



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

October 27 2023

Term 4 Week 3

Upcoming Events

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| 31 Oct Tues | Year 7-8 Netball Renew Exchange |
| 31 Oct Tues | 'Light & Bright' Mufti Day Gold Coin Fundraiser |
| 1st Nov Wed | Futsal Mixed Year 9&10 Kensington |
| 1st Nov Wed | Digital Numeracy Exam Year 10 |
| 02 Nov Thurs | JC Athletics Day Year 4-6 Excellere College field |
| 02 Nov Thurs | Year 10 NCEA Literacy Exam |
| 03 Nov Fri | LEAVERS ASSEMBLY ARISE Church |
| 06 Nov Mon | NCEA Exams Begin - Renew School |
| 07 Nov Tues | Rippa Rugby Year 9-10 Keri Keri |
| 07 Nov Tues | Digital Literacy Year 10 |
| 09 Nov Thurs | Badminton Competition Year 7-8 |
| 09 Nov Thurs | Touch Festival Year 7-8 |
| 13-15 Nov Mon-Wed | HA—Year 10 |
| 14th Nov Tues | Softball - Year 9 & 10 Renew Sports Exchange |
| 15th Wed | Ha Exhibition Rm 19 5:30-7pm |
| 17th Nov | Teacher Only Day With RENEW SCHOOL |

From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/Haai Excellere College whānau/families,

I trust we all had a great holiday, although it already seems like a long while ago. The extra day off over Labour Weekend was also very welcome. We continue to buzz along with a positive atmosphere throughout the school. We have welcomed yet more new families into the Excellere whānau this term. Sarra Harvey started the Year 0 class this term and there is such a wonderful atmosphere in that beautiful space. We look forward to seeing those young students progressing throughout 2024. We interviewed teachers for the additional intermediate class and were blessed to receive applications from such a strong field of candidates. I'm so happy to announce we have employed two new teachers for 2024. At the time of writing this we are still awaiting the signing of contracts.

We still have vacancies for new students in Year 7-8 for 2024. We are very excited to note that we have just received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that we will be sending our intermediate age students to Manaia View School for technology next year. They will receive instruction in Hard Materials (woodwork and metalwork), Textiles (sewing), and other exciting practical subjects. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for supporting this proposal earlier in the year. Ultimately, we want to build our own technology facility here at Excellere College but it is great to see that our students will be able to experience these important life skills.

Our NCEA students, Years 11-13, are working hard to complete assessments and prepare for exams. Of course we will also say goodbye to our graduating Year 13 students. This is always such a bittersweet time for staff at school as those senior students launch into the next stage of their lives. We feel such a sense of pride as we see the fine young adults they have become and of course we will miss them too. One of the joys of working in education is bumping into past students a few years later and having a good old catch up. It makes us feel quite old when we end up teaching past students' own children.

We are already planning for 2024, setting budgets and all the other elements that go into running a successful school. I want to leave you with this thought as we approach the busy "silly season". I have been reading the 23rd Psalm to myself everyday and it is such a blessing to know that our Lord is there for us the whole way.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
3. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Andy Mouat
Tumuaki

Junior Athletics has Begun!

Our Year 4-6's have started some athletics training for Junior College athletics day. We would like to say a big thanks to Matua Peter for preparing the grounds for the running races. The students have made good use of them so far.

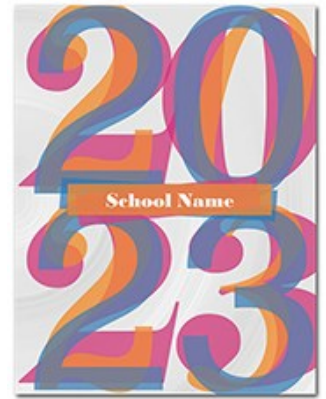


Yearbook Orders 2023

The school yearbook will be sent away for printing early Week 4. Each family will receive one year book free of charge.

Extra Yearbooks are \$8.50.

If you would like to order extra yearbooks you will need to put your order and pay by Wednesday 1st November.



Year 1 Kapa Haka

Here are some photos of Justin the tutor from Kapa Haka Online. We use his online resource at school in the Junior College and we love learning so much about how to use Te Reo. We also learn to sing special waiata and action songs. Justin came and surprised us yesterday with a visit. We sang some of our favourite songs with him. It was funny because some of us thought that he had popped out of the TV to see us!!



Advertise Here for 2023

Advertise your event or business HERE in the school newsletter. \$100 a Year. 12 Newsletters a Year.
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THE BIG CLIP FOR JESS

Dear Friends,
Jess Talbot taught Art in our school for over 10 years before leaving us in 2016. During that time she demonstrated a love for our students and an even greater love for the God we serve.



Jess was responsible for the creation of the Springs Challenge programme that we continue to use today. It encourages our students to seek a greater connection with God and to be involved in family and community activities. It continues to be an integral part of our special character and a focus for our younger students.

One afternoon while visiting her classroom I managed to flick through the pages of her Bible. I discovered it full with her comments, questions and conversations with the Father, demonstrating her faith and conviction.

Jess is now battling with cancer. As a result of the treatment she is unable to work full time and does not have sufficient income to sustain her day to day financial needs. This week she has had to shave her head as a result of the treatment she is undergoing.



I would like to support Jess in her ongoing battle and invite you to be part of her solution by sponsoring me.

On the 31st of October, I am going to have one of our students shave my head to raise funds for Jess. We will also be having Mufti Day as

part of the celebrations. If we have raised more than \$1000 by that time I will also shave off the goatee I have had for over 30 years! Every cent raised will go to support Jess in her journey. So... Will you sponsor me?

- Wayne Carroll



Year 7&8 Touch Training

During Week 1 of this term, we had the privilege of having JB and Steven from Touch NZ come into our school to teach our Year 7-8's some Touch skills. We are building towards a mini in school tournament in Week 3, where the Year 7's will take on the Year 8's. We are looking forward to this challenge.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



**TERM 4 CONCERT**
Sunday 29th October - 2pm
Elim - 33 Porowini Ave
Morningside

Adults \$5, Students \$2
Or \$10 total per family
Cash or Bank payment
on the day

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

For more info email:
info@ignitemusic.co.nz



Sponsor Wayne's BIG CLIP!

Whangarei Netball Prizegiving

Last term, Whangarei Netball Centre had it's prizegiving. The Excellere Blue Ravens team were represented by Mikayla, Jacob, Elin & Mia and received a trophy for winning the preliminary round for their Intermediate section.

A big surprise win was the Uniform Trophy which was awarded to the Excellere Ferns. Thankful that Mariesa was there so was able to represent her team and collect that trophy!

- Blessings, Anneke Duinkerke



Renew Sports Exchange: Netball

This week we battled Renew at their own school at Year 9&10 netball. We took the majority of our Year 9&10 Saturday netball team to play Renew on their home turf.

The game was insanely close for the first two quarters, it was literally anyone's game. However in the third quarter, Excellere found another gear and pulled away by 7 goals. Then during the fourth quarter, Renew was not able to catch up. Excellere won 25/18. A very satisfying victory for our girls.

Next term we will look forward to our Year 7&8's playing Renew and also our Year 9&10's will play them at Softball.

A special mention to Tamara Chambers for umpiring the game and helping with team management, it is always a pleasure to work with you.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Junior College Market Day

Last Term the Year 5 students held a market for the other Junior College students.

They did this because it was a fun way for the Year 5's to learn about running a business and how to count money. The Year 5 students were not allowed to go out and buy things but had to be creative and make things found around the home. Some students made slime, did face



painting, sold pop corn and cotton candy and there even were circus games for students to play and win prizes.

Mrs Matheson created 'Matheson Dollars' for the students to use in place of real money. This made it easier for everyone to participate in the event.



Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU
SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.



Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health Services

Excellere College Netball Prizegiving 2023

Last term we celebrated the netball season with our first exclusive Netball Prizegiving. We were overwhelmed with the support from the parent community and players. It was a great event to celebrate all the hard mahi that Zola, the coaches, the parents and players put in to make it a very successful season. The Blue Ravens Year 7-8 team won the Whangarei Netball Centre Section 7 Preliminary Trophy.

Excellere Ferns Year 7-8 team won 'Best Uniform' which we agree is down to Zola's great design and how each team represented our school in these new uniforms each week. Congratulations to every player and those who won special awards.



2023 Netball Coaches



Int. Players of the Year

| Year 1-2 Cubs | | Year 3-4 Stars | |
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| Rising Star: <i>Ellee Neho</i> | Sportsmanship: <i>Grace Meyer</i> | Rising Star: <i>Amelia Neho</i> | Sportsmanship: <i>Adelle Robbertze</i> |
| Leadership: <i>Milla Eke</i> | | | |
| Year 5-6 Roxy Foxes | | Year 5-6 Fearless Flamingos | |
| Most Improved: <i>Sophie Blithe</i> | Most Versatile: <i>Lucy Webster</i> | Players Choice: <i>Sarvag Shankar</i> | Player of the Year: <i>Emma Posthumus</i> |
| Sportsmanship: <i>Mia van der Hulst</i> | | Sportsmanship: <i>Akshaya Pokkiri Raja</i> | |
| Year 7-8 Blue Ravens | | Year 7-8 Excellere Ferns | |
| Most Improved: <i>Sophie Walker</i> | Most Versatile: <i>Elin McGlashan</i> | Most Improved: <i>Emilee-Jae Bristowe</i> | Most Versatile: <i>Mariesa Duinkerke</i> |
| Sportsmanship: <i>Jacob Duinkerke</i> | Player of the Year: <i>Sarah Philander</i> | Sportsmanship: <i>Mae Murray-Ishii</i> | Player of the Year: <i>Ellie Chambers</i> |
| | | Most Consistent: <i>Kelly de Beer</i> | |
| Year 9+ Hotshots | | | |
| Most Versatile: <i>Ashtone Steyn</i> | Sportsmanship: <i>Clarissa van der Westhuizen</i> | Player of the Year: <i>Zoe Barker</i> | |

Netballer of the Year Awards

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| Junior: <i>Pearl Foote</i> | Intermediate: <i>Ellie Chambers &</i> | Senior: <i>Ella Yung</i> |
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Excellere College Netball Prizegiving 2023



Senior Player of the Year



Year 5/6 Player of the Year



Year 1&2 Cubs



Stars - Year 3&4



Roxy Foxes - Year 5&6



Blue Ravens - Year 7&8



Hotshots - Year 9+



Flamingos - Year 5&6




Ferns - Year 7&8



WHANGĀREI
Fireworks Spectacular
Great Family Night Out

Saturday
4 November 6pm
Semenoff Stadium

Tickets available from  eventfinda
and the gate on the day

Year 9&10 Market Day

Our annual Year 9 and 10 market day is happening again on the 10th of November in the school gym.

Come and enjoy the afternoon with us, to support the students for all their hard work throughout the last two terms. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Kamo Cricket Club

Our SuperSmash Hub is open for years 1-4 Thursday evenings 5 - 6pm. \$30 for 6 weeks. Skills plus small games.

Years 5 - 6: Supersmash Play (fees \$80).
Practice Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm,
Games – Saturday 9-11am

Years 7 - 8 Supersmash (fees \$80).

Practice Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm,
Games – Saturday 9-12noon

Div 1 and Collegiate (fees \$80).

Thursday practice, Games — Saturday afternoon.

Check out our Facebook page for registration links and to keep up to date. <https://www.facebook.com/KamoCricket>

All trainings at Kamo Recreation Ground, Butler Place, Kamo.
Senior – Trainings @ 5.30 Thursday

Any questions please email Jodi:
kamojuniorcricket@gmail.com

Celebrating Success in Construction Academy!

We're thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of Natahlia Thompson and Nico Calitz, who have successfully completed and graduated from their Level 2 Construction Academy course with flying colors! Both Natahlia and Nico have showcased exceptional dedication and talent throughout their academic journey, earning an impressive 40 credits towards their NCEA achievement. Their hard work, passion, and determination have truly set them apart, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. Here's to Natahlia and Nico – the future leaders of the construction industry!



Excellere Touch Tournament

Touch NZ came into our school and organised a mini inhouse Touch Tournament for our Year 7-8s. We divided the students into 4 girls teams and 4 boys teams and did a mini round robin event. The students had a blast and the weather made the day even better, the winning team won bragging rights. Well done teams.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 9 & 10 Badminton

Our Year 9-10 novice girls enjoyed their badminton teams tournament during Week 2. They all played really well with lots of enthusiasm. We entered 2 teams and both made it into the finals and our girls came away finishing at the top of the table. Well done Excellere Aces & Excellere Diamonds.
- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Congratulations Mrs. Dainty!

Congratulations Mrs Gretchen Dainty on gaining your Masters in English Literature with Honours. We are proud of you.



Whangarei Community Hubs

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. All Hubs are open from 9-12pm unless stated otherwise

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or



Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

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| Wed 1 November | He Puna Ruku Mātāuranga o Whangaruru *9am - 10.30am* 2916 Russell Road, Hikurangi |
| Thurs 2 November | Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville |
| Tue 7 November | Mangakahia Community Room, 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki |
| Wed 8 November | Te Rito, 165 William Jones Drive, Otangarei |
| Wed 15 November | Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside |
| Thurs 16 November | Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai |
| Wed 22 November | Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo |
| Thurs 23 November | Bream Bay Community Trust (10am to 12.30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā |
| Wed, 29 November | Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi |
| Thurs 30 November | St John Ōtāmatea Ambulance Hall (10am to 1pm) 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto |
| Wed 6 December | Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside |
| Thurs 7 December | Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville |
| Thurs 14 December | Ngunguru School *9am - 10.30am* Te Maika Road |
| | Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo |

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.

Whangarei Athletics

We are excited to announce the beginning of the athletics season. Could you please put something in your school newsletter, as follows;



Junior Athletics Season Opening:

Tuesday 10th October at 4pm at the track, Park Ave, Kensington. Ages 5yrs - 12yrs, all inclusive, of all abilities.

Senior Athletics:

12yrs up Tuesday nights at 5:30pm

Robyn Hallberg, Junior Athletics Team

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Website: www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz

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GIVE ATHLETICS A GO!