

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

1 April 2022

Term 1 Week 9

Upcoming Events

11 April L2 Chemistry Internal P1&2

12 April Y6-9 Tri challenge

13 April School photo day

14 April Last day of school

15 April Easter Friday

17 April Easter Sunday

18 April Easter Monday

2 May First day of Term 2

Photo Life

School Photo Day Wednesday 13 April

Sibling Photo request forms are available from the school office and must be returned before photo day.

From the Principal

The Fruit of the Spirit is how we interact

We continue to see Omicron spreading through our classes, with up to 25% of our students absent recently, either as a positive case or household contact. We pray that the effects are not severe for those that catch it, and recovery is quick. Learning for students can continue at home, through Google Classroom and regular communication with teachers.

Next week the vaccination mandate for education workers ends. Our School Board has decided that vaccination status will not be a criteria for employment at Excellere College. This means that unvaccinated staff are able to join with us again. We will continue with our hygiene procedures and mask wearing in classes.

Today I am meeting with my fellow Northland Christian Principals for a time of fellowship and professional learning. This is an opportunity to share our stories and gain insights, from each other, on our leadership role at school.

As we enter a new season where Covid restrictions are loosening it is timely to remember that we need to model humility towards each other. No matter what our personal opinion and actions have been during this unprecedented time we must share the love of Jesus to all. Our differences are human, our similarities are divine. We must focus on the divine, be guided by the Holy Spirit within, and display the fruit of the Spirit. This season will pass, but the Kingdom Jesus brought is here now and to come, and we are tasked with reflecting it for all.

Blessings Graeme Whitehead Principal

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5: 22 - 23 (NASB)

Whangarei Twilight Orienteering at Barge Park





We had a great bunch of students turn up to the last twilight orienteering event, held at Barge Park, Maunu. It was a challenging rogaine course covering over 5km, with approximately 20 control points. There were plenty of moments of feeling lost, taking the difficult path and reading the map wrong but that's all part of orienteering. A rogaine course is where you are given a set time, in this case 1 hour, to check in with as many controls as possible - in any order. A special recognition to June, Aiden, Connor, and Henu for challenging themselves, trying something new and working their way around the course. Well done all of you, from a super proud sports coordinator, Zola McDonald

House Gardening Competition

Last week was the judging of the house gardens tidy up competition. Each house had two weeks to trim weed and pull out plants ready for judging by our school caretaker Peter Sa'ena–Brown.

Hikurangi house students were out there every break time trimming, weeding and making the most of the lovely flowers already growing there.

Hurupaki did a good job pulling out the weeds around the main plants, leaving the whole space still feeling very green.

Parihaka on the other hand ripped out everything, preferring to go back to dirt and start again.

Parakiore made one attempt at trying to tame the wild..... If only there was a prize for the biggest/happiest tree.....

Congratulations to Hikurangi house for taking out the win. The next event will be the garden planting happening in Term 2.

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









Biology Field Trip to Matapouri



The Level 2 biology students went to Matapouri pebble beach on Wednesday the 29th March. The ecological studies which include recognizing and counting the organisms on the rocky shore, gave us information for completing two different standards worth four credits each.

We were all sorry that Rhozarius and Joshua were not well enough to join us. Everyone worked well and participated and it was a great experience and teamwork. Afterwards we all had a rest by the ice cream shop enjoying cold drinks.

Thank you year 12s and good luck with the rest of your internal exam process. — Mehrzad Sinclair, HoD Science







Year 7 Street Art Walking Trail

On Wednesday the Year 7 art class went on a walking tour around the murals in town. The students have been learning about graffiti art and watched many videos of artists creating large artworks on walls. This was a great opportunity for the students to see large scale artworks in real life and learn more about the art that exists in our city centre.

In the summer of 2019, 15 mural artists came to Whangarei and spent the weekend creating artwork for our streets. If you want to do a walking tour of these murals, Google 'Whangarei Street Art Trail' for a copy of the map.









Senior College Assessment Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Week 10	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 Senior College Progress Reports		
Week 11	11 L2 Biology internal L2 Chemistry Internal P1 & 2	12 L1 & L2 Reading Log Response #2 due L2 Biology internal	13	14	15 Good Friday		
Term 1 School Holidays 15 April - 1 May							

Year 6 & 7 Rippa Training

The Year 5 & 6's Junior College has been doing a lot of Rippa training this term. The goal will be to have a tournament in Term 2 between Year 5 & 6 and then select teams to compete against other primary schools in Whangarei. The students have shown much improvement and have really enjoyed having coaches from Northland Rugby come and teach them.









Excellere College Netball

Thank you all for being so patient in this area, the rules have changed almost on a weekly basis so this has made organising this difficult. I have heard from the netball centre that they have dropped all mandates from netball for this season and we will be able to go ahead under red light settings as the outside gathering numbers have increased.

The "My Vaccine Pass" section in the online registration forms will be fully removed by the 4th April, so if you are trying to register and are getting stuck at this question, please be patient and perhaps wait until the 4th April.

With all of this fuss with the rule changes it has resulted in teams not being completed in good time and no practices have been organised as yet. Many schools are having the same issues, so I think a lot of teams will turn up on week 1 being a little rusty.

At the moment we are looking for more Year 1-2s to enter, as they don't quite have enough for a team, so if you think that your Year 0-1-2 would like to give it a go, please fill out the online form (below) ASAP. This age group plays on a Monday evening from 5.30pm onwards and they are unlikely to need an official practice day, but I am however looking for a coach and/or manager for

this team, so please let me know if you are interested in this position.

https://www.sporty.co.nz/ excellerecollege/netball-registrations-2022/tab1

Once again thank you for your patience.

- Zola McDonald, Sports coordinator







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Holiday Music Days

When: Wednesdays + Thursdays April School holiday 1-5pm Where: The Ledge 79 Walton Street Whangarei Cost: \$120 per day (4 hours) Event on: https://fb.me/e/2ZEn3BAv1

Bandscool weekly sessions

Who: Children and adults (4 to 10 participants) When: Wednesdays in Tutukaka - Thursdays or Fridays at the Ledge Cost for the term (10 weeks): \$190

o register or for more info, please message us on facebook.com/Legend.Music

Junior College—Year 2 Artwork







Some lovely stamp art by the Year 2 students: We were learning about God's Creation. We were learning about the patterns God uses. We were learning about hot and cold colours. We used cold colours for our background. We used hot colours for our animals, fish, stars and flowers.

Denise Bucknell, Year 2 teacher







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