



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

2 September 2022

Term 3

Week 6

Upcoming Events

9 Sept	Mufti Day to raise funds for enviro school projects.
12-14 Sept Mon-Wed	Senior Exam Week Week 8
13 Sep Tuesday	MCAT External Exam Level 1 Maths
15 Sep Thursday	ERO Visit
14-16 Sep Thurs&Fri	HA Kakano Year 10
19-20 Sep Mon-Tues	NZCPT Review
22-23 Sep Thurs&Fri	Outdoor First Aid Year 11 & 12
27-30 Sep Tues-Friday	Duke of Edinburgh Te Paki Trip

2023 Enrolments

2023 Enrolments - Classes for 2023 are filling up fast, so if you know of anyone wanting to enrol please ask them to get their enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

Please let the office know if you are not planning to return to Excellere College in 2023.

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

From the Principal

Spring is here, today at least

So, I was one of the unwell this week. I felt the weight of the germs multiplying on Sunday and woke Monday with a full head, aching body and sore throat. Three days later and I am well enough to return to my school cave, masked, and resume duties. Although I was able to continue with some work remotely it was a timely reminder that when our body says stop, we should listen. We are a finely tuned created instrument, and when we are out of tune it is better to give the orchestra a break.

Our final carpark concreting happened yesterday. This is great news. We now need to put the wheel stops in place for parking and bollards for pedestrian safety, with line marking due during the next holidays. We will need to continue using the Arise church carpark until it is safe for buses, and we have organised a safe parking plan. We will keep you updated on when we can return to our front entrance.

We pray that our community has a relaxing first Spring weekend, and there is healing for those unwell at present.

Blessings

Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."
3 John 1: 2 (NIV)

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 Wednesday 7 September.

Badminton Tournament

This week our year 9s were given the opportunity to compete at the novice badminton festival in Whangarei. Three of our students gave it a go and had an absolute blast. I will give a special mention to Declin Edgecombe who finished the top in his pool.



Under 13 Rugby Awards

Henu van der Merwe and Aiden Marais played for the Under 13 Marist Rugby Club this year. This was Henu's first time playing league rugby. Henu won the award for the 'Most improved player'. He was committed and played every single game this season, showing great sportsmanship and a love for the game. Aiden received the reward for the 'Most Valued Player'. His endurance, versatility and sportsmanship shown was incredible. He always showed up, changed positions if needed and scored a few tries this season. We are so proud of these 2 young men!



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. Let the office know if you would like extra copies so we can include them in the order.

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 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
Thurs 22 September	Hora Hora School , 22 Te Mai Road, Woodhill Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo

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, and 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.

The Year 9/10s will be taught Wednesday (7 September)
Periods 1 & 2 for Year 9 and
Periods 1-3 for the Year 10's.

A copy of the teaching resources is 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.

Interschool Cross Country - Junior

We had our interschool cross country event this week at Barge Park. This event attracted nearly 1000 kids from around the Whangarei area. The weather conditions were below average with rain and drizzle persisting for most of the morning, but that didn't stop our students from doing their best and supporting their team.

I would like to give a special mention to Mialee Boshoff who finished 10th in the 8 year old girls race and to Mikayla Falloon for finishing 15th in the 9 year old girls race. The field was huge with 100 - 140 participants in each race.

I also need to point out the compassion of Mia Van der Hulst who decided to forgo her own race to help her friend Elin McGlashan who was struggling. They finished the race holding hands into the finish line - a beautiful sight.

Also well done to the rest of the Excellere team, you all did so well to put your nerves aside and stand on that start line and try your best.

- Zola MacDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 7—Abstract Art Folders



Last week when many of the middle college students were out at basketball, I took the Year 7's for a special art lesson. We started by looking at the art work of Gerhard Richter; we watched a video of him making his work and then came up with words to describe it. The students were all given art folders and I showed them how to do the base coat of paint using big brushes and blending techniques.

The second layer of paint was applied with flat pieces of cardboard, this created texture, scraping effects and exciting random moments where parts of the wet paint from the first layer of paint mixed with the new paint.

It was a very fun and successful activity. I was impressed with how responsibly the students used such large quantities of paint and were able to give feedback and advice to each other on how to improve their artworks. - Julie Hale, HoD Art



Year 5&6 Netball

Last Saturday the Year 5 & 6 netballers had their last game of the season. We dressed up as The Bumble Bee's and the other team felt the sting of 13 -11. It was a super close game against our very own Sports Coordinator Zola McDonald's team. Our player of the day was Sarah Philander who managed to score some exceptional goals. We will be having a end of season prize giving dinner where we will hand our certificates. The team has played wonderfully all season and I am super proud of all my girls. - Larissa Matheson



Netball Trophies

Just another reminder, if you have a netball trophy at home, please bring it back to school ASAP as we have prize giving coming up and we need to send them off to be engraved.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 5 & 6 Para-Fed Wheelchair Turbo Touch

This week we have the privilege of having Parafed come into our school again to take the Year 5 and 6's for some all inclusive wheelchair turbo touch. Parafed is an organisation that specialises in all-inclusive sports and helps anyone who has any kind of impairment to actively participate in sport.

The wheelchairs are a great way to put all students into the same playing field with no one being highly skilled at it. The students had such a fun time learning how to operate a sports designed wheelchair, then playing turbo touch whilst in the chairs.

If your child has any kind of impairment either physically or intellectually, these are the people to get in touch with about finding a way to help your child play sports.

Zola McDonald, Sport Coordinator



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