



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

December 2 2022

Term 4 Week 7

Upcoming Events

5-6 Mon-Tues	Year 10's at North Tec taster courses
8 Dec Thursday	Awards Day @ Arise Church Year 1-6 Time 9.15am Year 7-13 Time 6.30pm
9 Dec Friday	Last Day MUFTI DAY School Reports MC Top Town (House) Event

From the Principal

God is all in all

As we end the penultimate week of 2022 I am thankful that our school, and our community, have navigated another disrupted year with compassion, integrity and honour. Three years in a Covid environment have provided many opportunities to display our love for God, and our love for our neighbour. I thank all our parents for their support, and patience and during these times. Our staff has been strong in their commitment to your children and their learning. It has not been an easy time for anyone, however keeping our eyes on God's Kingdom here now has enabled us to continue God's purpose for Excellere College.

Awards Day Preparations:

All Students must be in full school uniform for the Award Ceremonies.

Wear your Badges and Bars !

The NCEA exams ended this week and our seniors are now officially finished for the year. We wish them all a restful break, even those that are working over the Christmas season.

Our new building construction site is all go, with the fencing in place excavations for the concrete base are well advanced. When you return next year it will be great to see the shape of the buildings, and follow the progress through summer. Please remind children stay clear of the site, and to be safe when in the carpark.

Junior College Awards

Wednesday:

Mufti Day for Juniors, Years 1-6

Thursday:

All juniors to go to classes by 9am

Next week we have our annual Awards events, on Thursday. It is great that we are able to invite our parents back to these events this year. We look forward to ending the year by acknowledging the efforts of our students, and enjoying fellowship together.

When we read 1 Corinthians 15: 28 we hear that God will be all in all. Paul was writing to the Corinthian church, to clarify the understanding that all things depend on God. That the purpose of creation is God-centredness, not man-centredness. God is everything to everyone. God is the source, the means, and the purpose of creation. A wonderful truth to know.

Blessings
Graeme Whitehead
Principal

Middle and Senior College Awards

Thursday:

Mufti day Years 7-10

All senior students go to the gym by 6pm.

Parents and guests to be seated at Arise Church before 6:30.

6:30 Awards begin



"When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all."
1 Corinthians 15: 28 (NASB)

MUFTI DAY - Friday 9th December

This year we will be have a collection of non perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.
Please bring an item for Mufti Day instead of a gold coin.

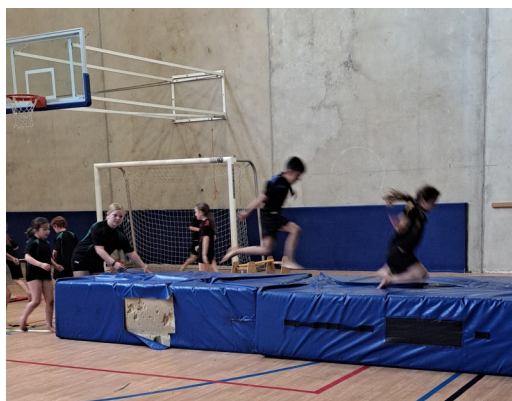


**CHRISTMAS
APPEAL**
THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

Year 1-4 Run Jump Throw Event

Last week Thursday Year 1-4 had a Run Jump Throw event. The Year 6 buddies of Year 3 helped me to set up the events. The students played speed cricket, did an obstacle course in front of the gym and grass area where the big playground is, they did some jumping on the high jump mats and over hurdles and obstacles and did some target throw with different size balls in hoola-hoops and in the basketball hoops. After the event the students enjoyed ice popsicles. It was a very fun day.

- Amanda Annandale, Year 3 teacher



Badminton Tournament — Year 9 & 10 Girls

Last week our Year 9-10 girls had the opportunity to play at a badminton festival. Our little team did so well winning nearly all of their sets. The girls showed great respect and it was awesome to see some of their competitive streaks coming out. Well done girls.



Holiday Programmes and Local Events

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Mon 19th Jan New year's eve party	Tues 20th Jan Outing Library visit	Wed 21st Jan Outing Event Cinema	Thurs 22nd Jan Rubbie Waco	Fri 23rd Jan Outing Team building
Mon 27th Jan Japanese cultural day	Tues 28th Jan Outing Kaitiaki	Wed 29th Jan Arts and Crafts	Thurs 30th Jan Outing Aquatic center	Fri 31st Jan Wacky new day and Rapaunui
Mon 3rd Feb P3, P4, P5 and Pizza Party	Tues 4th Feb Valeo day	Wed 5th Feb Outing Aquatic center	Thurs 6th Feb Pizza montessori	Fri 7th Feb Outing Event Cinema

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Enviro-Schools Trip — Smugglers Cove

The Year 10 students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Bream Head on Thursday. We arrived at 10 and enjoyed our morning tea at the beach. We met Tom, the ranger, who talked us through the impact of predators on the reserve and ways of predator control including types of traps.

In the afternoon we had a plant identification and restoration on farms walk and talk with Jaqueline Knight, the enviroschool facilitator who works with Excellere. This was a great day to bond and learn about topics which can be useful in next years' NCEA standards. Mr Buchanan, Mrs Auton and myself supervised the activities and really enjoyed spending our day with Year 10 students. The weather was nice and the students were cooperative and keen to learn.

- Mehrzad Sinclair HOD science and Enviro-School



Sports Coaches Needed!

In 2023 I would love to have more team or individual sports on offer for our students at Excellere College. Currently one of our limiting factors are available coaches, so I am just putting it out there, if you have a passion for a certain sport and you are keen to help deliver that sport to our Excellere students, please get in touch with me. We have students that are keen for more and are willing to learn and I would love to be able to offer our students more.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator
Contact: sports@excellerecollege.school.nz



Library Notice

While the school library will be closed over the summer holidays, Whangarei Public Libraries will be open all summer long (except public holidays). Books can be borrowed from, and/or returned to, any of their locations (bookbus, city, Kamo, Tikipunga, Onerahi). You can also request books through the website and have them sent to the library nearest you.

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A library card also gives you access to jigsaw puzzles, ebooks, audiobooks, and films/TV series (streaming through beamafilm, or borrowing from the library itself).

For more information, visit your local library branch, or visit the website: <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/library/Home>



The BIG GIG at Merivale

On Thursday 1 December the BIG GIG - BIG "GOD IS GOOD" - shared their love with Christmas Carols at the Merrivale Care Home. We were 12 students from Middle College and Senior College Teachers and Learning Assistants. We shared that the Love of Jesus is the motivating factor for our visit. Excellere College could not visit Merrivale for more than a year due to COVID and even though we sang with masks, we enjoyed every minute of it. The Rest Home is so close to school, so we could walk there. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless our immediate community.

The soloists were Cameron Y7, Rosie, Mishe, Caylin Y8, and Maria. Shani played beautifully on her flute for all the songs. The percussion was done by Annalisa, Abinaya, Heloise, and Rhianna. The songs we shared were The first Nowell, Silent Night, Joy to the World, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, O Come, All Ye Faithful

The residents who attended were singing joyfully with us. There was a mixture of ages and genders and the caregivers and nurses were also joining in. We even had an encore for SILENT NIGHT. The part where we only hummed the tune, was really putting everyone in the mood for Christmas.



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