



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

May 6 2022

Term 2

Week 1

Upcoming Events

- May 10-11 Food & Beverages Course Year 11 & 12
- May 13 School Assembly @ 11.20am
All welcome to join us
- May 18 Year 7-8 Winter Sports Tournament
- May 16 & 19 Level 3 Dive Course
- May 25 Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
- May 31 Excellere College Cross-Country Years 1-13

From the Principal

God is for all

Welcome back to Term Two. We have settled back into learning, with only a few students still isolating at home, as last term over half our students tested positive. Unfortunately in the last few days two staff members tested positive, and this is a reminder that mask wearing is our main tool in slowing any spread of the virus through the school. We have retained most of our Covid Health & Safety procedures, however if you need to visit classrooms please support us in wearing a mask.

We welcome back Nicole Grammer, our Junior College leader from leave, and Christian Reynolds who is again providing two days release for Nicole in Year 6. We also welcome Gretchen Dainty in senior English, and Phil Buchanan back in the senior Maths/Physics space.

On the last day of term we raised \$275 for St Johns Heart of Gold Annual Appeal. This was a wonderful response for a worthy cause, and we thank you for your support.

Next Friday we are planning to have our first whole-school assembly since August last year. We are looking forward to celebrating the love of Jesus for all, and sharing a time of coming together in community. You are invited to join us, and encouraged to wear a mask to help us slow the spread.

A song on the recently released Tears For Fears album 'The Tipping Point' got me thinking about how God is always at work throughout creation. The song 'Rivers of Mercy' reminded me of the image of a river running out of New Jerusalem (Rev 22: 1) in the Kingdom of the new earth. A river of life, for all to be washed by. We must look for God in all creation, especially those that do not know Jesus yet. His invitation is for all, and part of our role is to help others see Him at work in, and through, their lives. As Christians we are not in an exclusive club, but offering free eternal membership. We are tasked with reflecting His Kingdom, as Jesus showed us how, with love and grace. I encourage you to find the love of Jesus in everyone you interact with, and share His love with them.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead, Principal

'One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.'
Ephesians 4: 6 (NASB1995)

Photolife—Class Photos

'Shoot keys' have been emailed out from Photolife, so you can now order your children's photos.

The school office has a list of all the keys so please contact us if you didn't receive the email from Photolife and need your shoot key.

Year 8 'Days of Creation' Paper Artworks

The Year 8 Students created paper artworks that represented each stage of God's creation: The students had to stick to a four colour scheme and think carefully about how to create depth and perspective in their work. These works are currently on display in the school office.



Welcome Back Mrs Grammer & Mr Reynolds



Room 3 is where the best bunch of Year 6s in the whole school learn each day. Mrs Anne McRae taught Room 3 last term and did an outstanding job teaching and caring for the Year 6 students and they in turn worked very hard for her. Mrs McRae will be relieving at school from time to time over the year, so it's nice for the students to be able to continue to have contact with her.

This term Mrs Grammer and Mr Reynolds have returned to school all refreshed and re energised from their time on leave. Mrs Grammer teaches the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Mr Reynolds teaches on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They both look forward to getting to know their students' interests, abilities and next learning steps.

A big focus for Room 3 is preparing students for their move into the Middle College next year. This is not only ensuring academic milestones have been met but also providing students with

opportunity to further develop their personal self management and work habit capabilities.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our love out to all our mums and wish them a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. Here is a prayer for you from all of us: "Thank you, God, for our mums who love us and show us how to be good. Bless our mums with what they need and help us to be a blessing to them. Amen"

Year 6 Mothers Day Poems

MUM

You are a clown making me laugh whenever I feel sad
 You are a light shining in the darkness
 You are a heart loving me
 You are a leaf always floating in the air
 You are a sunflower shining in the sunshine
 You are a stuffed teddy hugging me in the moonlight
 By Mikayla Falloon, Year 6

MUM

You are a rainbow filling me with colour
 You are a star lighting my day
 You are a flower blooming with happiness
 You are shield protecting me everyday
 You are a teacher teaching me everyday
 You are an angel watching me and filling me with happiness
 Carly Minaar, Year 6

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	16	17	18	19	20 TEACHER ONLY DAY Beauty Course Yr12/13
Week 4	23	24	25	26	27 Beauty Course Yr12/13 Soft Materials 1.21 due

Sports Calendar Term 2

18th May: Year 7-8, Winter Sports Tournament

25th May: Year 4-6, Winter Sports Tournament

31st May: Excellere College Cross-Country Years 1-13

8th June: Jumping June - Junior school

9th June: Year 9-10, 3x3 Basketball

21st June: Year 5-6, Rippa Tournament

28th June: Year 7-13, Interschool Cross-country

Junior Rippa Rugby

Rippa rugby junior Year 5-6, team announcement:

During Term 1 there was a big focus in the Year 5-6 students to become more involved in Rippa -Rugby. We have been having weekly practices where students have shown great skill, learning and speed in this particular sport.

Later this term (21st June) there is a tournament for Rippa Rugby and I am keen to put forward a well trained and focused team that works well together and enjoys the sport. The students underwent numerous selection processes where I was looking for well rounded students who were skilled, resilient, reliable, team players and encouraging to their peers.

I am pleased to announce the official Year 5-6 Rippa-Rugby team and the reserves:

Year 5 Team: Ella, Josiah, De Wet, Mia M, Elin

Year 6 Team: Chris, Stella, Noah, Emilee-Jae, Sarah, Lucy, Jaejin

Reserves: Kai, Fletcher, Hana, Eli H

Trades Academy

Rhozarius Gordon and Joshua Sharples are attending the North Tech Health Academy one day a week this year as part of the school's and North Tech's Trades Academy programme. Trades Academy courses include Health, Construction, Automotive and Hair and Beauty.



Whānau Gardens Donations

We are currently trying to spruce up our school by fixing up the house gardens and we would greatly appreciate it if you could lend us some resources to contribute to the maintenance of these gardens. Anything and everything is appreciated for example, gardening tools, rocks (for decorating) flowers and other plants.

Each garden has plants that represent the colour of the whānau with a tree at the centre:

Parakiore (red) – Pohutukawa tree with red plants/flowers

Hurupaki (green) — Nikau palm with Green plants/flowers

Hikurangi (yellow) —Kowhai tree with yellow plants/flowers

Parihaka (blue)— Kahikatea tree with blue plants/flowers

There will be a whānau competition later this term to judge the best whānau garden later on this term.



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.



Open to any student in years 5-8
7-9pm Alternate Fridays
Gold Coin Donation
Themes, Fun, Prizes, Friendship
And a message of Hope and Good News

TERM TWO DATES

May 6th
May 20th
June 3rd
June 17th
July 1st

Contact Jo Dawson 021741750 kiwi_osborne@yahoo.com

Running Workshop with Kim Drummond!

It's that time of year to start training for the school and inter-schools cross-country. Last year we set a goal around training so this Monday will be the beginning of this training with a special Running Workshop.



We have a special Guest Kim Drummond to share with us her tips and assist with race preparation. She is the winner of many Northland events including the Kai Iwi Lakes trail run, The Wild Kiwi and finisher of Comrades 90km road run, South Africa.

Note: Kim is faster than Mr Keyte

Kim is going to come here at lunch time for a workshop for those students who are interested and will help them to put together a running plan leading into our school cross country on the 31st May and the Interschool cross country on the 28th June.

Age: Year 7-13

Time: Monday 9th May at lunchtime

Place: Room 13, Mrs Kelly's homeroom

Who: If you are interested, please turn up and bring a friend

Questions: If you have any questions - please ask Zola.

2022 Year 13 Leavers



Celebrating the final year of school with the Year 13 leavers sweatshirts arriving last term. All the best to our senior students for the rest of the year.

Te Manawa Tahī — Development Support

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, TeManawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz

You are also more than welcome to join your local Te Manawa Tahī Facebook group for the most up to date information regarding our hubs. All hubs run from 9-12pm unless otherwise stated.

If you have any questions or comments, please phone 0800 524 842 or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz

<i>Thursday</i> 5 May	Ministry of Education 24 Kaka Street, Morningside
<i>Thursday</i> 12 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
	Rarimu Avenue School 48 Raurimu Ave, Onerahi
<i>Thursday</i> 19 May	Onerahi Community House 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi
<i>Thursday</i> 26 May	He Puna Ruku Mayaranga Whangaru (9-10:30am) 2916 Russell Road, Hikurangi
	Te Ora Hou —104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
<i>Thursday</i> 2 June	Back to Basics Childcare 179 Newton Road, Maungatapere
	Barnardos, 2 Armstrong Ave, Maunu
<i>Wednesday</i> 8 June	Te Horo School Library 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai
<i>Thursday</i> 9 June	Clark Road Chapel 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
<i>Thursday</i> 16 June	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup 20 George Street, Hikurangi
	Back to Basics Childcare 179 Newton Road, Maungatapere
<i>Wednesday</i> 22 June	Mangakahia Community Room 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki
<i>Thursday</i> 23 June	Manaia View school 64 Murdoch Crescent, Raumanga
<i>Thursday</i> 30 June	Te Rito Cnr William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei
	Clark Road Chapel 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
	Hora Hora School 22 Te Mai Road, Woodhill

Middle College Term 2 News & Update

A big hello and Kia Ora from Meagan, Jeanne and Tim, to our families of Middle College students.



Over the holidays I reflected on some of the highlights from Term 1 and an aspect that has stood out has been the outdoor education we have continued to do despite health restrictions. We were able to plan and run a number of events like athletics, art trips, orienteering, try challenge and

sports which may have looked a little different but still strongly built a sense of community and team amongst our students and staff. Students fully participated and made all the events a success. A huge thank you to Zola McDonald, our Sports Coordinator who spear headed these activities and puts in extra hours to ensure a great experience for all. I love that we are a school team that gets behind these activities and have fun.

As we move into Term 2 it is great to have many restrictions lifted which will enable parents and family to interact more at school. Netball is underway, the Year 7 and 8 Interschool Winter Sports comp is coming up and the Middle College expo will be ready to view at the end of term. We are also getting our composting, worm farm and gardens happening as we participate as an Enviro school.

Our theme for this term is Discover, Create, Innovate and we will be exploring how we can be positive influencers and further the progress of humanity through these aspects.

Our memory verses (Phillippians 2 : 1- 11) help to unpack this learning as it explains how we work in partnership with God in humility and service for His purposes.

We are pleased to welcome Chantel Minnaar back to our school for the rest of the year. She is teaching in the Middle College, Year 7 and 8 New Zealand Studies and Year 9 Social Science, Te Reo and New Zealand Studies. A huge thankyou to the teachers who stepped up and taught these subjects for a term. They have done an excellent job creating a great foundation for Mrs Minnaar.

Also this term we are eagerly looking forward to Kapa Haka and the Worship Team being able to start up for the year. I have missed the opportunities to sing, dance and praise and worship together.

BOOK CLUB: Our School librarian, Kimberly Nielsen is excited to be setting up a Book club for Year 7 - 9 students. Do you enjoy reading? Do you want to share your love of reading with others? Come to our school book club! This group is exclusively for students in Years 7-9, and will meet at lunchtime every 2nd Friday, in the school library. Each meeting will have a different theme, with students being given a book to take away and read, as well as questions to think about while reading, ready to discuss for next time. Our first meeting will be Friday 13 May. If you would like more information, feel free to stop by the library for a chat (12:30-3:30, Monday-Friday), or email: library@excellerecollege.school.nz

Each of the Middle College classes are involved in inquiry learning this term with a Passion Project or Genius Hour concept.

This work takes them on a journey exploring skills and abilities they have and developing further competencies. It is generated by the student to answer questions they have about the world and may require some resources, materials and encouragement from home. Please ask them what they are involved in and let them talk through ideas and understandings with you.

The final product is an interactive display that will be set up in class in the last week of term for other students and family to come and view. This is always a great opportunity for students to extend their thinking and learning and share their findings with a real audience.

Continue to keep yourselves safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing more of you around this term.

Kia Kaha, Meagan, Jeanne, Tim.




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