



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

December 9 2021

Term 4 Week 8

Upcoming Dates

23 Jan 23 School office open

31 Jan 23 First day of school 2023 Y 1-13

School Reports

School reports went out today with your child/children. Please check their bags.

If your child was absent today they can collect their report next week from the school office.

2023 School Roll

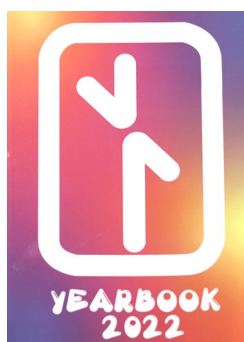
We are currently planning for 2023 classes and have a number of families who are on our waiting list.

If your children will not be returning next year please let us know immediately. This will enable us to contact the families who are waiting to enroll.

2022 Yearbooks

Yearbook went out with the 'youngest and only' reports today. There is one per family unless you preordered extra in Term 3.

There are a very limited number of Yearbooks remaining. These can be purchased from the office next week for \$7 each.



From the Principal

Love God, love your neighbour as yourself

We have come to the end of our 2022. It has been another disrupted school year, starting Red, turning Orange and ending colourless. Our staff have done an amazing job in keeping the learning flowing as our environment changed constantly. Our parents have continued to support our partnership in learning, and our students have continued to learn despite the circumstances. I thank you all for being a part of Excellere College this year.

We had our Awards events yesterday. They were a wonderful acknowledgement of the mahi of our students, and a great way to end our year. Thank you to Mrs Minnaar, Mrs Smith, Mrs Grammer and their teams for organising these events.

The issues of our fallen world will not be solved by worldly ways. Only the Kingdom way, Jesus' way, will return us to God's original plan. Only by reflecting Jesus, for others to see, will we rediscover our humanness, our humanity. Only through the example of Jesus, divine and human. Only through forgiveness, Grace and love.

My prayer is that we all keep our eyes on the prize. That what drives us always is the vision of God's Kingdom on Earth. That through relationship, wisdom, and the guidance of Spirit we will achieve the excellence in all things that He desires for us.

I am leaving the school in good heart, and ready for a new season of learning and growth. As one season ends, another starts and I am looking forward to the Lord's purpose guiding me into the future.

I pray that you all have a restful Christmas break and Christ-inspired new year. I leave you with this,

In Mark 12: 30-31 Jesus was asked, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is One Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (NASB)

Blessings,

Graeme Whitehead
Principal



Junior College Special Awards

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Compassion Award	Isobel Delamore	Oriel Novaire	Mila Vigus	Bella Aprea	Mia Van Der Hulst	David Long
Honour Award	Lola Dow	Hwali Ngwa	Zoe de Vetter	Emma Posthumus	Lucy Webster	Lydia Alison
Integrity Award	Elijah Schofield	Joshua Falloon	Adelle Robbertze	Isabella Delport	Sophia Restrepo	Mikayla Falloon
The Arts Award	Ryder Burton	Amelia Neo	Beth Fairweather	Taiki Murray Ishii	Acacia Oudshoorn-Davis	Sarah Philander
Sportsmanship Award	Tu Kaea Liddell	Micah de Vetter	Huxley Dow	Paul Walker	Ella Teariki	Emilee-Jae Bristowe
Speech Award				Arlo Brown	Josiah de Vetter	Jene van der Merwe

Junior College Prizegiving



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Senior College Special Awards

House Shield Winners	Parihaka	Leadership	Ryan Whitehead
Victor Ludorum	Ryan Whitehead	Victrix Ludorum	Bianca Heise
Integrity	Caleb Duinekerke	Senior Service	Cody Allan
Respectfulness	Zyber Sta Cruz	Hospitality Award	Opal Kippenberger
Compassion	Morgan Swanepoel	Arts Award	Guinevere Jans van Rensburg
Diligence	Kitchie Turque	Music Award	Ryan Whitehead
Spiritual Endeavour	Caleb Duinkerke	Chambers Cup of Worship	Aimee Whitehead
Gough Family Overcomers	Ethan Blackwood		
Head Boy 2023	Caleb Duinkerke	Head Girl 2023	Aimee Whitehead

Year 10 Special Awards

Compassion Award	Sophia Shields	Sports Award	Matthew Philander
Honour Award	Sienna Quenault	Academic Award	Sienna Quenault
Integrity Award	Matthew Philander		

Middle College Awards

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Compassion Award	Zoe Renney	Kafo'ou Fifita	Caylin Watkins
Honour Award	Cameron Webster	Luan Bezuidenhout	Rosie de Vetter
Integrity Award	Charlotte Hawkins	Abinaya Pokkiri Raja	Jacob King
The Arts Award	Jacob Duinkerke	Abinaya Pokkiri Raja	Ella Yung
Sports Award	Kelly De Beer	Aiden Marias	Malan Volschenk
Speech Award	Arahina Mott	Lucy Wojnowski	Kabali Oudshoorn-Davis

Silver Apple Scripture Memory Award 2022 Jeni Walsh Trophy



Awarded to the following Middle College Students:

Ellie Chambers (Philemon)

Jaynee Chambers, (Philemon)

Abinaya Pokkiri Raja, (Obadiah, 3 John and Philemon)

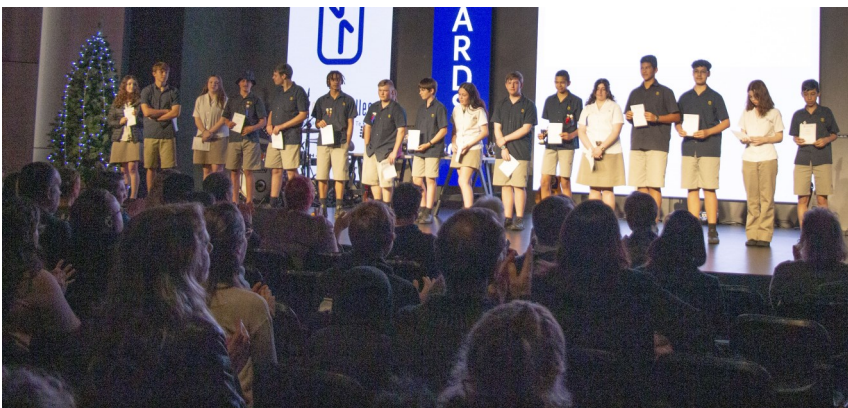
Rosie De Vetter (Philippians)



Senior College Prize Giving



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Principal's Farewell



Year 2 Christmas Production

The Year 2's wrote a Christmas play and invited Year 1 and 3 to come and watch.



Reading Recovery

Two more Reading Recovery graduates for Term 4. Sacha Trass and Mianke Fraser being acknowledging for their extra hard work.

- Stephanie Whyte, Reading Recovery



Library Notice

There are a few competitions and reading challenges taking place over the summer to encourage kids to read for pleasure while on holiday.

Check out <https://reading-challenge.org.nz/> for the 'Birds of a Feather' reading challenge (beginning 12 December).

Whangarei District Libraries run two summer reading programmes: For those aged 10+ there is the 'Teen Read 5 Book Bingo' (<https://www.wdc.govt.nz/library/Whats-on/Events/Teen-read-5>); and the 'Summer Reading Challenge' for students aged under 10 (details for this year are yet to be announced - keep an eye on the 'Whangarei District Libraries' Facebook page for more information).

Thanks again for your support in 2022. I look forward to hearing about all the great books you read over the summer, and hopefully introducing you to some new favourites next year.

- Kimberley Nielsen, Library Administrator

Free Library Books!

During the recent stocktake we had a big clean-out. Please come and check the table beside the office. Books include junior fiction, non-fiction, adult fiction, encyclopaedia and are free.



Year 9—The Big Day Out



On Monday the Year 9 class went on the second annual Year 9 Big Day Out. The day had dawned bright and sunny, hope was in the air. We started with a 10km walk from the Whangarei Aquatic centre to AH Reed Park and back again, just a great way to let off some energy and enjoy being in the beauty of Whangarei's nature. A big shout out to Declin Edgcombe who raced to the top of Parihaka, just for fun and Mrs Gabler who followed in hot pursuit (she got a new personal best).

A challenge was set in the form of a scavenger hunt and phones and cameras were at the ready. There was much laughter and debate as we raced around locating our items. Some of our best photos were of students imitating ducks. By the time we hit the 9km mark we were ready for a swim, Mrs Kelly included. The Whangarei Aquatic centre is a wonderful place to chill out on a Monday afternoon, BBQ sizzling, lollies all round and bombs into the pool.

After enduring the walk, Mr Keyte and Mrs Anson did spot some Duke of Edinburgh potential amongst the students.

Thanks to the parents and teachers who supported the Year 9's and came and helped on the day.



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