



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 25 February 2022

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Tēnā koutou kātoa,

It's nice to read through this newsletter and re-focus on all of the positive things happening at the college.

With all the disruption of COVID-19, it's easy to lose track of the great work that continues to happen to provide learning and co-curricular opportunities for our young men.

COVID-19

I need to start by thanking some key staff. Our boarding staff and Mr Aberhart have been working long hours to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff as COVID-19 spreads through our community. On behalf of our wider community, I want to thank them for their tireless work.



Upcoming Events:

MARCH

- 9 Interim Report available on Parent Portal
- 10 Mufti Day
- 21 & 23 Parent Teacher Interviews

APRIL

- 15-30 School Holidays

[Full Online Calendar](#)

As I shared in my email this afternoon, our latest count was 57 students or staff with COVID.

At this stage, we've decided to keep Years 9-13 students learning online from home until Wednesday 2nd March, and then return to face-face learning on Thursday 3rd March. Boarders will remain away from the hostel until Sunday 6th March.

This is a difficult decision as I appreciate the disruption it causes whānau. However, we believe that this will be best for student's learning and well-being at this time. I will continue to communicate home.

Phase 3 and Changes to Sports Guidelines

The Minister and Ministry have announced new guidelines around Phase 3, contact tracing and students participating in co-curricular activities (sport and arts) under the CPF. As a school with a fantastic co-curricular programme, I welcome government decisions that support student's co-curricular involvement.

We need to see the new guidelines, some which have yet to get to us, and also hear from different sports codes. We're working on this as fast as we can and will be in touch when we have a clear picture.

We continue to receive many messages of support. Thank you for the kind words and for your effort at home to support our rangatahi's learning and wellbeing.

Noho ora mai // stay well

R Dykes
Principal

2022 Mataki Challenge

It's time for the Mataki Challenge! This year it's all happening on 4-9 April 2022. The trip is open to senior students to take on six days of rafting and tramping adventure. The rewards are seismic – adrenalin rush, camaraderie, epic vistas, physical fortitude, outdoor skills – just check out the grins in the video!

<https://youtu.be/FIV19o3OQ54>

The trip builds on skills learnt at Mataki Lodge in Y10. Participants need a high level of fitness and perseverance to be able to participate in the Challenge, and should be able to manage themselves with equipment, gear, cooking and camping in the outdoors. If you are keen for this exceptional opportunity, see Mr Billcliff in the Gym Office to register your interest.



Prep Updates

RABBIT ISLAND

Third time lucky! After two wet weather cancellations, the Prep boys had a fantastic day at Rabbit Island last week. Lots of team bonding activities including man hunt, beach games and swimming. Great to see the boys having fun outside!



SWIM CHAMP

More news from the mighty Preps with huge success for Y8 Lucas Bell at the Makos Junior Red Light Invitational Swim Comp at Moana Pool in Dunedin. Lucas brought home 4 x gold, 3 x silver and 2 x bronze, as well as smashing 7 x PB's. Massive achievement Lucas!



Maths Hack!

A normal duck has two legs. A lame duck has one leg.
A sitting duck has no legs.

Donald has 33 ducks. He has two more normal ducks than lame ducks and two more lame ducks than sitting ducks.

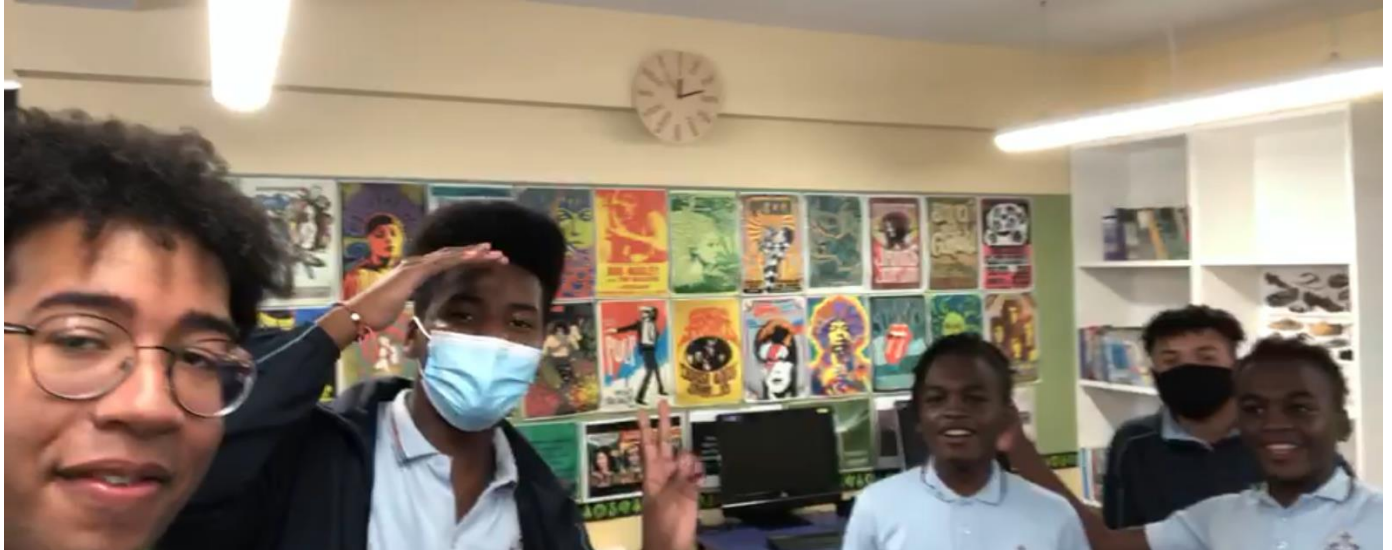
How many legs in all do the 33 ducks have?

Answer at the end of the newsletter...



Shout-out to Jak's Island Café

Everyone knows that starting a new school can be a bit overwhelming, especially when you're struggling with English as your second (or even third) language. We have a group of Colombian students who have lunch together every Friday, just so they can check in on each other, and make sure no one gets left behind. Huge thanks to Jak's Island for their incredible generosity – muchas gracias por la deliciosa comida!



Commerce Online Learning at its Best

As part of the Business Studies course, students are required to create and work on a product of their own in groups. With many business studies students now isolating at home, it can prove tricky to keep the group dynamics going. The companies can sometimes lose momentum with the absence of some group members.

It is brilliant and inspiring to see so many boys keeping in contact with each other through Teams and still running the company, remotely for some. This is hopefully keeping up the boys' morale at home who are not able to be at school with their peers.

Here's a photo of an inspirational meeting from one of the Y13 groups today that deserved a share!



Kia Ora from the Careers Hub

Last week we held an Introduction to University seminar. If you missed this one, see the calendar below for a repeat session! Next week the first of the university liaison seminars will start – we will be going online for these.

We also got our students started on their TOTSTA courses at NMIT. Beautiful day to be working outside!



UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

<p>Mon 28 Feb</p> <p>Introduction to Uni FOR STUDENTS 1.30pm online (link will be emailed by Mon morning) <i>For those considering further study in 2023</i></p> <p>Introduction to Uni FOR PARENTS/WHANAU 7pm online (link will be emailed by Mon morning) <i>For parents to understand the university application process</i></p>	<p>Tues 1 March</p> <p>Victoria Uni Liaison Vist 1.30pm online (link will be emailed by Mon morning) <i>Introduction to study at Vic</i></p>	Wed	Thur	Fri
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VOCATIONAL STUDENTS:

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Working towards gaining your Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV
- Thinking about work experience you might like to explore

Work experience opportunities are so valuable for our boys so if you have any contacts that may be able to help with this we would love to hear from you!

Please click on this link if you think you may be able to help.

<https://forms.office.com/r/y6npitNbGx>

Ngā mihi
Vikki & Chris

Maths Club!

The Maths Club had its first session on Twosday 22/2/22. Maths Club is for students that want to explore the world of mathematics and participate in mathematical activities. It isn't a homework club! It is a chance to meet with like-minded people and enjoy some different aspects of mathematics. Students who are keen to participate should come along to A1 on Tuesday at lunchtime.

Sports Office Snippets

Congratulations to our 1st XI cricket team, who beat Waimea College in the 1st round of D'Arcy Cup. We were due to play Marlborough Boys College yesterday, but this has been postponed until 10 March.

All our Volleyball and Cricket teams are up and running with good numbers playing.

Basketball trials will be happening soon. Please ensure your son keeps an eye on the school notices.

Good luck to our Senior A and B Volleyball teams who are playing this weekend in a regional tournament.

Hockey

Nelson College Hockey has been going from strength to strength over the last few years, and now that we have the new astroturf, the sky's the limit. All boys who would like to have a go at hockey should have a chat to Alethea Stove or Jamie Brown in the Sports Department in the New Gym. The season starts at the beginning of April.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Please note that the Uniform Shop is closed until further notice.

BUT, we have everything available in our **Online Shop**

<https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz/>



Student Office

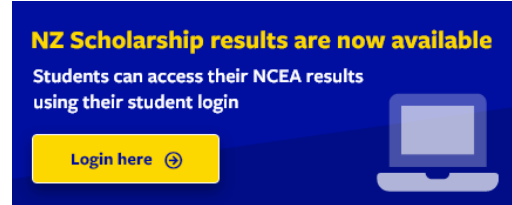
Online Access for Parents and Caregivers

All new parents and caregivers will have received their [Parent Portal](#) login details.

Any parent or caregiver can contact the [Student Office](#) if you require your login details.

Sign into the Parent Portal to check:

- Current contact details (update if necessary)
- Attendance
- NCEA entries and results
- Reports
- Fees Information
- Course Selection (Term 3)



NCEA 2021 Exam Results

For results, return of exam papers, ordering result documents/certificates [NCEA results » NZQA](#), reviews and reconsiderations go to: [Reviews and reconsiderations » NZQA](#)

- Any NCEA Reviews and Reconsiderations must be made by Friday 25th February.
- Any NZ Scholarship Reviews and Reconsiderations must be made by Friday 4^h March.

Queries regarding any of the above please contact either:

Principal's Nominee Leonor White lw@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Or Sandra Cahill sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz

All Things Finance

You may have noticed that you are hearing from Sharon and Jo in the Finance Office more frequently this year if you have any charges outstanding on your son's account. Statements for the Day School are being emailed, and in some cases posted every fortnight to keep you up to date with your son's charges. You can also sign-on through the [parent portal](#) to track your account.

When making payments via direct credit, please quote your son's name, Student ID number and / or what you are paying. If you are making payment for multiple charges, please email Jo to advise what the payment is for. This is most helpful in ensuring the payment is allocated to the correct charges. Email si@nelsoncollege.school.nz



The Nelson College bank account number is stated on all statements sent out.

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For Boarding and Prep account queries, please email Sharon on: sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Setting up an automatic payment can help ease the financial pressure; please organise this with your bank. We also have Eftpos and PayWave facilities. We hold very little volumes of cash and therefore if paying by cash, the correct money would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to make contact with Sharon and Jo anytime. The Finance Office is open between 8am and 4pm daily.

Library – ‘Click and Collect’

Need a book to read?

The click and collect library book service is now running for all students and staff.

Go to [Nelson College Library Catalogue](#), on this page you will find the "click and collect" instructions which are quick and easy to follow, along with instructions for how to borrow eBooks and audiobooks, and valuable links to help with researching a topic. For any library related questions email: library@nelsoncollege.school.nz



Caroline and Catherine
Your Helpful Nelson College Librarians

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Maths Hack Answer:

37 legs