

Upcoming Events

Sep 1-4 Tues-Fri	Life Education Trust Visit
Sep 2 Wednesday	WPSSA Cross Country Year 4-6
Sep 3 Thursday	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION DAY closes 4pm
Sep 4 Friday	Middle College Speech Finals Year 7-9, 9am-11am
Sep 8 Wednesday	Special Olympics McKay Stadium
Sep 7-11 Mon-Fri	Senior College Derived Grade Exams
Sep 14 Monday	Junior College Speech Finals 10-11am School gym
Sep 15 Tuesday	Turbo Touch Year 5 - 6
Sep 18 Friday	School assembly 11:30am, School gym Book Character Dress up



Daffodil Day Celebration for the Cancer Society



To celebrate Daffodil Day and show our support for the Cancer Society, students across Senior, Middle, and Junior College took part in a Best Dressed in Yellow competition! It was amazing to see everyone getting creative and bringing plenty of yellow spirit to the day. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make Daffodil Day such a special event! Together we raised \$447.40 for the Cancer Society

- Mishé Lotz, Year 13



From the Tumuaki/ Principal

Kia ora Excellere Kaupapa Whānau,

Term 3 has been a season of continued blessing but with a difficult time of extended illness for students and staff alike. We pray for a speedy return to wellness for everyone affected.

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their patience and care in the carpark at the beginning and end of each day. We continue to work on extending parking provision so watch out for this over the next few weeks. I am grateful to staff members who have been finding alternative parking to keep the main carpark as clear as possible. The bus services are also being refined as time allows.

The netball season has come to an end with a mix of regret and relief for some. Thank you so much to everyone involved and especially to Mrs Anneke Duinkerke and Mrs Cherith McLennan for their tireless work in supporting our players. It is so pleasing to hear that our school teams are regularly commended for their fair play and positive attitude on and off the court. It is great to see our school's Christian character so obviously at work in the community.

Please remember we have whole school devotions every Monday morning from 8:55am until approximately 9:15am. This is a wonderful praise and worship time with a positive Christian message for our staff and students. Please feel free to pop in and join us. We'd love to see you there. These weekly sessions have become a highlight of our school week!

Plans are still racing ahead with the development of a new science laboratory. This is such an exciting season for our school. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Whangārei Christian Education Trust (WCET) for their work in this area.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. — Galatians 6:9

As we cross the midpoint of Term 3, Week 6 often feels like the

steepest stretch of the hill. With the winter bug season in full swing, alarm clocks feel a little heavier, energy levels dip, and staying healthy becomes a daily effort for our students, families, and staff alike.

It is completely natural to feel tired right now. However, Paul's letter to the Galatians offers a timely reminder for our school community: weary moments are not a sign of failure, but simply a call to lean into grace and shared support. Every packed lunch, late-night fever check, extra lesson plan, and words of encouragement spoken in the hallway are seeds planted in faith. We carry each other through the tough weeks—checking in on a neighbour, offering grace when things fall behind, and prioritising rest when sickness strikes.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, your sacrifices, and the steady warmth you bring to our school community even on the coldest winter days. Rest when you need to, take heart, and remember that our collective efforts are laying the groundwork for a fruitful season ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Andy Mouat
Tumuaki / Principal
Excellere College



Calendar Dates for 2027

26-28th Jan Tues-Thurs	Teacher only days
1st February Monday	Northland Anniversary Day
TERM ONE	
February 2 Tuesday	First day of Term one All year levels begin the school year
April 9 Friday	End of Term one
April 26 Monday	ANZAC DAY
TERM TWO	
April 27 Tuesday	Term two starts
June 30 Wednesday	Term two ends
July 1 & 2 Thurs & Friday	Teacher only days NZACS Teacher's Conference
TERM THREE	
July 19 Monday	Term three begins
September 24 Friday	Term three ends
TERM FOUR	
October 11 Monday	Term four begins
December 16 Thursday	Term four ends

The Beast—Mud Run!

On the 31st of July, we took a large group of enthusiastic, fancy dressed students aged from Y7-13 up to Ōhaewai for 'The Beast' Secondary Schools mudrun.

Having had a large amount of rain the previous night, conditions were perfect, with students (and staff and parents) having to make their way around a 6.7km course. There were river crossings, waist deep mudpits, cargo nets and marshes to navigate. No one made it across the finish line clean, with a number covered head to foot in mud, having had a glorious time. Big thanks to the students for their awesome attitudes, and all the parents and staff who were able to make it happen. A big thanks to Mr Keyte, Mr Osborne, and Mrs Kelly for taking the students.



Mathex 2026

Recently our Mathletes competed in the annual Mathex competition, held on Thursday, 13 August at Whangārei Boys' High School. Students from all over Northland, from Year 5 to Year 10, participated.

Under intense time pressure, our teams raced against the clock to solve challenging mathematical problems and showcase their problem-solving skills. A huge congratulations to all the students who took part for their exceptional teamwork, focus, and school pride.

A massive thanks to Mrs Hill, Mrs Novaire, Mr Shanks, Mr Reynolds, Mr Dow, Mrs Kelly and parents for helping to organize and support. You made it possible for us to compete. For more information you can check out the official Mathex website below: <https://www.aucklandmaths.org.nz/>
- Joachim, Year 8

My First Mathex Competition

Participating in Mathex 2026 was an exhilarating, fast-paced experience I won't soon forget. It was a brilliant mix of intense critical thinking and physical hustle, with the clock ticking down our 30-minute timer. Thank you, Mrs Hill, for letting me join this competition. I am really grateful for this opportunity.

- Vivian Rajesh Samuel, Year 8



Level 1 Art — Photography and Design 'Zine'

Last term the Level 1 art students completed a 'zine' for their first 5 credit assessment. The students chose a bible verse based on the theme of water and then took photos to illustrate the ideas in their bible verse. We then looked at different design conventions and created a zine that had: a cover design, used words as art, a magazine double page spread, a photo collage and a logo.

The zine folds up to a small booklet the size of an A6 piece of paper. Making these works the students used Adobe Photoshop to edit photos, digitally cut out images,

manipulate text using size, font, colour and layout, put photos inside shapes and digitally draw.

We have to have some of their work on display later this term.

- Julie Hale, HoD Visual Art



Alexis Magee



June Underwood



Jacob Duinkerke



David Capablanca



Mariesa Duinkerke



Olivia Cullum



Izabella Van Dijk

Books by Mike de Vetter for Sale

Large format books written by Mike de Vetter (former pastor of Whangarei Elim church) are available for sale for \$5 each.

If you are interested in purchasing, please see the school office staff. These will make great gifts of classroom resources for junior aged students.




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

Badminton Individuals Cup Boys and Girls Year 9-10

Our Year 9–10 Badminton players had a fantastic day, with both our boys and girls showing great skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Congratulations to Max Warren and Kaiden Bell on finishing 3rd in their respective pools — a great achievement! Well done to all our Badminton players for giving it their best and representing Excellere College so well!



Basketball 3v3 Boys—Year 9-10

On Friday, 24th July, our Year 9–10 boys had a fantastic day competing in the 3x3 Basketball tournament. While they came up against some tough opposition and the scoreboard didn't always go their way, the team showed great determination, sportsmanship, and never stopped giving their best. Most importantly, they enjoyed the experience, represented the school with pride, and had plenty of fun on and off the court. Well done, boys!



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Fire Fighter Visit for Year 0-3

Our Year 0–3 students have been busy learning essential 'Firewise' safety skills—from identifying fire hazards and prevention to practising quick, safe building evacuations.

The highlight of the unit was a special visit from local firefighter Alex Nicholson and his crew! While exploring the fire engine was a massive hit, the absolute star of the show was Mrs. Grammer. Dressed in full firefighter gear, she took to the water hose alongside senior student Ayden Attwood to spray the fire hose.

A big thank you to our local firefighters for such an exciting and educational visit!



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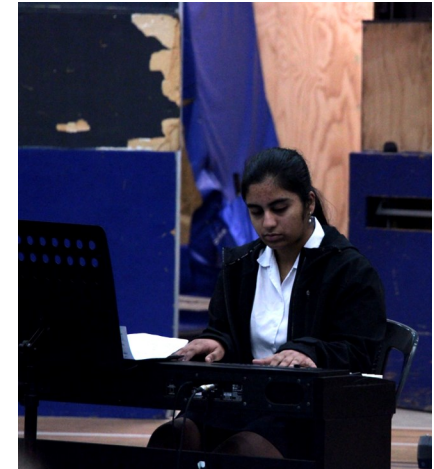
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World Vision Thank-You Assembly



In Week 4 we had a assembly to celebrate our schools contribution to World Vision this year. Mrs Jeanne Hill received a special award for her promotion of World Vision and the school also received an award for raising over \$4000 for the cause.

We also said goodbye to our Chinese homestay students and teacher who had a great time experiencing school life in New Zealand for two weeks despite the winter weather. We celebrated our students achievements at the Book Battle in Term 2 and enjoyed the music by our school worship band.



Kiwi Tag Boys — Year 7 - 8

The Year 7–8 Boys Kiwi Tag team enjoyed a fantastic day out in the sunshine, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Unfortunately, one of our players suffered a knock to the face during a game and was diagnosed with a concussion. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. Despite the setback, the team supported one another and represented our school with resilience and pride. Samuel Meyer was presented with Player of the Day for Excellere College - Congratulations!!



Firewood For Sale!!!

Firewood for sale @ \$120 per cubic metre. Please contact Richard on 0211181086 or the School office on 435 2458 to order.

Proceeds will go to Whangarei Christian Education Trust for ongoing projects at school.

God bless -Richard Smith

A big THANK YOU to Peter Meyer, Jeff McLaren, Arthur McLellan, Cole Johnston and Dan Garton for assisting in splitting firewood.



Increasing our International Homestay Community

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 2026-2027.

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 email;

barbie.reynolds@excellerecollege.school.nz

Whāeā Barbie would love to hear from you.



Badminton Individuals Championship Boys and Girls Year 11 - 13

What a fantastic day at the Badminton Championships! It was a fun-filled day packed with action, excitement, and some outstanding matches across both the boys' and girls' divisions. Our students displayed excellent skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, representing our school with pride and respect.

A huge congratulations to all of our players, and especially to our place-getters, Israel Yung 3rd place in the Boys Championship and Abinaya Pokkiri-Raja 3rd in the Girls Cup. We are incredibly proud of the way everyone competed and supported one another. Well done, team!



Pickleball Success

At the end of Term 2, our students served up an outstanding performance at the Pickleball competition, demonstrating skill, determination, and fantastic teamwork. Every player gave their all and represented the school with pride, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. A huge congratulations to our girls' team (Kylie Potgieter & Abinaya Pokkiri Raja), who battled through tough competition to secure an incredible 2nd place finish! Well done to all of our players.



Netball Cup & Championship Year 11 - 13

What an action-packed day at Netball! Our teams faced some tough games against very strong teams, but they showed great skill, teamwork and determination throughout the day.

It was fantastic to see everyone giving their best, supporting each other and never giving up. Well done to all our Netballers!



Basketball Mixed—Year 7- 8

In July, the Year 7–8 boys and girls took to the court for the Mixed Basketball competition, showing great enthusiasm, and teamwork, throughout the day. While they came up against some very strong opposition and took a few tough losses, the boys and girls never let the scoreboard dampen their spirits. They represented the school with resilience, encouraged one another, and made the most of every game. It was a fantastic day of learning, laughter, and basketball, with plenty of memories made and valuable experience gained.

