



Excellere College

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 25 2022

Term 1 Week 4

Upcoming Events

- 02 March Year 11/12 Bream Head PE Trip
- 04 March NSSA Mountain Biking Event

From the Principal

Jesus is our strength

Today we entered Phase Three of Red. The main change for us is that if we now have a positive case at school those in closer proximity to the case would be casual contacts not close contacts and therefore not need to isolate at home. Only household contacts now need to isolate. However, we would still need to monitor for symptoms and get tested if we were unwell. We continue to encourage the wearing of masks as this can help limit any classroom spread from a positive case.

It was great to see Ripper Rugby sessions on our fields this week. Sport Northland and the Northland Rugby Union provided coaches to take our Year 5, 6, 7, and 8 classes through training sessions. With a lot of sport on hold at the moment we are thankful for this opportunity. We thank our Sports Coordinator, Zola, for organising this event.

I am back in the classroom this term, teaching NZ Studies with Year 8, 9, and 10. All the students have been very patient and forgiving as I have talked too much, and not used Chromebooks yet. We have finished revisiting Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and next explore our Whangarei/Northland paradise and how it defines us as Northlanders. Look out for questions on your favourite parts of Northland if you share a household with one of these students.

As we head into another weekend we are thankful that we have had a positive, uninterrupted start to our 2022 learning journey. Stay safe, and find rest in our Lord.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary"

Isaiah 40: 31 (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

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Excellere College

We had a defibrillator presented to the school by Embracing Hearts and St John Whangarei last Friday. This is thanks to the Wojnowski family, who requested one during 2021. The AED will be located on the wall outside Room 6, 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.



Learning Sign Language in Year 9

Have a go at New Zealand Sign Language

Source: Deaf Aotearoa



HELLO/KIA ORA

PLEASE

NAME



THANK YOU

NO

YES

GOODBYE

As part of exploring "Our Story" this term the Year 9 class is learning New Zealand sign language. This is one of the official languages of New Zealand and we have an expert sign language signer in our class, Hayley Allan.

On Tuesday morning each week, she has been introducing us to new vocabulary and teaching us how to have a short conversation using sign. This week we learned the days of the week and how to say "today is -----". Thank you Hayley for being willing and able to take us on this journey, we look forward to improving our communication skills through learning to sign.

Each week this term we will have updates in the newsletter showing what we have learnt.

- Megan Kelly, Year 9 Homeroom teacher

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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Excellere College: Upcoming Sports



Netball: I have received many permission slips regarding this already, please keep them coming in. I haven't got many students in the Year 1-2 age range yet, so please if you are interested in having your child play netball, please let me know or ask at the office for a notice.

Orienteering: We have secured Whangarei orienteering to come into our school later this term. The Year 7, 8 and 9s will have the opportunity to learn some new skills during Week 7.



TRY Challenge: we have set a date for this event to take place during the last week of term, April the 12th. The Year 6, 7, 8 and 9's should have all received their press-up and skipping goals to work on, so please ask them about that and challenge them to improve.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

Mr Reynolds' Bike NZ Challenge!



Today Mr Reynolds is taking on an epic challenge to ride the length of NZ on his bike, starting at Cape Reinga and finishing at Bluff.

You can follow his ride via your teachers' Facebook account (if they have one) where he 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://www.touraotearoa.nz>

This ride is also an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for Diabetes NZ. If you would like to donate to Diabetes NZ you can visit his Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/3000km-in-25-dayson-a-bike>

Year 5,6,7,8 Rippa Rugby Training



This week we had Hannah from Northland Ruby come to take the students for some Rippa drills and skills. Year 5,6,7 and 8 were able to participate and had a great time playing some fun games followed by a big game where they utilised their new skills.

Next term Rippa will be a focus as we have our eyes set on a few tournaments in June/July/August. Year 5-6 boys/girls have the opportunity to be a team and so do the year 7 girls. Later this term I will gauge the interest of the students for this.

If anyone is keen to have their child play Rippa at club level - (this is only for the young ones, year 1-2) please contact the number below, this is for the Kamo Rugby club junior coordinator and they can give you dates etc for musters/trials/fundays.
Tasha Owens, Junior Co-Ordinator: 021552184
Tamara Heremaia, Junior Co-Ordinator: 0220695282



Year 8 Palindrome: 22022022

This Tuesday 22.2.22 was a very special day because that was the day of a palindrome. The word palindrome came from the Greek word palindromos which means 'running back again' (Palin is 'again, back' and dromos is 'running'). In 1600 the word palindromos had been translated in English as palindromes which means a word, a verse, a sentence or even a number that reads the same backwards and forwards.

We celebrated palindrome on Tuesday at 22/02/2022 2pm 22mins, and 22sec, as it had possibly been 2022yrs 2months 22 days since the calendar had started and Jesus was born. Palindromes are not only made with numbers but also with words and sentences.

Our class (yr 8) have been making palindrome poems which has been fun and difficult to make but in the end, we had pages of funny poems that don't make sense.

By Abinaya Pokkiri-Raja



Year 8's Palindrome Poems

'Bees'

A man, a plan, a canal, Panama.

Flor saw Otto was Rolf.

Did Hannah see bees? Hannah did.

A nut for a jar of tuna.

Borrow or rob?

Aibohphobia is the fear of palindromes.

Would you try UFO tofu?

I did it, did I?

By Mariela Shortland



The Musical Ewe

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level Hannah's as

Hearing musical remains

Shifting chords

Playing just playing

Chords shifting

Remains musical hearing as Hannah's level reappear ewe the Dud

By Abinaya Pokkiri-Raja



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