



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 25 2022

Term 1 Week 8

## Upcoming Events

- 30 March Y7 Art—mural walking tour
- 1 April Y12 Biology field trip
- 12 April Y6-9 tri challenge
- 13 April School photo day
- 14 April Last day of Term 1
- 1 May First day of Term 2

## Mr Reynold's Ride for Diabetes



Mr Reynolds completing his ride of New Zealand.

## From the Principal

### Creation is for us, all

This week we have seen an increase in the number of students away, either testing positive or as household contacts. Please keep children home if they have symptoms as this will help slow the spread at school. We continue to encourage the wearing of masks in class, as this can also limit spread. With vaccine passes, and some mandates being removed from April 5th, the return to a new normality continues. Gathering limits have been increased to 200 for indoor events, so we are still unable to hold full school assemblies, under Red. We continue to pray that this Omicron wave does not further impact our school learning environment.

Today we had a gold-coin mufti day to support Mr Reynolds in his fundraising for Diabetes NZ. Christian recently completed a bike ride from Cape Reinga to Invercargill for this cause. We are honoured to be able to support him and this worthy cause.

God created the heavens and the earth for us. He created something of **beauty**, something that we were tasked to steward and protect. As we journey through this current season of disruption and disquiet be sure that you take time to stop, look and listen in awe at the **beauty** around us. The **beauty** in each other, the **beauty** in our surroundings, the **beauty** in the stillness of God. Never forget that we are all created in the *image of God* and this means we too can experience His creation on a physical and spiritual level. Enjoy a weekend in God's creation...

Blessings  
Graeme Whitehead, Principal

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
Genesis 1: 1 (NASB)*

PS: Congratulations to Aimee Whitehead for her NAPTA Cameo nomination for the role of Anybodys, in the WTC production of West Side Story last year.

## Mufti Day for Diabetes

Today the student council held a school mufti day to raise money to support Mr Reynolds' diabetes NZ fundraising efforts. Mr Reynolds rode his bicycle the length of New Zealand (3000km) to raise money for Diabetes NZ.

For those at home that would like to join in, send your blue and yellow photos to the school office:  
[office@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:office@excellerecollege.school.nz)

**Today we raised \$314.70**

Donations can be made online to the school bank account. Reference Diabetes: Phone the office for the account number.



## Weetbix TRY Challenge

This event is only 3 weeks away for our school. We have invited the Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and some Year 10's to participate in the event that we will be holding at the school on Tuesday the 12th April.

So far we have decided that the students will do a strength challenge in the form of press ups and then skipping, followed by an obstacle course that will be set out across the school field, then lastly they will complete a long run. At the end, finishers will receive their own medal, t-shirt, certificate and swim bag.



## School Librarian Position

Permanent position, 15 hours per week (5 days), commencing as soon as possible. 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. Email: [principal@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:principal@excellerecollege.school.nz)

For Application forms and Job Description please go to the school website: [www.excellerecollege.school.nz](http://www.excellerecollege.school.nz)

## Excellere College Netball

We are still setting up the teams, so if you haven't already entered your child, please do this ASAP using the online registration. Paste or type the link into your web browser:

<https://>

[www.sporty.co.nz/excellerecollege/netball-registrations-2022/tab1](http://www.sporty.co.nz/excellerecollege/netball-registrations-2022/tab1)

With the recent mandate changes, please watch this space.

Zola McDonald  
Sports coordinator



## House Competitions!

We are really looking forward to seeing what this year has in store for the inter house competitions.

It is so awesome to see all the young leaders coming through. So far this term we have had a paper plane competition to kick off the inter house competitions, run by the Parihaka leaders as well as a Futsal competition run by the Hurupaki leaders. These were both a blast of fun and it was so good to see students participating and connecting with one another!

Some of our upcoming events will be "rob the nest" run by the Parihaka leaders in Week 9 and a basketball competition run by the Hikurangi leaders in week 10. GET EXCITED and keep an eye out for more events our leaders are running in Term 2!

- Abby Fensham & Ryan Whitehead, Head students

## Student Leaders 2022

Head Students	Ryan Whitehead, Abby Fensham
Student trustees	Ryan Whitehead, Melisa Tshuma
House leaders	<b>Hurupaki: Aimee Whitehead, Caleb Duinkerke</b> <b>Parakiore: M'Lago Morris, Jessica Dawson</b> <b>Parihaka: Rhozarius Gordon, Kitchie Turque</b> <b>Hikurangi: Tui Levita, LJ Volschenk</b>
School Council	R3 (Y6): Lucy Allan, Stella Hanekom R6 (Y7): June Underwood, Sahara Oudshoorn-Davis R12 (Y8): Maisy Nicholls, Henu van der Merwe R13 (Y9): Rosie De Vetter, Christiaan Van Dijk Y10: Sienna Quenault, Miguel Shortland Y11: M'Lago Morris, Joel Schoemaker Y12: Zyber Sta Cruz, Joshua Sharples Y13: Cody Allan, Clarence Spiers

## Whangarei Harriers

The winter running harriers branch of the Athletics Club Whangarei, is starting up on the 9th April and we would love to have more children and families come along to this well run club.

If you are interested in improving and increasing your running capabilities and mixing with like minded individuals then this is something that you should look in to. It is great fitness practise for the kids.

We run different courses every Saturday at 1.45pm from April to October. It is only about \$80-\$130 to join and this includes the summer Athletics Club season also, and use of the track during summer.

Thanks for your time, any questions give me a call on 021 468 323, Robyn.



# Excellere College 2022 Athletics Champions



Under 12 Years		
	Girls	Boys
<b>1st</b>	June Underwood	Johnny Walker
<b>2nd</b>	Mariela Shortland-Mendez	Izzy Yung
<b>3rd</b>	Kelly De Beer and Leti Vlamings	Luan Bezuidenhout

Under 14 Years		
	Girls	Boys
<b>1st</b>	Ella Yung	Malan Volschenk
<b>2nd</b>	Dehlia Chambers	Aiden Marais
<b>3rd</b>	Trisha Sta Cruz and Kafou'ou Fifita	Declin Edgecombe



Under 16 Years		
	Girls	Boys
<b>1st</b>	Rhian Howells	Joshua Carter
<b>2nd</b>	Ulricke Schreuder	Matthew Philander & Lahratio Gordon
<b>3rd</b>	Jessica Dawson	Miguel Shortland Mendez

Open		
	Girls	Boys
<b>1st</b>	Bianca Heise	Ryan Whitehead
<b>2nd</b>	Rhianna Van Bergenhenegouwen	Joshua Sharples
<b>3rd</b>		Caleb Duinkerke





## Year 7-10 Experiencing the fun of Orienteering

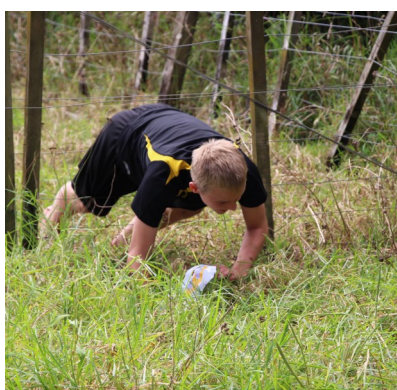
Last week we were very privileged to have the Whangarei Orienteering crew come into our school to take the Year 7s, 8s and 9s (and some year 10s) for an introduction to orienteering. Students firstly learnt the basics of map reading in the classroom, before being given their assigned electronic device and sent outside with a map to navigate the different courses that were set up around the school. The orienteering club set up four different courses of similar lengths and difficulties, but all very achievable. Overall, the students really enjoyed trying a new skill and I am so pleased to say that we have some real orienteering naturals at this school. Orienteering is a balance between fitness and calm/clear decision making.

Next week on Thursday (31st March) there is an event that Whangarei Orienteering are hosting at Barge Park from 5.30pm - 7pm. It will be of a similar format to the skills that the students learnt last week and I know that some of our students will enjoy trying a different course and adding to their skills that they have



already learnt. This is a club event, not a school event, so if you are looking for an activity that can include the whole family, this might be it. The club has evening competitions every Thursday during Term 1, then once the winter months are upon us they are on Saturday or Sundays around the Northland area. For more information please go to:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/whorienteering/>





## Orienteering Results

Course 1, Overall fastest times:

Place	Name	Time
1st	Malan V	10.25min
2nd	Levi Y	10.57min
3rd	Jayne C	11.57min

Course 2, Overall fastest times:

Place	Name	Time
1st	Zola	8.47min
2nd	Natalie	10.36min
3rd	Declin	10.57min

Course 3, Overall fastest times:

Place	Name	Time
1st	Malan	10.41min
2nd	Kelly	12.21min
3rd	Henu	12.35min

Course 4: Overcall Fastest Times

Place	Name	Time
1st	Malan	9.30min
2nd	Kelly	10.57min
3rd	Natalie	10.59min

### Overall House Participation Points

1st	Hikurangi
2nd	Parakiore
3rd	Hurupaki
4th	Parihaka



## House Event : Futsal Competition



### Final Placings

1st	Parihaka
2nd	Hurupaki
3rd	Parakiore
4th	Hikurangi



On the lunch times of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Excellere College had its annual inter-house futsal competition for Year 9-13 students. It was a great competition with four intense games played.

Unfortunately because of students having to isolate, a team defaulted as there were not enough players, and a 'fun' game was played instead.

Parihaka won 4-3 against Parakiore then came out on top in the final, beating Hurupaki 8-1! Well done to Parihaka!



## Junior College



On Thursday the Year 6's had some professional Rippa Rugby training with Hannah from Rugby North.



Mrs. Annandale's Year 3 class with their wonderful oil pastel portrait artworks inspired by Pablo Picasso.

Lovely pops of colour with some crazy hair and multiple skin colours!



## Senior College Assessment Calendar

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

Term 1 School Holidays 15 April - 1 May

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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