



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Excellence in Learning - Christianity in Living

Newsletter - Te Pānui

August 30 2024

Term 3 Week 6

Upcoming Events

9-13 Sep. Mon.-Fri.	NCEA Year 11-13 Derived Grade Exams
4 Sep. Wednesday	WPSSA Interschool Cross Country Year 4-6
6 Sep. Friday	Spelling Bee School Library
12 Sep. Thursday	Badminton Year 9-13 Girls
20 Sep. Friday	CANTEEN open to all students @ Lunch
24 Sep. Tuesday	Renew Exchange @ Excellere (Badminton) Year 7-9, 12:30 - 3:00 pm
25 Sep. Wednesday	Year 10 Market Day
26 Sep. Friday	Netball Prizegiving 3:00- 05:00pm
27 Sep. Friday	School Assembly 11:20am End of Term 3
14 Oct. Monday	Start of Term 4



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Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/Goei dag/Annyeonghaseyo Excellere College whānau/families,

As the sun's warmth begins to return with the onset of Spring we are blessed to be welcoming even more new whānau to our Christian community. We look forward to Daylight Saving to bring back longer evenings but of course that reminds us to "slip, slop, slap". Please remember to include a named hat as the intensity of the sun increases in the lead up to summer.

There are so many people to thank for some remarkable mahi/work happening around the school. We have the framing for a wonderful sandpit in the junior college. Sand will be delivered in the next few weeks to complete the project. Our thanks go to Sarah and Joel de Vetter, Amie and Daniel Garton, Tim Dow, Ezekiel Wetere and Jess Shanks (providing coffee and food) for their expertise and hardwork. I understand they worked late into the evenings right through the weekend! Additionally, Bunnings and Virgin Concrete were very supportive. The sand has been ordered from Dickson Quarry who have also been generous to our school.

Thank you to all the parents and Jess Shanks (again) for an incredibly successful book fair. It was great to see so many families browsing the books together. Also, many people gave up their time before the fair to "vet" the books to make sure they aligned with our Christian values. The book character-themed mufti day was also very successful.

Our netball players are also proving to be a force across Whangārei. So many teams are very successful. So many parents and staff are involved in supporting this wonderful sport. Thank you to you all.

Mrs Larissa Matheson has been working very hard on writing a whole musical extravaganza with the running title of "The Bible Variety Show". Essentially, each class will have the opportunity to tell part of the Bible through song and dance. We are so excited to see this ambitious plan coming together. Thank you so much!

So many people associated with Excellere College are working over and above expectations to contribute to our wonderful school. We are so grateful to every single one of you! This term I have been reminded yet again of the importance of community here at Excellere College. The word "ubuntu" was shared with me by Mrs Hill and it aligns so well with our Christian whānau/family approach here at school. Ubuntu is an ancient African word meaning 'humanity to others'. It is often described as reminding us that 'I am what I am because of who we all are'. This is such a beautiful way to explain what we are working to achieve here with God's grace. With our blend of cultures from all around the globe we come together here in Whangārei with a shared Christian vision for our students.

What did Jesus say about the importance of community? Jesus did not do life alone, and neither should we. 1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

As we become more like Christ through sanctification, our need for community increases. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." —Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCHOOL CLOSURE ON TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST DUE TO THE BURST WATER MAIN.

- Andy Mouat, Excellere College Principal

Junior College Book Fair

Thank you for coming along to our 2024 Book Fair! We really appreciate the support and hope you enjoy all of the wonderful books. Many thanks.

Jess Shanks,
Junior College Leader



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 Sticker Fundraiser

Please eat as many āporo (apples) as you can and bring in the 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

Only 5 weeks to go!

Please bring your Yummy stickers to Rm 4 :)



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

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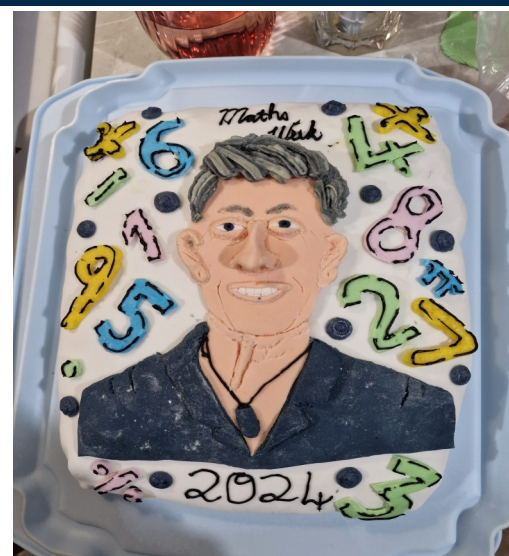
Year 12 students finished a standard which was about adaptations of the digestive system, and as part of the learning we dissected a sheep digestive system. Also thanks to the generous donation of animal organs given to us by Rachel McGillan's parents. We will be able to run dissection lessons for Year 9, 10 and 11. Thank you. I am meeting with Pete Graham from "Predator free Whangarei" to discuss the possibility of trapping in the school area. Please contact me if you are experienced or just interested to join in the future.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour, HoD Science Excellere College



Maths Week 2024 Cake Competition

Category	STRAND	SCORE HS	MR MOUAT'S FACE	SCORE HS	3D CONSTRUCTS	SCORE HS	NUMBER/ CLASS	SCORE HS	DATE/ B'DAY	SCORE HS
PLACE 1	LIENKA VAN NIEKERK Y7	14	CLARISSA & LUANE Y10	14.5	GRACE JOLL Y8	14	NIAMH ROGEN GIBSON Y9	12.5	DIANE DE LA HARPE Y7	13.5
PLACE 2	MICAH DE VETTER Y4	12.5	MIALEE & SRVAG Y6	10.5	AMORE Y5	12.5	ELLA ROSE CLEAVER Y7	12	HEINO VAN NIEKERK Y9	12.5
PLACE 3	MIKAYLA FALLOON Y7	12.5			MIA & TYLER VD HULST Y7; Y9	11.5	ALEXIA SOUTHEE Y4	11.5	KARLIEN BOTHA Y4	11
PLACE 4	AV BROWN Y1	12.5								



We received some amazing creations. Thank you to everyone who participated. Congratulations Clarissa van der Westhuizen (Year 10) and Luané Nel (Year 10) you won 1st place for your amazing replica of Mr. Mouat.



School Canteen



The school canteen will now be open 3x a term. The next canteen day is Friday 20th September. **Orders cut-off Thursday 19th @ 12pm**

NSSSA Netball Tournament

We had an amazing day at the NSSSA netball tournament this week. We took four Excellere teams to battle it out for top Year 7-8 team and top Year 9-10 team in the area.

It was a strong event with many AIMS games teams entered so some of these teams were very well polished. The day started in the rain but soon the skies cleared and we had a beautiful sunny day ahead of us. All of our teams had a good day and I am thrilled to report that one of our teams won their section. The Year 7-8 Mixers won all their games and totally annihilated the opposition in their section. Well done to the Mixers and all of our teams.

A special thank you to Anneke Duinkerke for helping to organise this event and sorting out so much of the umpires duties, I really appreciate it. - Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



School Board Student Representative



Do you want to make a difference in your school?

Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on your School Board?

As a board member, you'll learn new skills, be able to have your say on important issues and make a positive contribution to your school and community.

For more information, go to www.trustee-election.co.nz.

Nomination forms are out now. **Nominations close noon Tuesday 03 September, 2024.** Student Election poll closes 4:00pm Thursday 19 September, 2024. **Nomination box on counter at school office.**

Excellere College Mathex

Excellere had 18 groups participate in the Northland Mathex on Tuesday 6th August that was held at Whangarei Boys High School.

Year 5 had 8 students participating and Year 6 had 12 students. The Junior College groups made us very proud.

In the Middle College, we had 40 students participate in 10 groups - 16 students in Year 7, 12 in Year 8, and 12 in Year 9.

Our Senior College had 12 students participating. The group of Abinaya Pokkiri Raja, Jaynee Chambers, Lydia Jongkind, and Mariela Shortland Mendez achieved an amazing 4th place in the Northland district with a score of 80%.



Chromebook Repair Help

Love Technology?

Calling all I.T Enthusiasts

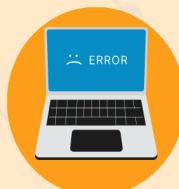
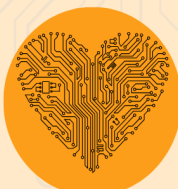
We need your help with our school Chromebook repairs!

Do you have an knack for IT and repairs?

We are looking for volunteers to help with Chromebook repairs at our school!

Whether you're a student or a whanau member, we would really appreciate your skills and time.

If you're interested, then please reach out to our school office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



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Year 7 & 8 Basketball

We entered three teams into the mixed Year 7-8 basketball tournament last week. We had some epic close games against some top local teams who are off to represent their school at AIMS games. Our students did well to finish top in their section. I would also like to thank two of our year 10 boys for stepping up into leadership and helping me by refereeing all day.

It is a VERY tiring job and they did so well - thank you Aiden Marais and James Walker for your service and leadership.

- Zola McDonald,



NSSSA Futsal Tournament

We had an awesome day at the NSSSA futsal tournament at McKay stadium. We had two strong futsal teams who played so well. I loved observing the maturity with these students as they managed themselves so well against some tough teams and I was also impressed with how they treated each other within the team. There was so much respect. Well done to you all. This event was a festival so there were no winners, just a fun space for teams to learn and grow.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Excellere College Sports Uniforms

We are still missing 23 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, Sports Coordinator



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World Vision

Excellere College was awarded a few World Vision awards after a spectacular attempt at the 40 hour challenge earlier in the year.

The awards are :

- **School Award** for an outstanding fundraiser effort to help frontline communities fight the impacts of climate change and restore forests
- Mrs Hill received an **Outstanding Award as Organiser** in the Northland Region
- **Above and Beyond Regional Award** for exceeding their fundraising goal and inspiring those around them by demonstrating generosity and compassion.
- World Vision **ABOVE AND BEYOND National floating trophy**. We share this with St Kentigern's College

All the leaders and students at the school who participated carried this challenge to success and we are committed to developing more leaders and potentially some ambassadors in the future for World Vision.

Thanks to all the whanau who also participated alongside our students. Your support is noticed and truly appreciated.



Term 3 Week 5 Assembly—Brought to you by Book Week!

