



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 17 2023

Term 1 Week 3

## Upcoming Events

- 21 Feb Touch Training  
Year 5-6
- 22 Feb Athletics Day  
Year 7-13, Kensington
- 28 Feb NCEA Evening 6pm
- 28 Feb Touch Training  
Year 5-6
- 1 March PhotoLife School Photos
- 03 March Snorkel Trip  
Year 12 PE
- 07-10 March Tangihua Camp  
Year 12
- 03 March Mufti Day and Sausage  
Sizzle for Arthritis NZ
- 08 March Futsal Competition  
Year 11-13 Mixed
- 09 March Futsal Competition  
Year 9-10 Mixed
- 13-15 March Safety Course  
Year 11 (onsite)
- 13 March Cohort Entry Date

## From the Principal

Kia ora Excellere Whanau,

I pray you and your precious family remained safe throughout the extraordinary period of rough weather. Thank you for your support in making yet another informed decision to close the school. Thank you also to all the staff who remained so flexible, upbeat and supportive this week. It truly was a blessing to see everyone's smiling faces on Wednesday when school reopened.

My whanau and I were without electricity for several days and were blessed to be able to hire a very noisy diesel generator. This enabled us to run the freezers, but little else. Our power was restored about 7pm Wednesday evening. It has made us appreciate our warm safe home, the WiFi, hot showers and all the other home comforts we take for granted.

Our hearts go out to those people in our community who are dealing with damaged homes from this unprecedented weather event. For many communities, the clean up is going to take a long time. Many students shared stories of how they opened their homes to support friends and neighbours with hot meals, showers or the odd load of washing.

We are also so very thankful for the people who are still out working long hours to clear and repair roads, restore electricity and rescue others from dangerous situations. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the school picnic on Thursday. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet so many members of the school community. We were so grateful that the thunderstorms held off too. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out throughout the evening too.

As human beings we often find ourselves in a position to help others. As Christians we often have an additional responsibility to put others before ourselves.

Galatians 6:2 reads: "Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfil the law of Christ." The Good News: No one does anything alone. You can help friends and family get through life's big and small obstacles, and they will do the same for you.

Nga mihi  
Blessings

Andy Mouat

## Advertise Here

Business advertising in the school newsletter is available. The newsletter will go out 3x a term—week 3, week 6 and the last day of the term. The money raised will go towards digitally the school year book.

For details contact:

julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz  
or admin@excellerecollege.school.nz

Thanks for your support.

## Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle for Arthritis NZ

We will have a mufti day and sausage sizzle at lunchtime on Friday 3 March for Arthritis NZ. Mr Justin Hill (husband of Mrs Hill in Rm 12) will finish his run/walk Cape to Bluff adventure in April this year, by completing the SOuth Island in a month. Bring a gold coin for mufti and buy a sausage at lunchtime to support this worthy cause.

INSTAGRAM @cape2bluff4arthritis

FACEBOOK: FB Justin Hill





## Excellere College School Picnic



## Orienteering Year 7-9

In Week 2, the Year 7's, 8's and 9's had the privilege of having Whangarei Orienteering come into our school and teach our students the art of orienteering. Each age group learnt the map reading skills in the classroom then they had the opportunity of completing 4 different course maps. Some students completed all 4 maps and then went back to beat their times. It was a great experience for all of them. The results are displayed in the school office. — Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator





## Year 8 & Year 4 Buddy Class



On Friday of Week 2, Room 4 (Year 4) and Room 12 (Year 8) got together for their first Buddy class celebration. Buddying up Year 4's and Year 8's was a real fun activity and I am proud to say that siblings and cousins were very keen to choose each other. No one was without a buddy. We shared 5 things about ourselves: our favourite colour, dinner food, Bible character, Bible verse/ memory verse and a situation Jesus has helped me in.

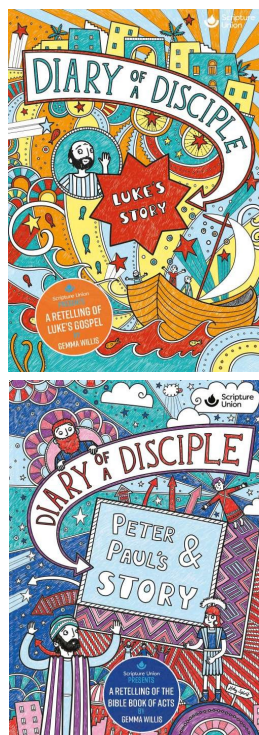
All had lots of fun in the Fiery Four and Mighty Eights game where gorillas and Ms Jongkind had to catch the string of buddies. We can't wait for our next Buddy Class celebration.

## New Books in the Library

If you are a fan of 'Tom Gates' or the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series, you'll want to try 'Diary of a Disciple' - 'Luke's Story' and 'Peter & Paul's Story'. These books, which will be in our library soon, are contemporary retellings of Luke's Gospel and the book of Acts for kids aged 8+. Download sample chapters, or the audiobook of 'Luke's Story', for free from: [www.diaryofadisciple.org](http://www.diaryofadisciple.org)

Other new book series to look out for this term: Nancy Drew (10 books); Theodore Boone (7 books); Wolf Girl (5 books); Bear Grylls Adventures (12 books); The Rwendigo Tales (4 books); Called and Courageous Girls (4 books).

Happy reading!  
Kimberley.



## Sports Events & Coaching Term 1

- Week 4: Excellere Athletics day, Years 7-13, Wednesday 22 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, MC Basketball
- Week 10: WeetbixTRYathlon, Years 5-9, Thursday 6 April

## 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](mailto:zola.mcdonald@excellerecollege.school.nz)



## 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.



## Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property from last year. Please take some time to have a look through what we have before next Wednesday. There are many quality items of school uniform that are unnamed.

