



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 12 2022

Term 3

Week 3

Upcoming Events

16-17 Aug Year 11 Food & Beverage
Tues & Wed course

23 Aug Netball Junior Tournament
Tuesday Dargaville

Aug 24 Basketball Festival
Wednesday Year 7 & 8

26 Aug Daffodil Day Mufti Day
Friday

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

15-16 Sept Hā 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

From the Principal

The Truth of Faith, Hope and Love

Our caretaker's new shed is quickly taking shape and we are hoping that Peter can move in soon. The final pour for our new carpark has been postponed to next week and we continue to pray that the weather will be fine for the day required.

From our recent School Board elections we welcome back Mirko Wojnowski, and Richard Vigus as a new Board member. We also welcome Sarah Stewart as a new Proprietor's rep on our Board. We have been blessed with wonderful people on our Board over the years and as we enter a new season of growth the school is, again, well served by our current members.

I have been reflecting on the how our God wants a personal relationship with us all, and through Jesus has spent time as a human. That God is so close and knows our humanity is mind-blowing stuff. This is a unique reality that encompasses love, forgiveness and grace. The truth of this scares some, and offends others. Yet we are all imago dei, made in the image of God. We all have the capacity and opportunity to accept the free invitation from God. It is a gift to be received, not forced. In a world where truth is becoming more contestable and shrouded in mist, we can continue to share Jesus' message of faith, hope and love with all. Peace is found in the gentleness of Jesus, and we are His disciples in sharing this message.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead

Principal

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14 (NASB1995)

COVID REMINDER:

Kia ora whānau, 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.

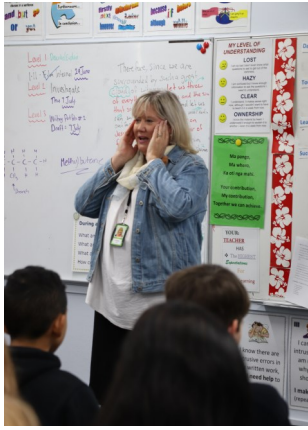
Taylor Road Safety Notice

Following some communication from a resident on Taylor Road I would like to ask our parents to be extra careful if dropping off students there.

Please do not stop or turn at the entrance to Taylor Road, as this narrows the road and can create a dangerous situation for vehicles turning in, or exiting. Thank you for your patience during our carpark construction, and for showing 'love' for our neighbours.



Developing Well-being



"Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24

Mrs Louise Field, Educational Psychologist from MoE has been conducting seminars with Senior College students about the importance of well-being.

The focus has been on the causes of stress and anxiety, identifying these stressors and how we can respond by giving us strategies to cope. I've invited Louise especially as students

prepare for NCEA exams in Week 8.

Please note that these exams are important if results need to be used for derived grades in the event of a traumatic experience which prevents students from sitting their final exams. More information will be sent in the next few weeks.

- Noho ora mai, Danielle Smith, Senior College Leader

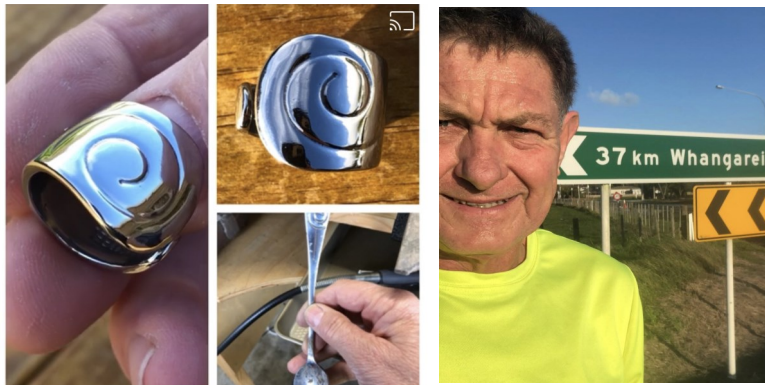


Year 3-4 Lions Uniform Sponsorship

Our Year 3-4 Netball Team the Lions were sponsored with some Netball jackets this year. We just want to say a big thank you to Leah's (Year 3) parents for organising a voucher from the Warehouse and Mila (Year 3) and Danique's (Year 4) dads for funds that contributed to the lovely warm jackets. The Jackets look super smart, the students are so proud to wear them before each game on Saturday mornings. - Chantel Minnaar (Netball coach)



Year 8 — Genius Hour Inspiration



This term the Year 8's are working on passion projects (Genius Hour) for Social Studies. Last week, Mrs Hill asked Mr Hill to come into school to share the journey of his passion project to the Year 8's. Mr Hill's passion had been his grandmother, and running. Mr Hill has arthritis, and when he discovered this he remembered his grandmother and how she had suffered from arthritis. He decided that he would combine his two passions and run from Cape Reinga to Bluff to raise money for Arthritis NZ.



Mr Hill has suffered plenty of blisters and bruises, and so far he had worn out three pairs of running shoes and now is onto his 4th pair. Since he has arthritis he changed his plan from running to walking and while he was walking along a road to Matamata, he found a pile of trash beside the road and heard God talking to him. So he took the trash home and made it into jewellery. The jewellery is on Trade Me for auction and the money collected will go towards Arthritis NZ.

The Yr 8's have learned what really is a passion project from Mr Hill's journey and now are planning their own to make a difference in their community.

Caretaker's Shed Progress

The caretaker's shed has gone up so quickly! From a concrete pad to framing, roof and walls in 3 days.

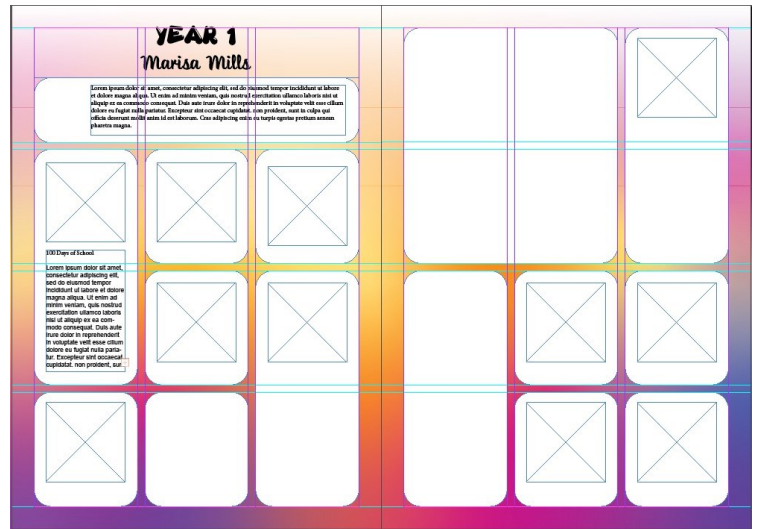


Excellere College Yearbook 2022



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.



Year 7 & 8 Girls Rippa Tournament

This week our year 7-8 girls were given the opportunity to play in a girls only Rip-Rugby tournament in Kamo. Since it is the women's rugby world cup this year, we are seeing a bigger push towards girls events in this sport. Each school that attended was given a country to represent for the festival day, and we were given Japan. We decided to dress up the best we could for the day; we even had to come up with a chant (that we were not prepared for, but it was still fun). The organisers also bought the ACTUAL world cup trophy for the girls to see.

The girls were only able to fit in 3 practices before the event, but this didn't stop them from being a well unified team on the day. The girls did well, showing great skill and speed. Getting action shots proved too difficult for me so I was only able to gather photos between games.

At this level of Rip-rugby the girls were introduced to 'line-outs' and 'scrum', gaining more skills as they go up the grades.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 7 & 8 Futsal

The Year 7-8s enjoyed their mixed futsal tournament on Wednesday at McKay stadium. After scrambling in the morning to gather a team we set off for a fun day of futsal. We entered two teams into the event and both teams had fun, playing their best and laughing at their mistakes along the way.

Excellere showed great sportsmanship with refereeing games and supporting their team mates in a positive way.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



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

Wed 17 August	Whānau Focus Centre , 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
	Te Horo School , 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai
Thurs 18 August	Te Ora Hou , 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga
Thurs 25 August	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka Street, Morningside
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, Maungatapere
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

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