



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

October 21 2022

Term 4 Week 1

## Upcoming Events

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| 24 Oct<br>Monday         | Labour Day<br>School closed                                   |
| 25 & 26 Oct<br>Tues Wed  | Road Safety Years 1-9   |
| 27 & 28 Oct<br>Thurs Fri | Duke Of Edinburgh<br>Cape Brett Hike                          |
| 27 Oct<br>Thurs          | Kiwi Tag Year 7 & 8   |
| 2 Nov<br>Wed             | Girls Touch Rugby Festival<br>Years 5 & 6                     |
| 3 Nov<br>Thurs           | Boy's Badminton Year 9 & 10<br>Leaver's Dinner at Gengy's 6pm |
| 4 Nov<br>Friday          | Last day of school for<br>Years 11-13<br>Mufti Day            |
| 7 Nov<br>Monday          | NCEA exams begin<br>Exam centre: Renew School                 |
| 9 Nov<br>Wed             | Kiwi North Trip<br>Year 1-3                                   |
| 10 Nov<br>Thurs          | Badminton Year 7 & 8 Mixed                                    |
| 18 Nov<br>Fri            | Market Day Year 9 & 10  |

## Community Charter Consultation

The Community Charter Consultation 2022 for 2023 survey was sent out this week via email.

Please take some time to complete the survey and keep the responses coming!

## Springs Challenge

The Springs Challenge awards have now been marked. If anyone wants their evidence books back please email Ben Keyte on : [ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz)

## From the Principal

### Welcome Back

It was great to welcome back our students this week. They returned refreshed, and ready to resume learning. With only two weeks left for our Year 11-13 students until exams, and seven weeks left for the rest of us we are looking forward to finishing the year well.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students have an adventure at Cape Brett next week. This tramp will be a test of their resilience. We wish them well, and pray for fine weather.

Out carpark lines, and court markings, were completed today. This now allows us to sort out the netball and basketball goals. Hopefully we will be able to open the courts area for our students soon.

You will have received an email earlier this week with our Charter Community Consultation Survey. This is an opportunity for you to have an input into the School Board's planning for next year. Please take some time to respond to the questions, and add your comments. The Board appreciates your feedback, to help in the continual improvement at Excellere College.

Next Friday we welcome a number of Australian Futsal teams to our Gym. This has been arranged by Mr Reynolds, as part of his Futsal Academy. It is wonderful that we are able to share our facility and host international students.

Being hospitable toward others is one of the aspects of Compassion, one of our Core Values. This is an easy call when you are hosting friends or family, however it can be more of a challenge when strangers are involved. It is timely to remember that we were all strangers to each other at one time, even as family. Hospitality allows us to make strangers into acquaintances or friends, or it may simply allow us to exhibit the love of Jesus to another child of God. If you get the opportunity to be hospitable, take a deep breath, smile and be welcoming.

### Blessings

Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

*"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."*  
Hebrews 13: 2 (NIV)

## 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 in 2023.

## Duke of Edinburgh Trip

On Tuesday the 27th September, Mr Keyte, Mrs Anson, Josh Carter, Aimee Whitehead and myself (Caleb Duinkerke) set off for a Duke of Edinburgh tramp up at Cape Reinga. The tramp started at Spirits Bay (east coast) and went around the Cape, and down to the Te Paki sand dunes (west coast). It was an amazing three days walking in God's beautiful creation, seeing many different landscapes like sandy beaches, scrubland, hills, valleys, grass fields and epic places like Cape Maria Van Dieman with its desert 'Mars' like terrain! We also met a few interesting travellers who were embarking on their Te Araroa trail, who didn't get the timings right with the weather (unlike us) and got absolutely soaked. Overall it was a very enjoyable tramp, and I would highly recommend it.

Caleb Duinkerke (completing Gold DoE)



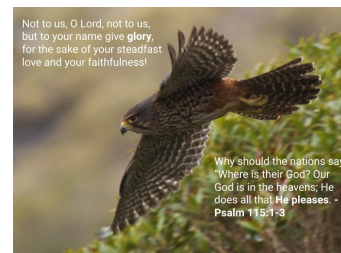
## Whangarei Athletics

Athletics Whangarei starts on Monday 24th October at 5.30pm at Park Ave, Kensington. Come along and compete every Monday: running, walking, jumping or throwing. Term 4: ages 11yrs and up. Term 1 2023: ages 7yrs and up. If you have any queries, contact Robyn Hallberg: 021 468 323 [www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz](http://www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz) [juniorathleticswhangarei@gmail.com](mailto:juniorathleticswhangarei@gmail.com)



## House Event: Treasure Hunt

During the last week of Term 3, Excellere College had a school wide treasure hunt! The 'treasure' hidden around the school were pictures of native New Zealand birds with Bible passages on them, like this one:



The treasure hunt went very well with majority of the 'treasure' being found on the first day! (obviously better hiding place are needed). The house that found the most 'treasure' was Hurupaki, with Parihaka close behind. Overall it was a success and most likely will be repeated in 2023!

- Caleb Duinkerke, Hurupaki House Leader

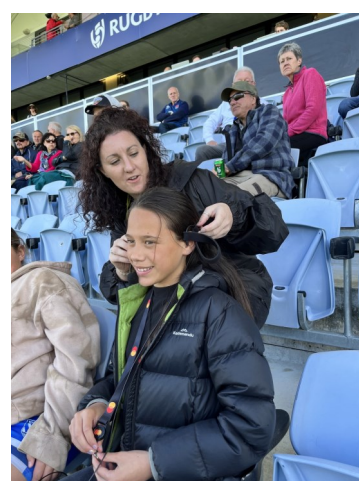
## MasterCard Super Fan - Rugby World Cup

Last term Emilee-Jae, one of our Year 6's was nominated to be a MasterCard super fan for the Womens Rugby World Cup.



The really exciting news was that Emilee-Jae was accepted and has been part of this initiative. She has been invited to games to present the player of the match trophy, getting to wear a corporate microphone and announcing that as part of her role. So keep a look out for Em-J if you are at a game.

Zola McDonald,  
Sports Coordinator



## 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.

## Junior Girls Touch Training

This week our Year 5-6 girls have had the privilege to have Northland Touch come into our school to take our girls for some skills and drills. The girls loved it, some of these girls will bring home a notice regarding a Touch Carnival that is happening during Week 3, Wednesday 2nd November.

Zola McDonald, Sport Coordinator



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