



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

November 24 2022

Term 4 Week 6

Upcoming Events

25 & 28 Nov	Teacher Only Day Friday and Monday
30 Nov Wednesday	Interscholar Athletics Year 5&6
1 Dec - Thurs	Yr 10 Enviro Trip
2 Dec - Friday	Yrs 4-5 Beach Trip
8 Dec Thursday	Awards Day @ Arise Church Year 1-6 9.15am Year 9-13 6.30pm
9 Dec Friday	Last Day School Reports MC Top Town (House) Event

Teacher Aide Vacancy

Permanent (25hrs)
Start date 25/01/2023.

We have a position which requires a degree of flexibility to be able to work with a mixture of teachers, whilst supporting a number of students. 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.

Please provide a cover letter, CV, and the two completed school application forms.

Applicants are expected to maintain and enhance our Christian Special Character.

For specific job description please contact the office

We look forward to your application.
Closes: Dec. 2nd (Term 4, week 7)

From the Principal

The Kingdom is at hand

A number of classes have trips planned to end 2022. It is wonderful that, as the weather warms, we can escape our campus and explore God's creation. We also have some sports teams representing us at local events. We pray them all settled weather, and fun times.

The new room build on the south side of our Gym is starting next week. This will mean fencing the grassed area, including the Junior grass play area outside Room 1. The entrance to Room 1 and 2 will be down the alleyway off the carpark. During construction large vehicles will be accessing the site through the carpark. Please remind children to be extra careful, and drive safely. The build includes two classrooms, and PE storage and offices. We expect the rooms to be ready for use by the middle of next year.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' first words proclaimed that the Kingdom was at hand. He then proceeded to show us what that would look like. Mark recounts the actions of Jesus as He moves through the region. It is worth reflecting on Mark, to give us examples of our growing the Kingdom here, today.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead, Principal

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1: 15 (NASB)

Library Book Return Winners!

Congratulations to **Room 1**, who were the first class in the school to return all their library books. We celebrated with an exclusive first reading of one of our new picture books, Lion Takes the Cake, and each child was given a lolly and bookmark to say thank you.

- Kimberley Nielsen, Library Administrator

Rippa Tag Sponsorship

A very special thank you to Shaun and Melinda Marais for Sponsoring our school some new Rip-Tags for us to use for competitions. Our other tags are getting a little old and the Velcro is not as robust as it used to be. I know that these tags will be used a lot with our keen Rip-rugby, Ki-o-rahi and Kiwi-TAG athletes. Thank you again!



Year 1-3 Rocket Lab with Kiwi North

Room 2 had a special visit from Suzanne from KiwiNorth. She shared some interesting stuff about NASA and Rocket Labs Australia.

The children enjoyed making their own rockets which flew by blowing through a straw. They had a competition to see which rocket flew the furthest. Such fun!

The Year 3's had to design their own moonlanders. They used plastic cups, marshmallows, straws, black paper, rubber bands and cello tape to make them. It was heaps of fun.



FAST-5 Netball

This week our Year7-8s and Year 9-10's competed at a FAST-5 Netball tournament. After the initial drama of switching venues from outdoors to indoors to outdoors then to indoors due to the scheduled thunderstorms - we ended up having a great day.

Our teams played well, winning some and losing some but we made it hard for the opposition to score as our defence was tight. This was a mixed event and it was so good to see SO many boys stepping up and using some of their basketball skills during a netball game.

All the students played so well. Unfortunately I couldn't get many action photos as the lighting in the stadium was awful, but I can assure you that we have some great athletes amongst our Excellere Students.

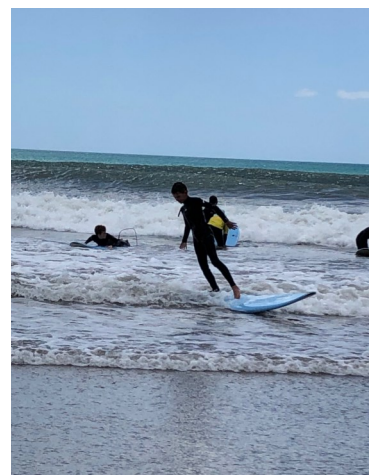
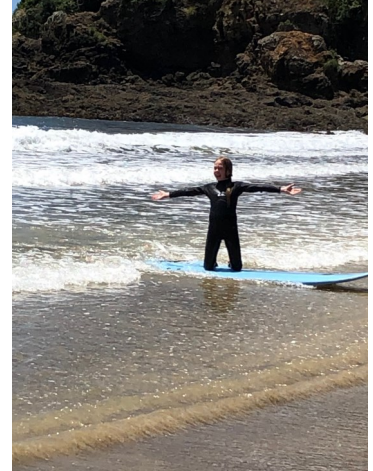
Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 6 Surf School

Year 6 ventured out between thunder storms to have a surfing lesson at Sandy Bay on Wednesday. As we drove out of the city the sunshine appeared! God had blessed us with a miracle. Conditions at the beach were perfect!

The surf school coaches kitted the students out with wetsuits and taught them all about the parts of a surfboard. Then it was down to the beach for lessons on technique. Tentatively, the students dipped their toes into the chilly sea, steadied their boards, lined up a wave and.....took off!! They were zooming. There were a few wipe outs but the students got back on their boards and kept going with many catching the “surfing bug”!
- Nicole Grammar, Year 6 Teacher



Year 10 Young Enterprise Challenge

Some of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend the YES Mission Sustainable Innovation Challenge at the Semenoff Stadium. We enjoyed every minute of it, learning about some of the challenges the Ministry of Primary Industry face.

The students had to develop a product that could help with some of the challenges that were given to them. The students then had to present their idea to each mentor, where a mentor chose a product out of four presentations to go to the final round. In this final round two out of the five groups who attended the seminar won a challenge.

I am so proud of the students, in how they have presented our school at the event and participated to their groups to develop the idea.

- Chantel Minnaar, Social Sciences and Financial Literacy



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