



# Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

**Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living**

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 25 2023

Term 3 Week 6

## Upcoming Events

<b>28-31 Aug</b>	<b>NCEA Derived Grade Exams</b>
<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	
30 Aug	WPSSA Cross Country
Wednesday	Year 4-6
7 Sep	Individual Badminton
Thursday	Year 9-13
8 Sep	Sports Exchange: Excellere
Friday	Year 5-6 vs Kaurihohore
	Year 12 PE Trip
	Activ8 12:40-2pm
11 Sep	Year 9 & 10
	Basketball Cup
12 Sep	Y10 Young Enterprise
Tuesday	
14 Sep	Level 1 Maths
Thursday	MCAT EXAM
	Softball Year 1-6
	Kiwi North visit for Year 7 and 8
15 Sep	School Assembly
Friday	11am in the School Gym
18 Sep	Uni of Otago visit - Y11 to
Wednesday	13 Rm 19 (9am)
	Renew Sports Exchange
	Netball @ renew
19 Sep	Softball Year 1-6
Tuesday	
21 Sep	Netball Prizegiving
Thursday	3-5pm in the School Gym
22 Sep	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
Friday	<b>Mufti Day</b>

## From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/Goeie dag Excellere College whānau/families,

We are at the end of Week 6, so term 3 is already 60% completed! It hardly seems possible. In some ways, the start of the year only feels like a couple of weeks ago. It continues to be such a privilege to work in our spirit-filled, Christian environment.

I wish to extend a huge welcome to all new families who have recently arrived at Excellere College. You are now part of our whānau. I have been so moved by the warmth offered to these students and their families as they settle into their unfamiliar environment.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the blessing (whakamānawa) of the new classrooms on Friday 11th August at 7:30am. We had to wrap up warmly as it was a beautiful crisp and clear morning. Caleb Duinkerke opened in prayer, Aaron Halvorson spoke about his experience as a founding student, Mike de Vetter spoke and prayed and finally Matua Shannon recited a blessing (karakia) over the rooms. We then walked together through the new spaces as we touched each internal wall while praying individually. It was wonderful to see representatives from DHS who were responsible for the construction, members of the Whangarei Christian Education Trust (WCET) and Excellere School Board. So many people worked hard to make the event a success with Richard and Peter running the barbecue to keep us all well fed in the whare afterwards. So many staff were at school at 7am giving of their time and energy to serve behind the scenes. Thank you.

Room 9 (on the corner) will be an additional New Entrant class and will be run by Sarra Harvey. Room 8 will be an intermediate class run by Tim Osborne who will move along from Room 7. Room 7 will be used by Jeanne Hill and Room 12 will become an additional intermediate room with a teacher yet to be employed. We have so much demand for intermediate classes that we intend to run three Year 7-8 classes next year. This will enable us to keep class sizes smaller and to have more choice for class placement. We have exciting times ahead as we begin to grow! We continue to receive several enrolment enquiries everyday.

Jesus taught in the Parables of the Mustard Seed and of the Leaven that God's Kingdom grows in a stunning, silent and significant way. "Dream Big, Start Small, Build Deep" are wise practices that flow from principles Jesus taught in these two parables. In the same way, we are a small part of the growth of Christian education in Aotearoa. Please pray for this growth and the lives touched by the Christian example shared by the Excellere College community.

Have a blessed weekend,

Andy Mouat

## Blessing of the New Classrooms and PE Office



## Term 3 Sport Calendar

### Week 7:

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

### Week 8:

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

Sports Exchange Y5-6 Excellere vs Kaurihohore Friday 8 September

### Week 9:

Basketball, boys - Year 9-10, Tuesday 12th September  
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)

## Boys Badminton Champs

Last week our Badminton boys competed at the Badminton Boys teams championships. We didn't quite realize the level of competition that we signed up for, but we all had a laugh during this tournament. The skills that Mr Keyte taught these boys was evident through their performances. Well done team.



## NSSSA Futsal Year 7 & 8

The Year 7-8s had a great day competing at the NSSSA Futsal competition in Week 3. Excellere College excelled in this tournament. They won the majority of their games and displayed amazing skills. Well done to the teams who participated and played with such energy and passion.



## House Event: Unihoc

Over various lunchtimes in Week 4 and 5 there have been numerous battles for the inter-house Unihoc competition. A very high level of skill was shown by all competitors during the initial phases, however the final was a sight to behold.

The lead see-sawed throughout between Parakiore and Parihaka, each team giving their all and pouncing on any small mistakes. However, the better team won on the day, with Parakiore defeating Parihaka 8-5 and Hikurangi taking out third place with a 5-1 victory over Hurupaki.



## NSSSA Junior Netball Championships

This week our Excellere Netballers competed at the NSSSA junior netball championships. We entered our 3 Saturday netball teams into this event and I am happy to report that our teams showed some fabulous skills this year.

Our Year 9-10 team had a very difficult pool to play in, with some of the top netball teams to play against. Excellere didn't win but they played hard and fair - which was great to see.

We had two Year 7-8 teams and these two teams also had very competitive pools to play in. Well done for your wins, draws and even your losses as you all showed grace towards any unfair umpiring calls and being pushed around on the court.

A special congratulations to Excellere 1, who made it into the finals and ended up coming 2nd. This is a huge achievement for our school. Well done.

Thank you to those parents who umpired for nearly the entire day (Tamara Chambers and Anneke Duinkerke and also Carlo Aprea for managing the Year 9-10s). Being at a sports event all day is really tiring and I am so grateful to have such awesome parents come forward to make these events possible for our students.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



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## Renew Sports Exchange - FUTSAL

We enjoyed another exchange with our rival/sister school Renew. This time the challenge was senior futsal (chosen by Renew). Mr Keyte (in spite of his small shoulders) led his 5 man strong team to victory over Renew, winning the game 10 - 5. There were some nail biting moments when Renew scored 5 goals very quickly closing the gap, but it was Excellere's day.

Each player listened to coaching pointers and did so well, Josh was incredible in defense, Micah worked the midfield with ease. Matthew and Levi nailed those goals over and over again, with Matthew scoring 8 of the 10 Excellere goals. And well done to Lahratio who stood in that goal and took those big hits.

Our next exchange will be held at Renew and it will be Year 7-8 netball, we will take the Saturday Netball team over for that event on the 20th September - more info to come on that.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



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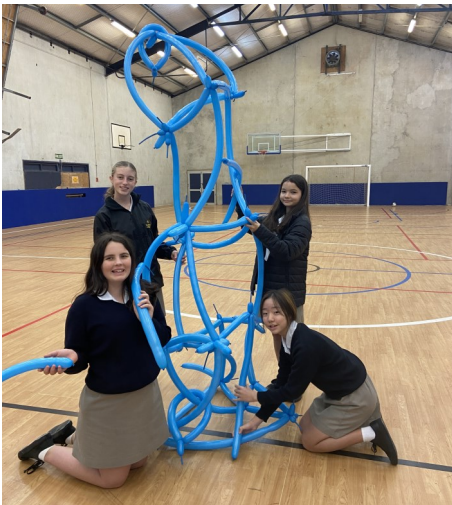
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## Maths Week Challenges

In Week 4 we had Maths Week at Excellere College. It was lead by Mrs Jeanne Hill and her excellent team of Year 7 & 8 Volunteers. Throughout the week there were maths games in the gym and on the hard courts during lunchtime which were attended by many in the Junior College.

There was a Year 8 inter-school balloon tower challenge between Excellere College, Renew School and Huanui College. The winner was Excellere College's team of Dahae, Olivia, Marisa and Mae with a height of 3.26m!

On Friday was a Maths themed mufti day and cake baking competition. There were so many creative cakes made in every class. Miss Helena Lamason volunteered to judge 9 classes worth of cakes and looked a bit ill by the end of it!



## Term 3 Week 4 Assembly

Students, teachers, and staff came together to share their talents and stories. Through music, worship, and speeches, we celebrated the term so far.

We were honoured to welcome a World Vision Ambassador, who presented us with a Bronze Medal for raising \$3,645 for tamariki in need.

During assembly, we took a moment to acknowledge and applaud the remarkable achievements of our students. From cross country winners to NCEA music performances, our students demonstrated their dedication to learning and their commitment to excellence.

As we worshipped together, with the help of Mr Osborne and our phenomenal worship team, we were given a fantastic reminder of God's love for us.

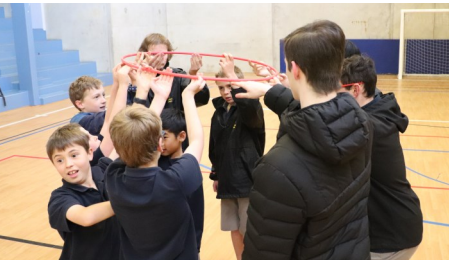
- Mrs Matheson, Assembly Coordinator



## Buddy Class: Year 12 and Year 6

Every Friday morning, Year 12 and Year 6 meet up for buddy class. This term we have been focusing on team building games to get to know one another and work on our problem solving skills.

The helium hula hoop, Iceberg, Line Up, Hula hoop chain and Human knot have been some of the challenging activities we have played. It has been great to get to know each other and enjoy some friendly competition.



## Netball Player Development Programme

Some of our Year 7-8 players have attended a Player Development Programme throughout the netball season at the Whangarei Netball Centre.

Each Monday evening, girls would arrive at the Centre to help the Year 1-2 teams develop their skills. The girls would then attend a theory session with varying speaker and content including, healthy nutrition, correct warm ups and tournament preparation. Finally they would end the evening with a practical session developing their overall netball skills further in areas such as, attack, defence, clearing space and varying passing options to name a few.



Some of the girls also attended tournaments in Northern Wairoa, Maunganui and Whangarei where they were able to play against other teams from other regions. This helped them develop strong friendships, further improve their netball skills and sportsmanship.

The girls finished PDP with a celebration. I'd like to give a special shout out and congratulations to Mariesa Duinkerke. She was hand selected by Nat, the Whangarei Development Manager, out of all the girls (over 50 throughout Whangarei) for a special award. She received a Mystics Shirt for her exceptional help and thoughtfulness with the Year 1-2 teams. She also demonstrated sportsmanship, always gave everything into the development sessions and was always helpful and respectful towards the coaches each week.

Thank you Mariesa for who you are and the way you represented Christ-like character in our local community.

- Tamara Chambers, Netball Coordinator

