



Excellere College

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

September 16 2022

Term 3

Week 8

Upcoming Events

17 Sep Saturday	Ha Kakano Exhibition 3pm at ARISE Church
19-20 Sep Mon-Tues	NZCPT Review
20 Sep Tuesday	Basketball Festival Year 9 & 10
28 Sep Wednesday	Kiwi Tag Year 7 & 8
22-23 Sep Thurs & Fri	Outdoor First Aid Year 11 & 12
25 Sep Sunday	Opera—Aotea Centre Auckland
25 Sep	Daylight savings begins
26 Sep	Queen's memorial Public Holiday
29 Sep Thursday	Leavers' Assembly 11.20am - Includes Netball Awards
27-30 Sep Tues-Friday	Duke of Edinburgh Te Paki Trip
30 Sep Friday	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Splat Day & Mufti Day

Excellere College Support Group

Hi Parents & Caregivers,
We are re-establishing our Excellere College Support Group and would love to share our vision, and chat about how you could be involved. Come and meet us (with zero obligation to join or sign up to anything) Thursday 29th September at 3:10pm in the Whare/Office.
All welcome.
- Nat Brown



From the Principal

Kind words are powerful

Our senior exams went well earlier this week and we thank Mrs Smith for organising the timetable, supervision, and duties roster to make this happen for our students.

I have had positive feedback from the Year 10 Hā Kākano programme this week. The students have enjoyed the practical experience of using the medium of art to express their understanding of their learning. They have heard local Māori stories of this place and gained a deeper understanding of our bicultural heritage.

This has been Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori language week). This week marks 50 years since the Māori language petition, with 30,000 signatures, was presented to Parliament by members of Ngā Tamatoa and Te Rōpū Reo Māori. This was a milestone moment in the revitalisation of te reo Māori me ngā tikanga. We encourage you to listen, learn and use te reo in your daily life as part of the culture of Aotearoa New Zealand.

We have an assembly on **Thursday 29th Sept @ 11.20am**. (please note change of date). You are invited to join us and celebrate our students.

'Sticks and stones will break my bones but words will never hurt me.' I grew up with this saying in a time when we felt that we could handle what was said against us, but not done physically to us. Thankfully times have changed, and this piece of advice is no longer accepted. In the Christian space it should never have been accepted, or reinforced. Jesus always spoke words of life and asks us to do the same. Staff have noticed an increase in the amount of negative and inappropriate language used by students in class, and the playground, over the last few weeks. **We ask that you support us in reminding your children that words can hurt**, whether accidental or deliberate, as we seek to provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for all our students.

Blessings,
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5: 11 (NIV)

Thursday, 29th Sept - Assembly

In the Gym @ 11.20am - All welcome

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - Honouring our Senior Graduates

Assembly will be followed by light refreshments in the Whare. We congratulate our Year 13s and wish them well on the next phase of life.

Blessings, Danielle Smith

NETBALL awards - All parents and coaches are welcome to attend the Netball awards.



Term 4 Sports Events Year 7 & 8



Thursday 27th October, KiwiTAG Festival, Mixed, Year 7 & 8. 8 aside, entries close 20th October



Thursday 10th November, Badminton Teams Festival, Mixed gender, Year 7-8. Entries close 3rd November.



Cricket Development Days, 15th and 16th November. In school.



Tuesday 22nd November, FAST 5 Netball Tournament, mixed, Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10. 5 aside, entries close 15th November, boys can play too.

Term 4 Sports Events Year 9 & 10



Thursday 3rd November: Boys-Badminton Teams, Novice. Boys only. Year 9 & 10. Entries close 26th October



Tuesday 22nd November, FAST 5 Netball Tournament, Mixed, Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10. 5 aside, entries close 15th November, boys can play too.



Thursday 24th November: Girls-Badminton Teams, Novice. Girls only. Year 9-10. Entries close 17th November.

Term 4 Sports Events — Junior School



Wednesday 2nd November: Girls TOUCH Festival, Years 5 & 6. Tentative date.



15th and 16th November: Cricket Development Days. In school.



Athletics Day - To be confirmed.

School Trophy Return

Its time to return the trophies that were awarded at the end of last year.

Drop them off to the school office as soon as possible. Thankyou.



PLAY FUTSAL

Futsal Skill Development & Competition

for kids aged 7 - 17 years

Spaces still available for term 3



All academy players receive a free subscription to *Football Foundation Skills.com* - our progressive and interactive e-learning football skills course for young players.

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Netball Teams Dinner

Friday last week three of our Junior College Netball teams went out for dinner at Gengys Whangarei to celebrate their achievements and success for the season. We would just like to thank all the coaches who volunteered their time, and all the parents who showed support and encouragement on the sidelines. We are looking forward to the netball prize giving which is in Week 10 and we hope to see all our parents there.



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, 21 **Whānau Focus Centre**, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
September

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

2023 Enrolments

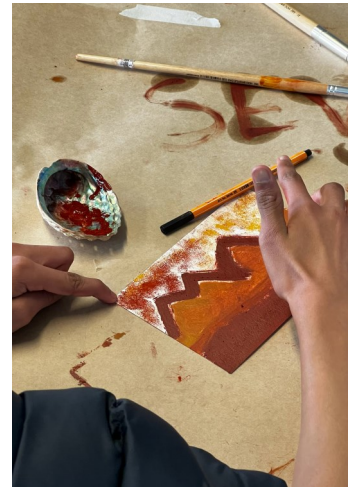
2023 Enrolments - Classes for 2023 are filling up fast, so if you know of anyone wanting to enrol please ask them to get their enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

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

Year 10 Waananga with HĀ — Kākano 2022

HĀ – History of Aotearoa is founded on the desire to share our local history in a safe and empowering way. HĀ develops and facilitates education programmes that use art to teach our local history. HĀ believes that our history, in all its complexity, is the gateway to a future woven with diversity and justice. Mahi toi and Māori literature have been used to transfer ancient knowledge for generations. HĀ continues to use these pedagogies to provide safe an empowering tool to embrace our history.

All educational content has been contributed by local kaumatua, tohunga, academics, and hours of research. Special acknowledgement to the Hihiaua Cultural Centre whanau who have supported the growth of HĀ since its inception in 2019.



Kākano is designed to plant the seed of our history into the hearts of year 10 students. As the creators of our future, they will nurture this kākano (seed) as they grow.

Kākano is a three-day workshop that uses kōkōwai, theatre and poetry to explore our local history and envision our future. Kōkōwai is red ochre, a type of clay commonly used by tupuna Māori to adorn whakairo and their bodies. Kōkōwai is

naturally found in a range of colours. Here the students have used a red kō created by HĀ facilitators.

Student have used art to explore the history of Māori and European navigation to Aotearoa, including cultural foundations, He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi and, the process and effect of land loss in Aotearoa. Students are then given the opportunity to be agents of change and

envision what they want our collective future to feel like.

A final exhibition of the students artworks will be held at Arise Church on Saturday 17 September 2022, 3pm. On display will be a collection of kōkōwai artworks, poetry and a range of large final artworks that express how our past felt and how they want our future to feel.

Danielle Smith - Māori Activator



Learning Kī-O-Rahi with Paora Simon

Excellere College has been very fortunate to have Paora Simon from Sport Northland come into school to teach our students how to play kī-o-rahi. Last week our students had their first session, then they will have another session this week and then their last session will be next week. Kī-o-rahi has

historical connections linking into Matariki, Paora has been teaching the students the Maori historical stories behind the sport so that the students get to gain a better understanding of its origins. Kī-o-rahi can be played both indoors and outdoors and historically different tribes will have slightly

different rules. Students are taught how to negotiate different rules before competitions to better favour their team and to learn the art of fair play and negotiation. — Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Ice Cream Containers Wanted

ICE CREAM containers wanted for the school library. The lids are not required. Please drop off at the school office. Thanks.

- Kimberley, School Librarian



Springs Challenge Reminder



SPRINGS challenge is due the last day of term please. All booklets need to be handed in to the office or Mr Keyte, they can hand them in anytime before then.

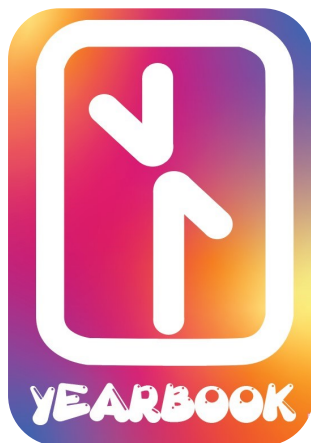
- Ben Keyte, Springs Challenge Coordinator

Excellere College Yearbook 2022

The yearbooks will be ready early Term 4. Each family will receive one copy for free.

Extra copies will be available for \$7 each and can be ordered and paid for at the school office. Thanks to the families who have already requested extra copies.

Please order and pay for your extra copies by the end of Term 3.



Edge Student Manager on Your Phone

Here are instructions to download the EDGE app for parent notifications, timetables, reports, attendance etc. This would prove quite useful for all parents to keep updated.

- Blessings, Danielle Smith (Time Tabler, EDGE).

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STUDENT MANAGER

Edge Mobile App

(Primary / Intermediate Schools)

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Downloading the Mobile App

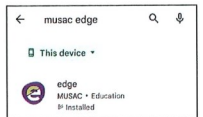
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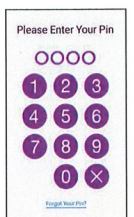
Install the edge app (Make sure you install the purple icon not the blue icon)



Logging in

Click on the edge mobile icon to launch the app. You will be taken to a screen where you will be asked to create a 4-digit pin.

After creating and confirming your PIN you will be taken to the login screen.



Enter your **email address** in the top line. This must be the email address that you supplied to the school, and they have on file for you.

Now click on the **Reset edge password** button

This will send an email to the email address you logged in with (provided this is what the school have on file)

Go to your emails and look for an email (if not in your inbox check your junk email folder). The email is from Edge Learning.

This email contains a link that will allow you to setup a password. Click on the link and you will be taken to a screen where you enter and confirm your password.

Your password must be a minimum of 6 characters.



Password Reset

A password reset has been requested. If the username or email address provided is valid, an email will be sent containing the password reset link. Please check your email.

OK

Business advertising available \$5 per week, \$50 per term or \$200 per year. The money raised goes towards printing the school year book.

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