



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

June 10 2022

Term 2

Week 6

Upcoming Events

18 June Sat	Senior College Ball McKay Stadium
20&21 June Mon, Tues	Music Mentor Mazbou Q
21 June Tues	Rippa Year 5 & 6
24 June Fri	Matariki Holiday
28 June Tues	Year 7-13 Interschool Cross-Country, Barge Park
30 June Thurs	Careers Expo, Auckland — Year 10
1 July Fri	School Assembly
July 8 Friday	End of Term 2 Mufti Day School reports home

From the Principal

Compassion

We are seeing an increase in the number of students wanting to enrol for next year, and beyond. This is a wonderful response to the efforts of our staff to provide a loving, safe learning environment. It also means that we are nearing capacity, again, in many classes. We have been approved a roll-cap increase from next year to grow above 300 students, and WCET is exploring the possibility of adding to our classroom space. We are hoping that this will allow for another Year One class during next year to cater at this growing level. If you are looking to enrol, or know someone who is, please contact our office urgently to begin the journey, as we have very limited spaces in most class levels.

1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "Three things will last forever - faith, hope and love - and the greatest of these is love". (Na, tenei te mau nei te Whakapono, te Tumanako, te Aroha, enei e toru; ko te mea nui rawa ia o enei ko te Aroha.) At Excellere College we show this love by living out our Core Values (Ngā Uara): compassion, integrity and honour.

Compassion (aroha) means we are considerate of others, responsible for others, and hospitable toward others. Compassion is all about our interactions with others, our neighbour. Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." This is the light we look to reflect at Excellere College and encourage our students to shine. Next week we will consider the value of integrity. Stay warm this weekend.

Blessings,

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion"
Psalm 116: 5 (NASB)

Ball Decoration Help & Ticket Update



Our Senior College is having its annual Ball next week Saturday. The Ball committee is after some mason jars for the decorations. If you have any could you please drop them off at the office for us. Thank you.

There are only 20 tickets left. If you are wanting to go and haven't bought your ticket, get in ASAP. Last date of sale is Wednesday 15th June. It will be a wonderful night to remember.

- The EC Ball Committee

EXCELLERE COLLEGE PRESENTS

A Night in Paris

SENIOR BALL

SATURDAY, 18 JUNE
6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

McKay Stadium
97 Western Hills Drive,
Kensington

**1 Week left to get
your tickets!!!** **\$65**

Tickets can be purchased at the School
Office

Ratatouille's Week 7 Menu



This week at Ratatouille's we had two different flavours of soup: Leek and Potato and Pumpkin. Each flavour sold out and we had another good turn out.

Next week's flavour is Bacon and Vegetable with bread for \$2. We will be opening up for Year 6 up and teachers. Order from next week Monday.



Language Development Support

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi 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 Tahi flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by calling 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz

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

Thursday 16 June
Children's Lighthouse Playgroup
20 George Street, Hikurangi

Back to Basics Childcare
179 Newton Road, Maungatapere

Wednesday 22 June
Mangakahia Community Room
1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki

Thursday 23 June
Manaia View school
64 Murdoch Crescent, Raumanga

Thursday 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

Northland 3x3 Basketball Champs



Yesterday the Year 9-10 boys represented Excellere College at the local 3x3 basketball tournament at McKay stadium. It has been a really long time since these boys have been to a tournament due to lockdowns and restrictions and I worked out that it has actually been over 1 year since these boys have been off school grounds.

After a few minor headaches of getting a team together, we ended up entering two teams but not having enough players, we decided that it was going to be fine, we just needed to move students around between games to fill the gaps on the day.

Round 1 had its challenges as both of our teams were playing at the same time which meant that we couldn't switch our players around to cover the deficit, so we asked WBHS if they had someone willing to help us, and they did, so thank you to Rocky for stepping up and helping our team.

For the rest of the day the boys were either playing, reffing other games, scoring for other teams or cheering on their team, there was barely a moment where the boys were doing nothing - it was organised chaos but brilliant. They played 12 games, won 4, tied 1 and lost 7 - we reflected over these losses and realised that many points were due to accidental fouls which gave the other team free shots at goal which is a HUGE advantage over a 10 minute game.

The final game was the pinnacle, our boys won 12 to 5 and this put our boys 3rd in their pool which even put smiles on their 14 year old faces! **A-MAZE-ING**

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Middle College Assembly

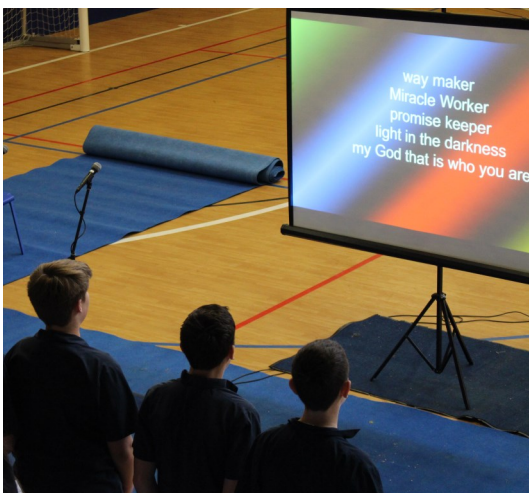


On Wednesday, 8 June, Middle College enjoyed their first Assembly crafted by the skillful Year 8 class. As Masters of Ceremony (MC), Abinaya and Luane did a superb job keeping a gentle eye on the presentations. A big thanks to the BEHIND THE SCENES people - LUAN, AYDEN, KABALI who organized everything, powerpoint, sound and graphics with some help from Cody and Ryan (our faithful Seniors). Ella and Esther were photographers.

Photos of our Cross country running and "Oh Happy Day" was a great delight for many. Grace designed and presented the Core Value Certificates to Zoe, Arahina and Cameron (Y7), Luan, Abinaya and Kaufo'ou (Y8) and Christiaan, Nina and Te'Rina (Y9). Mariela did an outstanding speech on Matariki and ended with suggestions of how we as Christians can celebrate Matariki this year on the first public holiday.

The Rakau performance of Tutira mai nga Iwi was "drummed out" by the rest of Room 12. Our lovely leader, Mrs Kelly shared a video on the importance of not being a Bystander. We ended the celebration with Waymaker and left the gym, each receiving handmade origami stars from the Year 8's.

Ka pai tamariki ma,
Mrs Hill, Year 8 Teacher



Rippa Rugby Reflection—Year 5&6 Girls Team

Last week we took our girls and boys Rippa Rugby teams to their first tournament, this was the junior winter sports tournament at Kensington, and our students did SO WELL. But to help you understand what this really means, I need to transport you back in time to June last year. I will focus on the girls team for this article as the boys already had great skills.



In June 2021 I enjoyed watching my eldest daughter play Rip-Rugby at a local event, she played in a girls only team (as the boys will often assume that girls aren't skilled at this type of activity and the girls never get included). I watched this girls team really gel together and perform amazingly and they LOVED it. At this point in time I hadn't started working at Excellere College, but I was hooked. Rippa Rugby is more fun than touch rugby but is still non contact compared to real-rugby. Players wear a velcro belt with 2 tags hanging, one on each side. The game is very similar to touch rugby, but instead of a 'touch' they will rip a tag and yell 'rip' and play on.

When I first introduced rippa to the girls at Excellere College, they were quite muddled, being such skilled netballers, they were throwing the rugby ball as a netball and chest passing it to their team. They were also VERY inclined to run away from the



opposition, thus losing ground instead of pressing forward and taking the 'rip'. There were 'panic passes', 'forward passes', 'off sides', 'dropped balls at the try line' and 'knock-ons', a very frustrating scene for someone like me lol.

However, I knew that these girls would eventually 'get it' and love it, so we kept on practising, every week I

took the Year 5 and 6's for Rippa, sometimes I just focused on the girls as I really wanted to increase their skills to make them just as good as the boys. This is where the story gets exciting - the girls are

there, they are now as good as the boys as they have improved in their skills SO much.

At the tournament last week, I watched from the sidelines with watery eyes and so much pride in my heart, all of those hours of training had paid off. The girls were a sensation, they know the game, they understand it, they really listened and were teachable and passionate about playing. They played teams that were disorganised and hadn't played before, during those games they won by a lot and the girls were gracious. We also played teams who were VERY skilled and who had obviously practised and during these games our girls matched that teams skills and often tied with them. It was such a fantastic feeling to see how far these girls had come.



I must also mention their sportsmanship and leadership. I often overheard them talking to each other to build each other up and if they had wronged another player accidentally, they were very quick to help that player up off the ground and apologise. They got over any frustrations quickly and decided to leave any frustrations in the past and not let it carry on into the next game.

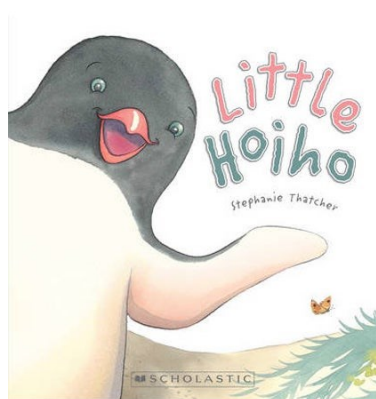
We are now looking forward to our next Rippa Rugby tournament on the 21st June.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator and rippa rugby enthusiast



New 'Good Reads' in the Excellere College Library

As the weather starts to get colder more time is spent inside and reading is a wonderful way to spend a few minutes or even a few hours inside. Come to the Library at lunchtime and maybe even take a few books home to read. Below are some of the new books now available / soon to arrive in the school library:



Little Hoiho (Junior College) by Stephanie Thatcher

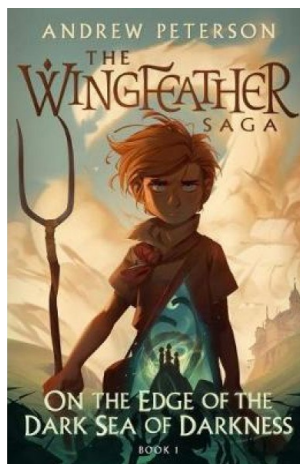
On her first venture out of the nest, Little Hoiho admires the other birds around her and tries desperately to imitate them - with unfortunate results. But when she accidentally trips and falls into the water, she discovers that she is no longer

awkward and clumsy - she is graceful and agile!

The Dead Sea Squirrels Series (Junior College) by Mike Nawrocki

(Books 1, 3 & 4 currently available; book 2 is on its way)

Ten-year-old Michael and his friend Justin sneak into the Dead Sea caves near the archaeological dig where Michael's dad is working. Michael finds two 2,000-year-old squirrels petrified in sea salt. Hijinks ensue as Michael tries to bring them back to the U.S., hidden in his backpack. What Michael thinks are just cool souvenirs may turn out to be something much more! The Dead Sea Squirrels series is humorous, fun, and filled with character-building lessons.



The Wingfeather Saga (Middle College) by Andrew Peterson

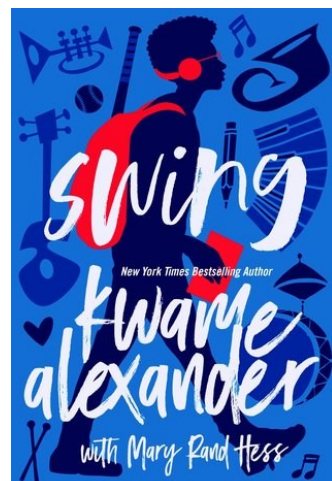
(Books 1-3 currently available; book 4 and 'Pembrock's Creaturepedia' are on their way)

A series of four fantasy adventure novels about the three Igiby children, Janner, Kalmar, and Leeli. They live in a world called Aerwiar (which is exactly like our world, except they don't have electricity or gunpowder), and there are all sorts of creepy animals (like sea

dragons and toothy cows). The children are about to discover that the ordinary little town where they live is anything but ordinary. In fact, the family is at the centre of a great mystery that will change their lives - and their world - forever.

Swing by Kwame Alexander (Senior College)

(This book has been ordered)
New York Times bestselling authors Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess tell this lyrical story about hope, courage, and love that speaks to anyone who's struggled to find their voice. The surprise ending shines a spotlight on the issues related to our current social divide, challenging perspectives and inspiring everyone to make their voice heard.



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