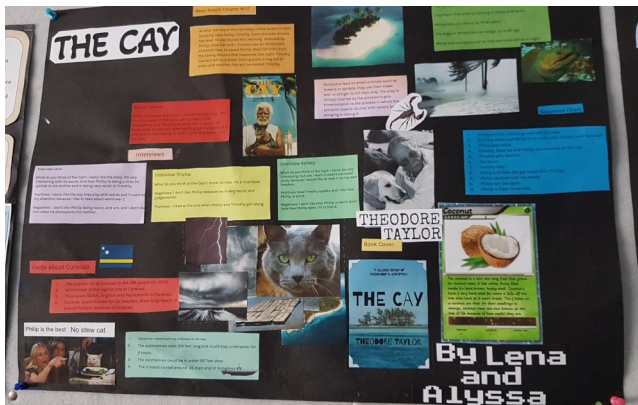
At the end of the planting session, Peter discussed garden plans with each of the house leaders and chose the winning house.

We are not announcing who has won the whānau competition until our final prize giving. With only one point separating first and second place it is anyone's competition.



Year 8 Novel Study Responses

The students in Room 12 (Year 8) created a poster with a collection of artifacts related to the novel study The Cay. Students wrote reviews, researched the food, animals, diseases and location of the book, wrote poems, made comics and chronicles the main events of the novel.



Mason's Graduation

Today, Room 1 with Mrs Brits, Ms Whyte and Mrs Grammer formally celebrated Mason's graduation from the Reading Recovery programme.

We are so proud of him. He has shown enormous persistence and perseverance, having to leave class for half an hour daily to work hard on reading and writing activities and do extra homework as well, to accelerate him up to the level of his classroom peers. Keep up the good work, Mason, practicing all you know, read lots and keep writing exciting stories.



Kyran's Wet Weekend



We are up in Kaeo at Nana's farm and it flooded in the farm, so I went kayaking. I found 35 creatures that were alive and I made friends with a slug I called Steve. I was being like a kayak bus, transporting the creatures. I found lots of 'Jesus spiders' they walked on the water just like Jesus did.

Then we went driving through the town to check out the flooding and Nana made the water splash up by the windows. She tried to get me wet by putting down the window but it didn't work!

- Kyran McGillan



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