



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

March 10 2023

Term 1 Week 6

Upcoming Events

13-15 Mar Mon-Wed	Safety Course Year 11 (onsite)
15 March Wed	WPSSA Swimming Sports Year 5 & 6
16 March Thurs	Strike Action School Closed
17 March Fri	NSSSA Athletics Year 9-13
21&23 Mar Tues Thurs	Touch Test Year 5 & 6
21&22 Mar Tues-Wed	Food & Beverage Course Year 11
21 March Tues	Careers Expo @ Kamo High—Year 9
22-24 Mar Wed-Fri	Communication and Confidence Course Year 12 & 13
28-29 Mar Tues Wed	Food & Beverage Course Year 11
28-31 Mar Tues-Fri	DOE Tongararioro Trip
5 April Wed	Renew Sports exchange Basketball
6 April Thurs	Weetbix Tryathlon
6 April Thurs	Last Day of School
24 April Mon	TEACHER ONLY DAY
25 April Tues	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 April Wed	First Day of Term 2

From the Principal

Kia ora Excellere Whānau,

Goodness, this has been a busy and spirit-filled beginning to the year. It is such a privilege to be sitting in on lessons around the school, getting to know the students and staff and feeling so blessed to witness such respectful Christian interactions taking place. Hearing students pray for each other, their teachers and whānau is such a wonderful testimony to Excellere College.

School camps have been taking place although sadly, the Waikaremoana tramp had to be cancelled due to cyclone damage. Students went to the Poor Knights, Tangihua Lodge and there are other exciting trips coming up. I wish to say a huge “thank you” to all parents and staff who have supported the students in creating lifelong memories. Providing transport and supervision enables these special experiences to take place. The athletics event at Trigg Stadium was very successful too. It was great to watch the sprint finals at school on Monday 6th March and to see parents coming along to cheer the students as they raced around the field.

It has come to my attention that there have been a few near misses in the school carpark during the pick and drop off times before and after school. Thank you to everyone who is already adhering to the common sense behaviours of the school car park. I also really appreciate the parents who have taken the time to come and speak to me personally regarding the parking issue. Over the page are some points to consider when using the school carpark to make it safer for everyone.

Something to think about: *The Bible says God has given me a spirit of power, love and a sound mind, not of fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)*

Ngā mihi
Blessings
Andy Mouat

Urgent Notice School Closure Thursday 16th March 2023

Due to NZEI and PPTA strike action, Excellere College will be closed for instruction on Thursday 16th March. All union members will have received a strike notice and will not be allowed on site for the day. Non union members will be in school but there will not be enough staff present to safely teach or supervise students.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes but we are obliged to follow national union guidelines. The majority of other schools throughout New Zealand will also be closed on this day. Many students will have access to online learning platforms and will be able to work independently on that day.

Please know that this is a difficult decision to make, and again, I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Blessings, Andy Mouat

IMPORTANT: School Car Park Notice

Thank you so much to all whānau who are waiting patiently at the end of the day to collect their children from the Excellere car park. The vast majority of drivers acknowledge this is a busy time of the day and drive very slowly and respectfully. There have, however, been a number of near misses where students rush out to meet parents while cars are being driven too quickly through the car park. Additionally, some drivers are using the wrong side of the driveway and potentially driving into oncoming vehicles.

Please be aware that we are doing our best to get students out in a timely manner. We plan to put in a pedestrian crossing in front of the yellow bollards so that students can more safely cross to the centre of the car park.

- 1. Please slow down. Drive at walking pace within the car park.***
- 2. Please wait until the bus has gone (around 3pm) before queuing in the carpark.***
- 3. Please park in front of the yellow bollards (there should be room for five cars once the bus has gone)***
- 4. We are asking students to wait for pickup behind the bollards so they don't need to cross the busy car park.***
- 5. Parents of younger students may prefer to park in the car park, get out and walk to collect their children from behind the yellow bollards themselves.***
- 6. Some whānau already collect their kids from Taylor Road and this reduces congestion at school.***

Our goal is to keep all tamariki safe as they finish their busy day. I do apologise that the pick up process is not terribly efficient, but for now, it is the best option we have.

Year 12 Tangihua Lodge Camp Highlights



Year 9 & 10 Rippa Training

This month Northland Rugby came to encourage Rippa Rugby amongst our Year 9 girls and also our Year 10s. They will be coming 2 more times to continue to add to our students skill base.



Fundraiser for Arthritis New Zealand

On Friday 3 March we had a very successful Mufti and Sausage Sizzle event in which we raised almost \$800 for Arthritis NZ. A huge THANK YOU to all students and whanau for the support. Mr Justin Hill and Richard Smith are currently in Picton starting the South Island leg of the Cape to Bluff for Arthritis - doing 45km a day for 5 days = 225km a week; for the next 4 weeks. A total of 900+ km. Please keep them in your prayers. Mrs Hill thanks MC supporters Mr Osborne and Mrs Kelly for their enthusiasm. We could not have done it without all the BBQ helpers and servers. Kia ora.



Level 2 Biology Field Trip

Level 2 biology students went for their ecology field trip to Waipu cove beach where they collected data on the abundance of living things in the rocks pools on different parts of the beach.

The data will help them complete two Biology standards worth 8 credits. It was a beautiful sunny day and we were lucky that we had some time after the task to collect some shells and enjoy the scenery while eating our ice blocks.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour, HoD Science



Senior Futsal Tournament

Our senior boys did awesome at the senior boys Futsal Championships this month. They played hard and only lost 1 game, finishing 5th over all in Northland. Well done boys.



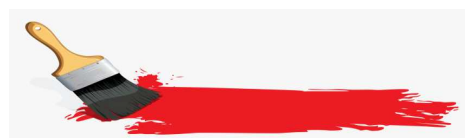
School DIY Project Help

Dear Parents and Whanau

We are planning to give a few of the areas around the school a makeover and the students will be helping out and restore some furniture. If you have any extra paint, varnish, brushes, or DIY supplies lying around the house, please drop them off at the school office!

Also, if you have any items we can use for our foyer display for Easter, please do bring them in!

We really appreciate your help, Blessings.



New Shelves in the Library

Thanks to our friends at Kamo Primary School library who were refurbishing, we have some new shelves for our non-fiction section - don't they look great?! These shelves mean that a lot more of our books can be outward facing, helping students find books that interest them more easily. I've already noticed a huge improvement in the amount of non-fiction that is borrowed. The new shelves have also helped make space for desks for senior students to use.



Some of our new non-fiction so far this year is as follows:



Mud, Sweat & Tears (The Bear Grylls autobiography - young readers edition); Lonely Planet Kids Atlas of Dogs; Agency of Hope: The story of the Auckland City Mission 1920-2020; A Life Story: Queen Elizabeth II; The World of the First Christians.

Reminder: Scholastic orders are due Friday 17 March

- Kimberly Nielson, Library Administrator

Excellere College Sports Hoodies

For those who would like to purchase an Excellere College Sports hoodie this year for your children to wear at sports events. These will be available to purchase for a limited time during week 6-7. This hoodie is perfect to wear when we are competing off school grounds and for netball.

The new Excellere College sports design will be displayed plus your child's name printed on the back. The cost will be \$89 each.

These hoodies are excellent quality and will last your child a long time and are an excellent choice to help unify the teams.

They take 5-6 weeks to order, so if we order them early, they will be available for Term 2 events.

Please enter this link below to order your child's custom sports/netball hoodie, there is a drop down menu to choose the sport that your child prefers, if they play many different sports, then just have "sports" on the back.

<https://uniformhub.co.nz/collections/excellere-college/products/excellere-college-sports-hoodie>

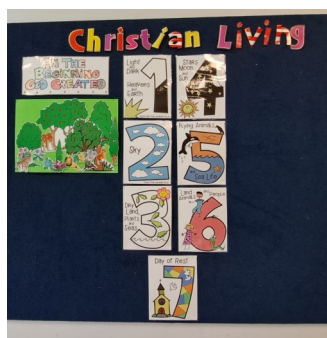
NOTE 1: the colour of the hoodie is closer to royal blue, this image makes it look black.

NOTE 2: these are not part of the school uniform and are to be worn for sports events only.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

Year 3 Learning with Mrs. Annandale

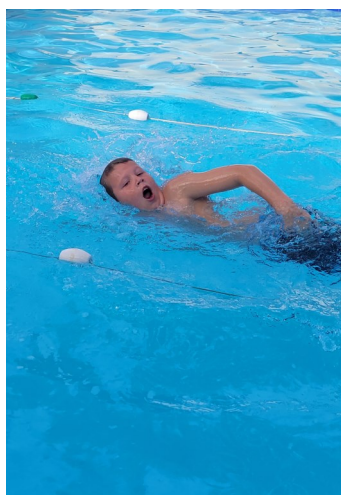
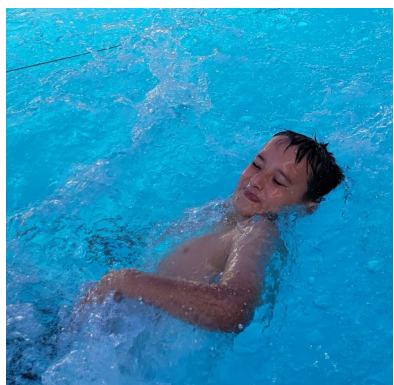
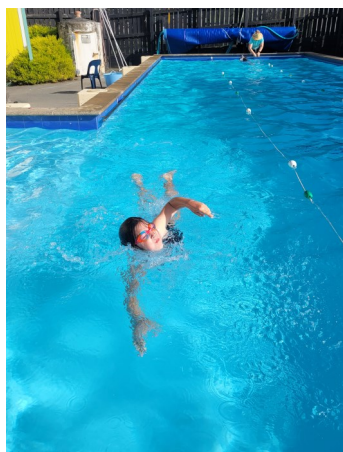
We all worked on feathers individually to make a beautiful bird to show unity as a class. We might all be different but in our class everyone is important and we grow together. We also made balloons and these display who we are and our Pepeha.



Junior Swimming Sports at Kaurihohore School

For the first time in a LONG time Excellere Junior College competed in their zone swimming sports competition against Kaurihohore Primary School. Our kids swam their hearts out, lots of fears over come and many great achievements out there. The fastest 2 swimmers from each year level in each stroke from the 2 schools will go forward to the interschools in March. So watch this space.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Congratulations!



A big congratulations to our new Year 4 teacher Sarah Jongkind. Last week she celebrated her graduation from Auckland University, gaining her Bachelors degree in Education. We are so blessed to have her here at Excellere College. Here she is pictured with Mirko Wojonowski, our school board presiding member/ Auckland University tutor.

Litter-Less Project

Year 8's have started the litter less project. They are going to investigate the subject of litter and the impact of littering. The first step was to look at the issue at Excellere and educate ourselves about that.

Last week, the entire class went for a clean up around the school and the next steps will be how to inform everyone at Excellere about the importance of a litter free and more beautiful school.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour HoD science



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Sports Events & Coaching Term 1

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

Touch Rugby Training

Over the last 2 weeks the Year 5 and 6's have had the privilege of having Northland Touch Rugby come into our school to increase the students skills. We are working towards a couple of touch festivals in week 8. So for those kids who are wanting to participate in this, they will bring home a notice sometime in the next few weeks.



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Level 3 Barista Course

Last week a group of Level 3 students from Excellere College went to Northtec to learn the trade of Barista.

They learnt about extracting coffee and how to make some of their favourite cafe drinks.



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. 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.



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 email me on: zola.mcdonald@excellerecollege.school.nz
- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

Year 7-13 Athletics Day at Kensington Park

Athletics day was an amazing day held at the athletics stadium in Kensington Park. Only a week after Cyclone Gabrielle, the wet conditions on the school grounds made it a safer option for the event. The weather was perfect on the day. Incredibly hot but at least no rain in sight and ice blocks for all participants and staff. Events ran smoothly throughout the day thanks to the organisation skills of Zola and Mr Keyte. The high jump went up to 1.60 and there were some pretty competitive 100 and 200m heats with the finals and house relays held on Monday Week 6.

One record was broken this year by Rourke Vermeulen in the shot put. Later on this term we will run the 400, 800 and 1500m races we will be able to tally the house winner.

All the best to the students selected to represent Excellere College next week in the Northland Secondary School Athletics event at Kensington next week.



Year 7-13 Athletics Results

Javelin

U14 Girls

1st: Jaynee C. 13.19m
2nd: Ella Y. 12.72m
3rd: Lydia J. 11.83

U16 Girls

1st: Aimee W. 15.58m
2nd: Ulricke S. 15.15m
3rd: Sienna Q. 9.99m

Open Girls

1st: Daniela W. 16.10m
2nd: Ella 15.80m
3rd: Jessica D. 14.41m

U14 Boys

1st: Aiden M. 24.56m
2nd: Waldo 24.50m
3rd: Heinz 21.38m

U16 Boys

1st: Miguel S. 27.43m
2nd: Tui L. 24.55m
3rd: LJ 24.49m

Open Boys

1st: Morgan S. 24.11m
2nd: Joshua S. 20.28m

Triple Jump

U12 Girls

1st: Emilee-Jae 6.77m
2nd: Ellie C. 5.87m
3rd: Mikayla F. 5.40m

U14 Girls

1st: Ella Y. 7.71m
2nd: Jaynee C. 7.42m
3rd: June 7.32m

U16 Girls

1st: Aimee W. 6.97m
2nd: Caylin W. 6.95m
3rd: -

Open Girls

1st: Jessica D. 6.90m
2nd: Kitchie T. 6.72m
3rd: Ella E. 6.69m

U12 Boys

1st: Israel Y. 8.01m
2nd: Kaiden B. 6.71m
3rd: Chris DB. 6.23m

U14 Boys

1st: James B. 8.53m
2nd: Heinz C. 8.33m
3rd: Connor H. 8.25m

U16 Boys

1st: Josh C. 10.75m
2nd: Tui L. 10.33m
3rd: Matthew P. 10.21m

Open Boys

1st: Caleb D. 8.55m
2nd: Ethan B. 7.63m
3rd: Owen V.H. 7.29m

High Jump		Long Jump	
U12 Girls 1st: Emilee-Jae 1.07m 2nd: Sarah P. 1.06m 3rd: Lucy A. 1.05m	U12 Boys 1st: Israel Y. 2nd: - 3rd: -	U12 Girls 1st: Lucy A. 3.30m 2nd: EJ 3.26m 3rd: Mikayla F. 3.18	U12 Boys 1st: Israel Y. 3.88m 2nd: Rourke 3.60m 3rd: Noah H. 3.58m
U14 Girls 1st: Ella Y. 1.25m 2nd: Lydia J. 1.20m 3rd: Marissa & Jaynee 1.15m	U14 Boys 1st: Aiden M. 1.40m 2nd = 1.30m : Waldo, Heinz, James B.	U14 Girls 1st: Lydia J. 3.86m 2nd: Ella Y. 3.82m 3rd: Jaynee C. 3.65m	U14 Boys 1st: Aiden M. 4.32 2nd: Connor H. 4.25m 3rd: James W. 4.02m
U16 Girls 1st: Ulricke 1.20m 2nd: Caylin 1.1m 3rd: Aimee W. 1.0m	U16 Boys 1st: Matthew 1.60m 2nd: Tui L. 1.50m 3rd: Josh C. 1.40m	U16 Girls 1st: Aimee W. 3.05m 2nd: Ulrike S. 2.90m 3rd: Caylin W. 2.89m	U16 Boys 1st: Matthew P. 5.20m 2nd: Josh C. 4.92m 3rd: Levi Y. 4.72m
Open Girls 1st: Jessica D. 1.20m 2nd: Ella E. 1.10m 3rd: Daniela W. 1.05m	Open Boys 1st: Caleb D. 1.40m 2nd: Ethan B. 1.20m 3rd: Morgan S. 1.10m	Open Girls 1st: Kitchie T. 3.28m 2nd: Rachel P. 3.27m 3rd: Jessica D. 3.18m	Open Boys 1st: Caleb D. 4.15m 2nd: Josh S. 4.14m 3rd: Ethan B. 3.90m
Shot Put		Discus	
U12 Girls 1st: Zoe R. 5.56m 2nd: Ellie C. 5.4m 3rd: Lydia A. 5.19m	U12 Boys 1st: Rourke V. 8.08m 2nd: Chris D. 7.7m 3rd: Jaejin 6.7m	U12 Girls 1st: Zoe R. 11.25m 2nd: Sarah P. 10.96m 3rd: Stephanie D. 10.91m	U12 Boys 1st: Rourke V. 15.20m 2nd: Kaiden B. 13.15m 3rd: Chris D. 12.45m
U14 Girls 1st: Mariela S. 6.81m 2nd: Abinaya 6.29m 3rd: Azeneth 5.78m	U14 Boys 1st: Aiden M. 8.29m 2nd: James W. 6.88m 3rd: James B. 6.24m	U14 Girls 1st: Luane N. 14.25m 2nd: Ella Y. 13.91m 3rd: Mariela S. 13.41m	U14 Boys 1st: Aiden M. 24.79m 2nd: James W. 17.63m 3rd Caleb W. 17.05m
U16 Girls 1st: Caylin W. 7.34m 2nd: Ulricke S. 7.16m 3rd: Aimee W. 6.34m	U16 Boys 1st: Micah E. 9.79m 2nd: Tui L. 9.14m 3rd: Joshua C. 9.12m	U16 Girls 1st: Caylin W. 17.3m 2nd: Aimee W. 16.5m 3rd: Ulricke S. 13.00m	U16 Boys 1st: Miguel S. 22.44m 2nd: Lahratio G. 21.40m 3rd: Micah E. 20.15m
Open Girls 1st: Melisa T. 7.52m 2nd Jessica D. 7.32m 3rd: Kitchie T. 7.08m	Open Boys 1st: Joshua S. 10.44m 2nd: Morgan S. 9.35m 3rd: Caleb D. 6.94m	Open Girls 1st: Ella E. 18.65m 2nd: Melisa T. 18.11m 3rd: Rachel P. 17.08m	Open Boys 1st: Joshua S. 25.39m 2nd: Morgan S. 20.37m 3rd: Ethan B. 14.27m
100m		200m	
U12 Girls 1st: Emilee-Jae 15.41s 2nd: Lucy A. 3rd: Kylie B.	U12 Boys 1st: Jaejin 14.41s 2nd: Israel Y. 3rd: Tyler R.	U12 Girls 1st: Emilee-Jae 35.37s 2nd: Kylie B. 3rd: Sarah P.	U12 Boys 1st: Israel Y. 32.97s 2nd: Jaejin 3rd: Tyler R.
U14 Girls 1st: June U. 14.47s 2nd: Jaynee C. 3rd: Natalie A.	U14 Boys 1st: James W. 13.25s 2nd: Aiden M. 3rd: Connor H.	U14 Girls 1st: June U. 33.06s 2nd: Lydia J. 3rd: Kelly D.B.	U14 Boys 1st: Aiden M. 31.10s 2nd: James B. 3rd: Connor H.
U16 Girls 1st: Ulricke S. 15.53s 2nd: Aimee W. 3rd: Caylin	U16 Boys 1st: Joshua C. 12.50s 2nd: Lahratio G. 3rd: LJ V.	U16 Girls 1st: Ulricke S. 2nd: Jemma 3rd: Sarah	U16 Boys 1st: Matthew P. 28.00s 2nd: Joshua C. 3rd: Lahratio G.
Open Girls 1st: Ella E. 2nd: Rachel P.	Open Boys 1st: Morgan S. 2nd: Joshua S.	Open Girls 1st: Jessica D. 2nd: Rhianna V.B.H.	Open Boys 1st: Caleb D. 2nd: Joshua S.

Year 7-13 Athletics Day

