



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

April 14 2022

Term 1 Week 11

Upcoming Events

2 May	First day of Term 2
3-4 May	Yr11 Food & Beverage
13 May	11.20am Assembly
16 May	Yr13 Dive Course
19 May	Yr13 Dive Course
20 May	Teacher Only Day
24-25 May	Music Menor here
25 May	Yrs4-6 Winter Sports
6 June	Queen's Birthday
8 June	Jumpin' Jam

From the Principal

Jesus is Risen

We end Term One with an Orange smile. Despite on-going Covid concerns we have navigated a term of learning without major disruption. Over the term we have had 48% of our students testing positive, a number of our Teacher Aides, and one teacher. Thank you to all that have supported us during this time, your prayers and patience have kept us a calm, peaceful learning environment. We farewell Anne Mcrae, Gabriel Segerfrojd, Jane Garrick, and Debra Harrison today. Anne has been teaching in Year Six this term. She has brought a wealth of experience to the role, and we thank her for her mahi with our students. Gabriel has been guiding our students in the senior Maths and Physics area, and Jane in our senior English space. We thank them both for their love of, and commitment to, our students. Debra has been providing release for Amanda, as Junior College leader. They have all added a personal touch in their season with us. With Nicole Grammer returning refreshed from leave into the Year Six room, we thank Amanda Annandale for her term as Junior College leader. Amanda has led the Juniors with love and wisdom this term. Next term Gretchen Dainty will be leading senior English and we welcome Phil Buchanan back in the senior Maths/Physics space.

ANZAC day falls during the holidays this year, and with Covid restrictions the Dawn services have not been planned for. However, we can still spend time remembering and reflecting on the sacrifices of others for us all.

As we enter our Easter celebration weekend we remember the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Although it begins with death it is life that we celebrate. The human figure of Jesus rising in the divine figure of Christ. His resurrection is the culmination of all that came before, all that previous Scripture pointed towards, all the love and grace of the Father. We are all invited to join the Kingdom now and to come. Chocolate is a yummy taste for now, but an eternal feast with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is our hope, in Jesus.

We look forward to returning in Term Two and being able to access more opportunities through sports, cultural and EOTC activities. Our Covid risk review will inform changes for next term, as is the Government's Orange announcement yesterday. I pray you all find rest these holidays and return refreshed next term.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

'Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are those who did not see me, and yet believed."' John 20: 29 (NASB1995)

Friday 20 May 2022



A Big Thanks to our Term 1 Relief Staff



This term was challenging for all staff but to celebrate reaching the end of Term 1 we had a special lunch on Wednesday to acknowledge those staff who joined us for this term or stepped up into new roles during this time. Thank-you to:

Gabriel Segerfrojd — Math and Physics

Anne Mcrae — Year 6 homeroom teacher

Jane Garrett — Senior English

Amanda Annandale — Acting Junior College leader

Debbie Harrison - Room 3 homeroom teacher release

We appreciate all you have done for Excellere College and wish you all the best and a well deserved break.



Head Student Reflection

As Term 1 comes to an end it is great to look back and see that despite all the challenges we have encountered due to covid, which has made inter house competitions much harder to have, our great house leaders have still run some great events. Some of these include a paper plane competition, futsal and a beep test. It has been so awesome seeing students getting involved and supporting their house. The senior college students have also been more active with socialising with the rest of the school, as we have set up a roster for house leaders and year 13's to be on the playground at lunch times.

Throughout this term we have also had athletics day and other sporting days, for example, the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon. All of these events were a huge success. There have also been senior courses such as First Aid training, Sports Coaching, CV writing, etc.. which have benefited students very much with their knowledge and skills. Our student council has also got up and running with Mr Keyte overseeing it.

We are very excited for next term as we have events such as the Ball and more house competitions coming up!

We are wishing everyone a blessed and safe holiday!

- Abby Fensham & Ryan Whitehead, Head Students

Donations Please: Afrikaans Books

We are looking for any parents from the South African community who would like to donate Afrikaans books for the school library. Donations can be left at the school office.



Middle College Sewing



Mr Carroll has been teaching middle college students how to sew. They are a selection of pull chord bags for sun glasses, etc. A great first effort !

Excellere College Netball

Thank you to those who registered their kids and also a special thank you to the parents who have stepped forward and volunteered to coach and manage the teams.

You should hear from your team's coach soon. Practices will be organised and fees and notices about start dates should have gone home with the students this week.



Excellere College Level 1-3 NCEA Assessment Schedule

Term 2 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	2 L2 Biology Internal	3 L2 Biology Internal Year 11/12 Food & Beverages Gateway	4 L2 Biology Internal Year 11/12 Food and Beverages Gateway	5 L2 Biology Internal	6
Week 2	9	10 Year 11/12 Food and Beverages Gateway	11 Year 11/12 Food and Beverages Gateway	12	13 Year 12 & 13 Beauty Course Gateway
Week 3					Beauty Course Yr12/13
Week 4					Beauty Course Yr12/13 Soft Materials 1.21 due

Year 6-9 Try Challenge



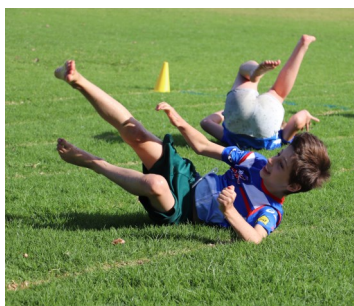
Year 8 & 9 Try Challenge Finishers

Today we held the Year 6-9 Try Challenge. The course started with the strength and fitness section of skipping and pushups in the gym before progressing to the obstacle course which included army style cargo net, hay bale climb, ski ramp jump, egg and spoon and a cross country run to finish. The event ended with medals and iceblocks.

A bit thanks to our sports coordinator Zola for making the event such an epic event and to the teachers and senior students who helped out with running the different sections of the courses.



Year 6 & 7 Try Challenge Finishers



Year 6-9 Try Challenge



Easter Baking in the Foods Department

Having fun in the foods department remembering the amazing gift Jesus gave us at Easter.



Junior College - Year 1

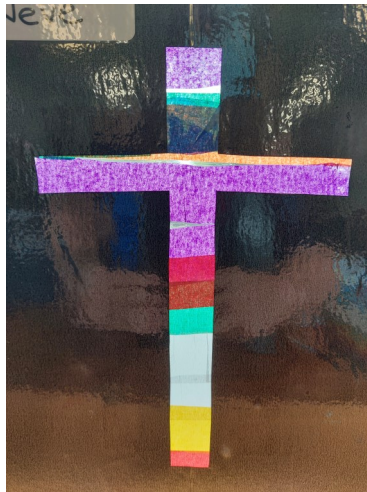
Jesus rode on a donkey. Jesus ate bread. Jesus got punched. He got spat on. He died. Jesus is in the cave. The people came to care for Jesus. Jesus wasn't there. He has risen. By Piet

Jesus sent his followers to get a donkey. Jesus washed his friends' feet. Jesus died on the cross. Jesus came back alive. By Jesse

Jesus rode on a donkey. They are drinking wine and eating bread. Jesus was punched. Jesus died. Jesus came back alive. By Alexia

Jesus rode a donkey. Jesus is giving his friends' wine. Jesus died on the cross. Jesus has come alive. By Ryder

I like to see donkeys. Jesus rode a donkey. Jesus ate bread and wine. Jesus got punched. Jesus couldn't carry his cross. He got killed. "Do not be afraid. Jesus has risen from the dead." By Tori



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