



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 26 2022

Term 3

Week 5

Upcoming Events

29 Aug Teacher Only Day

1 Sept	MATHEX
Thursday	
12-14 Sept	Senior Exam Week
Mon-Wed	Week 8
13 Sept	MCAT External Exam
Tuesday	Level 1 Maths
15 Sept	ERO Visit
Thursday	
14-16 Sept	HA Kakano
Thurs&Fri	Year 10
19-20 Sept	NZCPT Review
Mon-Tues	
22-23 Sept	Outdoor First Aid
Thurs&Fri	Year 11 & 12
27-30 Sept	Duke of Edinburgh
Tues-Friday	Te Paki Trip

Teacher Aide Position

Fixed-term, full-time (25hrs) Start date: 26/09/2022, End date: 09/12/2022.

We have a position which requires a degree of flexibility to be able to work with a mixture of teachers, whilst supporting two students in our Senior College. The role involves providing individual support in the classroom with the student's programmes, liaising with teachers about the programmes, and supporting the student in any programmes outside the classroom. An important aspect of the role is being able to develop a positive, caring relationship with the students.

For specific job description please contact the office

Application forms are on the school web site. Applicants are expected to maintain and enhance our Christian Special Character. Closes on Wed 7 Sept

From the Principal

Spring is coming

We are half way through this term and I continue to be impressed by the positive outlook and attitude of our students. Our attendance rate remains above the Northland, and national, average which is a reflection of the importance our parents place on education. Every unnecessary day of absence affects the learning capacity of children, and makes re-engagement more difficult. We continue daily to try and provide a calm and peaceful learning environment at school, and thank our parents for their support in getting children to school each day. As Spring approaches we pray that the warming weather will also support students' learning journey with us.

The school will be closed for our Teacher only day next Monday. Our Senior College staff are heading to Kerikeri for a day with other teachers exploring the upcoming NCEA changes. The rest of us will be continuing the mahi looking at the new Social Science/Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum through a Christian lens. We thank you for your support of this professional learning opportunity.

Our final carpark concreting is set for Tuesday next week. Please pray for a fine day. We will need to continue using Arise church carpark for a few more weeks, and we thank you for your ongoing patience at this time.

Spring is the season when the landscape comes to life after winter. Stronger sunlight, warmer temperatures and longer days all add to the feeling of new beginnings. Our Christian journey is also one of seasons, and despite the changing environment around us we can be assured that the Lord's purpose, love of Jesus, and Holy Spirit guidance will always be our support. This is the hope that we want to share with our children.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring." Isaiah 58: 11 (NLT)

Daffodil Day

Our school is proudly supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day and today we raised **\$335.80**
Many thanks to all those who participated.



Basketball

This week our Year 7 & 8's competed at a basketball tournament at McKay stadium. This event was a mixed tournament so it was so good to see so many students put their hands up to participate.

We had the most teams entered in the area with 3 teams from Excellere. The kids had such a good day, with our top team finishing 3rd overall. I loved how our students managed their wins and losses, a fantastic bunch of athletes.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Learning and Development Support

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa 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

All hubs are open from 9am-12pm (unless otherwise stated).

Wed 31 August	Archie Bull Hall , 11 Kaiwaka /Mangawhai Road
Thurs 1 September	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo
Wed 7 September	Bream Bay Community Trust , (10:00am – 12:30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā
Thurs 8 September	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup , 20 George Street, Hikurangi Back 2 Basics Childcare , 179 Newton Road, Maungatāpere
Wed 14 September	Mangakahia Community Room , Mangakahia Area School, 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki
Thurs 15 September	Manaia View School , 64 Murdoch Crescent, Raumanga Te Rito , Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei
Wed, 21 September	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville

COVID REMINDER

Kia ora whanau, As we observe rising cases in the wider community and our school community, (staff and students) we would like to remind everyone to observe our covid safety guidelines eg. Mask-wearing, hand-washing, use of sanitiser, staying home if unwell.

Thank you.

Puberty Year 7-10

This term we will be teaching our puberty unit to the Y7-10 students. This will be done as a block course with the Year 7/8 students being taught Wednesday Week 6 (31 August) in Periods 1-4. The Year 9/10s will be taught the following Wednesday (7 September) Period 1 & 2 for Year 9 and Periods 1-3 for the Year 10's. A copy of the teaching resources has been available at the office if any parents wish to see the resources we will be using. If a parent does not wish their child to be part of this teaching course, please let Ben Keyte know at ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz and alternate arrangements will be made during this time for them.

Mixed Teams Netball Festival

This week we took 34 students (a mix of year 7-8s and year 9-10s) over to Dargaville to compete in the NSSSA netball cup competition. We were the only school who turned up with 4 teams. We were also the only school to not factor in the terrible traffic congestion when getting out of Whangarei at that time of the day and as a result - we turned up late. This muddled us up a little at the start of the day, but the teams soon settled into a good rhythm.

Most other schools only sent the competition teams to this event, so there were some VERY competitive teams and great skills on display, so this meant that we took some rather severe losses, but we also managed to beat some teams with similar results. Over all, the students managed themselves well, this was a mixed event, so it

was great to see so many boys who decided to give netball a go, and I think they now have a new respect for this sport.

I would like to put in a special mention to Anneke Duinkerke and Tamara Chambers who came over for the day. Thank you so much for all of the management skills that you brought to the day as well as all of your umpiring skills. There was no way that myself and Jeanne Hill were going to manage that all on our own. So thank you both SO much for giving up your day for this event.

And thank you to all of the parents who were flexible with the changing of pick up times at the end of the day.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Springs Challenge Reminder

A reminder to students and whanau who are participating in the Springs Challenge this year. All evidence is needed by the end of this term.

Please start bringing in your books to be checked and signed off so they can be handed in before Friday Week 10 (last day of term).

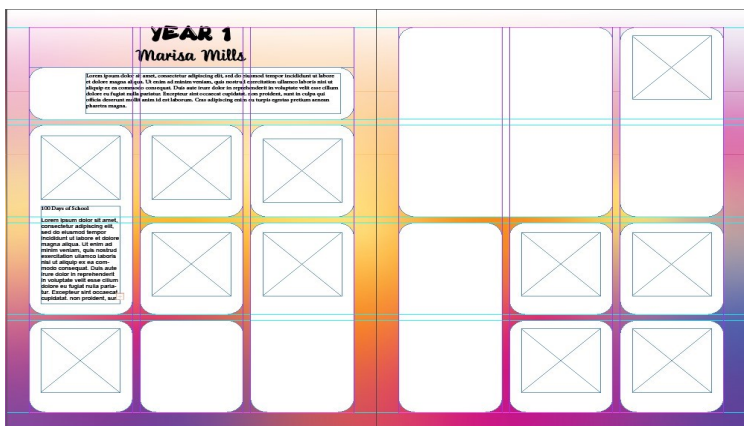
- Ben Keyte, Springs Challenge Coordinator.

Excellere College Yearbook 2022



The preparations for the school's yearbook have started. This year the layout and colour choices are based on the colours of Instagram with a social media style layout.

These will be ready early Term 4. Each family will receive one copy for free. Extra copies will be available to buy. Please let the office know if you would like extra copies so we can include them in our printing order.



Excellere College Intermediate Team

The Excellere Intermediate Netball team are having a great season! They won the preliminary round and have now gone up a grade where they are being challenged in both their skill level and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and to Neville & Lauren for your kind sponsorship of the team. We have been able to purchase a new team ball and player of the day awards for the season.

- Tamara Chambers, Coach



PLAY FUTSAL

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for kids aged 7 - 17 years

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