



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

November 17 2023

Term 4 Week 6

Upcoming Events

21 Nov Tuesday	Fast 5 Netball Year 7-10
22 Nov Wednesday	WPSSA Athletics Year 7&8
22 Nov Wednesday	Swimming Lessons Year 5&6
22-24 Nov Wed-Fri	Year 9&10 Manaia Camp
27-01 Dec Mon-Fri	Duke of Edinburgh Tongararo Expedition
29 Nov Wednesday	WPSSA Athletics Year 5&6
29 Nov Wednesday	Surfing Trip Year 6
30 Nov Wednesday	Pools Trip Year 2&3
01 Dec Friday	Beach Trip Year 4&5
05 Dec Tuesday	Pools Trip Year 7&8
07 Dec Thursday	Awards Day @ ARISE CHURCH Junior College 09:30am Senior College 5:30pm
08 Dec Friday	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Reports Out
11 Dec	TEACHER ONLY DAY

From the Principal

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

I'm still buzzing from the fabulous spirit-filled atmosphere of the Leavers' Assembly at Arise Church on Friday 3rd November. Mr Osborne's worship team was on point and it was incredible to see so many students totally immersed in open expressions of worship. What a privilege to be a part of that corporate worship experience. We said goodbye to the Year 13's, although they will be back for the final prizegiving on Thursday 7th December. Year 11-13 students are well into their NCEA exams at Renew School. We have also been making exciting decisions around prefect (student leader) selection for 2024. These positions will be announced at the prizegiving. It has certainly been a difficult decision as we have been blessed to receive such a high standard of applications from senior students.

On that note, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to a combined Teacher Only Day with Renew School on Friday 17th November. We will begin the day in collective worship with a message from Mr Barend Blom, Renew School's principal. We will spend time with an expert from the Ministry of Education unpacking the curriculum changes right across the whole of Years 1-13. This is a wonderful opportunity to examine the changes through a Christian lens and collaborate with another Christian school.

I was very sorry to have missed the International Sunday celebration at Elim Christian Centre on 10th November. Our kapa haka performance went so very well and the videos showed just how much passion our students exhibited on stage. Thank you so much to Mātua Shannon and Whāea Saraiah for their leadership. It has been wonderful to see the students enjoyment and confidence grow throughout the year. Thank you also to the parents and school staff who supported this event. I also believe a substantial sum of money was raised for overseas missions.

Another massive thank you must go out to Mrs Chantel Minnaar for her work on the very successful Year 9-10 Market Day. The weather was perfect and the high quality of the products on sale made for a great atmosphere. It was wonderful to see so many extended whānau/family members supporting the students.

As the weather heats up for summer I encourage parents to remind students to wear a hat to protect their skin from the fierce Northland sun.

I'll leave you with this thought:

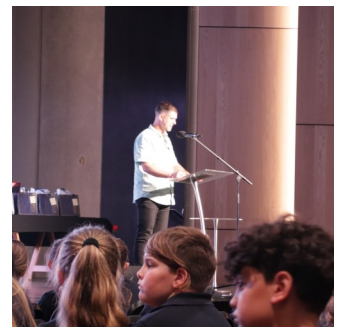
Letting Go & Letting God

Philippians 4:6-7, NLT Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Andy Mouat

Tumuaki
Excellere College

Leaver's Assembly Highlights



Year 9 & 10 Market Day

On the vibrant market day of November 10th, our students radiated passion, joyfully selling their creations. Gratitude to parents and extended whanau for unwavering support. I appreciate every student's effort in planning and preparing for this event, and thank you, parents, for fostering such enthusiasm and dedication in your children.

- Chantel Minnaar, Financial Literacy



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THE BIG CLIP FOR JESS

Mr Carroll had one of the students shave his head to raise funds for a past teacher, Jess Talbot, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment.

The 'Big Clip for Jess' was part of the halftime entertainment during a Netball clash between Excellere & Renewal schools. Mr Carroll raised nearly \$1800 in sponsorship by offering to shave his head and his goatee. He said, "Jess Talbot was a strong example of a faith-filled walk with Jesus."



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Renew Sports Exchange: Softball

On Tuesday Renew school came to Excellere College to compete in the final sports exchange of the school year. Both teams were not that experienced in softball so it definitely was a good leveller for both teams. Renew won the competition 7 points to 3.

Next year the plans will be to elevate the status of the exchange. This last event was a bit rushed due to timetable constraints. We plan to create more time to make these events special and a good opportunity to build relationships between the schools.

A big thanks to our sports coordinator Zola and Hamish from Renew for organising these events for the students.



Year 9 & 10 Futsal Tournament

Our Year 9-10 futsal team had a great day at their tournament this week. This was a festival day which means that there are no finals and it is essentially a fun-day where we don't officially keep score (but we always do). The team did really well, winning many games and having fun along the way.

I would like to honour two students who really stood out that day. Waldo was an amazing goalie and managed himself with excellence and also Vanessa who started the day with a very timid persona but by the end of the day she was playing an attack position with ease. Awesome work and thank you for providing me with SO many opportunities to laugh.



Welcome Kath More

Kia ora and welcome Kath More, our Kai mahi from Arataki Ministries and Manaki Ake, Kath will be working across the Junior and Middle syndicate providing support in the classrooms. She will be working with groups of children on a variety of fun filled activities all with a focus on enhancing mental health and Love for Jesus.



'I am excited to be working with Mana Ake to enhance and promote wellbeing for our tamariki. Our kaupapa is to provide strength based evidence informed, wellbeing support to children in the context of school, whanau and community.

I am married with 5 children and 8 mokopuna. I am passionate about people becoming all they were created to be and walking with their God given purpose and destiny.'

Farewell Miss Lamason

At the end of week 4 we farewelled one of our teachers, Helena Lamason. Helena taught at Excellere College for two years teaching a wide range of subjects: Year 9 & 10 Christian Living, Level 1 & 2 Hospitality, Level 1 Health, Year 7-10 food and nutrition and was the Form Teacher of Year 13 for the past two years. Helena has accepted a Head of Department role in Food Technology at Whangarei Girls High School. We wish her all the best in this new position.

The Year 13's organised a surprise morning tea to celebrate Helena's contribution to the school and students. She will be a much missed member of Excellere College's school community.



Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

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Te Whatu Ora
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Renew Sports Exchange — Year 7 & 8 Netball

This week our Year 7-8s batted Renew school at 7 aside netball for our Term 4 exchange. The competition was fierce with both teams bringing their A game to the court. Excellere took the lead early on and managed to hold on to their lead until the very end, even with a goal that was contested at half time. The final score was 16/10 to Excellere.

And as always I couldn't do these exchanges without exceptionally amazing volunteers, thank you to Tamara Chambers for coaching the girls to victory and thank you to Anneke Duinkerke for your excellent umpiring. And another thank you to the staff who generously allowed the game to eat into their teaching time - Ben, never letting his shoulders get in the way (because they are too small).

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 9 & 10 Rippa Tournament



This week our Year 9-10 boys/girls competed in the Northland area rippa tournament in Kerikeri. We all had a great time, challenging ourselves by versing much more advanced teams. Our boys did well and became progressively better over the course of the day. Our girls unfortunately didn't have enough to form their own official team, however, we had a talk with Whangarei Girls High School and we played together as a joint team. Our girls did really well and were in hot demand when it came to the knockout round.

And as always, thank you to the students for supplying me with so many opportunities to laugh and another special thank you to Neville Tohu who came with us and took on the challenge of coaching the boys.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 7 & 8 Badminton Tournament

Our Year 7&8's had a great day at the badminton tournament last week. We had 1 boys team, 1 girls team and 2 mixed teams. Teams played a mix of singles and doubles matches.

Our students played hard and applied themselves so well, it was great to see some competitive steaks on display, but also good to see our students be gracious in victory and also defeat. Well done team.

Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Whangarei Athletics Club

Junior Athletics:

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

Senior Athletics:

12yrs up Tuesday nights at 5:30pm

Contact: **Robyn Hallberg, Junior Athletics Team**

021 468 323 Facebook: Junior Athletics Whangarei

Website: www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz

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Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

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

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