



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

November 18 2022

Term 4 Week 5

Upcoming Events

21 Nov	ESOL Shared lunch
23 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yrs 7-8
Wed	Year 6 Surf School Trip
24 Nov	Girls Badminton Yrs 9-10
Thurs	
25 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Friday	
28 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Monday	
30 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yrs 5-6
Wed	
1 Dec	Yr 10 Enviro school Trip
2 Dec	Yrs 4-5 Beach Trip
7 Dec	Yrs 1-6 Mufti Day
8 Dec	Yrs 7-10 Mufti Day
8 Dec	Awards Day @ Arise Church
Thursday	Year 1-6 Time 9.15am Year 7-13 Time 6.30pm
9 Dec	• Last Day
Friday	• School Reports • MC Top Town (House) Event

Kamo Suggestion Box

In the school office is a Kamo Community suggestion box for locals to give ideas on how you would like to see Kamo develop. There are no ideas too big or too small!

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.

From the Principal

Jesus is for all of us

I am still reflecting on that amazing game, last weekend, when our Black Ferns retained their World Rugby title. It was the most exciting sporting event I have seen in some time. The passion, the skill, the commitment, the fitness, and the nail-biting ending all were an example of what sport can offer. But the most lasting memory I have is of the pure joy, from our side, seen at the final whistle. It was a reminder of days past, when sport was played for fun, for the joyful experience, not the money or the fame. This was mirrored in the response of the crowd, pure joy. Well done the Black Ferns.

Our Y11-13 students began their NCEA exams this week. We continue to pray for calm and confidence during this time, as they prepare for and sit their exams.

We have two teacher only days planned for late November. These are an opportunity for staff to grow and upskill. One day we will be exploring the world of Te Ao Māori. This will give our staff a better understanding of our bi-cultural heritage and the changing world of New Zealand. The other day has a focus on our Student Management System and planning for 2023. We realise that it may be an inconvenience to be closed for these days, however they are a valuable time for staff development.

We are blessed to have four different perspectives of Jesus' time on earth, the Gospels. The differences reflect the different purpose and audience of the writers. Matthew's Jewish audience hears that Jesus is the promised Messiah, Mark provides a motivational call to action and conversion to common Greeks, Luke's more sophisticated account is to convince educated Greeks of the historical validity of Christ, whilst John provides encouragement for believers in an increasingly hostile world. The diversity in the Gospels is God reaching out to all people with the message of unconditional love.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
Luke 19: 10 (NASB)

School Library Update

Our school library is now closed for stocktake. Please continue to return any books from our library that you still have at home. This year some of our students have enjoyed reading true stories about the lives of different people. World Vision NZ have recently released a free e-book called 'Girls Who Dared to Dream' that tells the stories of 10 girls from around the world. If this is something you think your family will enjoy you can download a free copy from this website: <https://resources.worldvision.org.nz/girls-who-dared-to-dream>



Cricket Development Days

This week we were very privileged to have John, from Cricket Development Northland come to our school and teach our students some fun Cricket skills.

John did an excellent job catering from our Year 1's through to our Year 8's. They all had a blast, ending each session with "Speed Cricket".

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Badminton Year 7 & 8 Tournament

Last week our Year 7 and 8's played in a badminton festival in Whangarei. They had such a great time competing in the round robin event. There was great sportsmanship and skills displayed they also had lots of fun.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 7 & Year 1 Maths Buddy Class

This term the Year 7 Maths class learned about Geometry and Measurement. They explored the school grounds for shapes of circles and crosses to design and execute their own "Noughts and Crosses" game with the end plan to play their own game with their Buddy Class in Year 1. This week it all happened and both classes had lots of fun. Thank you Mrs Mills for allowing us to share our games with your brilliant students.

- Jeanne Hill, Year 8 Homeroom Teacher



Enviro-School Planting

Year 8 students planted the native plants we were given for planting around the stream and the Year 7s planted the plants donated to us as an enviroschool for a butterfly garden. It was a team effort and we all enjoyed working together. The plants which are for attracting pollinators have been planted in the four house gardens after weeding the garden together. Well done all for your hard work.

- Mehrzad Sinclair, HoD Science & Enviro-School



Year 9 & 10 Market Day

Our Year 9's and 10's had their formally assessed Market Day event today that allowed them to experience producing a food item or creating a service that can be sold.

Some of the students made some yummy food items, like Rosie from Year 9's flavoured popcorn to Miguel, Matthew, and Ben in Year 10 doing a movie for our little ones. A lot of planning and preparations went into the Market Day, and the students did me very proud. I just want to thank all our lovely parents for supporting them throughout this process. I look forward to next year when we get to do it all over again.

- Chantel Minnaar, Financial Literacy



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