



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

Newsletter - Pānui

October 14 2025

Term 4 Week 6

Upcoming Events

19-20 Nov Wed-Thurs	DOE Pinnacles Hike - Year 10
25 Nov Tues	Y6 Surfing Trip—\$30
03 Dec Wed	Weetbix TRY—\$8
08 Dec Mon	Middle College Pools Trip— \$15
9 Dec Tues	Senior College Prizegiving — 6.00-8.00pm
10 Dec Wed	Junior College Prizegiving — 9.30am - 11.30am
10 Dec Tues	Middle College Prizegiving — 12.30pm - 2.30pm
12 Dec Fri	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL School finishes at 3.00pm



Leavers Assembly



On Friday 31st of October we were able to celebrate our 2025 school leavers with an amazing assembly. The assembly had a moving Kapa Haka performance, with a haka at the end to honour our 15 school leavers, a moment that will not be easily forgotten. There were many laughs as a photo montage tracked the years these students have been at our school, remembering past experiences, friends, and lessons learned. Mrs Kennedy gave a very fitting message to them about

holding on to your first love of Jesus, followed by Kaylin Tamihana's words about how we need to be the light in the world, something we could all take wisdom from.

A number of the leavers were also part of the worship band which added to this touching occasion, seeing them lead our school one final time in worship. It was a moving experience that allowed us to celebrate the 15 individuals who have contributed so much to our school,



and who we send out to fulfil God's plan in their lives with our love and blessing.

Congratulations to: Sarah Cassidy, Maena Cerbito, Connor Fowke, Taryn Holgate, Rhys Howells, Ben Kearney, Jacob Mitchell, Leander Nel, Sienna Quenault, Eunice Rajesh Samuel, Jonty Weber, Tristan Wurz, Danica Van Eeden, Nevaeh Garrett, and Nina Murray Ishii.

- Mr Ben Keyte, Year 13 Whānau teacher

From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/haai/Annyeong haseyo
Excellere College kaupapa whānau/families,

Term 4 has been a joyful whirlwind!
Students are out enjoying the sunshine,
(wearing hats of course) NCEA exams are
well underway, teachers are completing
final report comments, evaluating their
programmes from this year and planning for
next year.

I am delighted to announce that we are
blessed with two more incredible Christian
teachers for 2026. Mr Hanz Shanks will take
a Year 7-8 Whānau Class and Mr Matt Dow
will start part time teaching Mathematics to
the older students. Principals in secular
schools regularly report their difficulty in
finding suitable experienced teachers. We,
on the other hand, are by God's grace, so
blessed to have the best in the business
wanting to join us here at Excellere College.

I have included a photo of our wonderful
events tech team. I am so grateful to these
wonderful students who, after being trained
by Mr Carroll, independently set up all the
technology required for our assemblies and
other special events in the gym. They arrive
at school early, come and get the key and
willingly set up the complex equipment so
that by the time I arrive in the gym
everything is already running. They are even
looking to train up younger students to
make sure this legacy is secure.

The students' names from left to right are as
follows: Cameron Webster, Saatvik Shankar,
Hyrum Hanley, Ayden Attwood and Samuela
Vosabula. We gave them a round of
applause at a recent assembly. We are so
blessed by their servant hearts.



Many of you will be aware that I have been
carrying a major injury to my right shoulder
after slipping in the rain in early July.
Sometimes I wear a sling to support my right
arm. I want to thank everyone for their
prayers as this has been a very challenging,
yet joyful season for me. School staff have
also gone out of their way to look after me.
What a team! I will be finishing for the year
on Friday 21st November and will have

surgery on Monday 24th. This means six
weeks in a sling with no driving. I am so
grateful to Mrs Danielle Smith (Senior
College Deputy Principal) who will be Acting
Principal in my absence. She has Mrs
Meagan Kelly (Middle College Deputy
Principal) and Mrs Jess Shanks (Junior
College Deputy Principal) in full support of
her. The Excellere College School Board also
fully endorses this plan too. I will do my best
to attend the prizegiving's but I will need to
see how my recovery is going.

This will be my final Principal's message for
the newsletters this year. I want to leave
you with this thought. The more I struggle
through the intense pain in my injured
shoulder, the more I have had to rely on
prayer and faith in Him to carry me through.

2 Corinthians 12: 9–10

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient
for you, for My strength is made perfect in
weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will
rather boast in my infirmities, that the
power of Christ may rest upon me... For
when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Ngā mihi nui,

God bless,

Andy Mouat

Tumuaki

IMPORTANT

2026 School Enrolment Notice

We are blessed to have waitlists for students
wanting to enrol in 2026 across all Year
levels.

If your student is not returning to Excellere
College in 2026, can you please notify the
Office in writing ASAP, to enable us enough
time to complete the exit procedure and
arrange any supporting documents required
for your child's new school, and conduct an
interview with a family from our waitlist.

*(A reminder that the signed enrolment
agreement requires one term's notice in
writing for withdrawing a student - except
graduating Year 13's - otherwise families are
liable for School Fees to cover this time
period.)*

Contact: office@excellerecollege.school.nz

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER EXTRA YEARBOOKS

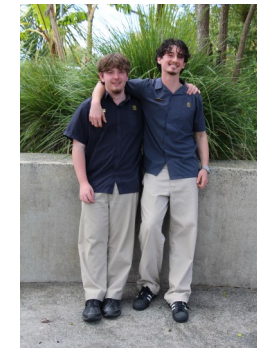
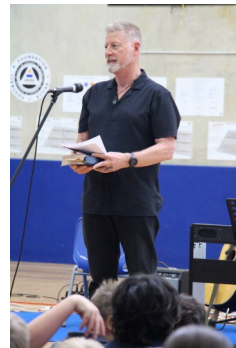


EXTRA YEARBOOK
ORDERS MUST BE
RECEIVED AT THE
OFFICE BY
MONDAY 17 NOV .

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LET OFFICE KNOW
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

Leavers Assembly Continued



HĀ Wānanga at Hihiaua Cultural Centre

On Thursday 6th November I was privileged to be a part of the Year 10 'HĀ' experience at Hihiaua Cultural Centre, facilitated by Justice Hetaraka and her amazing team.

After our initial introductions she went straight in to pūrākau (story telling) by delivering the creation story as seen through the Te Ao Māori lens, weaving whenua (earth) and all the elements of the whenua, such as oneone (soil/dirt), ngahere (forests), manu (birds), aitanga pepeke (insects).

She spoke of 'kōkōwai' the yellow ochre pigment, which when fired, became a reddish colour, and this was used as a base for paint when mixed with oil, specifically from different parts of the tohorā (whale). Depending which part of the tohorā the oil came from determined how and where it was used, for instance, one for strengthening structures, one for healing and yet another for good health. Justice encouraged us to look deeper and harder at our natural environment, how everything has a purpose, and is at our fingertips. The end result was to create our own interpretation of the creation story in booklet form using the 'kōkōwai' mixed with oil and water.

Finally we were treated to a lino print of 'Unaunahi', a local design which depicts certain times and space - a time line. E tino pai ana i tenei ra, i tenei wānanga hoki. Tau ke!

Turou Hawaiiki

- Whaea Cheryl.



Junior Athletics at School Year 5-6

At the end of October we had our Junior Athletics day for Year 5 & 6 students. All the students had so much fun competing in new sports and learning new skills. We saw some fantastic results from many of our students—well done to everyone who took part!

A big thank you to all the parents who came out to support the students. It was great seeing you all there, and the students really appreciated your encouragement and cheers throughout the day!



Boys High Jump				
Place	Year 5	Height	Year 6	Height
1st	James Subritzky	1.06m	JG Boshoff & Anton Duinkerke	1.07m
2nd	Jay du Plessis & Micah de Vetter	1.03m	Xylon Phetsomphou	1.03m
3rd	Jacob-Israel Drakakis	1.00m	Emanuera Waitere	0.94m

Boys Long Jump				
Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Jay du Plessis	3.08m	Xylon Phetsomphou	3.21m
2nd	Jacob-Israel Drakakis	2.95m	JG Boshoff	3.18m
3rd	Micah de Vetter	2.92m	Emanuera Waitere	3.03m

Girls High Jump				
Place	Year 5	Height	Year 6	Height
1st	Shilah James	0.95m	Amoré De la Harpe	1.05m
2nd	Harper Davey Kira Alkema	0.90m	Mila Vigus	1.00m
3rd	Larissa van der Hulst	0.85m	Haven McCallum	0.96m

Junior Athletics Results

Boys Discus

Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Jay du Plessis	11.85m	Anton Duinkerke	11.44m
2nd	Jaxon Heperi	11.34m	Field-Li Ngwa	10.85m
3rd	Micah de Vetter	9.95m	JG Boshoff	10.43m

Girls Shot Put

Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Shilah James	6.00m	Amoré De la Harpe	6.75m
2nd	Oriel Novaire	5.45m	Mila Vigus	6.70m
3rd	Kira Alkema	5.15m	Brooklyn Lee	5.60m

Girls Discus

Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Kira Alkema	7.40m	Mila Vigus	10.45m
2nd	Larissa van der Hulst	5.96m	Haven McCallum	6.89m
3rd	Shilah James	5.45m	Amoré De la Harpe	6.75m

Boys Sprints Year 5

Place	80m	Time	100m	Time
1st	Jay du Plessis	14:20s	Jay du Plessis	17:75s
2nd	Ezra Johnson	14:21s	Micah de Vetter	17:76s
3rd	Samuel Garton	14:22s	Ezra Johnson	17:97s

Boys Sprints Year 6

Place	80m	Time	100m	Time
1st	Mana Dunn	13.82s	Mana Dunn	15.11s
2nd	Joshua Restrepo	13.90s	JG Boshoff	15.44s
3rd	Xylon Phet-somphou	13.97s	Joshua Restrepo	17:54s

Girls Long Jump

Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Shilah James & Arabella Johnston	2.39m	Mila Vigus	3.05m
2nd	Miliana Salele	2.36m	Amoré De la Harpe	2.91m
3rd	Oriel Novaire	2.27m	Haven McCallum	2.56m

Girls Sprints Year 5

Place	80m	Time	100m	Time
1st	Oriel Novaire	13:98s	Oriel Novaire	18:02s
2nd	Larissa van der Hulst	14:25s	Larissa van der Hulst	18:47s
3rd	Yelena Malone-Walker	15:01s	Sasha Trass	18:94s

Girls Sprints Year 6

Place	80m	Time	100m	Time
1st	Amoré De la Harpe	13.28s	Amoré De la Harpe	16.42s
2nd	Haven McCallum	13.62s	Haven McCallum	17.22s
3rd	Mila Vigus	14:02s	Mila Vigus	17:77s

Boys Shot Put

Place	Year 5	Distance	Year 6	Distance
1st	Jay du Plessis	8.50m	JG Boshoff	7.65m
2nd	Jaxon Heperi	7.50m	Huxley Dow	7.35m
3rd	Micah de Vetter	7.20m	Joshua Restrepo	6.20m

Fast 5 Netball—Year 7-10

On October 30th, a group of Year 9 and 10's from school took part in the Fast Five Netball Tournament, and it was such an amazing day! The games were fast-paced and intense, but we worked really well together as a team and kept up our energy all day. Everyone played their part, whether it was shooting, defending, or just hyping each other up from the sidelines. We managed to win a lot of our games, which made the day even more exciting. It was so cool having the opportunity to play against other schools and see how everyone adapted to the quick Fast Five style. The atmosphere was awesome with lots of laughter, support, and school pride. By the end of the day we were all exhausted but so proud of how we played. It was such a fun experience to represent our school.

- Written by Ellie Chambers , Year 10





Term Time Hours: 3-5:30pm
School Holiday Hours: 8:30 - 4:00
For more information contact:
graceafterschoolcare@gmail.com



Enviro School Waste Audit

We conducted a waste audit a while ago, run by Lucretia Charan from Ecosolutions, during which the Enviroclub and Ms Zamanpour sifted through three days' worth of waste at Excellere College to determine how effectively we are recycling. The results of the waste audit are out, and Lucretia presented the sign to Mr Mouat and Ms Zamanpour. We learned that we should be focusing on using fewer paper towels or recycling them instead. Also, we will need to recycle more of our soft plastic, which will be addressed soon by having another recycling station around the Junior College.

That can also be achieved by packing "nude lunches" for your children.



Best Buddy Class Ever

Every Friday morning without fail, Year 12 and Room 4 have gathered together to participate in team building games. The students participated in house teams and games ranged from strategy to speed, action and skill. Sometimes it was building a tower out of shoes, other times it was dodging a spinning baseball glove while trying to retrieve cones from the centre of the court.

Both the Year 12 and Year 5 & 6 students participated in these activities which provided an opportunity for the senior students to develop leadership skill and for the younger students to get to know the older students at school.

One of the highlights was a cryptic scavenger hunt which students participated in teams of 3 looking for random objects around the school that met the descriptions. We decided to use a Friday period 3 lesson for this so students could take their time and teachers had time to tally the results.

On the last day for the seniors, the juniors made the Year 12's class orange 'best buddy class' badges for the seniors which was very thoughtful and special.



International Home Stays

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 7-13 students for both short stay (2-4 weeks) and/or long stay (up to 1 year+). A \$300 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 please contact: barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz



Level 2 Photography Portfolios 2025

Level 2 Photography is the first year that students get to specialise in a specific field of art practice. The students started the year with the theme 'collections' and had to think of creative ways to photograph their items using light, shadow, different backdrops, models or locations. This year we had the photography portfolios printed with inkjet ink with the help of Ricoh. The quality is so clear and the colours are much more vivid than before. We thank Ricoh for helping us create the best quality work possible.

Reflection by Mishé Lotz: *This year I learned how to use manual camera settings like aperture, shutter speed, and ISO to control light and exposure. I also developed my editing skills, learning how to enhance colour, contrast, and detail to bring my creative ideas to life.*

Having the freedom to be creative was one of the most enjoyable parts of this project. I used Ms. Hale's hands as my model and incorporated paint to represent my main theme of nail polish, which made the photos both expressive and unique. Experimenting with different colours and textures was my favourite part, as it allowed me to create energy and emotion within my artwork.

Next year in Level 3 Photography, I want to get better at using lighting and editing to make my photos more interesting. My goal is to make my photos more creative and show my personality through my work.



By Hayley Allan



By Nevaeh Garrett



By Mishe Lotz

Term 4 Sports Events

Week 7	Zone Athletics	Year 5 - 6	<i>Tuesday, 18th November</i>
Week 8	WPSSA Athletics	Year 5 - 6	<i>Wednesday, 26th November</i>
Week 9	Renew Exchange - Futsal	Year 7 - 8	<i>Tuesday, 2nd December</i>

Futsal Mix Festival Year 9-10

On Wednesday, 22nd October the Year 9 and 10 students went to the McKay Stadium mixed Futsal festival. It was a very competitive event and had a very fun atmosphere. There were a lot of other schools at the tournament that we faced. We were split into two groups mixed with both Year 9 and 10 boys and girls. Overall, I found it to be a great experience, I enjoyed hanging with my friends, and had a fantastic time.

- Written by Eli Hartwell - Year 9



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