



Upcoming Events

25 Nov	Journey of light musical rehearsal @ Salvation Army
26 Nov Tuesday	Journey of Light musical at the Salvation Army
27 Nov Wednesday	WPSSA Athletics Year 7 & 8
28 & 29 Nov Thurs & Fri	Show Quest Junior auditions
02-06 Dec	DOE—Gold (Year 12/13)
04 Dec Wednesday	WPSSA Athletics Year 5 & 6

2024 Excellere College Prizegiving

When: 10th December

Where: Excellere College Gym

Junior College: 09:30am

Middle & Senior College: 6:30pm

11 Dec Wednesday	Last day of school 2024 Reports out
03 Feb Monday	First day of school 2025

Year 6 Sandy Bay Surf Trip



We were blessed with lots of sunshine on our day out at Sandy Bay. Tutukaka Surf gave us lessons and encouraged us to have a go. Lots of kids were able to stand on their surfboard by the end of the day and we cheered each other on. Some of the waves were powerful! It was a highlight of Term 4. Thank you so much to all of the teachers and parent helpers!

Lydia: It was so fun learning to surf, even if I did take a few tumbles!

Mookodi: At first I was falling a lot and it was

quite funny. After some practise I stood up 6 times and I was getting the hang of it. Never give up and always be positive!

Danique: One highlight was actually standing up on the surfboard and watching my friends have fun.

Renee: Once I could stand on my board, it was really fun! The sand was super hot too.

Samuel: I accidentally did a backflip off my board!

Ariel: It was really fun and the instructors were awesome.



From the Principal

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

The year is racing towards the summer holidays with such a pace that I find myself reflecting on where the year has gone. Teachers have been writing reports and students have been completing NCEA exams at Renew whilst the remainder have been assessed on their learning within school. We are evaluating the year and planning ahead for 2025 and beyond. The changes from government have continued at a tremendous pace and we have been doing our utmost to keep well ahead of them. Many staff are involved in training of the use of new teaching resources but we are determined to continue to use the established approaches alongside the new.

I have just returned to my office from watching the Year 5 and 6 students racing each other in the 100m sprints. Our field looks wonderful thanks to the care and attention of Peter Sa'ena-Brown, our incredible caretaker. It was great to see students competing with big smiles and parents popping into school to support their kids. We are so blessed to have such extensive grounds and seeing them being used so positively is truly heart warming. Thank you to all the staff who were out there in between showers of rain to enable the fun to take place.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of everyone around the traffic congestion at the end of each school day. We have witnessed an overall improvement already. Additionally, it is wonderful to read that NZTA and WDC

are looking more closely at the roundabout proposal for SH1. You will see they have already begun major earthworks next to Sate Highway 1 just south of our turn off. I am expecting there will be disruption whilst this work is completed but the outcome should really help our current situation. We pray that once started, the work is completed in a timely fashion.

I had the privilege of praying with our Year 6 students before they went surfing at Sandy Bay. It was wonderful seeing the joyful anticipation on the kids' faces. Thank you to all the parents who went along to support Mrs Shanks and Mrs Reynolds with transport and supervision. We simply cannot run these events without this support.

As we reflect on the blessings of the past school year, these verses remind us to cultivate an attitude of gratitude: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 This verse encourages us to find reasons for thanksgiving, even in challenging times. Throughout the school year, there have been opportunities for growth, learning, and building relationships.

Expressing gratitude can help us recognise the positive aspects of our experiences, no matter how difficult they may have been. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." - James 1:17

- Andy Mouat, Tumuaki

Year 6 Surf Trip Continued.....



Who is Jesus

A letter to an Imaginary friend

Dear Friend,

There is this Holy Spirit I worship and he's the best thing that's in my life. I am so grateful my parents introduced him when I was very young.

This Holy Spirit I worship everyday of the year, was once a man born to die for our sins not just then but for the future generations too. So back then, people believed that you had to sacrifice a healthy lamb to renew yourself from sin, but then God (Holy Spirit) sent down his only son to die for all, and everyone's sins.

He is trustworthy, kind, mindful and much more. He promised that we must not worry about the future, it is all planned out and He has it all under control. He took 9 months to design you and make another beautiful, kind person who is worthy and has a purpose on earth.

If you want to know more about the Holy Spirit I worship, write back and I'll send you a new international translation Bible or you can ask questions. Worshipping Jesus (One of his many names) will change your life for the better, and lift a big weight off your shoulders from stress and anxiety. Trust that it's all going to work out.

- Carly Minnaar

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Excellere College Sports Uniform Returns

We are down to searching for the least few uniforms, please if you see any of these at home, bring these back ASAP .

Photo is for reference so that you can know what you are looking out for at home.

- Zola McDonald,
Sport Coordinator



2024 Year Excellere Leavers

Class of 2024



Jaylem Garrett



Lahratio Gordon



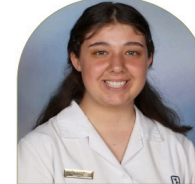
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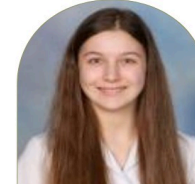
Jessica Dawson



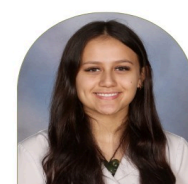
Bryn Hollis



Jaeyun Kim



Rachel Pringle



Ani Ripia



Joel Schoemaker



Morgan Swanepoel



Willie Volschenk



Aimee Whitehead

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV):

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Room 8 First Aid Course

Room 8 show their skill in the First Aid course and took CPR quite serious. Well done to the ladies from St John who motivated our students and reminded us again how important it is.



Room 8 Merivale Rest Home Visits

Students from Room 8 celebrated the friendship they built up over the last year. They sang waiata, sharing Christmas and thank you letters and visited individual rooms where residents were too sick to move. Room 8 is grateful for this outreach and would like the whole school to experience this in the future.



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

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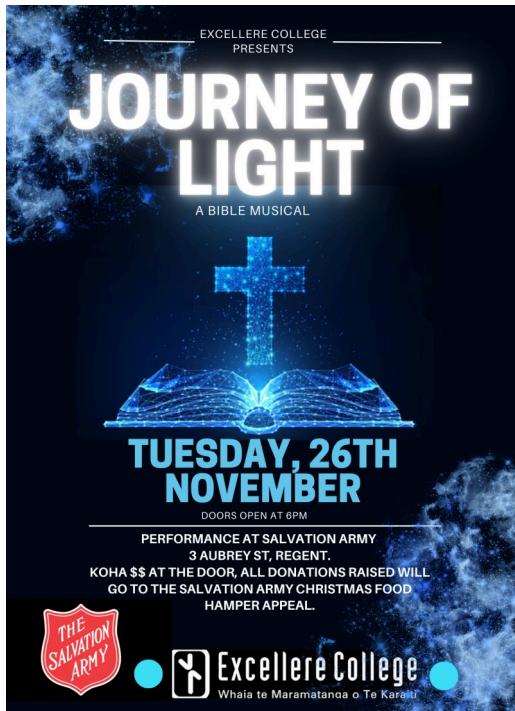
2024 Excellere Yearbook

The Yearbook has been completed and the file has been sent for printing earlier this week. Each family will receive one yearbook. Extra yearbook orders have been received and they should all be ready to hand out in Week 8.

Check out the yearbook cover inspired by the Paris Olympics made by Year 13 design student Jessica Dawson.



Sponsor a Dancer



Our incredible group of young dancers has been working tirelessly to bring Journey of Light – A Bible Musical to life. You can make a direct impact by sponsoring a dancer! Your sponsorship will go toward providing costumes that will help them shine as brightly as their passion and dedication.

By sponsoring a dancer, you'll not only support their creative journey but also be a part of something special that celebrates faith, talent, and teamwork. Every contribution counts! Whether it's \$5 or \$50, every bit helps us bring this vision to life.

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our dancers, please contact Larissa Matheson larissa.matheson@excellerecollege.school.nz

Yummy Apple Sticker Results

Kia ora everyone,

The final thank you from our Junior College Team as our Yummy Sticker Collection has earned \$1110 worth of sports gear!!

Really grateful, and keen to run it again next year.

Bless you all heaps,

Jess Shanks, Junior College Leader



Return Library Books

All library books need to be returned as soon as possible. Can you please talk to your students and get them to return all their books by Wednesday next week.

Overdue notices have been issued and there are still a lot of overdue books from students. Thanks for all your help.



Year 12 Reflection



My reflection on 2024 in Year 12: It is clear that even with our differences, we have proven that when we all come together as a group, we can achieve both success in academia and enjoyment. Every one of us, as children of God, has the ability to connect, collaborate and make lasting memories.

Through participating in group activities, we have shown that unity and respect can create a positive and fun environment where we can all succeed together. May we carry this enthusiasm and humour forward, knowing that we can achieve great things by supporting each other.

- Ulricke Schreuder , Year 12



Level 2 Art Folios

This year we had four Level 2 design students and three photography students complete their folio boards. The students chose their own themes and had to make a sustained body of work (2x A1 panels) that showed the development, clarification and extension of their ideas.



Keri Keri Half Marathon



The staff at Excellere College are a fit bunch with 5 of them competing in the Kerikeri Half Marathon running event over the weekend.

It was jam-packed full of personal bests and goals achieved. Mr Keyte ran the race of his life flying home with a new PB of 1.22 hours, sporting a massive blister for his efforts.

Mr Osborne and his son Isaac shaved minutes of their 5km PB to get to the finish line full of emotions.

Mrs Hill and Mrs Kelly enjoyed their run/walk only to have Mrs Hill burn Mrs Kelly off in the last 50m after agreeing to stay together to the line. Mr Hill ran an excellent race finishing with an excellent time of 1.46hr.

I finished with a new 5km course PB of 19.05min coming across the line in 5th place in the female category

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

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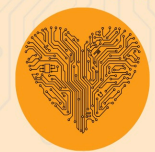
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WPSSA Zone 13 Athletics



We had a great day at the Zone 13 athletics day this week. We took 9 kids to Glenbervie Primary school to battle it out for top spots amongst our zone 13 schools, Ngunguru, Glenbervie and Kaurihohore.

All athletes had an excellent day and should be very proud. We have two definite qualifiers for the WPSSA zone finals on December 4.

Anton Duinkerke Year 5 boys, high jump.
Igou Argamosa Year 6 boys 80m and 100m Sprints

- Zola McDonald,
 Sports Coordinator



Year 10 English Mask Making

As part of their literature study, the Year 10 students are exploring characterisation and the traits of heroic protagonists. They have created masks inspired by Greek theatre traditions, with a brief to use abstraction to illustrate an emotion or character trait from their chosen heroic story.

I am sure you will agree that they are wonderful! Now that the masks are complete, the students will perform a series of tableaux (freeze frames), wearing their masks to depict the heroic journey of their chosen hero and how it reflects our Christian values or the life of Jesus.

Having already completed a research project on Greek theatre, these performances promise to be both exciting and moving. Good luck, Year 10!

- Gretchen Dainty, HoD English



Year 7 & 8 Badminton



Year 7-8 badminton festival went really well last week. We took 3 teams to the badminton centre to compete against over 120 players from around the North. There were so many games and players that the event was not able to be completed, but all the team had plenty of games and fun. We settled on a big group photo at the end.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator

Year 10 Touch Rugby Tournament

In Week 5 the Year 10 boys went to Kaikohe for a touch rugby tournament. They played together as a team for the first time at this event and the boys made it work. The competition was fierce and fast and we did our best to match the other teams.

The highlight of the day was watching James Walker run for the touch line only to put the ball down IN FRONT of the line so no try THEN on another occasion he ran the ball straight over the try line into the dead ball zone without realizing he had missed the try-

zone completely! lol that was hilarious. A fantastic day with some fantastic boys. Well done.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



Hosting International Students



We are very proud of our Mission Statement where we are educating students to develop and excel in their God-given gifts and talents, according to His Word and purpose. We would like to extend God's Kingdom by opening our doors to hosting more international students in 2025.

Hosting international students is a wonderful way to share and gain a global perspective for the whole family. We are looking for host families for Year 9-13 students for both short stay (2-4 weeks) and/or long stay (up to 1 year+)

A weekly allowance is paid to the host family to reflect the costs of hosting a young person in your home.

Please email our International Director, Barbie Reynolds, if you are interested in this exciting opportunity:
barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz

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Year 5 & 6 Water Safety



A great Water Safety visit! Our tamariki learned about keeping safe at the beach, how to locate and stay away from rips, and how to make sure our life jackets are fitted correctly.



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