



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

February 16 2024

Term 1 Week 3

Upcoming Events

21 Feb Wednesday	Year 7-13 Athletics Day Kensington Stadium
27-30 Feb Tues-Fri	Year 12 Camp Tangihua Lodge
29 Feb Thurs	Year 5 & 6 Bikes in Schools
4 March Monday	Year 7 & 8 HPV & Boostrix
5 March Tuesday	Year 5 & 6 Zone Swimming Finals at Kaurihohore
7 March Thursday	Year 5 & 6 Bikes in Schools
7 March Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Touch Training 9-11am in school
8 March Friday	School Assembly School Gym 11am
8 March Friday	NSSSA Mountain Biking Championship
11 March Monday	PHOTO LIFE School Photos
12 March Tuesday	University of Otago Visit Year 10-13, 9am
12 March Tuesday	Year 7 & 8 Touch Training 1-2:30pm in school
12 March Tuesday	YES Kick Start Programme Level 1 Students
13 March Wednesday	WPSSA Swimming Sports
13&14 Mar Wed & Thur	Year 13 Advanced Customer Service Course
14 Mar Thursday	Senior Interim Report
15 Mar Friday	NSSSA Athletics Year 9-13

From the Principal

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

How blessed we are to be starting the year with so many new families and such stunning weather. We have welcomed wonderful new teachers, Mrs Regina Gono and Mr Chris Jenkins, to Excellere College. They are such faith-filled additions to our team here. Mrs Riana de la Harpe has also joined our wonderful team of teacher aides. They are a great support to students and teachers across the school. Thank you to everyone who supported our school pōwhiri/mihi whakatau on Tuesday 30th January where we welcomed new students and staff to Excellere College.

We have started a new routine this year with whole school worship and devotion time in the gym each Monday morning 9am until 9:15am. This has already proven to be a great way to reconnect with our school's special Christian character and to give a collective focus for the week ahead. I would like to invite parents to attend this time where a brief message will be shared by a staff member or senior students.

This is a very busy time of the year for everyone in school. Timetables are finalised, differentiated groups are formed, student assessments are underway, camps are being organised, budgets written, classroom expectations are being negotiated, NCEA programmes are underway etc etc etc. Of course, on top of that we are learning so many new names but we have the privilege of praying first. All teachers meet for collective devotion and prayer three times each week before we move off to take on our different roles around the school.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This is something we strive for here at Excellere College. As ever, your prayers are gratefully received as we work with your wonderful children from throughout the school year.

Andy Mouat
Tumuaki



School Picnic



Excellere College Show Quest

We are thrilled to inform you about an exciting opportunity for students in Years 1-8 to participate in ShowQuest, a captivating performing arts competition. ShowQuest celebrates creativity, teamwork, and artistic expression, offering students a platform to showcase their talents in various performing arts disciplines including dance, music, drama, and more.

Auditions for our school's representation in ShowQuest will be held on Thursday 22nd February and Friday 23rd February during the lunch break. We encourage all interested students to audition and showcase their talents. To ensure that your

child can participate, we kindly request your permission by signing an audition form (provided by whanau teachers). We will be selecting a maximum of 80 students to represent our school at ShowQuest, this includes students who are interested in being tech and backstage support.

If you have any questions please contact Larissa Matheson, Head of the Performing Arts Department.



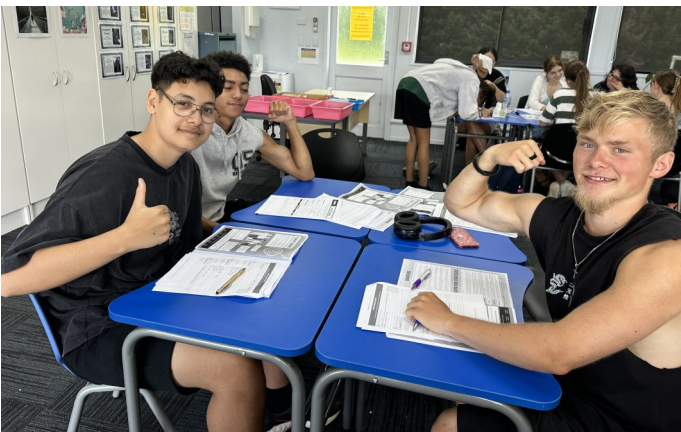
GATEWAY Courses

In the first week of the school year, our Senior College students started with a three-day Gateway course focusing on Health & Safety for the Year 11's; Travel & Career for the Year 12's as well as Group Leadership for our Year 13's, demonstrating exceptional dedication and prowess.

With unwavering commitment, they navigated the intricate challenges presented by Jay from Safety n Action, Mel from ITC, and Trudy from the Learning Place. These dedicated instructors played a pivotal role in shaping the students' educational journey, fostering a learning environment that inspired achievement.

The students' remarkable success in meeting all required unit standards is a testament to the collaborative efforts of these outstanding educators. As a community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jay, Mel, and Trudy for their unwavering commitment to empowering our students and guiding them toward excellence.

- Chantel Minnaar, GATEWAY Coordinator



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Excellere Netball Teams

Week 4: Excellere Athletics day,
Year 7-13, Wednesday 28th February

Week 5: Bikes in Schools, Year 5-6,
Thursday 29th February

Week 6: Zone swimming finals, Years 5-6,
Tuesday 5th March

Week 6: Bikes in Schools, Year 5-6,
Thursday 7th March

Week 6: MTB NSSSA, Year 9-13, Friday
8th March

Week 7: WPSSA swimming sports
champs, Year 5-6, Wednesday 13th
March

Week 7: NSSSA Athletics day, Year 9-13,
Friday 15th March

Week 8: Touch Tournament GIRLS only,
Year 5-6, Tuesday 19th March

Week 8: Bikes in Schools, Year 5-6,
Tuesday 19th March and 26th
March, rain off day.

Week 9: Touch Tournament
mixed, Year 7-8, Tuesday 26th March

Week 10: Touch Tournament BOYS
only, Year 5-6, Wednesday 3rd April.

Week 10: WeetbixTRY, Year 5-8,
Thursday 4th April

Week 10: Clay Target #1, Saturday 6th
April

Week 11: Renew Sports Exchange,
Basketball, Year 10-13. Tuesday 9th
April

Netball registrations are open and coming home this week. Note that registrations are all online, the link is below.

Parents are expected to be actively involved in their kids netball teams (see hard copy notice) <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/152336>



Excellere Basketball Team

Lee Clarke from Dubcity Basketball will be our Director of Basketball at Excellere College with the goal of developing our teams to compete in basketball tournaments. Year 7-8 will be a focus as well as the senior teams (Years 9-13).

Any students from Year 1-6 are welcome to attend any of Lee's training sessions that will be run under his Dubcity Basketball umbrella which will be held at either Excellere College or The Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Kia Ora team, welcome to Excellere Basketball! Below is the code to access our MAIN EXCELLERE/DUBCITY HEJA HUB. From there, you can create profiles, find your team, and make sure to add yourself as a player to the correct team. Navigate to familiarize yourself with our new form of communication.

<https://heja.io/download/CR606307> Team Code: [CR606307](https://heja.io/download/CR606307)



Excellere Sports Stripes

This year we are introducing Sports Stripes to our Year 7 -13 students, these can be earned then ironed onto your child's uniform for them to wear with pride. To earn a sports stripe you need to represent the school in a sport. We have stripes for netball, basketball, turbo touch, rippa rugby, touch, table tennis, badminton, cross country and more.

We are also offering Fun Run stripes for those to participate in the Sport Northland Run/Walk series. The first event in the Beach to Basin that is being held on the Sunday 3rd March (6.8km distance). If you complete this event, just bring your race number to Zola and she will give you a stripe for this event.

I hope you all enjoy this initiative and start to collect as many sports stripes as possible over the years to come.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

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Girls only sessions - Thu 5:30 - 7:00

Term 1 sessions start Monday 12th Feb

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