



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

October 21 2022

Term 4 Week 2

## Upcoming Events

2 Nov Wed	Girls Touch Rugby Festival Years 5 & 6
3 Nov Thurs	Boy's Badminton Year 9 & 10 Leaver's Dinner at Gengy's 6pm
4 Nov Friday	Last day of school for Years 11-13 Mufti Day
7 Nov Monday	NCEA exams begin Exam centre: Renew School
9 Nov Wed	Kiwi North Trip Years 1-3
10 Nov Thurs	Badminton Year 7 & 8 Mixed
18 Nov Fri	Market Day Year 9 & 10
16 & 17 Nov Wed & Thur	Cricket Development
22 Nov	Fast 5 Netball Years 7,8,9,10
23 Nov Wed	Interschool Athletics Years 7-8 Year 6 Surf School Trip
24 Nov Thurs	Girls Badminton Year 9 & 10
25 Nov Fri	Teacher Only Day
28 Nov Mon	Teacher Only Day
27-30 Nov Tues-Fri	Duke of Edinburgh Tongariro Trip

## From the Principal

### We must walk the talk

We have had another busy week, as glimpses of summer shine through the weather. The warmer temperatures are always a great encourager for us to venture out into God's creation.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students have been on a mission to Cape Brett over the last few days. It is a challenging walk, with some steep slopes to navigate. We congratulate them for their perseverance and fellowship in this endeavour. We thank Mrs Anson and Mr Keyte for their continued support of our students.

Next week is the final week before NCEA exams begin. Our students, with staff, have been spending time preparing for these, and completing internal Standards. This is always a stressful time of year for our students, and staff, and we thank you for your supportive partnership at home.

Please take some time to complete our Charter Community Consultation Survey, which is due by November 7th. This then allows the School Board to consider your feedback as they develop their strategic planning for the next three years.

In his letters to the church in Corinth Paul reminds them of their commitment to each other, as it mirrors their commitment to Christ. He reminds us to strive for unity, with forgiveness, and grace toward others. This is God's plan for us all, and we have a sacred duty to show this aspect of the Kingdom to the world. We try to model this at school through our restorative process, to seek forgiveness and enable relationship to be restored. This is never an easy task, as we adults well know, but our children can teach us much in this area. As we continue to live through challenging times please pray for our staff, as they seek to shine the light of Jesus for our students.

Blessings  
Graeme Whitehead  
Principal

*"For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man."  
2 Corinthians 8: 21 (NIV)*

## 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)

## 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.

## Level 1 Art Folios

This week the Level 1 Art folios were completed and sent to Wellington for marking. The students did a combined course learning about photography, design and painting.

They based their folios on a chosen location on the Whangarei Town Basin Loop. They first photographed the place then did a series of drawings and paintings based on it. They created logos for their place and digital drawings of iconic features. They then created posters to advertise their location, combining all their skills. Lastly they made 3 paintings, using their design skills to create a dynamic composition and painting techniques to create 3-D and textural effects.



## 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  
juniorathleticswhangarei@gmail.com



## Hard Court Lines Painted

Netball, Tennis and basketball lines have now been painted on the Arise carpark hard courts. When we have organised for the goal posts to be positioned it will be available for Excellere College students to use during PE lessons and break times.



## FAST-5 Netball Training

This week we had the privilege of having Kaycee from Sport Northland come into our school to take the Year 7's and 8's for FAST-5 netball. The students had a great time expanding their knowledge and playing a game that they have never tried before.



## Kiwi Tag Festival

This week our Year7 & 8s played at a local KiwiTAG festival. KiwiTAG is a rip version of league and they all did so well. A special mention to James as he always is a real stand out and also to Abinaya for her legendary intercept - then she ran the length of the field to score a brilliant Try. An awesome day had by all the players, well done team.



## 'Clean Excellere' Initiative

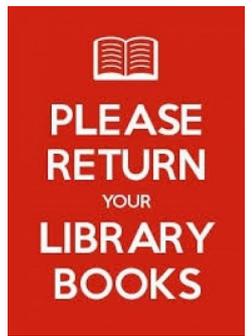
As part of our enviro-school initiative, our students decided to focus on keeping Excellere a clean and rubbish free environment. When visiting the stream behind the playground we had to fish out some plastic packaging from the water.

We are asking families to please refrain from sending plastic bags in lunch boxes or individually packed snacks and instead use containers to carry food. Some of the Year 8 students supervise the playground to keep it free from rubbish.

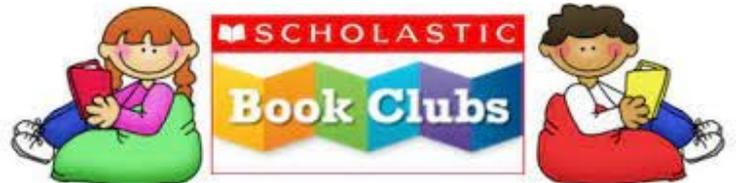


## Library Notices

Term 4 is when we hold our annual library stocktake. Please check your homes, cars and school bags for books marked either "Excellere College," "Kamo Christian College," or "National Library of New Zealand," and return any found to the school library ASAP. I really appreciate your help getting these books back so that our stocktake can run smoothly.



A reminder that orders for **Scholastic Book Club (issue 7) close on Thursday 3 November**. If you missed out on a catalogue, or would like another copy, there are extras in the school library. Thank you for your support.



Business advertising available \$5 per week, \$50 per term or \$200 per year. The money raised goes towards printing the school year book. For details contact: [julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz](mailto:julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz)

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