



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 4 2022

Term 1 Week 1

Upcoming Events

- 6 Feb Waitangi Day
School closed Monday
- 8-9 Feb Bikes in Schools
Year 5 & 6

From the Principal

In Awe of Our Lord

Welcome to Term One, 2022.

We have started another year, expectant in the Lord's Love and Grace. Fear is a powerful force in the world, especially during the current Covid season. However we see fear differently, as fear of the Lord does not mean we are afraid but rather in awe of Him. This is a time when we can share the love and light of Jesus as darkness tries to shade the Kingdom. We look forward to our partnership this year in learning, and loving, guided by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I would like to thank all the parents that use our carpark. It has been a very busy place both before, and after, school this week. I have been so impressed with your care and patience as you have dropped off and picked up your children. Our system of children waiting at the far end of the carpark for you to come up alongside them works well, and keeps the line moving steadily. This week it stretched out onto Great North Road at times. Hopefully as the weeks pass the congestion will ease.

As we continue with our Health & Safety procedures we are praying that Covid will not have a major impact on our learning this term. A positive case in our school community would mean isolation for all close contacts, and could affect staff availability. The measures available, including vaccination, good hygiene, wearing a mask, and sensible distancing will help us minimize any possibility of disruption.

I pray that you all enjoy the coming long weekend, and take a moment to reflect on our founding document, Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is important that we all continue to develop a better understanding of our shared history and the things that make Aotearoa New Zealand a special place to live.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead, Principal

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" Proverbs 9: 10 (NASB)

Mask Use Reminder

Reminder that for students in Year 4-13 to wear masks inside.

This is to help reduce the spread of Covid19 or becoming a close contact and having to isolate.

During this time please think of our staff. If they need to isolate due to being a close contact or Covid19 positive this would create much disruption to the school environment.

Week 1 Senior NCEA Courses

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Year 10, 11,12 and 13 students separated into groups covering work safety and workplace health aspects, hearing conversation, manual handling, communication and assertiveness, interview skills and leadership qualities through sports. All courses offered Level 2 and/or Level



Covid 19 Close Contact Information

Close Contacts may live or work with someone who has COVID-19. Find advice on what you and your household members need to do.

Who is a Close Contact

You are a Close Contact if you have had contact with a person with COVID-19 when they were infectious. Close Contacts are at higher risk of getting COVID-19.

You are a Close Contact in the following situations.

- If you live with someone who is positive.
- If you have been close (within 1.5 metres) to someone who is positive: for more than 15 minutes and they were not wearing a mask or not wearing it properly.
- If you have had direct contact with someone who is positive. For example: kissing, sharing a cigarette, vape or drink bottle, if the person coughed or sneezed directly on you.
- If you spent time in an indoor space with someone who is positive for more than 1 hour and at least one of the following:
 - they were singing, shouting, smoking, vaping, exercising, or dancing
 - they were not wearing a mask or it was not on properly
 - it was poorly ventilated
 - it was smaller than 100m² (about 3 double garages).

How you will be notified

If you have been identified as a Close Contact of someone with COVID-19, you can expect to be contacted by someone from the Ministry of Health's National Investigation and Tracing Centre or a Public Health Unit.

You may receive an orange Bluetooth notification in the NZ COVID Tracer app. The notification will give you advice about what to do and it is important to follow these instructions immediately.

You may also receive a yellow QR notification for a location of interest in the NZ COVID Tracer app. You should get tested.

What you need to do

Whether you are vaccinated or not, you need to:

- stay home and self-isolate from others for 10 days from your last contact with the case
- get a test for COVID-19 straight away, on day 5, and on day 8 after your last contact with the case
- get another test straight away if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Secondary contacts — if you live with a Close Contact

You are considered a secondary contact if a household member is a Close Contact and they have been asked to isolate.

If you are a secondary contact you should stay at home until the Close Contact returns a negative day 5 test result.

If the Close Contact develops symptoms after a day 5 negative test, secondary contacts should stay home again until a further negative test result is returned.

If one or more household members of the Close Contact develop symptoms they should:

- get a test
- stay home until they get a negative test result and
- it has been 24 hours without symptoms.

Financial support

There's financial support for people who need to stay at home due to COVID-19.

More information

You can find more information and advice on the Ministry of Health's website. Visit: covid19.govt.nz

2022 New Staff



Leila Baba

Year 4 Teacher

I praise God for blessing me with the opportunity of working in His school this year.

Honestly, I'm so exuberant of the fact that we have heaps of privilege in Excellere College to learn and develop in befriending JESUS and I am so humbled in advocating and learning from you all on our journey with our Saviour.



Sharon Simpson

Librarian

Sharon is so happy to be part of the Excellere College family. She has been a piano and singing teacher for many years and recently a Teacher Aide. She has had a love of books for a long time and is excited to share this with all the students. The library is a fun, happy place where the books will take you on amazing journeys to wonderful places.

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Helena Lamason
Food Technology

I'm looking forward to getting to know the students here at Excellere and building their confidence practically in the kitchen alongside exploring key concepts of nutrition and food safety.

My background is in hospitality management with teaching being the main outlet for this over the past ten years.

Originally from Auckland it has been wonderful calling Whangarei home for the past five years.



Gabriel Segerfrojd
Senior Maths and Physics

I enjoy Maths since anything can be described using this language, and then I like Physics because it is applied maths! Most of all though, I am excited about the Cross, there are so many secrets hidden within it. The Cross is the Way I am walking, guided by the Holy Spirit.

For a season I have been privileged to fellowship with you all here within the Excellere College Community!

I am sincerely looking forward to Term 1.

My background is diverse; engineering, business and education, about ten years in each. Nga mihi, Mr. G



Robin Robertson
SENCO Middle & Junior College

I feel very blessed to be the SENCO for Junior and Middle Colleges at Excellere College.

Prior to this role I have been a Learning Support Coordinator for two years here in Whangarei and have worked in several different roles in the Waikato over the many years I have been involved in the education sector.



Anne Mcrae
Year 6 Teacher

I am excited to be in Room 3 for this term and working with the fabulous children in Year 6.

I've been doing relief teaching for the past few years so I'm looking forward to having my own class for a while. I love art, music and kids' books



Jane Garrick
Senior English

Jane comes to us with over 20 years experience teaching English in the Christian education sector.

She is passionate about English and loves to encourage young people to become effective thinkers and communicators.



Mehrzad Sinclair
Science & Senior Biology

Hello all. I am really interested in teaching you all in a way that helps you like science, even if you do not want to do any science related work in the future. We could learn science through doing projects, so if there is anything you are passionate about, come and talk to me. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Staff Changes for 2022

Amanda Annandale: will take over as Junior College Leader for Term 1 while Nicole Grammar is on refreshment leave.

Marissa Mills: Formerly the Year 4 teacher, Marissa has moved to the New Entrants / Year 1 class.

Denise Bucknell: Formerly the New Entrants / Year 1 teacher, Denise has moved to the Year 2 class.

Jeanne Hill: Relieved in the Year 8 class in 2021 and continues as the homeroom teacher of Year 8 for 2022.

Speech and Language Hubs

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, TeManawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 5248 4256 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.

If you have any questions or comments, please phone 0800 5248 4256 or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz.



Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



Term 1, 2022

NORTHERN WHANGĀREI

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

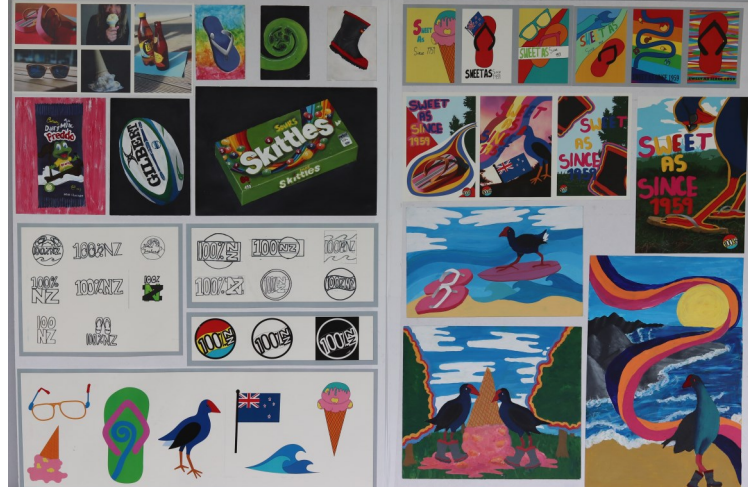
Date	Hub Locations
Thurs 24 Feb	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
	Plunket Family Centre, 33 King Street, Kensington
Thurs 3 Mar	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Thurs 10 Mar	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei
Thurs 17 Mar	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Tikipunga
Thurs 31 Mar	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei
Thurs 7 Apr	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
Thurs 14 Apr	Plunket Family Centre, 33 King Street, Kensington

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.

Level 1 Art Folios

Last year, the Level 1 art students did an integrated course for Level 1 Visual Art. They covered photography, painting, printmaking (woodcut, etching and stencil), digital drawing and design. The best work was presented on 2x A1 folio boards and worth 12 credits.

All students gained endorsement in the subject and are set up well to continue in any field of art practice in Level 2.



(Above) By Melisa Tshuma



(Above) By Kitchie Turque

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Sponsors:

Business advertising available \$5 per week, \$50 per term or \$200 per year. The money raised will go towards digitally printing the school year book.

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