



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 3 2023

Term 1 Week 1

Upcoming Events

6 Feb	Waitangi Day School closed Monday
7&8 Feb	Orienteering Year 7&9
14 Feb	Touch Rugby Year 5&6
15 Feb	Athletics Day Year 7-13
16 Feb	School Picnic 5pm
17th Feb	School Assembly
20-24 Feb	Duke of Edinburgh hike Waikaremoana
28 Feb	NCEA Evening 6pm
01 Mar	PhotoLife School Photos
03 March	Snorkel Trip Year 12 PE
07-10 March	Tangihua Camp Year 12
13 Mar	Cohort Entry Date

From the Principal

Kia ora Excellere whānau

What an honour and a privilege it is to be writing this newsletter as the new principal of Excellere College. I have been overwhelmed by the support from staff, students and the wider school community alike. I feel so blessed to be part of this stunning Christian school. This truly feels like coming home. I would like to say a massive thank you to Graeme Whitehead for the time he has given in helping me settle into the school and also for the very strong systems he has handed over to me. He has big shoes to fill and I will certainly do my best to do so.

Last week we had two wonderful Teacher Only Days where we dug deep into scripture and looked at how we can support students to deepen their scriptural knowledge and also their Christian faith. This was led by Jacqui Lloyd and it was wonderful to see all staff's commitment to this process. Teachers and Teacher Aides all contributed fully, there was lots of love and laughter, but also plenty of work done.

Thank you to everyone who supported the powhiri earlier this week. Arise Church was certainly an outstanding venue for this moving event. Danielle Smith and Chantal Minnaar worked so hard to make sure this was a success. Flexibility has certainly been key in education over the last few years and this was certainly needed again. We are blessed to welcome new staff:

Jess Shanks in Room 3, teaching Year 6. Jess is the new Junior College leader. She has come from Abundant Life in Kaitaia and is a very experienced Christian educator.

Sarah Jongkind in Room 4, teaching Year 4. Sarah is a brand new, highly recommended beginning teacher. It is wonderful to witness her fresh and bubbly enthusiasm.

Carin Pringle is the new office administrator taking over from Cherie Hemara who is now the Office Manager following Carole Wootten's well-deserved retirement. Carin brings a wealth of experience and another wonderful smile to our school office.

Delaying the start of school due to the red weather warning on Tuesday was a big decision to make as a brand new principal. However, in consultation with members of the Board of Trustees, we felt strongly that we needed to put people's safety first. Thank you so much for the supportive comments we received from community members once the decision was announced. As in any extraordinary situation like this we will review our processes to see if there are any improvements needed. One feature we will look at involves subscribing to an SMS text messaging system that allows alerts to be sent out to all parent cell phones. We'll keep you posted on that one.

As we launch into the new year ahead with a sense of excitement but maybe also with a sense of nervousness, it is so important to remember where our true strength lies. Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) reads, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Nga mihi
Blessings

Andy Mouat

Advertise Here

Business advertising in the school newsletter is available. A business card size advertisement is \$5 per week or \$50 per term or \$200 per year.

The money raised will go towards digitally the school year book.

For details contact:

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2023 New Staff

Jess Shanks, Year 6 Teacher, Junior College Leader

Kia ora, I grew up in Kaitaia, studied in Whangarei, taught in London and returned home to teach in Kaitaia, where I have invested the last 8 years. My wonderful husband and I have recently moved to Whangarei to be closer to whānau.

I will be teaching our Year 6's and leading the Junior College. I am so grateful to be working with an incredible team of kaiako.

May your 2023 be blessed.
Ngā mihi nui



Carin Pringle, Office Administrator

I have recently moved from Cape Town, South Africa to Whangarei with my husband and two daughters. I have 5 children (three grown up sons & two daughters) and married to Lance who is a Project Manager for Worley at the Refinery. It has been a challenging journey for us immigrating and having to uproot our entire lives but God has been so good to us through this entire process. The love and support shared by everyone we meet has made the transition very manageable. I have a heart to serve and am privileged to be part of the Excellere team of people and I truly feel like I am part of an extended family.



Sarah Jongkind, Year 4 Homeroom Teacher

I am the Year 4 teacher in Room 4 this year. As a first year teacher, I am excited to be able to teach at Excellere College

For the last three years I have been studying with the University of Auckland in the Tai Tokerau campus.

It is a joy to be able to share my heart for God and teaching at Excellere College.



Week 1 2023 Highlights



Sports Coaches Wanted



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 options. Please get in touch ASAP.

Email: zola.mcdonald@excellerecollege.school.nz

Girls Brigade



Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun, inclusive group for girls and young women aged 5 to 18 years, who want to make the most out of life. Joining a GB company is a great way for girls to make new friends and enjoy activities that challenge and nurture their growth in a safe and supportive environment. You can find out more at <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>

There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei, meeting on Thursday nights. Our first enrolment night is 16 February:

1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, contact Kerry 021 0230 4000

OR 2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei, contact Sue 021 260 0792

Excellere College Meet and Greet

EXCELLERE COLLEGE

Annual SUMMER PICNIC



16 FEBRUARY
2023 | 5PM -
6:30PM

COME JOIN US FOR THE
AFTERNOON WITH YOUR
PICNIC BASKET AND MEET
OUR LOVELY TEACHERS.

WE WILL HAVE YOUR
AFTERNOON SORTED WITH:

- SAUSAGE SIZZLES, ICE CREAM
- GAMES
- LIVE MUSIC

Sports Events & Coaching Term 1

Week 2: Orienteering Year 7-9, Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 Feb

Week 3: Touch skills with JB #1, Year 5-6, Tuesday 14 Feb

Week 3: Excellere Athletics day, Years 7-13, Wednesday 15 Feb

Week 4: Touch skills with JB #2, Year 5-6, Tuesday 21 Feb

Week 5: Touch skills with JB #3, Year 5-6, Tuesday 28 Feb

Week 6: Futsal Senior Champs, Years 11-13, Wednesday 8 March

Week 6: Futsal Cup, Year 9-10, Thursday 9 March.

Week 7: Table Tennis Taster #1, Years 5-9, Thursday 16 March

Week 7: Interschool Athletics, Years 9-13, Friday 17 March.

Week 8: Touch Festival, Year 5-6 GIRLS, Tuesday 21 March

Week 8: Table Tennis Taster #2, Years 5-9, Thursday 23 March

Week 8: Touch Festival, Year 5-6 BOYS, Thursday 23 March

Week 9: Table Tennis Taster #3, Years 5-9, Thursday 30 March

Week 9: Touch skills with JB, Year 7-8, Tuesday 28 March

Week 10: Renew Sports Exchange, Wed 5 April

Middle College Basketball.

Week 10: WeetbixTRY, Years 5-9, Thursday 6 April



Netball—Expressions of Interest

This week I have been in contact with the students to gauge expressions of interest for Excellere Club netball. If your child has shown interest here, they will bring home a notice next week or the week after. All entries for netball this year will be done online via Sporty and more information will come following this.



If you are keen to manage or coach a team please let me know, even if you are not very confident, you will be fine especially in the younger grades.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator