



Upcoming Events

5 Nov Tuesday	NCEA Exams Begin Timetable is on students' Google Classroom
8 Nov Friday	Junior touch Year 7-8 Kaikohe
11 Nov	Teacher only day - School Closed
13 Nov Wednesday	Junior college athletics Year 5&6
14 Nov Thursday	Badminton Year 7&8
19 Nov Tuesday	Zone athletics day Glenbervie Year 5&6
19 Nov Tuesday	Year 6 surf trip
21 Nov Thursday	Renew sports exchange at Renew School
25 Nov	Journey of light musical rehearsal @ Salvation Army
26 Nov Tuesday	Journey of Light musical at the Salvation Army @ 6pm
27 Nov Wednesday	WPSSA athletics Year 7&8
28&29 Nov Thurs & Fri	ShowQuest junior auditions
2- 6 Dec	DoE—Gold (Y12/13)

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Trip to Cape Brett



Last week, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Kelly, Caylin, Ella, Jacob, Kabali and Malan (Year 11 Students) went on the second Duke of Edinburgh tramp, to their final Bronze expedition: Cape Brett. It was a very long walk, 17km each way. Up and down many mountains, high and low, big and bigger. We encountered many things, including watching the sunset on a nice hill, swimming with two fat seals, and spotting a pod of dolphins far out in the distance.

Unfortunately there were some near death experiences, including almost passing out from the burning hot sun, lack of water, almost getting squashed by their packs as they weighed as much as two elephants each and slippery bad shoes. After many hours of walking and walking through bush and in the hot sun, we finally made it to the hut. There was a beautiful view of the ocean all around us and everything seemed so perfect. The

long drop toilets on the other hand were not so perfect.

We learnt many things on this tramp: Ryan Gosling needs to be humbled, Mrs Kelly lied about the distance: "It's less than the loop!!", but most of all it's important to reconnect back with nature and enjoy God's beautiful, perfect, astounding creation.

- Ella Yung, Year 11

From the Principal

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

I write this message so filled with gratitude for our incredibly generous Excellere College community. In recent weeks we have seen wonderful community-led projects around the school. For everyone, young and not so young, who were involved in the working bee we feel so blessed. Thank you. The gardens look amazing after Amie Garton coordinated the weeding, trimming and planting to give a beautiful lift to this area at the entrance of our school. Additionally, we now have a wonderful sandpit that was the result of much planning and hard work by Sarah de Vetter and team. Semenoff Group delivered over 12 tonnes of sand at no cost to the school.



We said goodbye to many of our senior students at the Leavers Assembly on Friday. Year 11-13 students began their study leave. This is always an exciting, yet emotional time for staff. We will miss them but it is great to know they are leaving with a firm foundation in their faith and academic journey. I shared this biblical message as they stepped out into the world.

Philippians 4:6-7 (Msg) says, “Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life.”

This is also a good reminder for us all when we are carrying burdens and responsibilities.

We say goodbye to Mrs Gretchen Dainty at the end of the year. As Head of Department for our English facility she will be sorely missed. Her knowledge of the English curriculum, her pastoral care, sense of fun and her Christian faith will be difficult to replace. Gretchen takes up a post as lead teacher at the new private school opening in Mangawhai and after a couple of years she will step into the principal role. We are all so proud of her as she takes on this exciting next challenge. I am sure you all join me in wishing her well in this new venture.

- Andy Mouat, Tumuaki



Driveway and Carpark Reminder

I wish to acknowledge the difficulties you are experiencing in the driveway and carpark at school, especially at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your patience and care when driving in and out of the school. I have witnessed the queues out on to the road and can only imagine how frustrating this. We are in the process of developing a traffic management plan that will alleviate this situation but unfortunately this is some time away.

In the meantime this is an opportunity to remind everyone to slow down, continue to be patient and keep our childrens’ safety first.

Thank you! Additionally, if you are turning out of State Highway 1 and there is a queue on the road waiting to turn into the driveway it would make sense to drive up to the roundabout and join the end of the queue. This will help with overall traffic flow.



2024 Excellere Yearbook

The Yearbook is in progress and should be ready by the last week of school. Each family will receive one yearbook. Extra yearbooks

can be ordered and paid for at the office by the end of Week 6. Extra Yearbooks are \$10 each.

On the left is a prototype of the yearbook cover inspired by the Paris Olympics made by Year 13 student Jessica Dawson.



Excellere Working Bee

We had a fantastic turn out for the Working Bee on the last Saturday of the school holidays. It was amazing to see adults and children all pitching in to help. We ended up making the most of the digger to remove some of the big grasses and replanting down the driveway. We had the wholesale landscape man, Jason from Kamo Plants come down with some new shrubs and show us where to put them.

Many of the volunteers stayed well past the finish time and were so committed to seeing the project completed.

A big thanks to our volunteers:

Bevan Falloon, Josh Falloon, Nate Falloon
Almeida family (Dad, Ethan and Neve)
Melinda and Aiden Marais
Whāea Barbie
Anneke and Ruven and children
Sarah de Vetter
Jess and Hanz
Nat Brown and Arlo
Miguel and Mariela
Dan Garton
and many others!



Year 11 Art Folios

Some happy Year 11's with their portfolio boards! The work is on display in the school office for the next two weeks. Check them out, so many different styles and ideas based on the theme of water.



Excellere Clean Up Day

Clean up day: We had a clean up day on the first Friday of the term, instead of the last Friday of term three, which was a rainy day. Year 9 and 10 students, along with some of the students of Mrs Matheson helped me to paint some of the benches, pick up litter and plant in the garden. Whaea Barbie and the hub also joined in to paint and plant in the house gardens.

We are trying to include more colours around the school. Thanks to teachers and teacher aids who helped on the day:)



Pest Control at Excellere



Pete from NRC came to show us how to install monitoring tunnels for rats and biting stations for possums around the school grounds. The Year 9 class took over the task and did a fantastic job. Thanks to Year 12 student Dana Gillett who supervised and supported them.

- Mehrzad Zamanpour, Science HoD & EnviroSchool coordinator



2024 Leavers Assembly

We said farewell to our leavers in a special school assembly. The students all received a bible as a gift and were blessed by the staff and Board Members. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Year 13 leavers: Jessica Dawson, Aimee Whitehead, Bryn Hollis, Ani Ripia, Joel Schoemaker, Willie Volschenk, Rebecca Almeida, Jaeyun Kim, Rachel Pringle, Morgan Swanepoel.

Year 12 Leavers: Miguel Shortland-Mendez, Riley Wilson, Olive Wojnowski, Lahratio Gordon, Jaylem Garrett.



An Excellent Week of Sports for Excellere



We had a fantastic week in sports at Excellere College during Week 2. It was a busy and exciting week for Excellere to showcase our students skills and passion for sport.

BOYS BADMINTION

On Tuesday I took the Year 9-10 boys away for a novice badminton tournament, I am happy to report that our boys did so awesome, coming away with the win.

YEAR 5&6 TABLE TENNIS

On Wednesday the Year 5-6's went to a table tennis competition and I am super proud to report that both the boys and girls teams took home the win.

YEAR 9&10 BADMINTON

On Thursday the Year 9-10 girls entered a novice girls badminton teams competition and our Year 10 girls won that tournament too.

Well done to all our participants, you made our school proud with your skills and respectful behaviour.

- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.

Above: The winning Year 10 novice girls badminton team: Kayley, Luané, Maisy, and Clarissa

Top right: The winning Year 10 boys novice badminton team: Waldo, Connor, Aiden, and James

Middle: The winning Year 5&6 table tennis team: Ariel, Jacobus, Mana and Anton.

Right: The winning Year 5&6 table tennis team: Moriah, Mila, Miale and Brooklyn.



Excellere College Sports Uniform Returns

We are still missing sports uniforms, please if you see any of these at home, bring these back ASAP .

I am still 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.

- Zola McDonald, Sport Coordinator



Dental Health



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2024 Excellere College - Netball Prizegiving



Year 1-2 Fantails

Coached by Mae and Mariesa

Sportsmanship : Da-Som Kim
Rising Star : Kaylen De la Harpe

Year 3-4 Cubs

Coached by Clarissa & Ashtoné

Sportsmanship : Karlien Botha
Rising Star : Grace Meyer

Year 3-4 Kittens

Coached by Jaynee & Abinaya

Sportsmanship : Annemieke van Dyk
Rising Star : Larissa Van Der Hulst

Year 5-6 Kiwis

Coached by Sarah & Chanel

Most Improved : Tiffany Kruger

Most Versatile : Jeanel Fraser

Sportsmanship : Haven McCallum

Year 5-6 Flamingos

Coached by Melanie Bossoff

Players/Coaches Choice : Vaughné Buchler

Sportsmanship : Mila Vigus

Player of the Year : Mialee Boshoff

Year 7-8 Sapphires

Coached by Anneke Duinkereke

Most Improved: Nevaeh Tana

Sportsmanship : Mikayla Falloon

Most Versatile : Kristin Ras

Team Player of the Year : Jacob Duinkerke

Year 7-8 NetNinjas

Coached by Chantel Minnaer

Most Improved : Harper Heperi

Sportsmanship : Diané De la Harpe

Most Versatile : Chloe Jordaan

Team Player of the Year : Carly Minnaar

Excellere Seniors

Coached by Carouzel & Annemarie

Most Versatile : Mariesa Duinkerke

Most Improved: Kayley Buchler

Sportsmanship: June Underwood

Team Player of the Year : Clarissa Van der Westhuizen

OVERALL NETBALLER OF THE YEAR

Junior Netballer OTY: Mialee Boshoff

Intermediate Netballer OTY: Jacob Duinkereke

Senior Netballer OTY: Luané Nel

This is awarded to the player who demonstrates a pursuit for excellence in netball in terms of personal ability, while also serving their team and being a role model of fair play. Players must encompass the overall spirit of netball, showing sportsmanship, determination, leadership and be an excellent team player and be coachable.

Photos:

Top left : Excellere College 2024 coaches

Top Right: Junior Netballer: Mialee Boshoff

Middle: Int. Netballer: Jacob Duinkereke

Right: Senior Netballer: Luané Nel



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.

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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Te Whatu Ora



Tamariki Ear Clinics

Free services for tamariki and taiohi
from 6 months up to the age of 18

Please phone 0800 693 277
(0800 MY EARS)
to book an appointment
or for
clinic locations

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora
Te Tai Tokerau

PLEASE NOTE: We are transitioning to booked clinics—if you would like an appt please phone 0800 MY EARS (0800 693 277) or speak with the Public Health Nurse attached to your school
Please note: The Tamariki Ear Clinic does not conduct hearing tests

Year 9 Futsal Tournament

Our Year 9s had an awesome day at the Northland area futsal tournament this week. Our 6 person strong team played 4 games, winning 3 of them and only narrowly losing 1 game. One of the game highlights was watching Saatvik play goalie and throw the ball from one end of the court to the other and scoring a goal, we won that game 8/0. It was an excellent day with lots of fun and laughs, Niamh and Micaela played wonderfully as strikers and our boys held that mid court with class. Well done!




- Zola McDonald, Sports Coordinator.

Sponsor a Dancer

EXCELLERE COLLEGE
PRESENTS

JOURNEY OF LIGHT



A BIBLE MUSICAL



TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

PERFORMANCE AT SALVATION ARMY
3 AUBREY ST, REGENT.
KOHA \$\$ AT THE DOOR, ALL DONATIONS RAISED WILL
GO TO THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FOOD
HAMPER APPEAL.

Whaia te Maramatanga o Te Karahi

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

Advertise Here for 2025

Advertise your event or business HERE in the school newsletter.
\$100 a Year for 12 Newsletters or \$10 per single advertisement.

For more information contact:
julie.hale@excellerecollege.school.nz

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 10 HĀ (History of Aotearoa) Wānanga

This last week the Year 10 students have participated in a three day workshop, run by HĀ - a group of rangatahi (young people) that are passionate about sharing Māori culture within the community.

On the first day they learnt about the Māori stories of Earth's creation and used Kōkōwai (baked clay pigments) and their creative skills to illustrate the creation story. They learnt about Te Kauae Raro—and the earthly knowledge of the Polynesian and Māori people that was passed through the generations.

On the second day they worked in groups creating their own culture and used role play to experience conflict, and how to resolve differences. They learnt about connections to the land, the pain of losing the land and used poetry to express their emotions.

On the third day they created a final artwork

that showed their vision and hopes for New Zealand Aotearoa moving forward. The artworks were showcased in an exhibition on Thursday night and was well attended by students and their families.

“My highlight was learning the deeper meanings behind the stories and kupu, as well as seeing the creative side of my classmates”
- Mariela Shortland-Mendez

“I really enjoyed learning about the history of the land we live on and being able to express our ideas creatively.”—Vivienne Neal

“My highlight of HĀ was learning about the history and expressing that through the ko clay artworks and poems.”

- Jaynee Chambers

“I loved the way they spoke about how the Māori loved and prospered in God's creation”
- Azeneth Janse Van Rensburg

