



Excellere College

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karaiti

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Newsletter - Te Pānui

July 5 2024

Term 2

Week 10

Upcoming Events

22 July Monday	First day of Term 3
30 July Tuesday	3x3 Basketball Festival Year 9-10
1 Aug Thursday	Learning Conferences
2-6 Aug Fri, Mon, Tue	Life Education Year 1-8
6 August Tues	Northland MATHEX Whangarei Boys High
8 August Thur	Badminton individual novice/cup Year 9-13
12-16 Aug Mon-Fri	MATHS WEEK Year 3 -13
13-14 Aug Tues-Wed	Basketball festival Year 7-8 mixed teams
17 Aug Saturday	L1 COM YES Kerikeri Trade Fair At the Old Packhouse
19-23 Aug Mon-Fri	Book Fair Year 1-6
27 Aug Tues	Netball tournament Year 7-8 & 9-10

From the Principal

Kia ora/Kamusta/Haai Excellere College whānau/families,

As expected, Term 2 was a very busy but wonderful time here at Excellere College. We continue to welcome new whānau (families) and teachers were working very hard to write mid-year reports. Of course, we are all ready for the two week holiday break.

Thank you all for your understanding for the school closure on Friday 21st June. I understand that some people received the messages quite late on Thursday evening. The initial message was sent around 5:30pm but it would seem that some messages were delayed for external network reasons. I certainly apologise for any issues that may have caused.

We have undertaken a review of our emergency response processes as we are always looking to refine our operations at school. It is great to see that parent message groups share important information to support the wider community. It is very important that all families sign up for the Edge app. Additionally, we need to make sure all contact details are up to date as addresses and phone numbers can change over time.

Please use the QR code below to download the Edge app.

As we look to rest over the holidays we hope you take the opportunity to enjoy valuable time with whānau. I will certainly be taking time to read the Word and rest in the knowledge of Christ's perfect love for us.

Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Sending blessings to all the Excellere College community

- Andy Mouat, principal

LEARNING CONFERENCES

1 August 2024

1pm—6pm

Please book in advance with the code below to ensure you get a slot.

www.parentinterviews.co.nz

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You can also go to Google Play or App Store to download the caregiver app. Please make sure the contact details match those we hold at the school office. Any questions please contact the office.



Photo Consent

If you selected 'no photo consent' on your enrolment application, photos of your child in the newsletter will usually be covered. If you would like to make an exception for the school newsletter, please contact the school office to update.

Yummy Apple Stickers Update

Kia ora everyone,
Thank you for all of your Yummy Stickers, Yummy bag labels and Yummy cartons!

The end of Term 2 tally currently stands at:

Parakiore (red) = 610 points

Parihaka (blue) = 620 points

Hurupaki (green) = 634 points

Hikurangi (yellow) = 672 points

That's a lot of apples! 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 Rm 4 for your house group tokens.

Thank you so much for your support!



Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of
\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR
The more we collect, the more gear we get!

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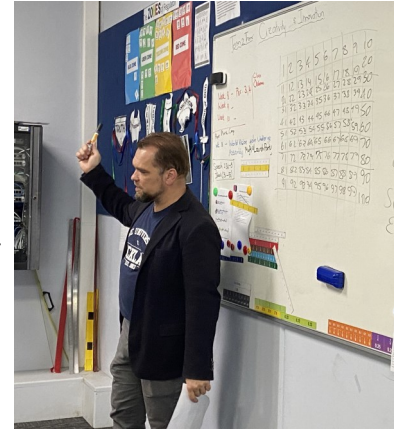
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Mathex Competition Term 3

Mathex is on TUESDAY 6 August, Week 2 of Term 3. Excellere will send junior and senior teams. To help practise. We have been very fortunate to have Mirko Wojonowski come and teach interested students during lunchtimes.

Mirko is a big influence and helps the students understand mathex questions better and the school really appreciates the support from Mirko Wojnoski in preparing our middle college students for mathex. Also during lunch preparing the juniors. - Carly Minnaar



The following times are for the parents to be aware that Year 5 & 6 groups are during school time and transport will be arranged by Mrs Shanks and Mathieson.

Year 7 - 10 need to make their own way to Boys High.

Year level	Be at WBHS by	Competition starts at
5	1.15pm	1.30pm
6	2.15pm	2.30pm
7	3.45pm	4pm
8	4.45pm	5pm
9	5.45pm	6pm
10	6.45pm	7pm

Excellere College School Ball

The seniors enjoyed a glamorous evening of dancing and socializing in a vintage-era setting, surrounded by beautiful flowers and delightful music. The students went the extra mile to dress up for the evening, adding to the charm and elegance of the night. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents whose crucial support made this special event possible. We also extend our gratitude to the ball committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the evening, and to the students who volunteered their time to help set up the venue on the morning of the ball. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

- Chantel Minnaar, Events Coordinator



Inter Schools Cross-Country

This year we sent 19 students to the Interschool Cross Country Championships. The weather was fantastic and the atmosphere was awesome. There were lots of nerves but that is to be expected when the best of the best are running for top positions.

Our Excellere students were excellent school ambassadors, they cheered each other on and did and got themselves ready to race on time for their events. As always I tell the students that if they place in the top 10, they will get a block of chocolate from me. A top 10 placing is a big deal at an event like this as this is a championship event where schools only send their top runners. This year we had four students finish in the top 10.

LJ Volschenk: 8th Senior boys, ran 6km in 25.35min.

James Bradley: 6th Junior boys, ran 4km in 16.54min.

Mikayla Falloon: 6th sub junior girls, ran 3km in 13.24min

Carley Clarke: 9th sub junior girls, ran 3km in 13.55min

Everyone do so well, and well done and thank you to those parents who helped to transport and who hung around for the day and helped with getting racing bibs on and general running admin.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator



Year 10 & 4 Buddy Class

The Year 10 Whānau class has been enjoying their Friday mornings in Mrs. Howell's room, where they share the rewarding responsibility of assisting our Year 3 buddies.

Together, they practice weekly spelling words, tackle math facts, and enjoy reading their favourite books of the week. This collaboration fosters a sense of community and mentorship, making Fridays a highlight for both the older and younger students.



World Vision Launch Party



Last Thursday the Junior and middle college had a World Vision Launch party to raise money for World Vision. It was a fun afternoon.

Did you know, the world vision 40 hour challenge was started by a 17-year-old Canadian in 1971?

In 1975, New Zealand held its first 40 hour challenge and it is now New Zealand's largest youth fundraising event. Powered by youth, to support youth, kiwi kids have raised over \$80 million for vulnerable children around the world. Participating through their school gives students an opportunity to take leadership roles, demonstrate their creativity and gain better understanding of an important cause outside the world they live. For more information go to 40hour.org.nz



Year 7-9 Table Tennis Tournament

Our Year 7/8's and Year 9's were given the opportunity to play at the local novice table tennis tournament in Whangarei. We had loads of students wanting to participate and I am happy to report that we had a successful time there. All our students represented Excellere College with class and we even came away with some placings.

A special mention goes to:

Eli Hartwell, placed 2nd in the Year 7/8 grade boys
Chris de Beer, placed 3rd in the Year 7/8 grade boys
Emilee-Jae Bristowe, placed 3rd in the Year 7-8 girls

Well done to all of our participants.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.



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

Online calendar of upcoming free community health clinics:

- B4 School Check
- Cervical Screening
- Immunisations
- Northland Youth Health Services
- Tamariki Ear Clinics

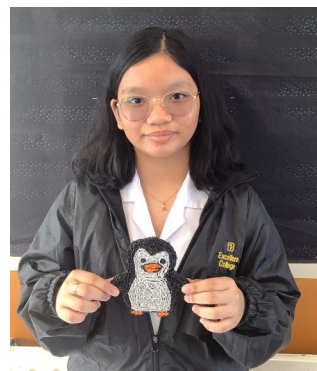
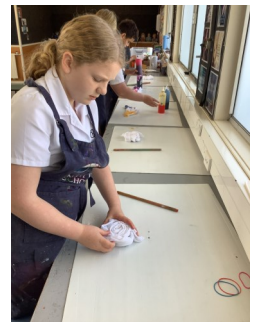
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Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Year 8 Tech

Terms 1 and 2 have seen our Year 8's fully engaged in technology projects at Manaia View School. There have been many innovative and interesting projects coming out of this and an opportunity for students to further develop skills in the technology field.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated team of educators who lead this remarkable program, as well as to Anna, our teacher aide, for her steadfast support and collaborative work with our students week after week.



Excellere College Cross-Country

On Tuesday 11th of June we held our School Cross country. The day dawned fine after three days of pretty heavy rain, perfect for cross country! There was an excellent turn out of parents and supporters for junior cross country, with all the participants giving their best.

It was great to see the sportsmanship occurring throughout the day, and the leadership of the seniors who helped marshal and lead the students around the course. The Middle and Senior College races had some very tight sprint finishes, giving us hope for the students representing us at the Northland Cross country competition. It was also neat to see our friends from Renew School show up and have some entries in the Year 1-8 races.

Thanks to Zola and Peter for setting this day up and ensuring it ran smoothly, as well as all the staff who were out marking who ran in whilst getting soaked in the rain. But most off all, well done to ALL of the participants who gave it a go, whether you won or came last, the most important thing is that you gave it your all.

- Ben Keyte, HoD Physical Education



Year 1		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Esther de Vetter	Elijah Malone Walker
2nd	Kaylen De la Harpe	Samuel Ang
3rd	Noreen San Gabriel	Levi Harris

Year 2		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Da-Som Kim	Nathan Falloon
2nd	Eva-Claire McLean	Blake Jackson
3rd	Haim Park	Luan Du Plessis

Year 3		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Ellee Neho	Samuel Garton
2nd	Sophie Dodd	Joshua Falloon
3rd	Keziah Duinkerke	Jesse Ang

8 Years old		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Sacha Trass	Jay du Plessis
2nd	Larissa Van Der Hulst	James Subritzky
3rd	Oriel Novaire	Jaxon Heperi

9 Years Old		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Alana Gildenhuys	Mana Dunn
2nd	Brooke Clarke	Joshua Restrepo
3rd	Roma Harvey	Anton Duinkerke

10 Years Old		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Emma Posthumus	Taiki Murray Ishii
2nd	Mialee Boshoff	Arlo Brown
3rd	Renee Trass	PJ Walker



Excellere College Cross-Country

Year 7		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Carley Clarke	Kai Keith
2nd	MiKayla Falloon	Kobe Davis
3rd	Ella Teariki	Jake Cabrol



Year 8		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Emilee-Jae Bristowe	Liam Dodd
2nd	Kylie Bradley	Kaiden Bell
3rd	Akisha Monding	Chris de Beer

Under 16 Years		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Lydia Jongkind	Declin Edgecombe
2nd	Natalie Allan	James Bradley
3rd	Lauren Gildenhuis	Jacob King

Under 14 Years		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Mae Murray-Ishii	Izzy Yung
2nd	Micaela Krieger Penalva	Tylah van de Hulst
3rd	June Underwood	Thijs Kearney

Open		
Place	Girls Name	Boys Name
1st	Jessica Dawson	LJ Volschenzk
2nd	Aimee Whitehead	Miguel Shortland
3rd		Lahratio Gordon

Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us



Duke of Edinburgh—Pinnacles

Mr Keyte and Zola took a group of 7 students down to the Pinnacles in the Coromandel Forest Park. We were blessed with better than forecast weather, with no rain encountered on the first day, but instead, beautiful blue sky. The students did well walking up the 800m of vertical ascent, fording small streams and crossing a number of amazing swing bridges.

We managed to time it so that we reached the summit of the Pinnacles range just as the sunset and were amazed by the stunning views right out to the coast. Once the sun had set we were safely tucked up in the 80 bunk DoC hut, cooking tasty kai and singing Happy Birthday to Jacob. Much fun was had playing cards and building relationships.

We awoke to much different weather. Pouring rain and steady wind sounded amazing on the tin roof, but not great for tramping in. However, once we had cleaned the hut and were ready to leave, the rain had just stopped. This meant we didn't get soaked, but that the track was more like a river, resulting in everyone getting wet feet and some incredible sights. The school van was a welcome sight at the end of the walk, with seven happy students (and two VERY thankful staff) hopping in at the end of a great adventure. The students can be proud of the effort they gave, the lessons they learned, and the bonds that they forged.

- Ben Keyte, DOE Supervisor



My 40 Hour Challenge

For the 40 Hour Challenge, I decided to pick up rubbish because it was something that also helped the community. We started at my Football Club carpark. It didn't seem like there was much rubbish around to begin with, but once we started and really looked at it, there was a LOT more than we thought.



We ended up collecting 3.5kg of rubbish from that one carpark, including heaps of broken plastic things, some items that were able to be recycled, and McDonald's rubbish.

There is a small river that is next to the carpark and because there were bushes around the river, there was lots of rubbish stuck in the bushes and luckily hadn't gone into the water yet. It was mostly chip packets and lolly wrappers trapped in the bushes that I collected with the grabber.

It's surprising how what doesn't look like much from a distance can actually be so much close up. I'm really happy we were able to stop that amount of rubbish from spoiling the world around us.

- Arlo Brown, Year 6

Middle College Fundraising Continues!

Our Middle College students have been continuing to raise funds for our camp we had at the beginning of the year by doing sausage sizzles in the community. We have had a dedicated group of students committed to representing our school well and serving delicious food.



Thanks heaps to those families for supporting their kids.



Rippa Tournament

Our Year 5-6s had an excellent day at the rippa rugby tournament last week. We had one girls team and one boys team, each team played 3-4 games that day. Our Students are showing some amazing skills in this area. Thank you to those parents who helped this day happen for us, it takes a big team to get our kids too and from events and also thanks to those parents to help to manage teams. Always appreciated.



Employability Course

Our seniors have been thoroughly enjoying their time with Regan and Keali from Tai Tokerau Trades Training. Through a short course on employability, they have been learning the importance of teamwork, active listening, and participation in group settings.

This program has emphasized how leadership skills are crucial in work environments and how these skills can be harnessed to benefit any situation. The valuable insights and hands-on experiences of Tai Tokerau Trades Training empower our students to become effective and collaborative leaders.



Year 10 Careers Expo

The Year 10 Whānau class recently attended the Auckland Careers Expo, where they seized the opportunity to connect with various tertiary providers and explore potential career pathways.

Despite the limited time, the students made the most of their visit, gathering a wealth of information to aid in their future decision-making. This experience has undoubtedly equipped them with valuable insights and inspiration for their educational and career journeys ahead.



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Show Quest



On Thursday, 6th June, the Excellere College ShowQuest Team showcased their incredible talent and dedication at Forum North, competing against other primary and intermediate schools from around Northland. The day was a whirlwind of activity and excitement. Our tech team meticulously managed the lighting, ensuring every detail was perfect, while the performers, with the invaluable assistance of our amazing backstage crew, prepared with hair, makeup, and costumes. The atmosphere was electric, filled with fun, laughter, and even a silent disco leading up to the main event.



Our team's hard work and unity were evident as they performed a moving piece about Jesus, impressing everyone with their passion and skill. This dedication paid off as we proudly took home 1st place! Now, our journey continues to the national finals, which will be judged digitally by a panel on the 31st of July. I am incredibly proud of the team and their outstanding achievement.



- Mrs. Larissa Matheson

