



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 18 2022

Term 1 Week 3

Upcoming Events

- Feb 22 Rippa Rugby - Yrs 5, 7 & 8
- Feb 23 Rippa Rugby - Yr 16
- Mar 2 Bream Head Tramp - Yrs 11-12
- Mar 4 NSSSA - MTB
- Mar 11- St Johns First Aid
14 Years 1 - 6

From the Principal

Jesus is Present in our Circumstance

It has been another calm week at school. The majority of students have settled back into learning, and we welcomed a number of new students this week. It is great that most of our students are wearing masks in class, to provide another layer of protection from any possible Covid spread. Please help us by reinforcing the correct wearing of masks at home, if appropriate.

We had a defibrillator presented to the school by Embracing Hearts and St John Whangarei today. This is thanks to the Wojnowski family, who requested one during 2021. The AED will be located on the outside of a building, to be decided, and is available for the school, and local community, to use. This is a wonderful addition to the safety of our environment, and we thank Embracing Hearts for their donation.

I met with our Head students this week. Ryan Whitehead and Abby Fensham will be leading our student body this year and I am looking forward to working with them. They will be part of the House leadership team, and also lead other school initiatives and represent us when appropriate.

Our prayer this week is that we do not have an active case, or close contact, at school. This would have an effect on others, and disrupt their learning journey. Please join us in praying for the health and safety of our wider community.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46: 1 (NASB)

Springs Challenge Sign Up

It is SPRINGS challenge time again. After the amazing year we had last year, we are hoping for even more students to sign up and complete the SPRINGS challenge.

It is a great way to explore and adventure as a family, teach your child resilience and perseverance, and every child that completes it gets a badge at their end of year prize giving.

If you are keen to start, or want to know more information please email Mr Keyte at:

ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz

Junior College Fitness Time

Every Thursday morning the whole junior college meet for our fitness time. The Year 5's have been given the opportunity to run it this term. The students of Room 6 create and run the different fitness stations. These stations can include; obstacle run, hula hoops, skipping ropes, badminton, unihoc and more.



Girls & Women's Football Month

NZ Football have designated the month of March as Girls & Women's Football Month, where the female game will be promoted extensively right around the country. With the FIFA Women's World Cup due to be played in Australia and New Zealand in 2023, this is an ideal opportunity to give girls and women a chance to experience the wonderful game of football ahead of that amazing event.

As part of this promotion, NRF will be running a Girl's & Women's Twilight programme at Tikipunga Sports Park on Monday evenings, 5.00 to 6.15pm from Monday 7th March to Monday 28th March. Games will be 5-a-side, on small pitches, aimed at fun and enjoyment in a relaxed, safe, non-judgemental environment and it's FREE! (See attached documents for more details).

If you require further information or would like to book a Football in Schools programme for your school, please don't hesitate in contacting me.



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Duke Of Edinburgh—Bronze Award



Congratulations Ani Ripia who qualified for her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Ani chose to make Physical Recreation her major section practicing both her snorkelling and physical fitness. For the skills section, she practiced and improved her drum playing. In the final section of service, she volunteered her time to the School Interact Club. Ani found new personal limits and pushed herself beyond her comfort zone in the Adventurous Journeys.

We are currently signing up interested Year 10 and 11 students for the Bronze Award, please see Mrs Anson or Mr Keyte to express your interest.

Ms Anson, Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Year 9 Pancake Competition



Year 9's were challenged to demonstrate their knowledge around measuring, stovetop safety, teamwork and presentation skills last week. Working together they all created wonderful pancake dishes.

Ella Yung and Kabali Oudshoorn-Davis took out the top spot for appropriate serving sizes and a great level of cookery on their pancakes. Keanu Aprea and Heinz Colitoy were our presentation winners. Well done Year 9!



Food Technology Garden Help

On the right is a photo of our sad little vegetable garden outside the hospitality kitchen. If parents would like to donate some edible seedlings or have some time to help set it up one afternoon that would be great.

We are also keen to learn about seasonal foods so if families have an excess of fruits/vegetables that we could use at school we will be happy to receive them.

Thanks to Mrs Kelly for bringing in some avocados that the foods classes are using this week!

The foods dept also would love any recycled takeaway, ice cream or yoghurt containers.

- Helena Lamason, HoD Food Technology



2022 Head Students

Hi, I'm Ryan Whitehead. It is an honour to have the opportunity again to be Head Boy. I have been at Excellere College for my whole schooling career, and have looked up to the head students throughout my time.

To me, leadership is to be a positive influence and role model to students, my vision as head boy this year is to become the best leader I can be.

What I bring to this role is my willingness to get things done with quality. I also show compassion towards others, where I make it a priority to help people in need.

I am really looking forward to working with the house leaders and student council to make this year fun and enjoyable for everyone.

- Ryan Whitehead, Year 13



Hi, my name is Abigail Fensham and it is an honour to be Excellere College's Head girl for 2022. I uphold the visions, values and programmes of our school and am excited to have the opportunity to work with everyone and have transparent relationships with others.

Some of my goals for this year are to help make each student feel welcome at Excellere and experience the love of God

within our school, find ways to create as much opportunity as possible for everyone to have fun and socialise, as well as listening to the opinions and ideas of every student and making wise decisions regarding these ideas and speaking and acting on behalf of others to voice their opinions in order to make school the best it can be.

- Abigail Fensham, Year 13

2022 Whānau Leaders

M'Lago Morris and Jessica Dawson



Parakiore

Rhozarius Gordon and Kitchie Turque



Parihaka

LJ Volschenk and Tuianuku Levita



Hikurangi

Caleb Duinkerke and Aimee Whitehead



Hurupaki

Middle College Term 1 News



Middle College has had a good start back to the year and we have welcomed a number of new families to our space. It is also great to have Mrs Jeanne Hill as our year 8 homeroom teacher as well as Mrs Sinclair teaching Science and Mrs Lamason teaching Foods and Christian Living. We are also really pleased to have Mr Whitehead teaching New Zealand Studies in the Year 8 and 9 classes.

Our term theme for this term is Our Story and we are exploring, through different aspects of the curriculum, who we are and where we are heading on this journey together.

Learning scripture is an important part of our faith journey here at Excellere and to encourage students to participate we have passages of scripture for students to learn and explore each term. There are different scriptures set for each of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and then students who have learned all the verses receive a prize at the school Prize Giving at the end of the year to acknowledge their commitment and effort.

Memory verses in the Middle College for term 1 are John 1 : 1 - 5 and verse 14. Students will be talking about these scriptures in class, exploring their meaning and considering the guidance and truth that they bring to us today.

Students have until the end of Term 1 to memorise and then recite these verses to the homeroom teacher.

- Meagan Kelly, Middle College Leader

Middle College—Lets Get Reading!

We know that being able to read is a valuable skill throughout life and we are committed to encouraging our students to be involved reading on a regular basis. In class we provide opportunities to engage with different types of books and literature and we would also love to see them do this after too.

Although we face a few more restrictions around our lives at the moment there is nothing holding us back from getting into a good book or listening to a podcast or audiobook.

Reading has many benefits, as well as being a great source of entertainment. Reading can improve our mood, develop our

vocabulary, challenge our thinking, help us understand others and be introduced to new worlds and meet new people.

So if your children are not already on the reading train help them to jump on board and tell them to bring their friends too. Toot, toot.



Mr Reynolds' Bike Tour of New Zealand



Hi Excellere College staff and students, on Friday 25th February at 7am I am taking on an epic challenge to ride the length of NZ on my bike, starting at Cape Reinga - finishing at Bluff.

I am carrying all my own equipment with me on my bike, like a tent, air mattress, sleeping bag, clothes etc. so I am totally self sufficient...

You can follow my ride via your teachers' Facebook account (if they have one) where I will be posting regular updates, photos and video footage of our beautiful country. You can find out more about the event visit the Tour Aotearoa page: [http://](http://www.touraotearoa.nz)

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This ride is also an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for Diabetes NZ. I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes 11 years ago...but that's not the story I want to tell here.

If you would like to donate to Diabetes NZ you can visit my Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/3000km-in-25-dayson-a-bike>

Kind Regards,
Christian Reynolds



Te Manawa Tahī — Free Speech and Language Clinic

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. This is a free service and each site will be identified with a Te Manawa Tahī flag.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to make a few changes to our Te Manawa Tahī schedule for Community Hubs during Term 1. We will now be hosting three hubs from the Whangārei Ministry office and two hubs at community venues in Bream Bay and Dargaville.

See the current timetable (right). You are also more than welcome to join your local Te Manawa Tahī Facebook group for the most up to date information regarding our hub. If you have any questions or comments, please phone 0800 5248 4256 or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz.
Ngā mihi, Haley Conaghan | Senior Support Officers

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2022
Thu 17 Feb	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	
Wed 2 Mar	Whānau Focus Centre 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thu 10 Mar	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	
Wed 23 Mar	Bream Bay Community Trust (10:00am to 12:30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Rukākā	
Thu 31 Mar	Ministry of Education Office 24 Kaka Street, Morningside, Whangārei	

Street Talk Defensive Driving Course



There are limited Spaces—You Must Book!
Covid Restrictions — Vaccine pass and mask
CLASSROOM: March 15, 17, 22 & 24 5:30-7:30pm
ON ROAD PRACTICAL: Saturday March 26 or Sunday 27 8am-4pm
(individual times to be advised)
Location: People potential campus 17 Keyte Street

The course is designed to develop the skills and attitudes of young drivers and provide a six month reduction in the time spent on a restricted licence. Along with a practical coaching/assessment ses-

sion as part of the course, passing the full licence test will be greatly enhanced.

This course consists of 8 hours of theory (in four 2 hour evenings sessions twice a week running from 5:30pm-7:30pm plus a 1 hour practical drive. The one on one coaching/assessment practical drive is by appointment between 9am and 4pm on a Saturday or Sunday. Your tutor is a full time driver trainer and an experienced NZTA approved driving instructor and Street talk defensive driving course approved facilitator.

Course Requirements: A minimum of a learner license must have been held for at least 4 months at the start of course. You must have your own vehicle for the practical drive which has both a current WOF and Registration.

REGISTER : You can register by filling out the Google form: <https://forms.gle/HJ9UBSUUoQB3ae8A>
Email or text for more details on WhangareiDTS@gmail.com or 0210233 0087

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