



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

June 30 2023

Term 2 Week 10

Upcoming Events

17 July Monday	First Day of Term 3
20 July Thursday	Learning Conferences 1-6pm
25 July Tuesday	Senior Boys Basketball Year 11-13 Championship
27&28 July Wed, Thurs	Mazbou Q - Music Mentor
1 Aug Tuesday	Rippa Rugby Festival Year 7 & 8
3-10 Aug Thurs-Thurs	Life Education Visit
7-11 Aug Mon-Fri	Maths Week
8 Aug Tuesday	Futsal Festival Year 7 & 8 Mixed Team
11 Aug Friday	Assembly School Gym
12 Aug Saturday	YES Trade Fair Kerikeri Year 11 Business Studies
17 Aug Thursday	Badminton Boys Team Championship Year 9-13
18 Aug Friday	Daffodil Day Mufti Day Fundraiser
21 Aug Monday	Year 0 Cohort Entry
22 Aug Tuesday	Netball Cup Year 9 & 10 and Year 7 & 8
24 Aug Thursday	Badminton Championship Year 9-13 Girls
28-31 Aug Mon-Thurs	NCEA Derived Grade Exams
30 Aug Wednesday	WPSSA Cross Country Year 4-6

From the Principal

Kia ora/goeie dag Excellere whānau/families,

Term 2 has raced ahead at such a rate that I almost feel surprised that we are halfway through the year already. We are so excited to welcome new families into school and we pray for a smooth transition for them. So many events have taken place at school including the combined Excellere/Renew ball on Saturday 17th June. I was so impressed with the students and wish to extend a huge thank you/tēnā rawa atu koe/dankie to all staff involved in the organisation and set up of the venue. Mrs Minnaar and Mrs Smith worked tirelessly to make the evening a wonderful success.

Staffing update: Mrs Yolandi van der Westhuizen has been settling well into her role as office administrator and Mrs Carin Pringle has taken a sideways move into the library as the new school librarian. A big thank you to Mrs Kimberley Nielsen as she takes the post of librarian at Kamo Primary School. Mrs Barbie Reynolds will also join our staff as the new SENCo/ORS teacher. She brings a wealth of experience and will be responsible for supporting our students with additional needs. Mrs Sarra Harvey will be working alongside Mrs Nicole Grammer in Room 2 from the start of Term 3. We are so blessed to have applicants of such a high calibre wanting to join our team. We will miss Mrs Linda Auton who is retiring to the Waikato after over 20 years of loyal service at our school. Mrs Robin Robertson is also retiring as SENCo and will be sorely missed. We wish them both well and look forward to hearing about the other interesting projects they become involved in.

It is interesting to note that as a school population we have 24% of our students identifying as Afrikaans/South African across the school. This is a wonderful blessing to Excellere College with such strong family values and Christian faith adding to the special character of our school. I expect this percentage to grow as other families make the move to Whangārei from South Africa.

Our new classrooms (Rooms 8 and 9) are now completed. I wish to thank the Whangārei Christian Education Trust (WCET) for the addition of these classrooms. Their vision and special character leadership is such an important part of what makes our school a wonderful Christian education establishment. Additionally, the construction company, DHS, has been so good to work with.

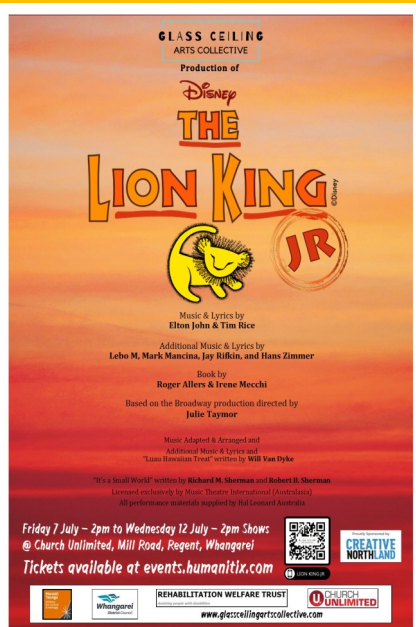
Please note: We currently have a few vacancies in the following year groups

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

You may recall that in the previous edition I shared the NZCPT graduate profile with you. Since then we have planned staff meetings where we review the profile and give it an updated "Excellere College flavour". I expect we will break this profile down to reflect what students will know and demonstrate at different levels across the school.

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School Holiday Theatre



From the Principal Continued.....

Theological Framework Diagram

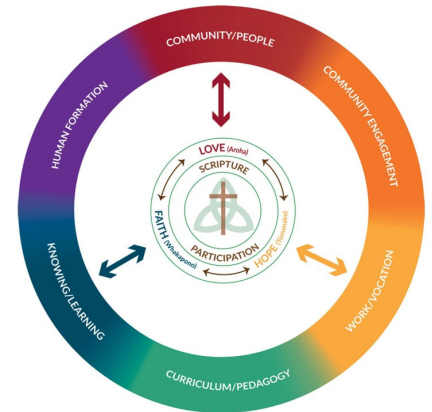
The diagram (right) illustrates the core beliefs and ideas represented in this theological framework and shows how they relate to and inform Christian education.

At the centre of the diagram we have our core beliefs about God and the implications of this for Christian education.

In first ring we have Scripture, God's written word to us, and our participation in Christ.

The second ring represents the lenses of faith, hope and love, which are grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ and inform all segments of the outer ring.

Around the outside the arrows connecting faith, hope, and love to the outer ring indicate a two-way relationship between our theology and our educational context.



Have a blessed holiday/Geniet 'n geseënde vakansie,
Andy Mouat

Staff Farewells

This term we farewelled Robin Robertson and Linda Auton who have had a long and varied careers in teaching. In Week 9 we had a morning tea to acknowledge their contribution to Excellere College and wish them all the best in their retirement. They were both gifted handmade crochet blankets made by the very talented and keen staff (past and present) who worked together to create them.



We farewell Robin Robertson this term as she heads into retirement. She is retiring after an impressive 49 years in the education sector. We will miss Robin's lively personality, the depth of knowledge she brings and passion she has for our students. Over those years she has held many different roles i.e. teacher; deputy principal; principal; Special Education Advisor for the Ministry of Education; RTLB Cluster Manager; RTLB (resource teacher of learning and behaviour), Learning Support Coordinator and latterly SENCo at Excellere College.

I have been so very blessed throughout my career to have worked with some incredibly gifted and talented people from which I have learned a great deal. For the opportunities to learn from awesome people, I am most grateful. My retirement will see me spending time with my husband Vic; riding our trikes; fishing; playing the piano; trying to learn how to play the ukulele and several other hobbies. I also hope to be involved in some online tutoring, because after all these years, I still love being able to support young people in their learning.

Thanks to the wonderful staff at Excellere College for putting up with me. I have loved every minute of my time here.

- Robin Robertson



I have been blessed in my teaching of 50 plus years as I have enjoyed going to 'work' in both Primary and Secondary schools on three continents for all this time! Specifically, this journey has taken me from England to Brazil, back to England and then onto New Zealand.

My first and foremost passion has been teaching Physical Education and the Lord has kept me fit and healthy to pursue a teaching pathway in Art, English, Religious Studies, Social Sciences, Science, Health & Maths.

During my 20 years here at Excellere College I have loved facilitating and developing Careers through the government funded Vocational Pathways, STAR/ Gateway courses work experience and Trades Academies. As well I have had the opportunity and privilege to work alongside pupils in a pastoral capacity and also as a Specialist Teacher.

This season in my life has ended and another is opening. I will now travel to Waikato to be with my growing family and learn how to make cheese, develop my interest in free quilting and possibly teach part-time.

I will miss everything that I hold dear here at Excellere College and wish students, parents and staff the very best for the future. As I look backwards and forwards, my experiences and my faith assure me of the goodness of Our Father and His planned Intention for our lives: His plans for those who love Him will unfold...all in His good time. - Linda Auton



Northland Secondary Schools Cross-Country Champs

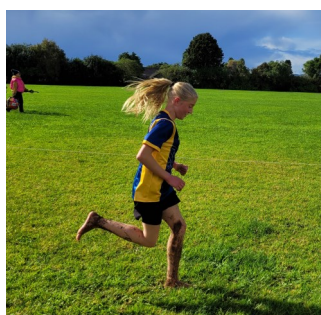
Our Excellere Students had a great day at the Interschool Cross Country event. We originally had a large team of students to take, however, covid and other sickness took out a few runners which was disappointing for them.

The NSSSA event is the Northland area event where the top runners from the local schools descend upon Barge Park in Maunu to battle it out for the title of Cross Country Champion. In this event, finishing in the top 20 is a good result, finishing in the top 10 is awesome, and finishing in the top 5 is spectacular. Below are the results from our day at the event - our students all did so well. I saw lots of big efforts, some tears of exertion (which get extra points in my books). The promise made at the start of the day from me "if you finish in the top 10 I will buy you a block of chocolate".

A special mention goes to Kelly de Beer for putting in a huge effort and coming 2nd in the year 8 girls and to June Underwood who came 4th in the same event. And also to Israel Yung who came 4th in the Year 8 boys. I am thrilled to part with 3 big blocks of chocolate to these 3 well deserving students.

—Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

LJ Volschenk	12th, Open boys
Connor Hiscox	25th, Year 9-10 boys
Lydia Jongkind	17th, Year 9-10 girls
Izzy Yung	4th, Year 8 boys
June Underwood	4th, Year 8 girls
Kelly de Beer	2nd, Year 8 girls
Liam Dodd	14th, Year 7 boys
Kylie Bradley	18th, Year 7 girls



Senior School Ball

The Excellere College Ball, combined with Renew School, was held on Saturday 17th of June, at McKay Stadium. Our theme was a masquerade ball, with everyone wearing amazingly fancy masks. DJ Si controlled the music, with songs full of good vibes. With a range of delicious food provided by Nook Espresso, the event was even better. To top it off, Cactus Events provided us with some stunning photography to capture the wonderful night. Overall it was a great time, dancing, socialising and laughs. A big thank you to Mrs Minnaar for all the work she put in and everyone else involved in making this happen, for the time and effort they gave to make this night as special as it was. We look forward to another opportunity to do this next year!

- Caleb Duinkerke & Aimee Whitehead



Junior College — Jumping June



Jumping June was a fun experience that brought joy, laughter and tired people. The Junior College has been practicing for weeks and been challenging themselves to master new skills. We saw lots of kids trying new drills and having big proud smiles when they achieved them.

It was a great way to raise money for the Heart Foundation and our Junior College has raised over \$5000 dollars.

Thank you to all the teachers that helped plan the event, with a massive thank you to all the whanau who fundraised money for the Heart Foundation. Thank you so much Nat for engraving names, and measuring skipping ropes for the Junior College.

By Ella.T, Mia.M, Leane.B and Elin.M



Middle College Moments

MATHEX 2023

During Week 7 of the term, Year 7-9 sent 4 teams each (12 in total) to participate in the Northland Mathex competition, held at Whangarei Boys High. There were a multitude of school from all over Whangarei, Kerikeri as well as Warkworth. We had lots of fun, practising in class and on the day we were not disappointed in the fun atmosphere. There was music, flashing lights, pens and chocolates. Each group did their best and tried all the known and unknown problems. We are problem solvers, even though none of our groups made it to the top 3 medal table.



Beautify our Kura

This was a social Science project the year 8's created to beautify our school, physically and spiritually. Projects ranged from fundraising efforts, display boards for classroom doors, a prayer garden, an online News Bulletin, Bible verses on Rocks, plants and garden cleaning and three crosses with the school values brightly displayed. In the last week of school, the whole school had a chance to visit Year 8's display boards and enjoyed the hard work of every student. Well done Year 8's.



Merrivale Care Team

During this term, around 30 students from Year 7-9 have volunteered to become part of the Care Team to visit the Merrivale Residents. The purpose of this group is to show our Care for the Community we are part of, sharing the love of Jesus with them. Our aim was to go on a bi-weekly Friday, share laughs and lend a listening ear, to our "golden oldies". Unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to visit, but we did make some motivational cards and Bible verses we delivered.

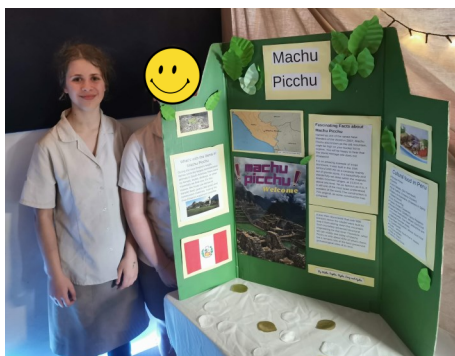


Middle College Moments Continued.....

Middle College Museum Exhibition

This term Room 7 has been learning about the 7 Wonders of the World, and we got asked by Mr Osborne to create a museum exhibit. The exhibit had to be interactive and fun for all ages. Then in the last week of term classes from around the school came over and experienced our amazing exhibits.

- Carly Minnaar, Year 7



Souped up

This term a number of Year 9 students have been involved in serving soup to students for lunch on a Friday. The group is called Souped Up and is a way of getting some hot, healthy food out for lunch while we don't have a canteen running. Mrs Kelly, Miss Lamason and the Level 1 Hospitality students, cooked up some delicious brews and kept tummies from rumbling at least once a week. It was certainly well received and appreciated.



Excellere College Netball Update

We are now half way through the netball season. All our teams are playing well, having fun and increasing in their skills.

Congratulations to our Year 7-8 Blue Ravens team for winning the preliminary round in their Grade! They will be playing again this Saturday to determine whether they will move up a grade for the Championship Round! Below: A proud Coach Clarissa with the Blue Ravens team.



All our seven netball teams look amazing sporting our new netball uniforms. Thank you to Zola for all her efforts in designing and organising these. We are also very appreciative of Shani Delpont for her continued effort in making a few needed alterations. Below: Excellere Year 3&4 Stars loving their new uniforms.



Excellere Year 7-8 Ferns feeling very pleased with their win of 38-4 last Saturday.

3x3 Basketball Championship

Our Year 9-10's and our Year 11-13's competed at the NSSSA 3x3 basketball championships this term. The competition was tough with many teams having Northland representatives present and teams that often play together competitively in this particular sport.

Both our age groups had great days and really made Excellere College proud. This competition asks students to manage the game after their own game and I am proud to say that our boys assisted in refereeing and scoring which made the day flow really well. We look forward to going back next year.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Term 2 Week 9 Assembly



In Week 9 we finally had an assembly back in the school gym. It was great to have the Gym back in full use after being out of action due to the construction of the new classrooms along the south wall.

The assembly began with 3 songs by our huge kapa haka group. Their voices were confident and filled the gym thanks to the coaching by the new kapa haka tutor Shannon Toki. The worship band sang two songs, the blending of the voices was beautiful backed up by the full band and Mr. Osborne on the bass. There was a slideshow of photos from the senior school ball as well as the amazing results from the 40 hour famine, with Rosie de Vetter and June Underwood raised over \$400 each! Hurupaki house raised the most money and the Year 8 class was the year level to raise the most money in the school, \$1500 is an amazing achievement.



Mr Mouat finished off speaking about the importance of giving and also receiving compliments. As Christians we are lead to encourage one another and how small words can go a long way. 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up' Thess 5:11

Year 7-8 Table Tennis Tournament

Our Year 7-8's competed at the NSSSA Table Tennis tournament and had a really awesome day. The event itself was an inclusive event so at the start of the day there was a lot of education around how to include all people in table tennis. The students played games with balloons, then balls with bells in them and learnt all about how a blind person might play table tennis.

The second half of the day, they played a round robin tournament which resulted in 4 of our Excellere students making it to the quarter finals, (Kelly, Handro, Kaiden and Noah). They all played really well, Kaiden made it through to the semi-finals but was unfortunately knocked out at this level.

All students had a great day and really showed off their hard earned table tennis skills.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Term 3 Sport Calendar

Week 1:

Table tennis in school year 5-6, Tuesday 18th July
Renew Exchange, Wednesday 19th July (TBA)

Week 2:

Table tennis Year 5-6, Tuesday 25th July (in school)
Rippa-Rugby, Year 5 or 6, Thursday 27th July (in school)

Week 3:

Rippa-Rugby, Year 7-8, Tuesday 1st August. (off site)
Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 1st August (in school)

Week 3:

Rippa-Rugby, Year 5 or 6, Thursday 3rd August (in school)

Week 4:

Futsal,(mixed) Year 7-8, Tuesday 8th August (off site)
Table tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 8th August (on site)

Week 5:

Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 15th August (on site)
Badminton Boys Teams - Year 9-13, Thursday 17th August(off site)
Basketball, Year 11-13, Friday 18th August (off site)

Week 6:

Netball - Year 7-8 and Year 9-10, Tuesday 22nd August (off site)
Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 22nd August (on site)

Week 7:

Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 29th August (on site)
WPSSA Cross Country - Years 4-6, Wednesday 30 August (off site)

Week 8:

Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 5th September (on site)
Badminton Individual - Year 9-13, Thursday 7 September (off site)

Week 9:

Basketball, boys - Year 9-10, Tuesday 12th September (off site)
Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday 10th September (on site)

Week 10:

Table Tennis - Year 5-6, Tuesday, 19th September (on site)
Renew Sports Exchange, Wednesday 20th September (TBA)

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Netball—Cubs

Our Netball Cubs (Year 1's and 2's) have completed their first term of netball, coached by Nicki and Leah. They play on Monday nights, rain or shine and have been so committed. Their last game was a fun dress up.



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Mathex - Year 5

The auditorium was filled with teams from schools from all over Northland. I really enjoyed seeing how many people enjoyed maths and wanted to give Mathex a try.

Once we started the competition the big rush was on! There were lots of cameras watching all the teams to make sure no one was cheating. The running part was so fun and so fast.

Our team achieved 100% accuracy and finished all x20 questions with close to 10 minutes to spare. We were really happy with our result of third place!

- Miale, Isabella, Emma and Arlo



2023 World Vision 40 Hour Famine Update

This year Excellere College's Year 7's to 13's participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge, on the weekend of the 9th - 11th, fundraising for clean water resources in Malawi.

This involved each participant going for 40 hours without something, or limiting a necessity. Some ideas people completed were: no technology; 40hrs=40km run/walk; 40hrs 40L; 40hrs no talking and more. Excellere's goal was to raise \$1000, which would provide 10 water pumps for children in Malawi. The online donations surpassed this goal, with \$2,675.99, the mufti day raised another \$399.70 and the cash donations brought in \$570.00. This total raised was \$3,645.69.

A special mention to Rosie and June who both raised over \$400 each! June ran around the Whangarei Loop 8 times running a total of over 40km!



Well done everyone who participated in the 40 hour Challenge and donated to the 40 hour Challenge; you all have helped make a life changing difference in the lives of many in Malawi. - Caleb Duinkerke



Year 7 Kōwhaiwhai Artworks

The Year 7 students created these wonderful painted artworks inspired by traditional Māori kōwhaiwhai patterns. There is more to them however, each student looked at how they could use pattern and colour to communicate one of the 'fruits of the spirit' - love, joy peace patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

The students really enjoyed using blending and textured painting techniques for the background and mixed silver and white paint for their kōwhaiwhai 'spirit' pattern.



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