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Message from the Headmaster

Nelson College is an extraordinary school that looms large in New Zealand's education history. As the oldest state school in New Zealand, our college has an extraordinary legacy.

2021 has been a tumultuous year for our college with multiple historic and external challenges. We've addressed historic debt, gone into lockdown, repeatedly adjusted our calendar to work within Government pandemic parameters, and most recently implemented the Government's Public Health Order that requires all staff and volunteers to be vaccinated. It's been a year like few others.

Through those challenges, the highlight has been our staff and community rising to the moment to serve our young men, their families and our community. I've been humbled by the support and commitment of staff and our wider community such as our Old Boys at all times.

The most obvious example of this is the response to our historic debt. The Nelson College Trust Foundation and other Old Boys have contributed approximately \$450,000 towards repaying this debt and consolidating our finances. This is staggering support that will make a big difference to the opportunities we can provide our young men into the future.

The other defining challenge of 2021 has been COVID. In August the college went into lockdown for five weeks and our staff taught our students online. Making the best of our circumstances and doing the best with the available technology was a hallmark of this period. Without a doubt, face-to-face learning is far superior to online learning. Sitting in a hot classroom after lunch may seem a terrible memory, until you compare it to sitting alone at home doing the same work by yourself for days or weeks on end.

This experience makes me think to benefits of attending Nelson College, especially for our boarders and international students. There's much talk of taking our learning online, but that loses the sense of belonging and friendship that is fostered by physically attending college.

It loses the challenge and fun of playing in team sports. It loses the camaraderie (and smell!) of assemblies where we come together and celebrate each other's successes. It loses events such as Athletics Day, Cross-Country, House Haka competition, Diversity Day and the many other celebrations that can only happen at school.

School is more than the sum of its parts as our young men enter the gates each day to learn, play sport, perform on stage and everything else in between.

Through the challenge of debt and COVID, 2021 has been a highly successful year. We've introduced the 'Rutherford Scholarship' for staff, funded by the Trust Foundation, to reward our teachers and foster innovation. We worked to regrow our relationship with Nelson College for Girls at Principal and Board level.

Our young men excelled regionally and nationally across all domains including cycling, volleyball, basketball, rowing, swimming, chess, drama, music, rugby, and Kapa Haka. Our Head Boy won national championships in cycling in February. Our rowers won gold at the Maadi Cup. Our 1st XV won the Quad, Miles Toyota Cup and the South Island Championship. We ran a combined junior production with Nelson College for Girls. Our combined Kapa Haka group, Ngā Aho Rau, swept the awards and the regional competition, earning the right to represent our region at a national level. All this through COVID.

Nelson College is blessed with a wide and supportive community. We're proud and appreciative of our Old Boys, and I thank the current president Chris Harvey for his service to the association and the college.

Education is an exciting area to work in as we prepare our young men to move into further education and employment. We enjoy seeing them grow and take up the mantle of leadership in our community and country. That has been and always will be the legacy of Nelson College.

Nga mihi nui,

Richard Dykes
Headmaster



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Cover Image:
Ernest Rutherford at school in 1889.
Read more on page 16.



J G McKay Scholarship

This year's Head Boy and recipient of the J G McKay Award, Kaio Lart, is pictured here with the first ever recipient, David Robertson (1956-61) at the 2021 AGM. The Scholarship was first awarded in 1961, when David was Head Prefect. The award is in memory of Mr J G McKay, who was a master at Nelson College from 1906 to 1944. In gratitude for his services to the College and for the deep impress for good that he left on the boys who passed through it in his time, the Old Boys' subscribed a considerable sum of money with which to endow a Scholarship to his honoured memory.

It is their hope that succeeding generations of Nelson College boys will respect and cultivate the qualities of manliness, industry and integrity that his life so richly exemplified.

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Dear Fellow Old Boys,

Thank you for taking the time to read The Bulletin. I hope that you find it informative. We all belong to a great school and this edition of the Bulletin gives an excellent overview of what is happening at college.

This has been a difficult year for the college having to adjust to the challenges of Covid and emerging financial pressures. I can say without a doubt that we can be very proud of our young men attending college and the efforts and commitments of the staff, leadership team, our Headmaster and the many volunteers who help the college be the success it is.

There have been many 2021 successes by our college boys and of course our Old Boys doing magical things in New Zealand and abroad. Across many fronts, there have been many sporting and academic successes. These successes are a result of strong leadership, constant encouragement, and the incredible skills of so many of our young men. Nelson College continues to punch above its weight in so many areas. It was great to see so many Old Boys attend the 2021 Rugby Quadrangular tournament in Christchurch and support our winning team, which also went on to become the South Island top secondary school rugby team.

This year the Association has continued to support the music department with the purchase of instruments. Music is an important part of the Nelson College experience. There is an ongoing need to build up the availability of instruments so that any boy who wishes to can have ready access to the instrument of his choice. Anyone who can financially help the Association with our support of the music department please contact Lucy Jackson, our Liaison Officer. The Association is exploring options to upgrade the college mainfield so you may hear more about this next year if that project moves forward. We would be asking for your help with the costs involved in the upgrade.

Old Boys are always welcome to visit the college and see what is new and what remains the same. We are always keen to hear from Old Boys interested in getting some form of reunion going, we can assist with contact details.

We are fortunate to have such a grand collection of memorabilia in the Scriptorium and there are lots of team photographs in the Assembly Hall and around the college.

I want to acknowledge the amazing work of David Roberson (1956-61) for his ongoing voluntary work in our scriptorium. The scriptorium is a very special place. If any Old Boy or someone you know who has a passion for maintaining our history your assistance would be very welcome.

Contact Lucy Jackson at college 03 5483099 ext 825. Email: lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz.

Our students have had some wonderful successes in 2021. Congratulations to all prize winners, sports teams, and all those who are proud of their achievements during the year. For school leavers, we look forward to seeing you become part of the Nelson College Old Boys' Association and meeting you at NCOBA events in the future. Friends you have made at college are often lifelong and are to be treasured. Keep in touch with one another as you find your way in the world and follow association activity via our Facebook page and Instagram, and our office via email. Every best wish for the future.

Best regards to all our NCOB family and friends

Chris Harvey (1965-1969)

President NCOBA



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College News

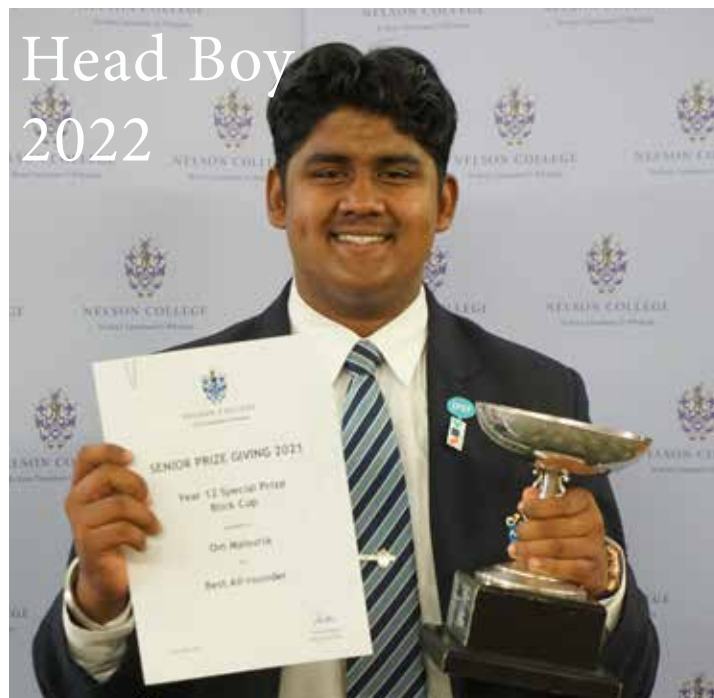
Board of Trustees Medallion Recipients

Congratulations to the following boys who were national title holders or New Zealand representatives:

Swimming - NZ Record and Title	Joshua Amyes	NZ Gymnastics	Lewis Karetai
Open Sea Swim Champion	Oxford Bayley	NZ Cycling National Record	Kaio Lart
NZ Secondary Schools Barbarian Rugby Team	Netani Baleisomosomo	Croquet NZ U21	Michael Lauer
FPS NZ Representative	Alex Bryant	ACTL - Music and Drama Award	Ricky Meffan
International Online Chess NZ Representation	Alexandre de Maupeou d'Ableiges	Rowing U18 Maadi Cup Title	Ollie Ransom
Rowing U18 Maadi Cup Title	Rico Fraser	Fiji Rugby Sevens 2020	Nick Sauira
Baseball - Tuatara Team & NZ Secondary School Māori Rugby Team	Cooper Grant	FPS 1st in the World	Ollie Taylor
Queens' Scout Award	Jayden Houghton	NZ Secondary School Māori rugby team	Wil Thornalley
		Queens' Scout Award	Theo Wheatley



Christian King was announced Dux at the End of Year Senior Prizegiving held on Thursday November 18, 2021. Christian also received prizes for Classics, the P.J Lamb Memorial Prize for Geography and the Media Studies Prize. He received the McKee Trust Scholarship in leadership, and the Atmore Memorial Scholarship for General Academic Excellence, along with the DUX award.



Om Maisuria was named Head Boy for 2022 at the 2021 Senior Prize Giving. He also received special prize for the Blick Cup for Best All-rounder. In co-curricular he received the Co-curricular All Rounder Cup for contribution to sport and recreation, particularly for his involvement with the 'Back to the 80's' Combined Production, and also the Dalzell Trophy for Influence in Volleyball.

Kapa Haka take the stage

In August our combined Kapa Haka group, Ngā Aho Rau with Nelson College for Girls competed at the 2021 Haka Ngahau ā-Rohe. Their dedication, passion and energy was awe inspiring and got a massive reaction from the audience. They came away with a stack of firsts, and are off to Nationals in July 2022. Ka pai! Such a fantastic achievement.

2nd – Male leader, Action song

1st – Costume, Female Leader, Entry (onto stage), Exit (from stage), Poi, Haka, Traditional Chant

1st equal – Choral item (with Nayland College group)

1st – Aggregate





Year 13 student and 1st XV Captain Ollie Inch received his gold cap prior to the game South Island Final game against Otago Boys' High School in Dunedin. The team won 27-19. His dad was there to share in receiving this special award.



1st PLACE! Congratulations to Ollie Taylor who was part of an international team competing in the Magic Event of Future Problem Solving 2021. The topic was neurotechnology, and Ollie is celebrating alongside his teammates Sindhu Sureshkannan (North Carolina), Atticus Oak (Washington) and Emma Janes (Australia). A massive achievement!

Gymnastics Champion

Year 11 student Lewis Karetai was this year named the 2021 Senior Mens' level Seven National Gymnastics Champion. At the Auckland competition in early August, he claimed four golds and a silver medal across the two days on the pommel, p-bars, vault and high bar.



Lewis currently trains 16 hours a week while also coaching at Electrix Cheerleading. He has dreams to compete at either a Commonwealth Games or at the Olympics in the future.

2021 Boarding Bubble

Term 3 began with its usual busyness, but within the first four weeks we were in lockdown once more. Our domestic boarders, whose parents live in Aotearoa, returned home and our boarding bubble was formed. This bubble consisted of around 70 international boarders, staff, and staff families.

Again, we settled into a new pattern of living. We were based at Barnicoat house for living and eating. After brunch on weekdays, the boys spent their mornings doing lessons in C Block. In the afternoons and evenings, activities were offered to the boys. Saturdays, again, became our sports competition days and our special dinners – sushi and spit roast. Boys were put into four teams for competing in the activities. Activities consisted of basketball, volleyball, football and wing Prew (Thai relay).

Our bubble disbanded when Nelson moved to Level 2 Delta. Our domestic boarders returned, along with a new calendar, to finish the school year.



SUPPORT NELSON COLLEGE

In 2021, Nelson College has had to address its historic debt from the refurbishment of Rutherford and Barnicoat Houses. The excellent work of the school at the time has gifted us two superb buildings that will support boarding at Nelson College into the future.

Nelson College is committed to Boarding. It's part of our DNA. However, combined with the impact of COVID on our International Student programme, this debt has become an unwelcome legacy that burdens our current and future operations. That's why the Board made the decision to eliminate this debt.

From July this year, we worked with key stakeholders to develop a strategy to repay this debt. This includes reducing costs, finding alternative sources of income, selling surplus assets and seeking community support. More detailed information about this strategy was shared with Old Boys by email earlier this year. Contact Lucy Jackson if you would like a copy of this document.

Already we've received \$450,000 from the Trust Foundation and Old Boys, and are very appreciative of this generosity. It has been humbling to see this level of support for the college.

We're not out of the woods yet and continue to see the support of Old Boys. As Headmaster, my concern is that this debt doesn't linger and reduce the academic and co-curricular opportunities of current and future students. You can contribute by going to our website and making a donation online, or contacting NCOBA Liaison, Lucy Jackson for a paper form. All donations will go to the Trust Foundation for them to forward to the college and repayment of the debt. Thank you for your support.

R Dykes
Headmaster

C Harvey
President



Mr McLaren comes back

Richard McLaren (1991-97) is back in the role of Deputy Headmaster

Tēnā katou katoa e ngā ākonga o mua - Greetings to the Boys of Yesteryear,

I sit here, as our senior academic year is finishing, taking stock on my return to College and the transition I have had back into her halls. Being back in the classrooms has been fantastic, seeing students readily adopting the move to using devices in the classroom, and the adaptation of the majority as we moved in and out of Online learning.

It has been difficult, arriving back here, into the financial situation I am sure you are all aware of. I must take this time to thank the generous gifts volunteered by members; and also, to thank the interest shown by Old Boys of all generations, in the school. For those of you who reached out to ask how things were panning out it meant a lot to those of us currently here. I am heartened to already hear chat within various circles of looking for ways to enhance the learning, cultural and sporting resources of our school; knowing that soon these enhancements will directly benefit the young men of our community.

I must admit to feeling for the young men who are about to depart the College. Though they are about to join us as Old Boys, the transition has not been the norm. They have lost the capstone event of Year 13: the ball, the graduation event, even the ability to attend Senior Prizegiving if they are not receiving an award. It may seem small at the time, but those chances to stand shoulder to shoulder with friends and sing the College Song are part of what distinguishes our experience and fosters the lifelong links that one can have with this school. They leave us with two years of almost beens with their sports tournaments, social functions and a diminished ability to shine in front of their peers and families. Although much focus has been on the perceived lack of learning, or the lack of preparedness for examinations; I also worry what the impact of these key College experiences may have for us.

In this I see the challenge for us as an organisation. What can we do to best establish and maintain the links these boys have with us and with our College? It is a conversation I would love to have with any interested members. Even things that may seem small, like talking with boys just prior to leaving, who are interested in our own professions and then maintaining that contact for a few years can completely change their perspectives of our organisation and the bonds of friendship that can be maintained for life.

My experience of returning to College has been one of excitement, a sense of being at the right place at the right time to make a difference. We have some amazing educators looking to make a difference for the young men here. We are grateful for the support of the Old Boys and look forward to working together to ensure that College can continue to grow confident, articulate, and resilient men of character.



Manu Korero Speech Competition winner back in 1997.

A SPORTING STORY

By Michael Gay (1978-1983 Barnicoat)

Joining Nelson College in 1978, I was a boarder in Barnicoat House under the guidance and leadership of Bill O'Leary who was a former soldier and avid shooter. I was already at this time a keen sport shooter and hunter, so I elected to compete in the schools' shooting competition, along with that; Nelson College elected to compete in Commonwealth Competition. I chose to compete in all the competitions that were available, we also won silver medals in the Commonwealth Shooting Competitions. My school mates would laugh at me as at prize giving I would be handed a cardboard box to take on stage to reap my winnings, every shooting trophy the school had.

It wasn't until I was 13 I elected to take up Alpine Skiing. I was an avid skier but didn't have the ability to ski as seriously as my heart desired up until I left the college in 1983. In 1986 I was chosen for the New Zealand Speed Ski Team and embarked on a skiing career (unpaid) which saw me compete in the World Cup for New Zealand touring and racing in over 10 countries annually. By 1990 I was ranked 27th in the world, I had a 1971 Combi Van and little money.

The following year I was chosen to represent Great Britain as I have dual passports and spent that year again racing all over the globe wherever the tour took us. 1991 came around and the New Zealand Ski Team was being selected, I was offered a slot to compete in the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville France, which was an incredible event but to be my last ski race of my career. I chose this as there was no money in skiing and I didn't see a path forward both career wise or financially.

A few years after I chose to be a Police Officer serving in Auckland and then later, the Queensland Police. In 2003 I was propositioned to head to Iraq where I initially worked as a bodyguard, then offered a role in a counter terrorist training camp in Baghdad as a firearms trainer. I remained in this camp for four years, where I learnt to speak Arabic fluently. My last position in this camp was Program Manager of the Centre of Dignitary Protection. In 2007 I was assigned to be the bodyguard for Abriham II Ja'afari, the Prime Minister of Iraq. The following year I was promoted to the Director of The Iraqi Secret Service Division 22 where I was in charge of all Tier 1 Ministers of Iraq, I had a direct staffing of 2300 personal and an annual budget of \$225 million dollars. In 2010 the Directorate was handed over to the Iraqi Government.

Soon after leaving Iraq I was contracted to the Australian Government to be a security advisor to the Australian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, where I provided security services to the Australian Ambassador to Afghanistan. In 2013 I was asked to go to join the United Arab Emirates Army Special Forces. This position led me to training military specialists from many countries involved in war efforts in the Middle East. I remained in that role until 2017 where I then returned to Brisbane where I now reside with my wife and twins and work as a landscaper.



Bruce Wills - ONZM

For services to Agriculture and the Environment

Third generation Old Boy Bruce Wills was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2021 for services to agriculture and the environment, recognising the work the farming community is doing to preserve the environment.

He is based in the Hawkes' Bay, and continues to plant thousands of trees on his rural property, where he's developing a wetland.

He was the former National President of Federated Farmers from 2011-14, and has many other strings to his bow.

Mr Wills has held key leadership roles in shaping and guiding the sheep, beef and wool industries, as well as in apiculture, horticulture and deer farming.

During his tenure as National President of Fed Farmers, he rebuilt the organisation's membership and led the farming sector in a new strategic direction to address farming's environmental footprint.

Starting out in banking and investment, he went back to his family farm in rural Napier, and went back to farming again, having left the farm to board at Nelson College.

On his large property, he led environmental protection, with over 15,000 trees, planted for one of the biggest collections of exotic trees in the Southern Hemisphere.

Bruce also grew his own portfolio, having recently become chairman of the board of the Primary Industries Training Organisation, effectively the head of training for those entering or developing careers in the rural sector.

He's also chairman of the environmental leader the QEII National Trust, a ministerial appointment made last year, and economic and public policy think-tank Motu, beekeeping authority ApicultureNZ, the deer industry primary-growth partnership, and past chair of the NZ Poplar and Willow Research Trust, to name a few of his offices, which also include being a trustee of two national science challenges - Our Land and Water, and Resilience to Nature's Challenges. He is currently sitting on nine boards,



Photo courtesy of Hawkes Bay Today.

and is growing olives and grapes, always looking for an adventure on the land.

He has represented New Zealand on international farming and trade forums as a Board member of the World Farming Organisation.

Being recognised with the ONZM was "pretty special", especially because the award was bracketed with his contribution to agriculture and the environment.

"For about 15 odd years I've been involved in politics and various governance roles and I've pushed pretty hard on the need for the farming community to continue pulling up our socks around the way we look after our water and the land."

The Nelson College Old Boys' Association congratulates him for his many years of service, and for this Queen's Birthday Honour.

WWI Old Boys among those to be remembered

Sir Don McKinnon behind the NZ War Memorial Museum - Le Quesnoy Trust in France

Nelson College Old Boy, former Deputy Prime Minister, and former secretary-general of the commonwealth Sir Don McKinnon is on a quest to see a museum in France be created to honour and celebrate World War I soldiers.

In his role as the chair of the New Zealand War Memorial Museum – Le Quesnoy Trust, he is hoping to raise funds for the long-running project to build a NZ war memorial museum in the town of Le Quesnoy, France, which was liberated by New Zealand soldiers late in WWI.

"The purpose is to establish a New Zealand place, to enable New Zealanders wanting to come to a place that is distinctly New Zealand. We are the only ones that do not have a significant place of our own on the Western Front ... it's something that's missing in our history."

He visited Nelson earlier in the year, and worked with then Nelson List MP Dr Nick Smith to hold several fundraising events. Part of that was coming back to Nelson College and visiting the war memorial in the Scriptorium Museum, which honours the names of all those Old Boys who fought in both world wars.

Sir Don said while other allied countries had one or even two museums to visit, New Zealanders only had the 12,500 graves of soldiers to visit, "400 of the 12,500 graves in Europe are for Nelsonians ... of those 400, 162 are former Nelson College students.

He said it was now his "sole role in life" to see the project through, after a "long stop-start-stop-start" history going back to 1995.

The project was boosted by the support of Le Quesnoy mayor Marie-Sophie Lesne.



Lesne made a hectare of land within the city walls available, a complex including a manor house that was once used by the gendarmerie, which the NZWMLQ Trust bought in 2017.

He said the project was welcomed by the township of Le Quesnoy, which had "never forgotten" what New Zealand soldiers had done for it in 1918.

"The people of Le Quesnoy still recognise that it was New Zealand soldiers who liberated their town... and the contribution at Le Quesnoy is something that New Zealand should be proud of."



Dr Nick Smith and NCOBA President Chris Harvey host a visit with Sir Don McKinnon to the Scriptorium.

The museum will exhibit interactive and precious historic collections, focusing on New Zealand's military involvement in Europe. There will also be self-catering accommodation for visitors. This unique project also aims to support and contribute economically to the French community and region where New Zealand remains honoured and respected beyond living memory.

Donations can be made towards the museum at the trust's website, www.nzwmm.org.nz.

Old Boys reconnecting in 2021



The Rutherford House crew from 1978-1982 got together for a weekend in 2021, and even came back to stay in Fell House, which is now used as commercial accommodation for visiting sports and extra-curricular groups. This reunion was organised by them, but if you would like help to organise a reunion, please get in touch with the NCOBA Office.



Members of the Athletic Old Boys' Cricket Club celebrating a victory in February 2021 when they won the Tasman Premier League Trophy. This is their second year to win it! L-R: James Graham (2009-13), Mason Lund (2015-19), Ben Hazlett (2013-17), Thomas Zohrab (2014-18), David Zohrab (2014-18).



Peter Burrridge (1978-81) spotting himself in the 1st XI cricket team photos in the hall. This was a special visit for him, as he hadn't been back to the College, and was paying tribute to his father Richmond Burrridge (1946-50) who passed away in 2020.



Adrian Broad visited the College on a mission to connect with his great grandfather, Mr Charles H Broad, who was an Old Boy (1884-92) and then headmaster of Nelson College from 1922-1933.



Jamie Foskett (1988-92) brought his son to visit ahead of starting here in 2022, and checked out his name on the honours board for his Athletic achievements.



Greg Lummis (1970-73) with his brother Chris decked out in their NC Supporters gear at one of the 1st XV home games this year.



Max Fraine (2013-17) watching on at a 1st XV game in Christchurch. Max played in the 1st XV while at College, and is now the team trainer.



Wayne Taylor (1970-71) enjoyed a visit to back to Fell House and a look around the College.



Graham Dee (1953-57) and Derek McCillough (1966-71) supporting the 1st XV on the sideline at a game in Christchurch.



Thai Old Boy Ayudh Nakaprasit (1992) checking out Rutherford House on a visit back to College.



Devon Stove (2013-17), Patrick Griffin (2008-14), Josh Stove (2009-13), at Josh's wedding in Colorado in August.



Paul Gubb (1966-69) supporting the 1st XV on the sideline.



Marty Fuller (1967-71) hosting a 1st XV after-match function in Christchurch.



Duncan MacDonald (1973-77) came back to visit the College, and was shown around by fellow Barnicoat boarders, Olly Avery and Sheldon Welsh.

ANZAC Service

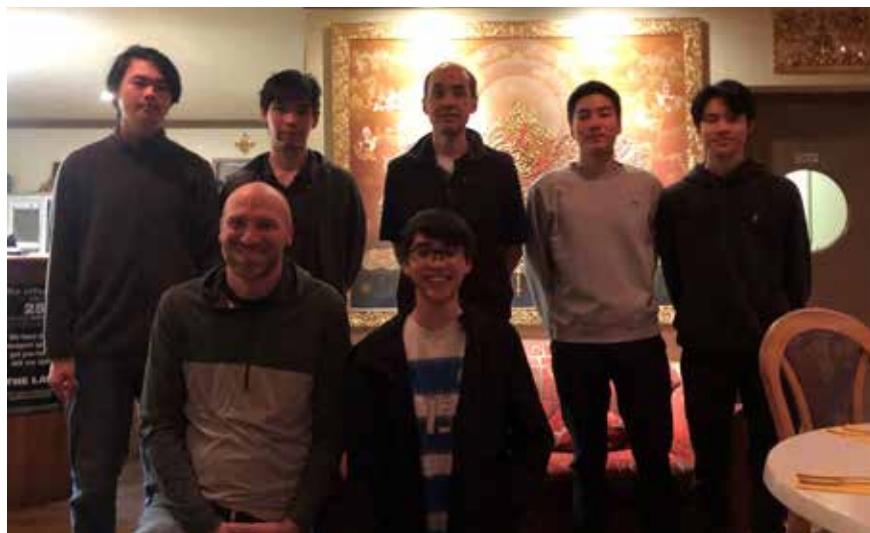


The Nelson College Old Boys' Association, along with the Nelson RSA, were part of a special ANZAC service held at the College. Students were very much a part of the service, with a special piece called 'Soldier's Anthem' sung by Linda Barlett (wife of old boy Colin Bartlett), and accompanied by Ned Rainey on drums and JP Moynihan on trumpet.



Thai Branch President Visits

Just days before the NZ Covid 19 Lockdown in August, we were lucky to have a visit from the President of the Thai Branch of Nelson College Old Boys', Ayudh Nazarpit (1992). He generously hosted a dinner with our current boarders from Thailand, to give them a sense of home. This was a very special evening for the boys, and Ayudh loved being back at Nelson College. He spent some time having a look around the campus, going into Rutherford House (his old house), and checking out his old spots. While here he also met up with current students from Thailand.



Back L-R – Punyavee Lortharaprasert (Yr13), Akkawatt Patikansakul (Yr11), Ayudh Nakaprasit (1992), Atas Sivaraks (Yr13), Krittapas Chinthumrucks (Yr13). Front L-R – Chris Hart, Chatchai Kiattikhunphan (Yr11).

QUAD 2022

28-30 June

Hosted by: WHANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

More info to come next year.



Photo courtesy of John Cowpland/Stuff.

Oldest Old Boy??

Could Trevor Page be Nelson College's oldest old boy out there? Trevor went to College from 1933-36, and turned 102 years old in June this year. He lives in Hawke's Bay and every morning he walks up Sugar Loaf Hill in Taradale. Trevor says keeping fit has always been important, and he didn't drink until age 70, and has never smoked. Trevor worked as a wireless mechanic during the war for the Royal NZ Air Force, and later worked in electroplating in Wellington and Gisborne. He also learned to fly planes as a hobby, and owned eight during his life. He sold his last plane at age 90.

John Winton



On March 10, 1971, Old Boy, 41576 RNZIR Lieutenant John Ramsey WINTON (At NC 1958-64 & Prefect in 64), member of the 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalion died in the service of his country in Vietnam. He was the Officer Commanding 1 Platoon, Victor 5 Company. During the morning of the 10th March, the platoon was ambushing a track junction at the western end of the Viet Cuong rubber plantation (YS402873). At 10.35 am, an enemy soldier was killed as he walked into the ambush. Gunfire from other members of the platoon caused a grassfire to start in the dry grass. As Lt Winton and another soldier were checking the result of the ambush, a Claymore mine, affected by the fire, detonated wounding both men. Lt Winton died later in hospital. He was the 8th member of the Battalion to be fatally wounded by mines.

NCOBA Branch Functions

Nelson Branch

The Nelson Branch has been busy this year, despite the lockdown in the later part of the year. They were treated to a performance by the Nelson College combined concert band at their AGM in April, which was followed by a function in the staffroom. They also held several functions at some of the 1st XV home games. These were great events to both support the team, as well as re-connect.

We were lucky enough to still hold our end of year social function in the staffroom in November, which was well attended, by a great bunch of both young and old boys.

The branch has many plans for 2022, so make sure your subscriptions and contact details are up to date, so you can receive all the news and invitations to events.



A packed staffroom full of old boys, after one of the 1st XV's successful home games early in the season, and a full embankment of supporters.

Christchurch Branch

The Christchurch NCOBA Branch has also had an active year, hosting the NCOBA 95th Quadrangular aftermatch function, with great success in July, and showing great support on the sideline (and in the rain!), and then another successful end of year AGM and dinner in November, with a great turn out of Old Boys.



Auckland Branch

The Auckland Branch were lucky enough to get together before Lockdown 2.0 set in! A very well attended function was held in June at the Remuera Golf Club, where they were treated to a presentation from the College's 1st XV Head Coach Jono Phillips and sponsor and Old Boy Scott Gibbons about the current great success, and future of the rugby programme at the College.



Wellington Branch

After a cancelled function in August, the branch was lucky enough to host a Cocktails and Canapes event at the Wellington Club, with a fantastic group of Old Boys coming together to connect. We hope to hold another event next year, but make it more accessible for Uni students next time!

Chin & Myanma OBs



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Nelson College welcomed back six Old Boys earlier in the year to speak with a group of Y9-13 students. David Lian (OB 2014 - Myanmar, Chin), La Bu Pan (OB 2016 - Myanmar, Karenni), Steven Talawng (OB 2017 - Myanmar, Chin), Vann Cen Hrang (OB 2017 - Myanmar, Chin), Tapan Pradhan (OB 2017 - Nepal) and Pakham Tlumang (OB 2018 - Myanmar, Chin) each shared their personal challenges of arriving in a new country to a different education system, all while trying to learn English for the first time. They then offered advice and encouragement to our boys on how to overcome the struggles that they may be facing. Their stories were inspiring, uplifting and very motivating. Each young man has gone on to achieve incredible success in their lives, with careers including engineering, building and finance. It was a great event, and we look forward to doing it again in the future.

Old Boys: Where are they now?

Max Marshall (2014-18) is undertaking his trade training as CISTECH (communications and information systems technician) in the NZ Navy.

Finn Eden (2013-17) took out the Apprentice of the Year at the Upper South Island Regional Carters Awards for 2021. He is currently employed by Tasman Homes, Nelson.

Eddie Mann (2003-07) is currently based in the UK, and continues to build on his acting career and music career, but has found it incredibly difficult to have many live performances this year due to Covid 19.

Philippe de Maupeou d'Ablieges (2015-19) has been accepted to Victoria University in Wellington for a Bachelor in Music majoring in Composition with a Specialisation in Film Scoring for 2022.

Mitchell Friend (2011-15) was admitted to the Bar this year, and is practising law at Zindels, after studying at Otago University of five years.



John Tregidga (1961-62) retired this year after 44 years service as a Port Nelson Harbour pilot. John joined the Nelson Harbour Board at aged 28 in 1976, and quickly went up through the ranks, and went on to form his own business, Tasman Bay Maritime Pilots, for a number of years.

Billy Guyton (2008) is the new Director of Sports at Waitaki Boys' High School. Billy grew up in Waimate, and played for North Otago, and then played for the Tasman Makos from 2013-2017. Then spent some time playing for the Crusaders and Blues, before retiring after concussions. He now finds himself drawing on the many sports he played in his school days.

James Marshall (2002-06) was in the 1st XV at school, and went on to play professional rugby. He is now back at Nelson College coaching the sport this year.

David Chambers (1967-71) retired from a career as a drama teacher, mostly in Christchurch, where he produced over 100 shows in four decades. He retired from Christ's College as the director of drama, where he started in 1998.

Sean Allan (2016-20) was awarded the Stoker First Class William Dale Cup for the most improved recruit in his basic common training in the Royal New Zealand Navy earlier this year.



Caleb Mansbridge (2014-18) and Spike Elliot-Jones (2014-18) at an Air Training Corp recruits ceremony in April 2021. AC Spike Elliot-Jones was on the Recruit Course R1/21 and has now joined into DARS 21/02 doing a Level 3 entry to Avionic Engineering. The recruits now are posted across the country to various bases to start training in seven trades. Spike is training to be an Avionics Engineer and Caleb as an Aircraft Technicians.



Nikau Campion (2015-19) took on the Maruia Falls in his kayak and won! Nikau is no stranger to these outdoor pursuits, and is currently studying Adventure Tourism.

Love of Lego: Sam Currie

Nelson College science teacher, and Old Boy **Sam Currie (1994-2000)**, has done some epic lego builds this year, and was one of about 15 Nelson Brick Club members to contribute to a Top of the South Brick Show. Sam has been part of the club for about four years, and has had a life long love of lego. Sam has a lego room at home, with over 150 different sets, with some that he bought back in the 1980s. For this year's brick show Sam dreamed that his project, three years in the making, would be completed. The "mothership" build is to be an ode to the 1990s "M-Tron series" - the most beloved set from his childhood. However, the project has seen many redesigns and Sam decided to add a motorised lift to the build. So, it's looking like the "mothership" will have to wait another year before seeing the light of day.



Taste of Thai



Chakkapong Klaha (2011-15) is bringing a taste of his home in Thailand to Hokitika! After honing his skills at Nelson College, and winning the National Secondary School Culinary Challenge, this led to him doing a stint at Hopgoods, and now with his partner, Nam, serving the tastes of his home town Nakhon Ratchasima (Korath), from his TUK TUK red food truck in Hokitika, and after some amazing feedback, they have opened a restaurant, Korath Thai Cuisine. It is a casual style dine-in and takeaway restaurant serving Thai street food. If you're in Hokitika, find it at 5 Weld Street.

Good Sports

Basketball

Tom Gargiulo (2002-08), Anzac Risetto (2015-16) and Bronson Beri (2006-07) all played in the Nelson Giants squad for the 2021 season. Tom had always been the Giants top fan, watching every home game since 2009, and began training with the wider squad in 2014, after switching his golf clubs for a basketball.

Mika Vukona (2000), is currently player and coach for the Southern Districts Spartans, announcing his retirement as Tall Blacks Captain, earlier this year.

Cycling

Cyclist Finn Fisher-Black (2015-17) has been snapped up by UAE Team Emirates, and could be lining up at the Tour de France next year. This year he has raced with his new team in Spain.

Weightlifting & Jiu-Jitsu

Wade Phillips (2008-12) is another step closer to his 300kg goal in raw powerlifting. This year he competed in the Wellington and Central Powerlifting Championships.

Nelson College staff member Richard Townsend (2015-current) gained awards at the new South



Co-Captains of the Tasman Mako 2021 Squad, Mitchell Hunt (2009-13) and Quinten Strange (2010-14).

Nelson College Old Boys' Rugby Round-up - Peter Grigg

While COVID has obviously had a huge impact on New Zealand there were still several Nelson College Old Boys who got a small taste of NPC Rugby when it temporarily kicked off in August.

First five eighth Fletcher Smith followed up his Super time representing the Chiefs with the usual selection for Waikato. All Black Mitchell Drummond was rewarded for his excellent season with the Crusaders by being named captain of the Canterbury outfit. Tima Fainga'anuku is plying his wares in Palmerston North with the Manawatu Turbo.

The playing through champion Tasman Mako team have Old Boys Andrew Goodman (Head Coach) and James Marshall (backs skills) at the helm. Predictably they did not stray too far away from the Nelson College Front Field when selecting their squad.

Former New Zealand Schools Sevens representative Tom Marshall has finally returned from an extensive stint in Europe. Those who have not seen him play (Tom was a member of the 1st XV in the champion cohort of 2007) will realise quickly what our country has missed out on. He would certainly have been an All Black had he not gone overseas and has had a stellar career in England. He will be off to Japan after the NPC.

The Mako named co-captains for the season, and both are College Old Boys. Consistent first five eighth Mitchell Hunt and 2020 All Black Quinten Strange are the men making the calls on the paddock. Half Back Jack Grooby was a key member of the 1st XV who successfully challenged for the Moascar Cup in 2016. The Murchison native, who was a Fell House boarder, made his NPC debut this year. Another youngster, and former boarder, Taine Robinson from Collingwood also marked his first game off the bench early on in the season. Leicester Fainga'anuku will continue his rise. He had a fantastic Super season with the Crusaders (again coached by Goodman) and he is an All Black in waiting. Selected in his preferred position of centre his skills alone are worth the price of admission.

2019 1st XV Captain and New Zealand Schools representative Anton Segner has also been given a further stage on which to showcase his talents, and has signed up to the Blues. With 2012/13 1st XV prop Isaac Salmon they will provide real steel to the backbone of the Mako forward pack.

Selected for the Mako, but unavailable because of All Black commitments, are a brace of Nelson College boarders. David Havili is going from strength to strength on the world stage and has become the natural successor to Ryan Crotty at second five eighth. His versatility make the Fell House Old Boy an automatic selection in the test line up. Ethan Blackadder was obviously well mentored by then Housemaster John Gully in Rutherford House. Ethan's hardnosed attitude and untiring work ethic saw him justifiably emulating his father with All Black selection.

Also, of note 1999 1st XV Captain Rowan (Grubby) O'Gorman celebrated his 300th Premier Grade appearance with the Marist/Albion club in Christchurch this year. Irish representative James Lowe continued his exploits with Leinster and Ireland while Internationals Ratu Vugakota (Fiji) and Sac Taulafo (Samoa) both performed admirably in the newly formed USA league. Another Old Boy and former All Black, Tabai Matson continued his rise through the coaching ranks with his appointment at Leicester Tigers in England.

Olympic success

Callan Elliot (2015) had great success at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, playing with the All Whites. They made history with their first ever win at the Olympics, against Korea, and then again making it as far as the quarter finals. Callan followed this up by signing for two years with the Wellington Phoenix.



Brook Robertson (2005-11) competed at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with Stephen Jones in the Mens Coxless Pair, and also had a very successful rowing season as part of the NZ Summer Squad.



To support William you can donate to his givealittle page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-get-william-to-gymnastics-world-cups-2022>

William Fu-Allen (201-15) has his eyes set on the 2022 Commonwealth Games in gymnastics, and is competing at two World Cup events in Germany and Qatar first. He trains 23 hours a week while studying at university, and has been competing for 12 years. In 2021 he was announced on the New Zealand Mens Senior National Team after a great national success.



Crusaders 2021 award winners, including: David Havili (2012) for Back of the Year and Ethan Blackadder (2008-12) for Champion Crusader of the Year.

Basketball at NC

The history of Nelson College's first basketball team, and how the sport has evolved over the years.

Kindly contributed by Waari Ward-Holmes (1956-60) and Alan Turley (1951-55).

The Background to Nelson College's 1st Basketball Team

Contributed by Waari Ward-Holmes (1956-60)

Nelson has always been strong in New Zealand basketball, but it was 1960 before a team representing Nelson College was formed.

One of the reasons Nelson was strong was the programme for children run by Brydon Harvey at the YMCA which in those days was over the road from the Suburban bus terminal. There was no shopping in the weekends, Friday was the only late night for shopping and many people did not own cars. The tradition was for Mum's and Dad's to catch a bus into town and drop their kids off at the YMCA while they went shopping. So they started basketball at age 9-10, and the children would be introduced to competitive basketball, and by the time they started at college at 13, they understood the game reasonably well.

From 1956 a group of dayboys who also played for local clubs in the YMCA senior competition would organise a game of basketball every lunch break in the gym. A number of these players went on to represent the Nelson senior representative team whilst still at college. Robert Gay, Doug Harford, Trevor Morris and the writer achieved this honour before 1960. Other Nelson players prominent in NZ teams soon after included Charlie Cotton, Dave Taylor and Kevin Baddiley. Doug Harford later captained the NZ team but was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 27.

In the early 1950's, Phys Ed teacher Brian Bradley was the captain of the NZ basketball team alongside several other Nelson players including Brian Cotton and Grove Barker, but Mr Bradley was not permitted to have a college team.

Kerry Williams, a NZ Steeplechase representative replaced Bradley as the Phys Ed teacher in 1959 and being a keen basketballer he was welcomed into our YMCA team of students playing in the Nelson senior competition. Nelson held the equivalent of the Ranfurly shield at that time, the Keith Strange Memorial trophy so the basketball was of a high



Two of the earliest basketball photos on record. Above: c1962. Below: c1960.



standard. Basketball also helped rugby as we had a tournament winning team in those days, with both Trevor Morris and Waari Ward-Holmes in the Quadrangular Tournament winning teams in 1959 and 1960.

At the end of the 1959 season Williams persuaded the Headmaster, Basil Wakelin, to come and watch a game he had organised between our YMCA student team that came 3rd in the senior competition to play a team known as the Nomads comprising ex New Zealand, South Island and Nelson representative players. The YMCA team won this match and Mr Wakelin was very impressed.

So in 1960 Mr Wakelin agreed to Kerry Williams's request for a Nelson College team to play in the Nelson senior A Grade competition and in that year it



The 2021 Senior A Basketball team.

was placed second ...a great first year achievement.

Members of that original Nelson College Basketball team were: Robert Best, Kevin Elliott, Trevor Morris, Warren Russell, Brian Strong, and Waari Ward-Holmes.

And basketball beyond:

Contributed by Alan Turley (1951-55).

From this point on, Nelson College basketball has become an important part of the college sports scene. Over the years various grade teams have been introduced into the local competitions, particularly as inter-school basketball became established, and college teams competed in age group competitions outside Nelson. Hundreds of boys have played the game, either competitively or as a social activity. In one year, 1987 at selection trials, just about the whole day-boy third form turned up.

The college A team has competed each year in the New Zealand Secondary Schools championship and has won the championship once, and was runner up on two occasions.

Over the 60 years since 1960 to the present day 22 Nelson College Old Boys have been selected to play for New Zealand. This is the highest number of New Zealand representatives achieved in any sports code, including rugby, over the entire history of the College. Players such as Dave Taylor, Doug Harford, Charlie Cotton, Phil Jones, Mika Vukona, Finn Delany have been stand out players for their country.



OBITUARIES

The Nelson College Old Boys' Association respectfully acknowledges the passing of the following Old Boys.

To ensure Old Boys are recognised please send any notifications to: oldboys@nelsoncollege.school.nz.

2020

BORLASE Ross Gordon (1950-51), passed away 15 December, aged 84, in Nelson.

BROWN Noel John (1959-62), passed away 5 December. Noel was in the 1st XV at school. After following a career with the Bank of New Zealand in NZ and Fiji for 42 years, Noel retired and served as a sports co-ordinator later at Nelson College for three years.

GOLDSMITH (1958-61), passed away 4 April, in Auckland. Peter was a prominent Geotechnical Engineer.

GOODMAN Neil (1947-49) passed away on November 28, aged 88, in Nelson.

HICKMOTT Thomas Charles (1948-50), passed away 20 October, in Auckland.

HUNT Alister Macleod (1942-50), passed away 16 October, aged 89 in Wellington

McDOUGALL Alexander David (1946-52), passed away in July after a short illness.

McLEOD Donal Dunlop (1949-53), passed away 6 December, in Waipukurau.

NEWNHAM Richard Langston (1949-52), passed away 30 December, aged 85, in Te-Horo.

PATTIE Peter Kenyon (1947-48), passed way 16 October in Christchurch.

READ David Arthur Holmes (1954-56), passed away 25 August, in Nelson.

ROBERTS William David (1949-53), passed away 4 July, in Auckland.

SHIPP David John (1961-65), passed away 29 August in Hawke's Bay. David was a Diagnostic Radiologist, and worked for many years at Hawke's Bay Hospital, and then Hawke's Bay Radiology. Upon retirement in 2014, he wrote the book "History of Hawke's Bay Radiology."

SPIERS Brian William (1951-52), passed away 25 September in Nelson.

WHITWELL Maldon Hector (1945-48), passed away 6 November, in Motueka. Maldon was the owner of Whitwells Menswear.

2021

BALLANTYNE Peter George (1951-53), passed away 1 August, in Nelson.

BARTLETT Roger Coleridge (1956-57), passed away on 20 April, in Aberdeen, Scotland.

BERTRAM Andrew John (1961-62), passed away 6 October in Levin.

BILTON Robert Sinclair (1956-59), passed away 23 August.

BRUCE Stuart Allan (Allan) (1952-55), passed away 13 October in Dunedin, aged 82 years.

BRYANT Robert Selwyn (1949-53), passed away 15 January in Whangarei.

DORMER Michael Edmund F (1951-54) passed away on April 19, 2021 in Christchurch. Michael was the founder of the Willows Cricket Club in Christchurch, and remained a supporter of cricket at Nelson College. He developed the Willows Cricket Club in the 1990s, to play one-day matches on Sundays for secondary schools. It wasn't just sport or business where Dormer was so effective, his networking skills led him to do great work for the Salvation Army, raising their profile among schools, and in the community, and hugh fundraising efforts for them. While at College Michael captained the first XI in the sixth form and was also offered the captaincy of the rugby first XV and to be head prefect on his return in the seventh, but work and family took precedence. He continued playing cricket for Wellington College Old Boys and made the New Zealand Brabin Shield (under 20) tournament team twice as a wicketkeeper-batsman. He then moved to Auckland and made the provincial squad in the early 1960s. One of his cricketing highlights was playing for the London New Zealand team on The Oval in London against the touring New Zealand side in 1965 and keeping wicket to England test bowler Jim Laker who once took 19 wickets in a test. He studied accountancy in Auckland, and then settled in Christchurch to raise his family, and set up the cricket ground in Loburn. Over 27 seasons now, 592 matches have been played with 370 school XIs having been involved. He has been described "the Napoleon of North Canterbury" by Former Black Cap John Wright.

BURDON Robert Howard (Bob) (1952-56), passed away suddenly on his boat on 19 January, aged 82.

BURKE Bruce Hector (1954-58), passed away 30 May, aged 81, in Nelson.

DICKIE Malcolm Blair QSM (JPRET) (1941-45), passed away 19 June, 2021, aged 94 in Mt Maunganui. Malcolm was a strong supporter of NCOBA, and his family sent him off in his OBA tie!

EGGERS John Walter (1950-53), passed away 30 May, aged 84, in Nelson.

FAULKNER Alec Richard (1948-53), passed away 8 August.

GAULT David Frederick (1948-52), passed away 5 May. David owned the law firm Gault Bevan Law. Volunteered for about 50 years as a Lion, District Governor in 1974/75 and Council Chairman in 1975/78, Chairman of the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust and until his death a Patron of that Trust.



GRAY Neil Edward (1947-51), passed away on 25 February, aged 87, in Kapiti Coast. Neil had a legal career lasting almost 60 years, and was a patron of the arts, and giving a long

contribution to Wellington Theatre. At Nelson College, he excelled academically and, in 1951, was the proxime accessit, excelling in Latin.

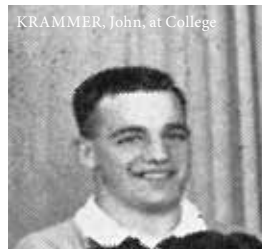
GRIFFITH George Henry (1958-62), passed away 29 August, in Nelson.

HANNEN Lynn Ivan Stanley (1946-47, passed away 4 September, aged 90, in Nelson.

HEALY Kelvyn James (1940-43), passed away 21 May, aged 95, in Auckland.

HEATH Geoffrey Herbert (1954-58), passed away 13 July, aged 81 years in Christchurch.

KAIN Maurice Geoffrey (1943-45), passed away 21 May, aged 91, in Nelson.



KRAMMER John Alfred Henry (1947-50) passed away on 25 March in Motueka. John was an avid supporter of Nelson College, in particular rugby, with a hardship sports fund that he had set up to support boys.

MCARTHUR John Leonard (1954-58), passed away 9 July, in Nelson.



MCEWAN Douglas Bruce (1952-57), passed away 16 January, in Toronto, Canada, aged 82 years. Douglas was a very good musician.

MCNABB Ian Martyn (1963-62), passed away 3 May, in Picton. Ian was a strong community leader and respected businessman in Marlborough, best known for being at the forefront of property negotiations and settlement for Ngāi Tahu when it was settling its claim with the Crown in the late 1990s. He then spent 10 years at the helm of Port Marlborough.

MITCHELL Maui John (1954-58), passed away 23 September, in Golden Bay. Maui was heavily involved in Maori and Iwi matters in the Nelson region, and historical research.

MOLLER Russell Ian (1944-48), passed away in June, aged 90, in Auckland.

OSTENFELD Christian William (1941-43), passed away 16 March, aged 93, in Singapore.

PRETTY, Loughlan Patrick, passed away suddenly on 4 January. Loughlan was a current student at Nelson College.

RIACH James Robertson (1956-58), passed away 23 April, in Auckland.

RICKETTS Richard Frank (1955-56), passed away 10 February, in Nelson.

SAXTON Clifford Charles (1949-53), passed away 17 August, in Nelson. Cliff was a strong supporter of the 1st XV right to the end, and played in the team in 1953. He also excelled at athletics and darts while at school and beyond.

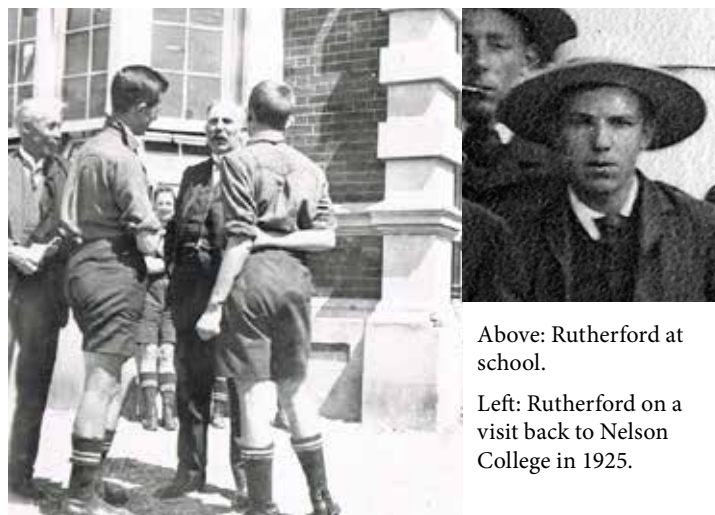
SHUTTLEWORTH George Hunt (1954-57), passed away 2 July, in Nelson.

SQUIRE Eric Charles (1952-53), passed away on 27 January in Wellington, aged 82. Eric was a carpenter.

WADSWORTH Donald Robert (1956-57), passed away 15 July, in Westport.

Photo courtesy of Stuff.

Happy 150th 'Ern' Rutherford



Above: Rutherford at school.

Left: Rutherford on a visit back to Nelson College in 1925.

This year we celebrated the birthday one of Nelson College's most esteemed Old Boys, Nobel Laureate Sir Ernest Rutherford.

August 30th, 2021 marked what would have been his 150th birthday, and the NCOBA held a small birthday party for him, with a public open day of the Scriptorium Museum.

In conjunction with the Nelson Provincial Museum, we shared valued history and artefacts, creating an online photographic exhibition, celebrating Rutherford's early life in Nelson.

Rutherford attended Nelson College from 1887-89.

He went on to become a pioneer of nuclear physics and the first to split the atom, and was awarded the 1908 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his theory of atomic structure. Dubbed the "Father of the Nuclear Age," Rutherford died in Cambridge, England, on October 19, 1937, of a strangulated hernia.

His wife, Lady Mary Rutherford, wrote to the Headmaster of Nelson College Mr H. V Searle, advising him of Rutherford's passing, and inviting him to attend his funeral at Westminster Abbey.

In 1887 Ernest Rutherford was awarded a scholarship to attend Nelson College, which at the time was a private school where he was a boarder. While at school he played rugby in the 1st XV as a forward. He was immediately put into fifth form when he started, due to his earlier primary teachings of Latin at Havelock Primary School.

In his final year, 1889, Rutherford was named first in Applied

Mathematics and Physical Science, Principal Mr J.W Joynt (1889-1898) said, "Rutherford has proved himself as good a mathematician as we have ever had."

Rutherford was also a Sergeant in the College Cadet Corps.

After leaving Nelson College he went on to Canterbury College in Christchurch completing a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Science, with a scholarship from the New Zealand University.

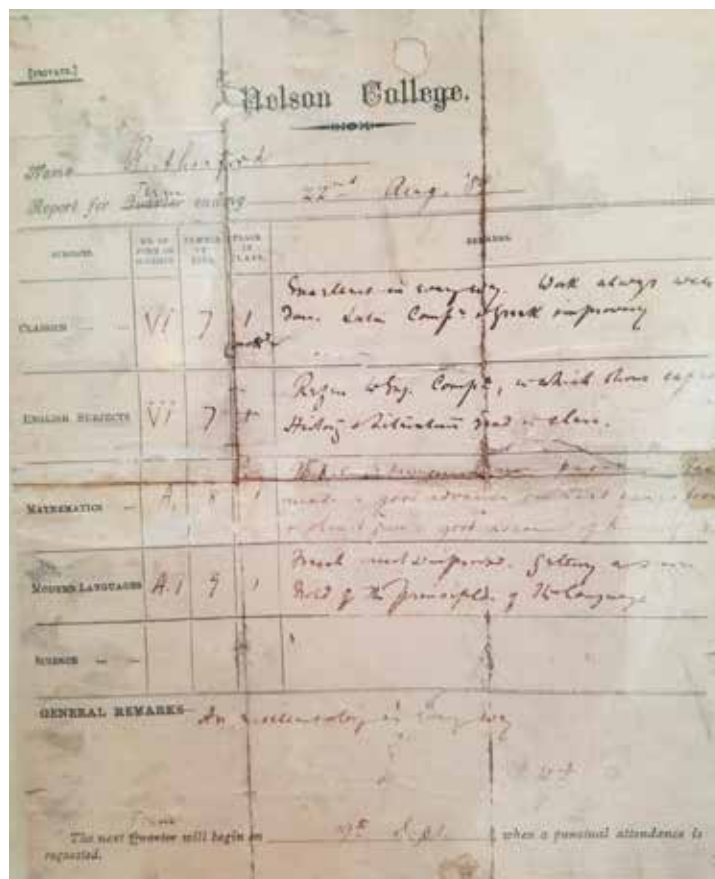
That took him further afield to University of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory in London in 1895. In 1902 and took up a professorship at McGill University in Montreal.

In 1914 he was knighted. In 1931, he was elevated to the peerage, and granted the title Baron Rutherford of Nelson. He was also elected president of the Institute of Physics that same year.

In 1925 Rutherford visited Nelson College on a trip back to New Zealand, in this same year he also received the Order of Merit.

In 1931 he was made the Baron Rutherford of Nelson. The boarding house, Rutherford House, was also named after him when it was opened in 1931.

In 1936 The NCOBA presented Nelson College, and Headmaster Mr Searle, with a portrait of Ernest Rutherford painted by English artist F. Emanuel. This painting still hangs in the Scriptorium today, along with a Bust of Rutherford, and several other artefacts.



Rutherford's school report card in 1889.

To celebrate, the Nelson College Old Boys' Association opened up the Scriptorium Museum for a public open day.



Sadly, due to Covid Alert Levels, we weren't able to celebrate with cake, but many people from the school community, and the wider Nelson community were able to enjoy the displays, including a permanent display on Ernest Rutherford. This touches on his time at Nelson College, but

also his successes after leaving Nelson College, through until after his death, and the connections with his wife, Lady Rutherford, staying connected with the College.

