



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

May 17 2024

Term 2

Week 3

Upcoming Events

21&22 May Tues & Wed	Food & Beverage Course Year 11 Northtec
20-23 May Mon-Thur	DOE Gold Hike Year 12&13 Peach Cove
20 May	YES The Pitch (Challenge 2) L1 Business Studies
21 May Tuesday	Turbo Touch Year 9 & 10
23 May Thursday	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Reading P1 & 2
27 May Monday	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Year 10 Writing P1 & 2
28-29 May Tues-Wed	NCEA Co-Requisites Exam Year 10 Numeracy P2 & 3
29 May Wed	WPSSA Winter Sports Year 5-6
30 May Thurs	TEACHER ONLY DAY (school closed)
31 May Friday	TEACHER ONLY DAY (school closed)
3 May Monday	KINGS BIRTHDAY Holiday (school closed)
4-6 June Tues-Thurs	HA Wanaga Year 10
6 June Thurs	SHOWQUEST Forum North
6 June Thurs	Table Tennis Year 9-13
8 June Saturday	Senior School Ball McKay Stadium
11 June Tuesday	School Cross-Country
12 June Wednesday	NCEA Me Te Whānau
13&14 June Thurs & Fri	Year 11 First Aid Training

From the Principal

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

We have entered the cooler mornings now that daylight saving has ended. It is wonderful to still feel the sun's warmth in between the autumnal showers. It is a privilege to welcome new families to Excellere College. Enrolment enquiries continue to come in steadily each week.

You may have seen the School Links message sent out recently regarding cars on the driveway and in the carpark. We do ask that all drivers be vigilant for the unexpected as they approach the school. We do our very best to keep kids safe. We have had recent near misses where younger students have run out, giving little warning to drivers. Thank you so much for your patience.

Monday morning whole school devotions continue to be a wonderful way to begin our week. They start at 8:55am in the Gym. Please feel free to join us, especially if you're already dropping the kids off.

This is also a reminder about the upcoming King's Weekend break. School will be closed for instruction from Thursday 30th May until Monday 3rd June. School will reopen on Tuesday 4th June.

Student Enrolments

I repeat the information below from a previous newsletter. Although Excellere College is larger than it has ever been, we do have vacancies in three year groups. We will be contacting families on the wait lists, but please let others know so we can arrange enrolment interviews. Nat Brown can be contacted by email: natalie.brown@excellerecollege.school.nz

Year Group	Year 2	Year 6	Year 7
Student Age	6-7 years old	10-11 years old	11-12 years old

Working Bee

Over the next few weeks we will be advertising for a school working bee. We will be looking to tidy up the gardens around the school, and some new plants to give the school a real lift. Look out for an upcoming notice! Thank you so much for your support.

We have been praying for perseverance for our senior students as they get busier gaining the necessary NCEA credits to enable them to achieve their goals. "But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded." 2 Chronicles 15:7

Yours in Christ,

Andy Mouat
Tumuaki/Principal

Eco Solutions at Excellere

Continuing our enviro-school initiatives to make Excellere a more environmentally friendly school, we work with Eco Solutions in different areas, including lessons for primary, middle and senior school about improving our composting and recycling systems. Thank you to these Year 10 students who made this possible by giving up their lunch time to help: Natalie, Kayley, Azeneth, Waldo, Josh and Connor.



Chromebook Repair Help

We have a number of chrome books that have been accidentally damaged or have past their lease life. Is there anyone in our school community that could assist with repairs?

If so, could you contact the school office. Any expertise would be greatly appreciated.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Bring your apple stickers to Room 4 (Mrs Shanks and Mr Reynolds' room), and receive a house point token to put in your house box in the school foyer. This is a house competition, so get as many tokens for your house as possible. The more stickers we get, the more sports gear we will get for the school.



Dental Health



FREE dental care for under 18s
Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

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?
0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)
Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

0800 698 3384
(0800 MY TEETH)

Advertise Here for 2024

Advertise your event or business HERE in the school newsletter.
\$100 a Year for 12 Newsletters or \$10 per single advertisement.
For more information contact:
julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

Photo Consent

If you selected 'no photo consent' on your enrolment application, photos of your child in the newsletter will usually be covered. If you would like to make an exception for the school newsletter, please contact the school office to update this.

40 Hour Challenge Presentation



On Friday 10 May, our World Vision Youth Ambassador, Paige, visited Excellere. She shared her experience in Timor-leste and informed us about the droughts and the floods happening there. She met a young lady called Pasquella whose family owned a beautiful rice field which unfortunately was flooded due to the cyclone and global warming. Without income, Pasquella's parents could not afford education for her and her siblings, and had to rely on family and neighbours.

We can help people like Pasquella who are suffering the results of deforestation and climate change. We can equip a farmer to unlock underground, forests and regrow trees fast for only \$107 for a acre. So sign up for the 40 hour challenge and fundraise so we can create a change!

We have decided to open the event to Year 5 -13 students. This is NOT compulsory but we are keen for as MANY as possible to participate. Families are welcome to participate as a unit.

Here is the link for Excellere College. Join the team:
<https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/IFOUVs/excellere-college-whangarei>



World Vision Ambassadors

On the 6th of May our Junior school leaders had the lovely privilege to attend the World Vision Leadership Conference in Auckland. We gained an understanding of climate change and how we together can resolve the problem of deforestation around the world. We developed new leadership skills by learning and doing quick exercises, and tasks about the topic. We learnt how to put them into action in practical ways so we can change the world.

- Ella Teriki, Year 7.



On Tuesday the 7th of May it was the senior leaders turn travel to Auckland for the World Vision Leadership Conference. We learned how to engage students participating in the 40 Hour Challenge, such as cool ways to advertise the event and out-of-the-box suggestions like 40 hours at women's refuge centre or 40 hours spent outside. It was a very fun day, we enjoyed the trip down to in Auckland with the other student leaders.

- Rebecca Almeida, Year 13



Year 12 Biology

Year 12 trip to Matapouri beach for the rocky shore investigation. It was a beautiful day of learning and making memories. The data from the trip is being used for one of the internal assessments. Thanks to our beautiful teacher aid ?????? who joined us on the trip. We couldn't do it without you.

- Merzahd Sinclair, HoD Science.



Community Clinics

Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora in Te Tai Tokerau Northland now has a Community Clinics Calendar on its website.

Clinics listed include: Tamariki Ear Clinics, Youth Health Services, and Immunisations – all available free of charge to school students and their whānau. It allows anyone to browse or filter to find upcoming clinics of interest, throughout the region, as well as information on how to book an appointment if necessary.

To find it, visit: northlanddhb.org.nz and click on the Community Clinics Calendar tile on the home page.

Community Clinics Calendar

Online calendar of upcoming free community health clinics:

- B4 School Check
- Cervical Screening
- Immunisations
- Northland Youth Health Services
- Tamariki Ear Clinics

Visit: northlanddhb.org.nz

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

The Excellere Sapphires



Netball season has begun! Introducing the Excellere College Sapphires . They are a team of 11 and 12 year old's who are coached by Anneke Duinkerke.

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Excellere Library Bookmark Competition



Submit your design by Friday 14 June.
Drop it off to the Library
between 12pm & 3pm.
Every entry gets a point for your house!

There will be three winners...
Junior, Middle and Senior school.
Winners will have their bookmark
printed and used in our library for Term
3 & 4 of 2024. They will also receive a
bundle of brilliant books!

The theme for your bookmark art is
**'ADVENTURE BEGINS
AT YOUR LIBRARY'**

Name: _____

Class: _____

(Please circle)

Junior Middle Senior

Hikurangi Hurupaki Panihaka Parikiore



The Excellere College library is running a library bookmark contest for 2024. Students can pick up an entry form from the library between 12 and 3pm or from reception.

I have seen more kids coming in each day into the library which is fantastic. I am getting new books all the time and will soon be

implementing a colour code for junior and senior Graphic Novels and Non-Fiction.

I would also like to welcome Willow on board as my 2IC. She has shown great interest in the library and how it runs and is an avid reader. She will be working in the library at lunchtimes if I am away so students will still have access.

- Sharon Simpson, School Librarian

Excellere vs Renew Sports Exchange

Last term we had our sports exchange with Renew School. We chose to vs them at Year 9-10 basketball and it was a real nail biter! Renew got away to an early lead and we would catch up and close the gap. The game continued like this until the last quarter where our boys played like absolute machines, putting away a few fast goals to bring the score to 48/49 to us, winning by ONE POINT! Talk about stress! It was also great to win on THEIR home turf this time.

MVP goes to James Walker who got our one and only three pointer. Without this it would have been a tie and would have gone into overtime. Renew has asked for a rematch.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Cyber Safety Evening



Life Education Trust Whangarei Community Event



A CYBER SAFETY EVENING

With Rob Cope - Author, parent and film maker of the 2020 documentary 'Our Kids Online'

Parents Cyber Safety Evening with Rob Cope - Author, Parent and Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary "Our Kids Online"

Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming and social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain. Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.

Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics. Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful. The venue is the Northland Rugby Union Clubrooms, 21 May 6:30pm

Buy tickets: <https://myetickets.co.nz/tickets/378/details>



Excellere Pataka Kai Mufiti Day

On the last day of school last term we had a special fundraiser, but instead of money we asked for food and toiletry items for a local foodbank. The theme for the mufti day was 'servant.' We had: angels, police, chefs, road workers, fire and emergency crew, doctors and nurses.

"Thank you so so much Excellere College for facilitating this kai. It makes an absolutely huge difference in the work we do. For whanau who are really struggling, and sometimes just need to get our foot in the door so that we can work with people to facilitate sustainable and long-lasting change. We don't have any kind of budget here to assist with practicalities like food and it is often one of the 'on top' issues that gets in the way of doing deeper work," Kayla Mckeeman, Social Worker.

A big thanks to Mrs. Hill and her team of Excellere College leaders for organising and promoting this fundraiser!



Year 7 Graffiti Name Art



Year 7-8 Turbo Touch

The Year 7-8's competed in a Turbo Touch tournament this week. We had SO many students keen to participate at this event, 26 in total which made up four teams. All our students had a great time, stretching their skills and playing other schools from the Northland area.

I need to say a big thank you to those parents who helped transport our students to this event, and also an EXTRA big thank you to those parents who stayed for the event and helped to manage a team for the day. I would not have been able to that day on my own.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Level 1 Art Trip to the Hundertwasser Art Centre & Wairau Gallery

On Thursday, the Level 1 visual art students visited the Hundertwasser art centre. The students were looked after by the wonderful art educator Jacinda who tailor made a day course based on our chosen theme of water and the Hatea River.

She gave us some history of the local area and about the amazing carved poe outside the gallery. We had a tour of the Wairau Māori Art gallery followed by a tour of the Hundertwasser gallery. Hundertwasser was a keen environmentalist who advocated for sea conservation, tree planting, and created his own water purification methods.



In the afternoon the students made a lino print inspired by the Hātea River. They really enjoyed this process and are keen to make more prints for their portfolios.

- Julie Hale, HoD Visual Art



TRY-Challenge

The TRY-Challenge made it onto the calendar at the end of Term 1 and the kids LOVED it. The TRY-Challenge is an event that we started back in 2021 when Covid cancelled all of our inter school sporting events. I saw it as a fun way to get a bunch of kids active.

Traditionally the TRY-Challenge is a triathlon, but having this event at school makes us think outside of the box for a fun and challenging event for the kids to do. The first activity is a skipping and press up challenge. The students are expected to push themselves a little so that they are challenged in the strength department. Then they run outside to start the big obstacle course, some of the fun features are: the waterslide, colour run, cargo net, wet sponge throw, potato and spoon race while being hit with noodles, and many more activities. After students have navigated the obstacle course twice, they then set out on the run, which is about 1.5km and takes them through the paddocks to dodge the cow pats. On the finish line, everyone receives a medal and they are all given a Weetbix TRY Challenge t-shirt to compete in.

I couldn't put this event on without an excellent team. So firstly thank you to the staff who always go that extra mile for me. Also I would like to say thanks to the parent helpers, teacher aides, and students who also assist me in whatever I ask of them. It is really awesome to see such a great community spirit.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

