# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

# **Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

# Newsletter - Te Pānui

July 1 2022

Term 2 Week 9

4-6 July	DOE Bronze Tramp
6 July Wednesday	Sausage Sizzle \$2 each Enviroschool fundraiser
July 8 Friday	End of Term 2 Mufti Day
	School reports home
July 25 Monday	Term 3 Begins
,	Term 3 Begins Parent student teacher interviews 2-7pm
Monday July 28	Parent student teacher

#### **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.

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# From the Principal

Yesterday a group of senior students attended a Careers Expo in Auckland. This was a wonderful opportunity to explore the many options available in their futures. We thank Mrs Auton and Mrs Minnaar for organising this trip.

After their Hurupaki climb earlier this week a group of our Duke of Edinburgh students are off next week to the Coromandel, to tramp the Pinnacles trail. This is a mighty steep climb, with great views and a warm hut at the top. We wish them well and pray for calm weather.

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Student mid-year reports go home next week, with Learning Conferences in the first week of next term. During the on-going disruptions from Covid our students have shown amazing resilience and commitment to their learning. I also thank all our parents for their support during this time. Our hope is in Jesus as we navigate the weariness of these times.

During the holidays work will begin on concreting our carpark area. This is great news, and the end to the potholes, and flooding, we experience during winter. We are expecting that our carpark will be closed for the first four weeks of Term Three, so we have organised for the use of Arise carpark for drop off and pickup of students. We are finalising a traffic plan for this, with the stopping zone beside the gate at the back of the Arise carpark area. More details, and a map, will be provided next week. The main safety concern is the exit onto SH1, and we will be looking to our parents amazing patience and care during this time.

We are hoping that our buses will be able to stop at our driveway entrance.

Blessings,

Graeme Whitehead Principal

> "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:" Ecclesiastes 3: 1 (NLT)

# School Carpark Closing for Concreting

We are pleased to announce that our carpark will soon be concreted. WCET \* Follow the arrows to our court area at the back of the carpark will be starting this project during the school holidays, and into Term Three. \* Pickup/drop-off zone is beside the gate to the courts

This means that our entrance driveway and carpark will be out of use. We are hopeful that this will only be for the first four weeks of Term Three (July 11 - August 22). For safety reasons, we ask our parents to not drop off children at our entrance during this time.

We are planning that our buses will stop in the laneway at our driveway entrance for pickup and drop off at the usual times. We have arranged with Arise church to use their entrance and carpark as our pick up/dropoff zone.

\* Students will wait under the Gym verandah (staff supervising) \* Cars will enter the Arise carpark driveway

- \* Please stay in your car whilst picking up, and be patient
- \* Exit onto SH1 needs extra care and more patience

If you need to visit school during the day please also park in the Arise carpark. Please do not park in the back courts area, as our students may be using it during the day. We will be providing more details, and a map next week.

Although this will be inconvenient for a short time we are excited about this improvement as part of our growth as a school.

- Excellere College WCET

#### Mazbou Q Music Mentor

Melisa Tshuma: As this was my second time going to the music workshop I entered with high expectations and was also excited to see what else I could learn while Mazbou was at school. I went in with a very open mind for new experiences even though we did the same thing as last year.

I believe that there was still a lot that I took away from the experience like stage presence and having confidence while performing. He taught us that while performing we should engage the crowd and to have fun on the stage which was a real confidence boost. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate and him coming to teach and guide us through our musical journeys.







LJ Volschenk: I learnt a lot from Mazbou when it came to songwriting. This helped me a lot because my songs that I write, most of them are repetitive, so this gave me a better insight of how to write them. I learnt a lot when it came to chorus, verse and bridge, which I was confused about till I figured out how I should say, make them and structure them in there and make it where I think it sounds good.

**Ethan Blackwood:** I learned a lot from Mazbou. He was a very good teacher and I enjoyed his teachings, as well as writing a banger of a song.

**Levi Yung:** It was cool having Mazbou Q come for the second year to teach us more about songwriting. I liked the way he got us out of our comfort zone to try new things. I really enjoyed the two days he was here.









#### Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament

After a postponement last week, we were all very anxious to get this event completed. However, it was actually a blessing in disguise as we had a few students that were sick last week and were unable to attend. So the new date was Monday this week and 99% of our team was there and we had a GREAT day.

The girls and boys teams both played well, winning many games, and overall having a really fun time displaying great sportsmanship and enjoyment for the sport. A special mention was given to Mia Marais year 5 and Ethan Architto year 6 who were voted player of the day from their team managers on the day. But well done to everyone, these students have been training for MONTHS and their hard work was evident on the









# Northland Secondary Schools Cross-Country







This was a cracker of a day, our team was smaller this year, but that didn't stop these students from standing out. I was running around the course yelling...I mean 'encouraging' our students to run faster and pass the person ahead of them (the BEST part of my job). I enjoyed the support that the Excellere students gave each other whilst waiting for their own race, you would often see our students positioned on the track to cheer on their teammates offering them much needed encouragement.

Getting to this event is a big deal as it is the Northland Area Championships. However, finishing in the top 10 in this event is a mammoth achievement and the students who did finish in the top 10 deserve a special mention: **LJ Volschenk** finished 10th in the Senior Boy section, running 6km in 25min 48 sec, average pace of 4min 20sec per km.

Kelly de Beer ran like a true little champion, finishing 2nd in the Year 7 girls bringing us a top 3 placing which is EPIC! June Underwood finished 8th in the Year 7 girls running a fantastic race.

Well done to everyone else for competing and trying their best: Jessica, Ella, Caylin, Declin, Levi, Aiden, Henu - well done to you all.

#### Term 3 Sport Events

- 1) Badminton Individuals August 4 (entries close July 28)
- Rippa-Rugby year 7-8 girls only August 9 (entries close August 1)
- 3) Futsal Year 7-8 event August 10

4) Netball junior tournament August 23, Dargaville. Year 7-8 & Year 9-10 girls and mixed (entries close August 16)

5) Basketball festival, Year 7-8 mixed, August 24 (entries close August 17)

6) Badminton individual champs B-grade, Year9-13, August 30 (entries close August 23)

7) Kiwi-TAG girls only, Year 7-8, September 7 (entries close August 31)

8) Kiwi-TAG boys only, Year 7-8, September 15 (entries close September 8)

9) Basketball festival, boys Year 9-10, September 20 (entries close September 13)





#### Ratatouilles

This week at Ratatouilles we had kumara with Mrs Kelly's amazing fried bread. So we had another good turnout.

Over this term we have 6 weeks of different soups. Every week we have 20 people turn up to have hot soup and we have raised over \$150 dollars. This was our last week of soup, but on Wednesday the interact club are having a sausage sizzle for \$2. A big thanks to Mrs Kelly and the team for making delicious soup for us every week.

Rosie de Vetter, Year 9

# **Holiday Notices**



# Prayers and arts and Crafts by Year 2 Students

In Room 1 we have been praying for our mummies. We have each made a little prayer booklet for them. These prayers came from the children.

We have also made a few gifts just to bless them. Aimee Whitehead gave us the little terracotta pots that we then painted and decorated and planted air plants in them.

We also made Matariki star coasters.

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#### Year 9 Proverb Word Art



# School Board Parent Elections

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Event	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





Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Kimberley Nielsen Returning Officer Excellere School Board email - library@excellerecollege.school.nz



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