



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

July 8 2022

Term 2

Week 10

Upcoming Events

25 July Monday	Start of Term 3
28 July Thursday	Learning Conferences 2-8pm www.parentinterviews.co.nz Excellere Booking Code is: SW3PDDUB School will close at 1.20pm Bus students and those who cannot be picked up will be supervised.
3 August Wednesday	BOT Election - Nominations close
10 August Wednesday	BOT Election—Voting papers posted out.
7 Sept Wednesday	BOT Election Day Poll closes @ 4pm

Uniform Policy Review

We are about to review our uniform policy and you will get an opportunity to feed forward into any changes we might make.

In the meantime due to the colder weather we are going to allow students to wear black or navy blue puffer jackets next term.

These must be plain with no designs or major wording on them.

From the Principal

Rest

Another very busy term has come to an end. The end-of-term rain has reminded us that we are deep into winter and in need of some Spirit warmth. I want to thank all our staff, students, and parents for their efforts, love and support this term. We have remained faithful in our hope of providing a calm, peaceful learning environment for our students. As creation groans through this age be thankful that the Kingdom is here, and to come, and we are all made in the image of God, to shine His light to the nations.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students made it to the top of the Pinnacles, in Coromandel, and returned safely on Wednesday. Despite the rain they had a great time, and are well prepared for their next adventure to Cape Brett. Well done to all involved.

Our carpark will be closed for at least the first four weeks of Term Three, and we have organised for the use of Arise church carpark for dropoff and pickup of students. Please do not use our main entrance to drop off children as construction vehicles will be using it. The recent emailed notice and map indicate the safe dropoff/pickup areas at the back of the Arise church carpark. The main safety concern is the exit onto SH1, and we will looking to our parents amazing patience and care during this time. Our buses will be stopping, briefly, at our driveway entrance for pickups and dropoffs. Students will be organised at the Whare for this.

We are experiencing a Covid and flu season, and pray that the holiday allows us all to find some rest and healing. Our staff and relievers have been outstanding in covering for absent staff, however our concern is for more illness next term which may require some classes to go 'on-line' from home again. We are hoping that this will not be necessary, however we **may need to ask our students to return to wearing masks in class as a health precaution for us all**. We have a supply of masks, small and normal, which will be available for students.

Next term starts with Learning Conferences on Thursday of week One, with parking in the Arise carpark. Please book in a time to talk to the teachers, and continue our learning partnership.

I pray that these holidays allow for some whanau time, rest and healing.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead, Principal

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11: 28 (NIV)

School Carpark Closing for Concreting : 11 July-22 August

We are pleased to announce that our carpark will soon be concreted. WCET will be starting this project during the school holidays, and into early Term Three. This means that you will not be able to enter our driveway for student drop-off and pickups during this time. For safety reasons, we ask our parents to not drop off children at our entrance during this time* Students will wait under the Gym verandah (staff supervising)

* Follow the arrows to our courts' area at the back of the carpark area

* Pickup/dropoff zone is beside the gate to the courts

* Please stay in your car whilst picking up, and be patient

*Exit onto SH1 needs extra care and more patience, especially turning right If you need to visit school during the day please also park in the Arise carpark, in the centre of the back courts area. Please ensure the Courts' gate stays closed/chained after you enter/exit the school. Please come to the school office to sign in, at all times.

We are planning that our buses will stop in the laneway at our driveway entrance for pickup and drop-off at the usual times. Although inconvenient for a short time, this is an exciting development and we ask for your patience and prayers as we continue our growth as a school.

Term 3 Sports Events



Rippa-Rugby Festival Tuesday 9th August,
Year 7-8, girls only, seven a side, Entries close 1st August



Futsal-Festival
Wednesday 10th August, Year 7-8, boys and girls mixed teams, five a side. Entries close 3rd August, must have 1-2 girls on court



Netball Tournament
Tuesday 23rd August, Year 7-8, girls/boys mixed and Year 9-10 girls/boys mixed, seven a side. Entries close 16th August



Basketball-Festival
Wednesday 24th August, Year 7-8 girls/boys mixed, five a side. Entries close 17th August



Badminton Individual Champs (A-grade)
Thursday 4th August: boys/girls Year 9-13. Entries close 28th July



Badminton Individual cup comp (B-grade)
Tuesday 30th August, Year 9-13 boys/girls. Entries close 23rd August



Basketball Cup/Festival
Tuesday 20th September, Year 9-10 boys, 5 a side, entries close 13th September.



Couch to 5km Fun Run
Combined with 'Run 4 Bibles' fundraiser.

Excellere College—School Board Elections

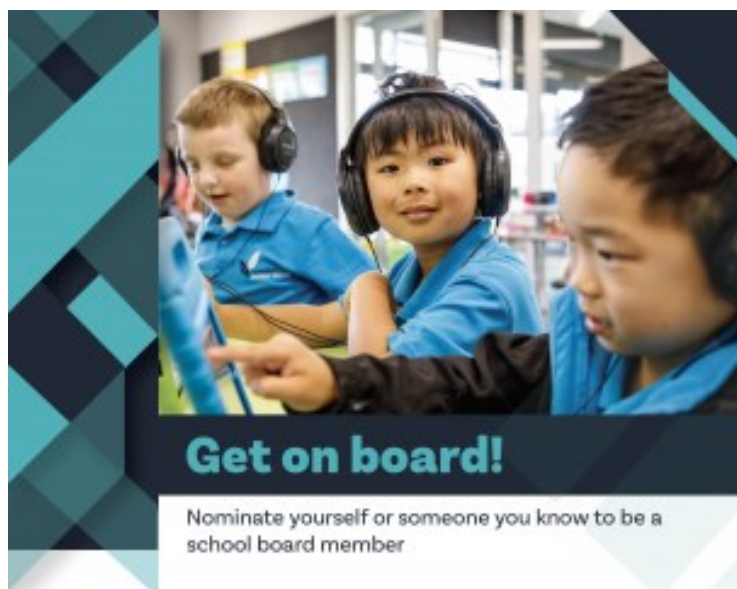
Nominations are open for the election of three (3) parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office. Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3 August. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022.

- Kimberley Nielsen, Returning Officer



Event Schedule	Date
Call for Nominations by	Friday, 15th July 2022
Nominations Close (at 12pm)	Wednesday, 3rd August 2022
Voting Papers Issued by	Wednesday, 10th August 2022
Election Day	Wednesday, 7 September 2022
Close Poll	4pm on election day
Accept Postal Votes	Monday, 12th September 2022
Count Votes	Tuesday, 13th September 2022
Board Takes Office	Wednesday, 14th September 2022

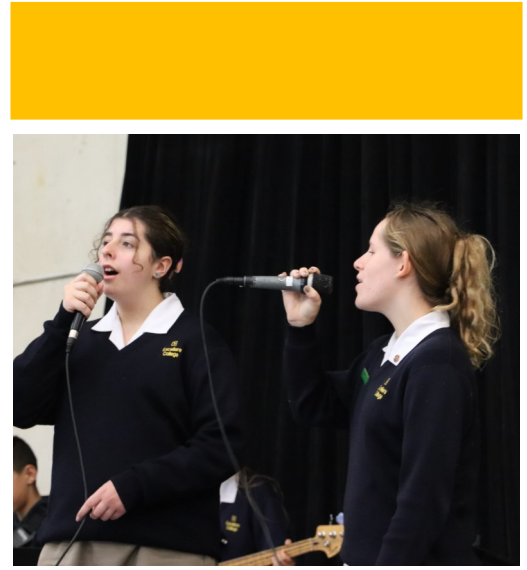
Year 7 Food & Nutrition



Well done to the Year 7 Food and Nutrition class for planning, preparing and creating some wonderful cultural themed dishes for our final class. You all worked extremely hard and made some delicious foods from around the world.
- Miss H Lamason
HOD Food Tech



End of Term 2 Assembly



Duke of Edinburgh—The Pinnacles

This week the Duke of Edinburgh bronze practice tramp was to the Pinnacles in Coromandel. The awesome group of students started the first day buzzing throughout the 4 hour drive from Whangarei to the Kauaeranga Valley just out of Thames. After a quick Pak n' Save stop we drove along an incredible valley road to our first campsite and set up our tents in the twilight before playing spotlight. The next day a storm was brewing and our goal was to make it to the hut and up to the summit of the Pinnacles before the storm really set in. The track was incredible with awesome suspension bridges, river crossings, beautiful scenery and some steep climbs.

At the hut, 582m above sea level and surrounded by incredible bush, we dropped our heavy packs and ate a quick lunch then headed up to the summit in the quickly worsening rain. It was a very unique experience with the latter chunk of the climb being over slippery rocks and funky ladders. At the top, even with the



clouds obscuring our view, it was simply awesome. Back at the hut we got ourselves dry and played the fast paced card game spoons while we waited for Rob the ranger to let us into the hut.

Dinner that night was backcountry meals, a vast change from the fresh bread, chicken and salad of the night before. After dinner some competitive games of UNO had most of us ready for bed. On Wednesday we woke up and got ready to head out after an incredible sleep the night before. The storm had settled so we ate breakfast, gathered our gear and left the safety of the hut into the chilly morning air and low hanging cloud. Returning to the van was slippery and not always stable however no one had any falls. The van ride back was much more muted (and smelly) There was plenty of napping and a good old game of I Spy entertaining those of us left awake.

- Joel Schoemaker, Year 11

Turbo Touch Coaching

This week we had Steven Beasley and JB from Touch NZ come into our school to teach the year 5 - 9s how to play Turbo Touch. 99% of our students had never heard of Turbo Touch before, let alone played it, so this was a great experience.

Turbo Touch is a combination of touch rugby, netball and volleyball. Players are allowed to run with the ball and pass the ball in any direction with the aim of the game to get the ball into the 'touchdown' zone at the other end of the court. It is an indoor sport, traditionally played on a netball court. Our students

picked the skills of the game up really fast with many showing great natural talent but the most important thing was that they all appeared to have fun.

Next term I aim to expand on our students' skill sets and increase their exposure to the sport. I have also been in touch with Parafed Northland as Turbo Touch is also available in wheelchairs and this would be a fun and inclusive sport for anyone to try.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for Enviro– Schools

We are raising funds to beautify our school environment. Enviro-school projects empower students and help them to take initiative in planning and leadership. The priority for the majority of students was adding trees, butterfly gardens and benches around the playground and also creating a mural which would be created by all of the students.



We had a sausage sizzle fundraiser on Wednesday which was really successful (we ran out of everything). We will have another one next term, along with a mufti day. Thank you to the students from the Middle College and especially Mrs Kelly.

- Ms Sinclair, Enviro-schools Coordinator



School Holiday Programmes

FREE TUTORED 1 HOUR
CODING
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

4PM, 5PM AND 6PM SESSION OPTIONS

FUN EDUCATION

SIGN UP AT
CODINGNZ.COM/HOLIDAYS

QR Code

Suitable for ages 9 to 18. 1 hour online tutored learning sessions. Limited spaces available. Bookings required. Students need a laptop/chromebook/macbook.

TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND

School Holiday Program

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- BASIC FITNESS
- BASICS OF TABLE TENNIS
- FOOTWORK
- HAND AND EYE CO-ORDINATION
- FUN ACTIVITIES

Cost- \$10 per session

Please Register online- www.sporty.co.nz/northlandtt
Last Date Of Registration- 09th July, 2022

Contact: Naina Suri, Sport Development Officer
E-mail- tsportsnorth97@gmail.com (M) 0225382035
97 Western Hills Drive, Kensington, Whangarei
Adjacent to Sport Northland Building

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FUTSAL FOCUSED - BUT SO MUCH MORE!

For kids aged 6 - 16yrs

Monday 11th - Friday 15th July
8:30 - 4:00pm

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