



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

May 12 2023

Term 2 Week 3

Upcoming Events

16&17 May Tues, Wed	Food & Beverages Course Year 11 @ Northtec
16 May Tues	Turbo Touch Festival Year 7 & 8
16-19 May Tues-Fri	Duke Of Edinburgh Hike Peach Cove
17 May Wednesday	Winter Sports Tournament Year 7 & 8
18 May Thursday	Mixed Turbo Touch - Cup Year 9 & 10
23&24 May Tues&Wed	Food & Beverages Course Year 11 @ Northtec
24 May Wednesday	Winter Sports Tournament Year 5 & 6
26 May Fri	Scuba Diving— 12 & 13 PE
29 May Monday	New Entrant Cohort entry
31 May Wednesday	WPSSA Sports Tournament Year 5-6
1 June Thurs	Scuba Diving—12 & 13 PE
5 June Mon	King's Birthday
6 June Tues	RYDA—Year 12-13
7 June Wednesday	TAS Jazz Bands in Gym Year 7-13 (Start 11:45am sharp for 12:20pm start)
8 June Thursday	Basketball 3x3 Year 9 - 10
13 June Tue	Basketball 3x3 Year 11-13
15 June Monday	Table Tennis Year 7-8
16 June Tuesday	Careers Expo Auckland Year 10
17 June Saturday	Senior Ball Mackay Stadium

From the Principal

Kia ora Excellere Whānau,

Term 2 has begun so very positively despite the continued unsettled weather. We've managed to continue with outdoor events including the cycle-cross biking event, try-athlon and cross country even though the ground was so wet and there was so much rain. I felt so very proud standing with thousands of onlookers on ANZAC morning in Whangārei. Seeing Aimee Whitehead and Caleb Duinkerke placing the wreath on behalf of Excellere College was a truly moving moment. Thank you so much to Mrs Smith for her leadership and care and for arranging the wreath.

I wish to extend a big "thank you" to everyone in the community for the care taken to make the carpark a far safer place at the end of each school day. Unfortunately, however, we still have a very few drivers who are travelling far too quickly through the carpark. Please keep it down to walking pace as we do have younger students who are most at risk.

Here at Excellere College we remember the entire Whangārei Boys' High School community. Our prayers and aroha go out to them at this very difficult time.

Special Character

Over the next few newsletters I intend to share aspects of the special character documentation that supports our position as a Christian school in a secular system. All teaching staff are currently undergoing further training on aspects of our special character. This is a very interesting process and encourages a great deal of theological discussion. The Kingsway Trust working alongside the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) is the overarching organisation and we use three documents to support our work within school:

1. *Special Character Guidelines* 2. *Theological Framework* 3. *Our Faith*

Within the Special Character Guidelines booklet there is a statement that is aimed at teachers. This gives an idea of the overall aims of the documentation and of course, Excellere College. This is an extract;

"Teachers are indispensable when it comes to inspiring students to become authentic followers of Jesus Christ, growing in Christ-like character and expressing God's love to the world." "Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, to the needs of students and to what is age appropriate."

There are Seven Core Practices that are the basis of our Theological Framework:

Participation	Prayer and other spiritual practices
Holy Scripture	Engaging with Scriptures
Human Formation	Christ-like character formation
Community/People	Valuing and respecting others
Knowing/Learning	Thinking theologically
Curriculum/Pedagogy	Delivering a Christ-centred curriculum
Community Engagement & Work/	Mission/Vocation/Service

"The seven core practices guide schools as they seek to provide an environment where students can grow in faith, hope and love." (continues on the next page)

ANZAC Dawn Service



On ANZAC Day 2023, as head students, Aimee and I represented Excellere College at the Dawn Parade in Whangarei. We marched at the back with all the other schools present there. During the ceremony we were the first school to lay a wreath at the base of the cenotaph.

According to Mr. Mouat the turn out to the dawn service was great with about 6,000 people there. It was also a good time of reflection on the sacrifice our soldiers made for us in the war just over a hundred years ago.

- Caleb Duinkerke, Year 13

Prayer and Other Spiritual Practices

Inspired by the love of God, we foster a culture and habit of prayer/karakia and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, desiring to connect with God and see his kingdom come in every situation.

Engaging with Scriptures

Heartened by faith in Jesus Christ, we provide students with opportunities to read, explore and study the Scriptures so that they may encounter God, grow in faith and understanding, be renewed in their hearts and minds, and become skilled in interpreting the Scriptures wisely.

Christ-like Character Formation

Inspired by the love of God, we fix our eyes on Jesus and desire to grow in Christ-like character while extending grace towards others, recognising that we are each a work in progress.

Valuing and Respecting Ourselves and Others

Inspired by the love of God we treat ourselves and others with respect and consideration, recognising that we are all created in God's image and are deeply loved by God.

Thinking Theologically

Heartened by faith in Jesus Christ, we endeavour to think theologically about all of life, searching out the truth together and listening to one another in humility.

Delivering a Christ-Centred Curriculum

Heartened by faith in Jesus Christ, our teachers deliver a Christ centred curriculum that is informed by Scripture, inspires wonder, and respect for God's world and enables students to see how Christ is connected to all their learning.

Mission, Vocation and Service

Motivated by gospel hope, our teachers cultivate intentional outward focus expressed through mission, vocation and service."

It is such a blessing to be part of an organisation that has these fundamental values at the heart of everything we do. All staff are passionate about embedding these principles.

Please note that the above information is only covering some aspects of what goes on within Excellere College. Over the coming weeks I will include further detail for your interest.

Every blessing,
Andy Mouat
Excellere College Principal

Tree Planting at Parihaka Mountain Bike Park

As part of being an enviro-school it is a great idea to get out in the community and join some of the environmental initiatives happening about the place. Next Sunday join in to plant 1000 trees and clean up around the Whangarei Mountain bike park on Abby Caves Road. Sign up to join and lunch will be provided. Further details below. See you there!



TREE PLANTING & CLEAN UP

Postponed from 6th to 21st May 2023
10am - 2pm
Parihaka Mountain Bike Park

Join us to plant 1,000 native trees through the Matariki Tu Rākau project and clean up rubbish. Kai provided (sign up required).

Find out more at:
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contact@forwardwhangarei.co.nz

POSTPONED to 21st MAY

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Class of 2023
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Masquerade
SENIOR BALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 5:30PM - 11PM

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Excellere College Weet-Bix Try-athlon

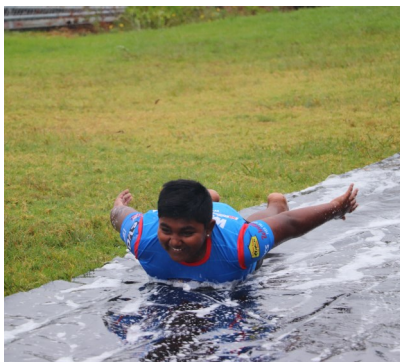
On the last day of school in Term 1 our Year 5,6,7,8,9's had the privilege of competing in our own WeetbixTRY challenge. Traditionally the weetbix triathlon includes a swim, bike and run, however, the TRY challenge is different. The TRY challenge allows coordinators to think outside the box and to come up with a fun event that students can participate in.

This year we did things similarly to the 2022, the students completed a press up and skipping challenge before going outside in the RAIN to complete 2 laps of the obstacle course that included things such as, a water slide, sponge throw, balance beam, colour run, cargo net, hurdles, feijoa and spoon race and a crash mat jump. After this, all participants went out for a long run around the pad-

docks that were clearly marked with interesting lawn mowing designs from Peter the Caretaker. Each participant received a t-shirt and medal and either a hot chocolate or ice block on completion.

Typical Whangarei weather added to the fun of the day, with persisting rain for the 2 hours that we did the event, but this just created an even more fun atmosphere. Special thanks to the year 10s, who assisted in this event and stood in the rain for the entire time that we did this. And also a thanks to the teachers for their help and support for putting together this event with me.

Zola



Cycle-Cross at Excellere College

We had a ripper of a first day back at school with an awesome cyclocross event. Kevin MacKenzie and Heather Deane from Sport Northland spent the day with us introducing our Year 7's and up to the sport of cyclocross.

This event had our students complete a 780m circuit on the school field with the aim of completing as many laps as possible in 20min. They had to navigate through tight turns, sand, a jump and a narrow plank while anticipating a sprinkler and wet sponges being thrown at them. Our students did so well and had loads of fun.

A special mention needs to go to Johnney Walker for completing the most Laps in the juniors (5 laps), James Bradley who did the most laps in the Year 9s (8 laps), and Jacob Mitchell who topped the seniors with 9 laps.

Ben Keyte (vintage - but still got it) also completed 9 laps finishing ahead of Jacob, luckily his shoulders don't weigh him down (most likely the reason for his success).

We are hoping that Cyclocross becomes an NSSSA event so that we can send our talented students off to represent our school in 2024.

Zola McDonald, Sports coordinator



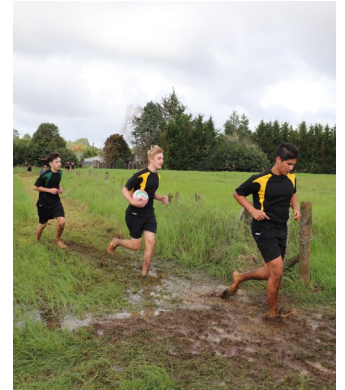
Excellere College Cross-Country

Cross Country 2023 was an awesome event for Excellere College. With all of the horrendous weather we decided to call it a Cross-Country-Mud-Run event. The students had such a great time, jumping through flooded paddocks and drains, making mud and getting covered in it and climbing over carpeted fences. The kids who took part loved it, all the way from the Year 1's to the Year 13's. You can see by these photos that the students had a good time.

I would like to say a special thanks to those senior students and house captains who helped with marshalling ALL DAY and those who helped to pace the races over and over again clocking up some serious kilometres before your own event. Without these students we could not have done this event, you are all very much appreciated.

A special mention: Kelly De Beer and Izzy Yung for finishing in front of their race-pacer and earning themselves \$10 from me. (Results and photos in Week 6 newsletter).

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



2023 World Vision 40 Hour Famine

This year, World Vision 40 Hour Famine is raising money for children in Malawi who do not have clean drinking water. "Every day in Malawi, 11 kids under 5 die from diseases related to dirty water." Excellere College will be participating in the fundraiser this year. The 40hr famine will be on the 9 - 11 of June. This is for students in Year 7 - 13. We hope many of you will participate, to help make a difference in the lives of children in Malawi. - "Every Child Deserves Clean Water."

Some ideas to raise money are:

To go 40 hours without food (barley sugars)

To go 40 hours using 40 litres of water (for drinking and washing)

40 hours no water from taps - bucket only

40 hours 40 kms (in a group)

40 hours no technology (no TV, cell phones, computers, radio)

If you are interested, parent information forms will be handed out in class this week or email Mr Keyte for further details on: ben.keyte@excellerecollege.school.nz

4 Hour Challenge
World Vision
16-18 JUNE 2023

800
kids around the world die every day because they don't have clean water.

#40HOURNZ

House Competition Results — Paper Plane Throwing

Below are the results for the Paper Plane throwing competition late last term. Well done to Parihaka for taking out another convincing win and to Hikurangi house leaders, LJ and Joel ,for organising and running a successful house event.

	Year 1-3	Year 4-6	Year 7+		House Results
1st	Milla Eke	Chloe Jordaan	Ayden Attwood	1st	Parihaka
2nd	Piet Robbertze	Ariel Long	Izzy Yung	2nd	Parakiore
				3rd	Hurupaki
3rd	Nate Blithe	Mialea Boshoff	Waldo Potgieter	4th	Hikurangi

Year 11 & 12 First Aid Training

This Term started with first aid training out at Matapouri Beach for the Year 11 & 12 students. They learned the DRSABC method, the recovery position, and how to respond in emergency situations. The Year 11 students gained their Workplace First Aid certificate and our Year 12 students gained their Outdoor First Aid certificate. On the last day, students acted out some scenarios that helped them identify the dangers of a scene and treated the injured patients with equipment to stabilise them for transportation. It was lovely to see the students so engaged in the practical assessments, and working together to assess the situation.



A Funny Story

During Term 1 a remarkably humorous event happened in my office. A teacher sent several students to my office to show me their work and I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with them.

At one stage I was sitting at the table in my office with 4 or 5 students all sharing their work. We were engaged in an interesting discussion about what they had learnt when one of the students leant across the table. They placed their hand on top of the hand sanitiser bottle and gave it an energetic push. No sanitiser went on their hand but the entire amount landed in my face, on my shirt, down my arms and on my legs.

There was a moment of silence and all the students went slightly pale and wide-eyed when one student said,

“I can’t believe it! We get invited into the principal’s office and you squirt hand sanitiser into his face!”

I tipped my head back and roared with laughter while wiping the mess off my face and arms. The students relaxed a little. One student then asked me,

“How come you’re laughing?”

I responded that it was the funniest thing that had happened to me all day.

Since then we have had several laughs about the situation. It is such a privilege to spend time with such wonderful, funny, intelligent young people who also have such a heart for the Lord. What a blessing!

Andy Mouat, Principal

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Duke Of Edinburgh



On the 28th of March the Duke of Edinburgh silver group, accompanied by some of the gold participants, set out from school in the direction of Tongariro national park for our tramp practice.

Following a gnarly seven hours of driving we arrived at our accommodation and spent a lovely night in air conditioned cabins. The next day we woke up to snow covered mountains and promptly purchased some cold weather gear at the info centre before setting out into some incredibly unique terrain for the first day of walking through beech forest, scrub, mud and lots of ice.



That night was spent with the fireplace roaring and plenty of admiring the awesome view of Mt Ngauruhoe. The second morning was chilly and the impending dread of the climb to come was setting in. We walked through ancient lava flows and climbed hundreds of stairs to reach the red crater where a snowball fight promptly took place. We walked down the ridge to the vibrant crater lakes and

followed it down further to what can only be described as Mordor itself. We hiked through the sandy volcanic wasteland and stopped for lunch before trudging on through windswept valleys and following ridgelines of scoria.

At the end of our amazing second day we were treated with one last climb up to a viewpoint of Mt Ruapehu and the valley between it and Ngauruhoe.

On our final day of walking we headed up the valley following a river back to the Whakapapa village before making the crazy drive home, all in one day.

- Joel Schoemaker, Year 12 & DOE Silver participant



Term 2 Sport Calendar

Term 2 Events Year 1-6

Week 6: WPSSA sports Tournament, Years 5-6, Wed May 31

Term 2 Events Year 7-9

Week 4:

Turbo Touch years 7-8, Tues May 16

WPSSA Sports Tournament, Years 7-8, Wed May 17

Week 7:

Basketball 3x3, Year 9-10, Thurs June 8

Week 8:

Table Tennis, Year 7-8 Thurs June 15

Week 10:

Interschool Cross Country, Years 7-13, Tues June 27

Renew sports exchange, Wed June 28

Term 2 Events Year 10+

Week 4:

Turbo Touch Years 9-10, Thurs May 18

Week 7:

Basketball 3x3, Year 9-10, Thurs June 8

Week 8:

Basketball 3x3, Year 11-13, Tues June 13

Week 10:

Interschool Cross Country, Years 7-13, Tues June 27

Renew Sports exchange, Wed June 28



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Renew vs Excellere Basketball Exchange

2023 is the year that we reinstate our exchanges with Renew School. This term we decided on middle school basketball and our players trained on Monday at lunchtime with Mr Osborne.

Event day wasn't without its drama, Renew wrote the date incorrectly in their calendar, so they had to rearrange their week to get here. I had been talking a "big" talk to Robbie (the Renew Sports coordinator) about how we are going to win, and thrash them on the court. Robbie turned up with only 5 players, no subs, I thought this was going to be an easy win for us, and I kept rubbing it in to Robbie.

The game was a true nail biter, Renew was ahead of us for the first 2 quaters. However during quarter 3 we started to claw our way ahead, but we gave away an "own goal", which evened things up again then Renew scored a 3 pointer right on the 3rd quarter whistle. During the 4th quarter we had a sizeable lead, only to have Renew close that gap in the last few minutes, leaving the score 29 to 28 to us, what a game!

Well done to our players, you were excellent and I am proud of you all and well done to Renew who managed to keep that score so tight. It made an exciting spectator sport.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Making Bread with Year 2



In Room 1 we read a shared book about making bread so we made yeast bread in class. We learned about kneading the dough. Each child formed their own roll. We baked them, they smelled delicious! We ate them while they were still warm.



Business Studies—Tauria Desserts



We are Tauria Desserts, We are in the process of creating a bakery business. We sell delicious brownies for \$3.50 each as well as sweet donuts for \$3.00 each.

We would really appreciate it if anyone would email us via tauria.desserts@gmail.com if

you are interested in buying our baked goods. We would really appreciate the support. Thank you for your consideration.

Tauria Desserts - Ulricke, Madde, Yael, Jemma

Accommodation Urgently Needed

I am an Excellere College senior student and am urgently looking for accommodation in or around Kamo area. My family need to relocate to Auckland for work and I need to complete my last few months of my final school year (until September this year).

Can you help me out? Willing to contribute financially and work on weekends yard work, etc.

Please contact my parents: Nina 0273290351 & Phil 0272055851

Excellere College Netball Grading



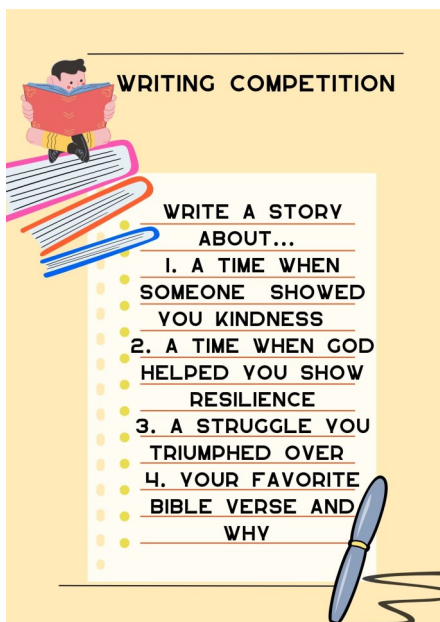
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Te Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa

House Competition: Writing Competition



Time for another House competition! Calling all writers who want to gain points for your house. This competition starts now and ends Friday, Week 9 of this term. All entries can be posted in the box at the front office from Week 4. Students get writing and teachers get your students writing so we can get as many entries for our houses as possible.

Competition Rules:

- Stories must be about one of topic options, it must be original work and will be checked for authenticity
- Students may ask for help with spelling and grammar from Year 1 to Year 6, Year 7+ need to write without teacher assistance.
- All stories must be named and have the students name, house group and age on the page
- The stories must not be more than 500 words
- Our house leader will read through all the stories and will pick the best from each year group, the finalists will be judged by Mrs Dainty