



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 9 2024

Term 3 Week 3

Upcoming Events

12-16 Aug Mon-Fri	MATHS WEEK Year 3 -13
13-14 Aug Tues-Wed	Basketball festival Year 7-8 mixed teams
15-16 Aug Thurs-Fri	TBC Y11 First Aid Training - Northland Bus (TBC)
14 Aug Wednesday	Futsal Festival Year 7-8
17 Aug Saturday	L1 COM YES Kerikeri Trade Fair At the Old Packhouse
19-23 Aug Mon-Fri	Book Fair Year 1-6 Character dress up Friday
23 Aug Friday	School Assembly
27 Aug Tues	Netball tournament Year 7-8 & 9-10
29 Aug Thurs	Badminton Teams boys Year 9-13
30 Aug Fri	Basketball Cup Year 9-10 boys
30 Aug Fri	School canteen open at lunchtime
9-13 Sep Mon-Fri	NCEA Year 11-13 Derived Grade Exams
4 Sep Wed	WPSSA Interschool Cross Country Year 4-6
11-19 Sep	Year 10 NCEA Co-Req.
12 Sep Thursday	Badminton Year 9-13 Girls

From the Principal

Kia ora/kamusta/haai/annyeonghaseyo Excellere College whānau/families,

We continue to welcome many new families to Excellere College. I am so heartened by the feedback that comes about the wonderful welcome given to new students. It is great to see our Christian community growing here in the northern gateway into Whangārei.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the Learning Conferences on Thursday 1st August. I wish to extend a huge dankie to everyone who braved the cool winter afternoon/evening to support their child's learning. We are so blessed to have your ongoing support in this vital home/school partnership. Thank you also to all the teachers who work so hard too. Parents, please remember you don't need to wait until formal interviews to make contact with teachers. We are all delighted to communicate with you at any stage throughout the term.

Planning for the next round of building continues to gain momentum. Engineers and architects have been meeting to discuss the next steps and most suitable methods to cope with the challenging soil conditions. We would really appreciate your prayers to support this project. Over the next twenty years (God willing) this site will look very different to cater for predicted roll growth. It is so exciting to be able to further God's Kingdom in Whangārei education. Thank you so much to the members of the Whangārei Christian Education Trust (WCET) who own the land and the buildings for their continued commitment to this vision.

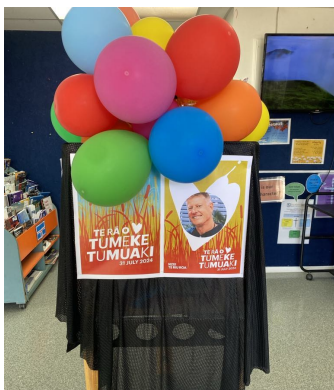
You may recall that last term Excellere College won the Northland Showquest event. The show was videoed and submitted to the national finals. These were screened on Wednesday 31st July. I am so proud to announce that our performance achieved a Highly Commended in Lighting and Drama. This was the first time our school had entered this competition and we earned a place in the New Zealand-wide finals! Congratulations to all the students involved. Of course, we are so grateful to all the adults that supported this event including Sharon Simpson, Larissa Matheson and Teale Vint. We are so grateful to them for their commitment and hard work. Additionally, so many parents stepped in to help too, thank you!

At the end of Term 2 I had the privilege of attending a leadership conference with Mrs Shanks, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Smith. The conference was run by NZACS (New Zealand Association of Christian Schools) and was a wonderful opportunity to network with other Christian school leaders and hear from incredible Christian speakers from around the world. Jon Eckert from the USA gave a series of talks called Catalytic Leadership. He talked about the reality that joy is not the freedom from struggle. In fact, greater joy often comes from greater struggle. Giving our young people the opportunity to struggle within a supportive environment and feel that intensely joyous sense of achievement that comes after you have climbed that mountain or completed the challenging assessment task, is so important. At Excellere College we work hard to support students as they develop the resilience needed to achieve the joy of success. We have our hope in Christ and that is what sets us apart from others.

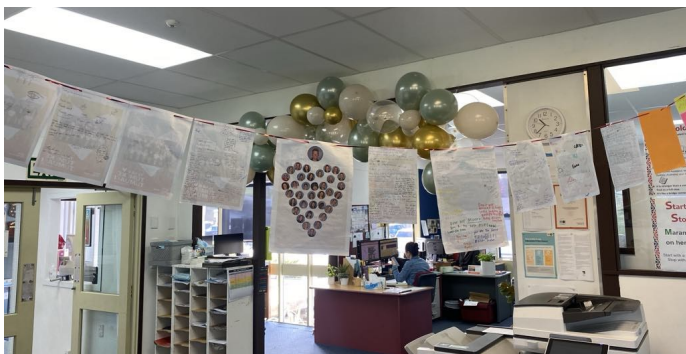
Sending blessings to all the Excellere College community.

- Andy Mouat, Principal

Principal Appreciation Day



In July we celebrated our Principal Andy Mouat with a shared lunch and hand written notes from students. A big thank-you also goes to the teacher aides who organised the decorations, compiled the messages and laid out a super feast to celebrate the day.



Springs Challenge — Reminder

Friendly reminder that all SPRINGS challenge booklets (and supporting evidence) needs to be handed in to Mr Keyte no later than the last day of Term 3.

Cheers, Ben Keyte



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Yummy Apple Stickers Final Term to Collect!

Kia ora everyone,

Thank you for all of your Yummy Stickers, Yummy bag labels and Yummy cartons! We have one more term of collection remaining - Please eat as many āporo (apples) as you can and bring in Yummy Stickers, Yummy bag labels and Yummy cartons to Room 4 for your house group tokens.

Thank you so much for your support!

Jess Shanks, Junior College Leader



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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: northlanddhhb.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: northlanddhhb.org.nz

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Gel Electrophoresis Experiments with Renew School Year 13 Students:

This experiment is the basis of some of the procedures in forensic science, which we hoped will inspire our students for future career choices. Mrs Owen and her Year 13 students joined us last term and we all enjoyed an afternoon of collaboration and discovery. Thank you to the Renew Biology team and Rachel Major, our lab technician.



Inviting Forest and Bird Chairperson to Talk to Year 11 Science:

For the second NCEA standard, the Year 11's are working on a local issue; Okara marina. To gain a good understanding on a local issue we had a zoom call with Renew school, the Year 1 class, who were interviewing Whangarei mayor as the perspective that wanted the marina built. Forest and bird chairperson visited our class last week to provide us insight on the opposing perspective that did not want the mangroves to be removed for the new marina. The class now knows all about the science behind this issue.



Reviving our Worm Farm and Improving Composting in Excellere

Lucretia from "Eco Solution" was invited over many weeks to work with groups of students, including primary, year 10 and year 9 students to improve our composting.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour

HoD science & Enviroschool coordinator



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.



Dental Health



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Te Whatu Ora
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Visual Art : Year 7 Tapa Artworks

Year 7's finished their art module with Tapa Design artworks. They first studied traditional Tapa artworks and worked in small groups to create a practise artwork based on traditional designs.

To create their own original stencil designs they brainstormed symbols based on their own life and interests. Students then worked in pairs or groups of three to print and paint these large A1 sized artworks.

- Julie Hale. HoD Visual Art



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Year 9 & 10 Basketball Festival

Our Year 9-10's played in the local 3x3 basketball festival event last week. We had 1 girls team and 1 boys team battling it out against the other Northland teams. Both teams played really well showing maturity with their substitutions and

overall respect at the event, and I loved that our boys stepped up and refereed some games.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Renew vs Excellere Sports Exchange

Last term we battled Renew to a game of Turbo Touch. Turbo Touch is traditionally played on a netball court and is a mix of netball, touch and volleyball. It is an exciting, fast paced game with a lot of tactics.

Both teams were slightly unprepared for this event but that still made it a fun game. Renew came away with their first significant win against us with a score of 18 to 6 to Renew. We all enjoyed a bit of banter and some ice blocks afterwards, overall there were good vibes all around.

Our next exchange with Renew is during Week 10 of Term 3 and we will be battling it out in Badminton.

- Zola McDonald, Sport Coordinator



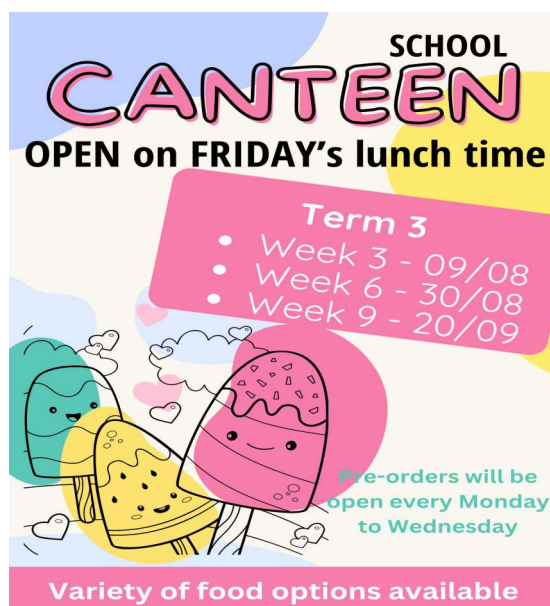
Excellere College Sports Uniforms

We are still missing 31 uniforms, please if you see any of these at home, bring these back ASAP so that we can restock the supplies.

Currently I am struggling to send kids out on sports events in uniforms that fit them. Photo is for reference so that you can know what you are looking out for at home.

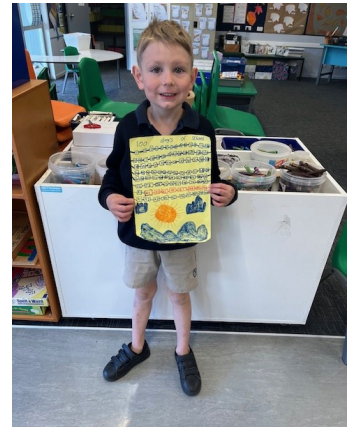
Thanks team,

- Zola McDonald, Sport Coordinator



Junior College: Year 1 & 2 100 Days Projects

Room 3 and Room 2 celebrated the 100th day of school on July 26th. Over the holidays the students with the support of the families made a 100s day project. They made a display of items that made 100. Students grouped items in their displays in groups of 2, 5, 4, 10, 20, 25, and 50. The students brought in their wonderfully creative projects to display. We also enjoyed a shared lunch and some parents were able to join us.



English Department : Micro-Story Competition Winners

The Micro-Story Competition was well subscribed and resulted in some lovely pieces. These stories reflected our Christian character beautifully and demonstrated our school-wide literacy focus through their accurate use of language.

The winners are:

Aviana Brown - "A child's nervous but happy first day at school." - New Entrant

Caitlin Aubrey - "A magical experience with friends and answered prayers." - Junior School

Ella Teariki - "A beautiful description of an ancient forest and its magic." - Middle School

Olive Wojnowski - "A poetic reflection on self and longing by the sea." - Senior School

Natalie Brown - "A nostalgic look at an old carousel and its past." - Staff Entry

Special awards went to:

Best Poetry Form - Sophia Shields - Dear Lover: "A heartfelt letter about love, betrayal, and loss."

Best Shortest Entry - Arlo Brown - "A thrilling moment of scoring a soccer goal."

For those who are interested in showcasing their poetic talents, stay tuned for details about our upcoming poetry

competition. We look forward to seeing more creative and expressive work from our talented students!

A SYMPHONY OF NATURE - By Ella Teariki

In the heart of an ancient forest, a hidden waterfall cascaded down moss-covered rocks, its waters sparkling in the dappled sunlight. Birds chirped to the melodies that echoed through the towering green trees, while butterflies danced on the gentle breeze. Wildflowers carpeted the forest floor, their vibrant colours a testament to nature's artistry. As day turned to night, the sky became a canvas ablaze with stars, their twinkling light reflected in the still waters below. Creatures of the night emerged from their slumber, adding their voices to the symphony of the forest. And amidst it all, a sense of peace and wonder settled over the land, reminding all who beheld it of the magic that resides in the natural world. At that moment, one couldn't help but feel a deep connection to the beauty and harmony of the universe.

Arlo Brown - Year 6 mini-micro entry

I step up to take the corner. There is a wall of opposition players. I see a gap, kick. It comes off a Defender, right back to me. I have a clear path into the far left bottom corner. The side of the netting shakes to celebrate my glorious goal!

- Gretchen Dainty, HoD English

Library Bookmark Competition

Last term in the library we ran 'The Great Bookmark Competition of 2024'. Students from the junior, middle and senior school entered their wonderful designs which had the theme 'Adventure begins in the Library'.

With around 60 entries to choose from the teachers voted and the winners were picked. Their bookmarks are now available in the library for all students to use and they took home a bundle of brilliant books.

The winners were from left:

Tui Keyte (Junior)

Akisha Monding (Middle)

Samara Laurenson (Senior)

Check out their great bookmarks!

