



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 4 2022

Term 1 Week 5

## Upcoming Events

- 9 March Year 7-13 Athletics Day
- 7-9 St John visit Year 1-6
- 14 & 15 First Aid Year 12- 13 + staff

## Y7-13 Athletics Day Reminder

**Next Wednesday we will have our Year 7-13 Athletics day here at Excellere College.**

**A reminder for students to come to school in their school PE athletics uniform. They should have a packed lunch and drink**

**Unfortunately there will be no extra food available to buy due to covid restrictions.**

**Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours. However, no body paint or face paint please.**

## From the Principal

### Jesus is our Light

This last week has been unsettling, with disturbing scenes from Wellington and the continuing conflict in Ukraine, unfolding before our eyes. We are praying for peace and restoration for all those involved.

Next week we are holding our Year 7 - 13 Athletics events at school. This is to enable all our students to participate, and provide an opportunity for our athletes to excel. With most Term One inter-school sporting opportunities currently cancelled and awaiting new guidelines, we are thankful that our school environment has the space to hold most events. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents due to Covid Red restrictions.

We know that Jesus is the light in the darkness. The current season the world is going through seems very dark. There is conflict, disagreement, anxiety, and fear locally and globally. History shows us that this is not unusual, whilst Romans 8: 22 reminds us that all Creation groans under the mantle of sin. However, we have the hope of Jesus as our foundation. Despite history, despite our on-going human frailties we know that Jesus is on the throne and loves us all. We pray His love will be felt by all, and His peace will reign.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

“Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world: he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’”

John 8: 12 (NASB)

## Athletics Running Track at Excellere College



On Saturday morning Adrian and Aaron from Recreational Services came to our school to mark out our athletics sprinting lines. Since we were not able to hold our athletics event at Trigg Stadium this year, we needed to adapt our field to accommodate our athletics event.

Adrian and Aaron did this free of charge as a wonderful gesture for our school to enjoy our athletics event next week. So a huge appreciation for these two men for bringing us something that we can maintain and use in the future. Zola McDonald

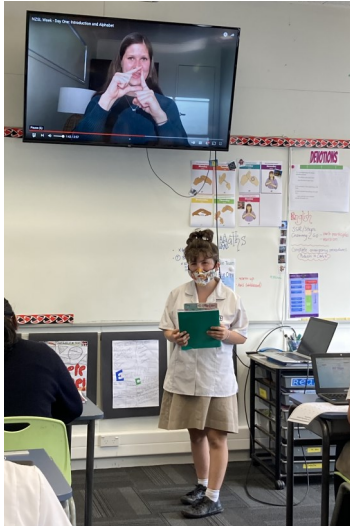
## Learning Sign Language in Year 9

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.

Kia ora everyone, how are you going remembering your greetings in sign language? Have any of you had the opportunity to use them?

This week Hayley took us through saying "Hello, my name is..." and then we signed our name using the letters of the alphabet. I thought it was going to be quite difficult to remember the letters but it didn't take long to master it. Have a go yourself by checking out this website : [www.learnnzsl.nz/#/id/co-01](http://www.learnnzsl.nz/#/id/co-01)

- Meagan Kelly, Year 9 Homeroom teacher



**Have a go at New Zealand Sign Language**

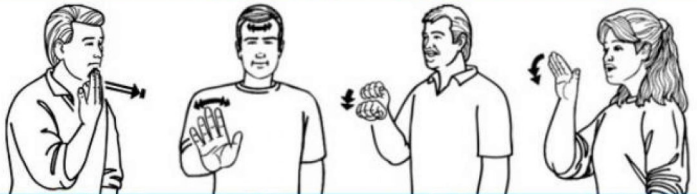
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HELLO/KIA ORA

PLEASE

NAME



THANK YOU

NO

YES

GOODBYE

## Excellere College Netball



Online Netball registrations are now open. If you would like to enter your child into the 2022 netball season, please click on the link and follow the prompts. Once you have done this I will have all the details that I need to put together the teams.

**\* Even if you have filled out a form already and given it to me, I still need you to fill out this online form as the details that I need are much more in depth.**

If you would like to coach or manage a team, you are also required to fill out a form, so please, if you are interested, fill this out.

Regarding the mandates, my understanding at this stage is that the children are no longer required to show a vaccine pass, however, spectators still are. I will let you know if this changes.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/152336>

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

## School Council 2022

Congratulations to the Student Council leaders for 2022. They will be representing their class during house meetings and leading changes in the school. This group will be led by Mr Ben Keyte and will meet every third week to discuss school issues and improvements relevant to life at Excellere College.

**Year 6 - Lucy Allan, Stella Hanekom**

**Year 7- June Underwood, Sahara Oudshoorn-Davis**

**Year 8 - Maisy Nicholls, Henu van der Merwe**

**Year 9 - Rosie de Vetter, Christiaan van Dijk**

**Year 10 - Sienna Quenault, Miguel Shortland**

**Year 11 - M'lago Morris, Joel Schoemaker**

**Year 12 - Zyber Sta Cruz, Joshua Sharples**

**Year - 13 Cody Allan, Clarence Spiers**

## Year 10 Zentangle Art



By Dehlia Chambers



By Ben Kearney



By Miguel Shortland



By Levi Yung



By Leander Nel



# House Competition #1: Paper Plane Throwing Competition

Yesterday the first house event was held which was the paper plane throwing event. The competition involved all participating students being given a sheet of coloured paper with which they had to make a paper plane that could fly the furthest distance.

In each year group the furthest was recorded:

- Year 1-3 winner: Brooklyn from Hurupaki with 8.8 metres
- Year 4-6 winner: Liam from Parihaka house with 12.5 metres
- Year 7-9 winner: Luan from Parihaka house with 15.9 metres
- Year 10-13 winner: Arika from Hurupaki house with 19.3 metres

The paper plane competition event was organised by Rhozarius Gordon and Kitchie Turque, the leaders of Parihaka House and overseen by Mr Ben Keyte to make sure everything ran smoothly. Thank-you to everyone who participated and represented their house. It was a fun, enjoyable and successful event for the school.

Hikurangi	29 points	1st
Parihaka	22 points	2nd
Hurupaki	24 points	3rd
Parakiore	22 points	4th



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