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Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 18 2022

Term 1 Week 7

### **Upcoming Events**

30 March Year 7 Mural Walking Tour

1 April Yr12 Biology Field Trip

12 April Tri Challenge—Yrs 6-9

13 April School Photo Day

Easter Assembly 14 April

Last Day Term 1.

2 May Term 2 Starts

### School Council Mufti Day

Next Friday the 25th of March will be a Mufti Day .

The money raised to support Mr Reynolds who is riding his bicycle the length of New Zealand (3000km) to raise money for Diabetes NZ.

We ask that you bring a gold coin donation and wear blue, the colour of the symbol for diabetes.

- School Council

### From the Principal

### Grace is a given

As Covid moves through our community we are thankful that currently the impacts on our school are minimal. Although some students are either testing positive or becoming household contacts our staff has not been greatly affected. This has meant that all classes have remained open and learning has continued. We pray that this can continue through the current wave of Omicron. We must all continue to look after ourselves, and each other. The Government has indicated that they will be supplying RAT for schools to share with our unwell students. We are awaiting our supply of RAT. If your child needs to go home, due to being sick at school, we will be able to send a RAT home with them for you to test at home. If positive, the 7-day isolation begins the next day.

Our annual bugs seem to also be returning, with colds, tummy aches and sniffles appearing. Please keep children home if they are exhibiting any symptoms as we will need to call you, for collection, if they are sick.

Our Year 12 and 13 students participated in a First Aid course at the beginning of the week. This was a very practical course, with students watching, listening to, and then participating in different scenarios. Feedback was very positive that this format made the learning authentic and memorable.

Our Middle College students participated in a First Aid course early in the week, and then orienteering later in the week. Both of these were practical and useful.

God's Grace is real, His forgiveness unending. It is often difficult for us to not judge others based on our own beliefs and opinions. God's love for us means He is above our everchanging beliefs and opinions, and we can trust His integrity. Our judgements have an affect on others, they can lift up or tear down. We must always remember that we are all created in the image dei, the image of God, and despite sin God loves the real us, the us He created, the essence of us when all the chaff is burnt away. We must never lose sight of this truth; that His Grace for us is also ours to give to others. Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors Matthew 6: 12 (NASB)

## Level 1 Visual Art Photography Trip

Today the Level 1 Visual Art students went to the town basin to take photographs around The Whangarei Town Basin Loop Walkway.

The Aim of the trip was for students to practice their documentary photography skills. From their photos they will choose one aspect of the Loop to focus on e.g. Putahi Park, Sculpture Walkway, Hundertwasser Art Centre, Whangarei Marina.

Students will create drawings, paintings, promotional logos and poster for their chosen location. This Level 1 course aims to prepare students for all three Level 2 Art subjects offered at Excellere College: Photography, Design and Painting



# **Outward Bound Physical Disability Courses**



Outward Bound New Zealand is a not for profit organization offering personal development courses in the outdoors for New Zealanders young and old. Our courses are run from our school in Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds.

We are excited to offer two new fully funded courses for youth with a physical disability. We would be hugely grateful if you could please share the information with your school community.

#### **OUTWARD BOUND NZ - YOUTH ACTIVATE**

The fully funded Youth Activate is an 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years. Our next course date is 10–17 May 2022.

OUTWARD BOUND NZ - LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE
The fully funded Leaps & Bounds Activate 8 day course is for
physically disabled youth (13 to 16yrs) and their parent or
caregiver. Our next course date is 10-17 October 2022.

For more information head to our website:

https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/course-finder/adapted-courses/

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### **School Librarian Position**

Permanent position, 15 hours per week (5 days), commencing on March 28, 2022. We are looking for a self-motivated, well organised, relational person to join our team. As librarian, you will perform a range of duties such as cataloguing library resources, maintaining library records and managing book purchases.

For this position, you will have to demonstrate outstanding interpersonal skills, as a great part of your job will involve interacting with teachers, students and the school community including parents. The ideal candidate should also possess some knowledge of library database systems including Accessit as well as excellent communication and organisational skills. Full training will be provided for Accessit.

You are expected to maintain and enhance our Christian Special Character, through having an active personal Christian faith.

Please send your CV, Application form and Special Character statement to:

Graeme Whitehead, Principal, Box 4237, Kamo, Whangarei principal@excellerecollege.school.nz

For Application forms and Job Description please go to the school website: <a href="https://www.excellerecollege.school.nz">www.excellerecollege.school.nz</a>

## Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Event

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International has a great night planned for Wednesday April 6th

We have Evangelist Laurie Hennessey sharing with us. Laurie is a very sought after speaker, who moves powerfully in the gifts of healing/word of knowledge. This is an evening for men and women, so invite a friend along

The evening will start at 6:30pm and will wrap up around 9:30pm. Location: 570 Crane Road, Kauri. Cost is \$20. RSVP by text/call: 027 860 9520.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited

# **Excellere College Netball**

Online registrations are open now.

If your child wants to play netball this season you will need to type the link into your browser and fill out the online form below:

# https://www.sporty.co.nz/excellerecollege/netballregistrations-2022/tab1

Even if you have completed the paper form from the office, please fill this in ASAP. The sooner I have these registrations, the sooner I can sort out the teams.

If you are wanting to coach or help, you will need to register yourself for this too using the same form.

**Netball Mandates**: I am still waiting to hear what the netball centre has decided to do, but at the moment the recent information that I have received states that school teams will not require a vaccine pass,

however, clubs may still wish to do this. I am asking for the netball centre to remove this question from the sporty online form so that those who are over 12 won't get stuck on that question.

Zola McDonald Sports coordinator



### Year 6 Friendship Poems

#### My Top Five

A friend is trustworthy and should be by your side

And a patient friend would be nice

The top on my list is loyal because I don't like being bullied And encouraging friend especially and always on your side

And last but not least HONEST

Do you want a person that lies to you?

I know that I don't and I don't think you would as well.

- By Carly Minnaar

#### What is a Good Friend?

A good friend supports you A good friend makes you happy A good friend plays cool games with you A good friend is a joker A good friend is cool



#### **FRIEND POEM**

A good friend is someone that is honest to you.

A good friend is someone that is trustworthy and kind.

A friend is someone that cheers you up when you are down.

My friends are the best.

- By Kayla

#### **Friend Poem**

Funny, fantastic friends.

Respectful, resourceful.

Integrity, Interesting.

Entertaining, Excellent.

Nice, Never gonna leave my side.

Doesn't ever ignore me or bully me.

Supportive, Surprising, Such great times.

F riendly.

#### Friend!

A friend is respectful and kind and at the start you say hi sometimes you might fight but you won't bite If you are true friends you will always get back together you will always have a shoulder to cry on and keep a secret until the end of your life they will listen until you say goodbye





This week the middle college students did a two hour first aid course with two St Johns officers, Jo and Rosie.

They learnt:

- \* CPR (cardio pulmonary resus)
- \* DRS ABCD—Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillation.
- \* How to use a defibrillator
- \* The recovery position
- \* First aid scenarios

Charlotte: The most important

thing I learnt was to not touch the patient when giving the defibrillator shock.



Kelly: The most interesting was learning how hard CPR is to do. You sometimes break ribs because you have to push so hard.

Cameron: I am a St Johns cadet so I already knew first aid. I enjoyed it a lot, especially using the AED (defibrillator)

David S: It was hard to do compressions, I never thought it was going to be that hard.

Jacob: Doing CPR on mannequins

was very hard and tough!











By Sophia King

Friend poem

R espectful.

Interesting.

E ncouraging.

N ice.

D oes kind things.

- By Noah



# Year 10 Themed Letter Zentangle Art









## Senior College Assessment Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	21 L2 Physics 2.1 (1st)	22	23 L1/2 Hospitality	24	25 L1/2 Hospitality
Week 9	28	29	30 L3 Maths 3.15 (1st) L1 Maths 1.4 (1st) L1/2 Hospitality	31 L3 English connections due L2 Biology Internal	Music solo performance L1-3 L1/2 Hospitality L2 Biology field trip for internal exam
Week 10	4 L2 Maths 2.1 (1st)	5 L2 Biology internal exam	6 Music solo performance L1/2 Hospitality L2 Biology Internal L3 Biology Internal	7 L1 and 2 English static image OR writing piece due L2 Biology internal L3 Biology internal	8 L1/2 Hospitality Senior College Progress Reports
Week 11	11 L2 Biology internal L3 Biology internal	12 L1 & L2 Reading Log Response #2 due L2 Biology internal L3 Biology internal	13	14	15 Good Friday
		L3 Biology internal	idays 15 April - 1 May		

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