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The Magazine of the Nelson College Community

Message from the Headmaster

Tena koutou katoa

It is my pleasure to provide you with a brief report on the College's year, the 162nd in its history and my 13th year as Headmaster.

I have been privileged to have led and been part of this College's growth, and I am proud of our progress throughout this time.

Academic Performance

The boys continue to perform well above the National averages in all areas of academic attainment including NCEA, Trade Qualifications, Scholarship and Cambridge Examinations.

The broad achievement benchmark targets set by the MOE for all NZ schools for 2018 are close to having been achieved.

Co-Curricula Performance

In 2017/2018 Nelson College students have continued to achieve success nationally and been selected for international honours: (a full list is included in this edition of the Bulletin)

Old Boys & Community Contribution

Thank you to Old Boys who have contributed in a multitude of ways in support of boy's participation in the College,

Thank you to the following who have made contributions or who are sole funding significant projects -these include

- Matakaitaki Lodge – upgrades and equipment (funded by the Christchurch OBA branch and Owen bequest)
- The College's Whare, it's a carved façade is nearing completion and has been supported by the Trust Foundation and the Chapman Bequest Interest fund
- John & Sir Geoffrey Palmer and the contribution from the Palmer fund, which supports the Teaching staff professional development programme, and in particularly in 2018 the Rongohia Te Hau initiative.
- The Lamb Family, which supports Environmental Education courses and the Lamb Environmental Centre.
- Tom Sturgess Fund supporting families with financial hardship, enabling their sons to fully participate in the Colleges programmes.

Special Project -

Boarding Re-development Stage Two Completion.

I am pleased to announce the completion of the Rutherford re-furbishment at a cost of ~\$3 million, my thanks to all the Old Boys who were able to attend the re-opening ceremony and for all the goodwill and best wishes which the College has received regarding this development.

The Fell hostel will now become a hostel facility for external hireage and its modernisation plan will be staged over several years and be funded by the hospitality and hireage income areas.

Special Project –

Primary Trades Academy / Lamb Environmental Centre

The College continues to innovate and build on the success of the Gibbons Trades academy by developing the Westmount classroom block and external gardens into a teaching centre for the Primary Trades – specifically -Vegetable/fruit production, Pip and Stone Fruit, Viticulture, Forestry and Apiculture.

A \$450000 development which we hope to have completed by 2021.

Expression of Interest from Old Boys and Commercial businesses will be call for early in 2019 to support this venture financially and/or with resources & expertise

Below is a summary of our current initiatives -

VISION INTO REALITY			
PURPOSE	PROGRAMMES	FACILITIES	FUNDING
Expansion of Curriculum/Industry links	Primary industries – Horticulture / Forestry / Nurseries / Viticulture	Westmount Lamb Enviro Centre	Lamb Family Producer Boards MOE
Bridging the gap in Maori Achievement/Retention	Cultural Responsiveness Maori Performing Arts Mentoring	Te Ara Poutama	Trust Foundation MOE
Enhance Co-Curricular Excellence & Community Links	Sports Academies International Specialised Programmes	Fields – all Weather / Pool / Gyms and Community Centre	NC / NCC Sport Tasman / Charity Grants
Expansion of the Hospitality Commercial division – Hireage & Catering	52 week hireage Fell hostel Business Plan including staff & KPIs	Fell / Rthfd / Brnct hostels Dining room & College	NC
Expansion of Outdoor Experiential Education	Mataki Year 10 Mataki Leaders International Specialised Programmes OED courses	Mataki Westmount classrooms / land	NC

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Warmest regards

Nga mihi nui

Gary O'Shea MEd (Admin)

Headmaster

College News

Dux 2018



Thomas Peterson was announced Dux at the End of Year Senior Prizegiving held on Thursday 1 November 2018. Thomas was also Head Boy for 2018.



Matthew Mayer was named Head Boy for 2019 at the 2018 Senior Prize Giving. He was also awarded the Leadership Character & Scholarship.

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Senior Prizegiving 2018

NC takes out top 5 spots at TSS Junior Ki o Rahi Champs



Farewell to a familiar face



It is with sadness we farewell a staff member who many will recognise from her time at the reception desk. Glenys Rait Glenys joined the college in 1994 as Receptionist, having re-trained in a Business course at NMIT. In 1995 she took over as Boarding Secretary and held that position for 20 years. This involved weekly boarding meetings, Sports Weekend, Boarding Open Day, Winter Boarding Weekend, Old Man's Supper, House dinners and liaising with parents and students. Since then, Glenys has worked as the full time Administrator, a role that has become more varied over the years. She has seen phenomenal changes in technology, all of which she has taken in her stride. She has moved from a typewriter to cloud-based computing, and from a methylated spirit-based gestetner machine to cutting edge copying. She has seen the school roll grow considerably over this time. Her three sons attended Nelson College as day boys.

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Cover Image:
The newly refurbished Rutherford House. Read more on page 10-11.

Board of Trustees Medallion Recipients

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

Josh Mansbridge	National Secondary Schools Brass Band
Drue Griffiths	NZ American Flag Football National Title
Fergus Murray	NZ American Flag Football National Title
	Young Enterprise Scheme CAPES
Billy Check	NZ Secondary Schools Football Team
	NZ U15 Football Team
Lachlan Quigley	NZ Cadet Team
Finn Raxworthy	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Jonty Raxworthy	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Jack Morris	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Jack MacNeil	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Bruno Murray	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Rohan Chauhan	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Kaleb McKay	NZ U15 Indoor Cricket Champions
Keegan Hornblow	Environmental Defence Society Scholar
Nicholas Lowe	NZ U17 Emerging Black Sox Softball
Mathew Lowe	NZ U15 Softball Team
Nick Davidson	NZ U14 Basketball Team
Justin Natsu Yokoyama	NZ U16 Mixed touch TeamChamps
Zeb Markham-Nicklin	NZ Secondary Schools Barista Champion
Adam Schwass	Taekwondo World Championships 5th placing
Cooper Grant	NZ U15 Baseball Team
Reegan Lawton	NZ U15 Baseball Team
Joshua Amyes	NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Team
Riley Warner	NZ Seido Karate Champion – Patterns, Sparring
Anton Segner	NZ Secondary Schools Rugby Team
Riley Grover	NZ U15 Football Team
Matai McGuinniety	NZ 50m Butterfly Champion
Harry Coltman	NZ U17 Men’s Volleyball Team
Hamish Reade	NZ U21 Solo Bagpipe Champion
Hamish Powell	U14 National Downhill Mountain Biking Champion
Rod Morrison	NZ Scouts Champion
Brock Mathews	NZ Scouts Champion
Corbin Robertson	NZ Scouts Champion
Jax Robertson	NZ Scouts Champion
Rory Sharp	NZ Scouts Champion
Robbie Anderson	NZ Scouts Champion
	NZ Senior Scouts Sailing Champion
	NZ Senior Scouts Rowing Champion
	Queens Scout Award
William Fu Allen	NZ U18 International Gymnastics – Vault Champion
	NZ U17 Gymnastics Team World Team X 3 Times
	International U18 Vault and Pommel Champion
Max Meffan	National Representative at World Wind Surfing Champs



Zeb Markham-Nicklin making the perfect cup of coffee for the NZ Secondary Schools Barista Competitions at the NZChefs Association in Auckland.



Anton Segner is chasing his All Black dream. The 16 year old from Germany was co-captain of the Nelson College First XV this year, and was selected for the NZ Secondary Schools Team, and also the Under 18 Crusaders team.



Robbie Anderson was awarded the prestigious Queens Scout Award in 2018, the highest award in the Commonwealth scouting movement and a true rarity in Scouts NZ. He also became a NZ Scouts Champion, NZ Senior Scouts Sailing Champion and NZ Senior Scouts Rowing Champion. He was also awarded the Frank Alack Award for Benefit to Mankind and the Environment, an Andrew Jones Scholarship and a University Scholarship for Trustpower Youth Community Spirit.

Nelson Speedway Sportsman of the Year



Cameron Thompson (YR 12) is Nelson Speedway's youngest competitor to win the Hebbard Cup (Overall award for all speedway classes in Nelson) Sportsperson of the Year award since 1968.

Cameron has raced out of the Nelson club since he turned 12 but it wasn't until his last season this past summer, that he achieved his goal of winning a home race – and finishing his youth stock career – on his home track.

The 16-year-old's nomination was based on his commitment and contribution to the track. It speaks volumes that his peers have, again, voted him as the Nelson Youth Mini-stock Sportsperson of the Year, for the third year running.



Sidney Barron won the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra's Secondary Schools Competition and the inaugural Nelson Symphony Orchestra Young Composers Competition. Both orchestras performed his winning compositions.



Future Problem Solvers

Year 8 Prep Team L-R Fergus Richards, Preston Holder, Sarah Watts, Oliver Taylor and Tom Lynch.

This team travelled to USA in 2018 for the highly contested International Future Problem Solving competition and came first in the dramatic presentation award and fourth for their booklet. Future problem solving is an international education programme that helps to extend students and to develop creative, critical and thinking skill strategies.

Nelson College Senior and Prep Junior teams will be representing NZ at the International FPS Competition to be held in Boston, USA in early June 2019.

Dear Fellow Old Boys

Last year we produced our first ever completely electronic version of “The Bulletin” which was emailed to everyone on our database. The interactive nature allowed you to “click” into articles and albums, but did not allow us to easily issue printed versions.

This year we will continue to send the Bulletin of Nelson College Old Boys Association by email, plus we have printed magazines available at the College.

Printed copies of “The Bulletin”

If your father, grandad or a friend would like a glossy printed copy of the Bulletin, please contact our Old Boys Liaison Lucy Jackson and we will post you a copy.

You can view old Bulletins from 2009 to 2018 on the College website: www.nelsoncollege.school.nz/nelson-college-old-boys-association/ The Bulletin has always been a reliable means for Nelson College Old Boys to keep updated and learn more history, successes from our school and hear about fellow Old Boys around the Globe. We welcome your feed-back and suggestions for improvement. “Like” us on facebook to hear from us on a more regular basis.

We need your email contact for future electronic Bulletins, and event invitations!

Please share the bulletin with your friends, make sure they have had contact from us. Tell your friends “The Bulletin” is available and remind them to send us their email to keep our database accurate. We need all Old Boys, young, old and oldest updated in our database system.

2018 Success for College

2018 has been another successful year for College events and sports teams. The newly refurbished Rutherford House was opened and attended by some good keen Old Boys recently. Thanks to all who have taken time to attend and be seen at these events.

If you are interested in a tour of the College or just want to stop in when visiting Nelson, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

Reunions '79 to '82

If you started or finished at College 1979 to 1982 then you could be due for a “40 years on” reunion. Get some friends together and start making contact with each other.

Scriptorium and History of our School

Thanks to David Robertson (1956-61) for his ongoing voluntary work in our Scriptorium including archival and museum management. The Script continues to be maintained and updated and is worthy of a visit, please contact Lucy or David if you would like to visit us.

Volunteers

If any Old Boy is able to volunteer some time to help with the scriptorium, database or general communication with Old Boys, we will welcome your input, call Lucy at College 5483099 ext 825, lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz.

Students

Our students have had some wonderful successes for 2018. Congratulations to all prize winners, sports teams and those proud of their achievements in 2018. We look forward to seeing you become part of the Nelson College Old Boys’ Association and look forward to meeting with you at NCOB events in the future.

Merry Christmas & Best Regards for all NCOB family and friends

Paul Sturrock (1980–84)

President NCOBA



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NCOBA Executive 2018

President	Executive:	Ian Lash (1954-59)
Paul Sturrock (1980-84)	Paul Bromell (1981-86)	Doug McKee (1956-60)
Treasurer	Campbell Ching (1969-73)	Rob McKegney (1966-70)
	Kieran Cleary (staff)	Jeremy Matthews (1969-73)
Brett Mochan (1972-75)	Iain Graham (1969-73)	Mike Neale (1959-65)
	Tim Harley (1960-66)	David Robertson (1956-61)
Headmaster	Edward Kelling (1958-62)	Ted Priest (1957-60)
Gary O’Shea		

The Formation of a New Old Boys' Branch in Thailand

Deputy Headmaster, Tim Tucker and Director of International, Chris Hart hosted the inaugural meeting of the Thailand Old Boys’ Association Branch in August on a trip to Bangkok.

The evening was a great success and a lot of fun, with some travelling a long way across the city to attend the function.

Old Boy Mr Ayudh Nakaprasit (Rutherford House – 1992-1996) has taken on the role of President for the branch, supported by Micky Kanjanapokin (Rutherford – 2012-2014) as Vice President.

The Nelson College Old Boys’ Association now has branches in many locations throughout the country, but also branches in Australia, Papua New Guinea, the United Kingdom, United States, Vanuatu, and Germany.



Sydney Old Boys' Catchup

A small group of Nelson College Old Boys based in New South Wales, Australia got together this year. This has become a regular catch up, however numbers have dwindled, so if you are an Old Boy based in the area, please get in touch and be sure to attend the next luncheon.

Pictured below are: (From left) Alan Hall-Watson (1953-60), Philip Snowden (1955-60), Campbell Hogg (1956-60), Yvonne Hall-Watson, Lynne Hogg, Paul Debenham (1954-58), John Rawlinson (1952-56).



2020 Rugby Celebrations

Nelson College will be hosting the 2020 Quad Tournament in conjunction with the 150 years of NZ Rugby celebrations.

This will be a great chance for Old Boys to get together, with lots planned!

SAVE THE DATE

Quad will be held on 29 June - 1 July 2020

Teacher and Honorary Old Boy to travel the world in a Land Rover

After starting my first job in education at Nelson College in 1997, I became immersed in the culture and history of this great College, becoming an honorary member of the Nelson College Old Boys’ Association. My background and this role started a rich and evolving tapestry of personal and collegial connections that became an abiding dream.

I was educated by the Jesuits as a boarder from the age of six, at Stonyhurst College in Lancashire. Nearby to Stonyhurst is a small town called Nelson, likely named in the same manner as our own Nelson here in New Zealand.

The initial tapestry in my loom was set after reading a book about six students who drove two Land Rovers from London to Singapore in 1955. (Slessor, Tim. (1957), First Overland: The Story of the Oxford and Cambridge Far Eastern Expedition, The Companion Book Club, London. ASIN: B0000CJTJQ)

This sparked a desire to explore the world and take my 1982 Ex-New Zealand Army Series III, Stage 1, 109” V8 Land Rover with me. I had an idea to drive from Nelson College (New Zealand) to Nelson College (Lancashire), a compelling journey promising much richness in exploration and experiences.

My itinerary includes Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia (again), Ukraine, Poland, the Baltic states, up through Scandinavia, then dropping down through Europe to England with destinations of Nelson College in Lancashire and ultimately to Yorkshire.

As I travel across the world, I would love to make connections with as many Nelson College Old Boys’ as I can. If you are keen to get Old Boys together in any of these countries and be part of my journey, please contact our Old Boys' Liason Lucy Jackson (lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz) so I can liaise with you as I go.



Teacher and honorary Old Boy Kieran Cleary set to take his Land Rover across the world.

Success at Christchurch Old Boys’ Dinner

The annual Christchurch Old Boys’ Dinner was held in November and attended by a good number of Old Boys and their wives. Headmaster Gary O’Shea gave a presentation on the progress of the College, which was very well received by all. The questions which followed showed the interest that our Old Boys still have in Nelson College. Our oldest attendee was Jack Blyth who was at the College (1946-50), followed by Tom Leighs (1947-51). Both these gentlemen are in excellent health, and expect to return again next year. Everyone was still able to belt out the College Song with gusto! It was a very successful evening and thank you to those who organised this event.



Purchase a Named Plaque at Nelson College

Nelson College Old Boys' Association is offering any Old Boys the chance to purchase a named plaque to go along side the existing bricks display outside the Scriptorium.

These will be a printed plaque, but will be in keeping with the brick format already in place in the area.

The plaque will include your name and years attended at Nelson College

Cost to you: \$100 per named plaque



To order please contact: Lucy Jackson. E: lj@nelsoncollege.school.nz | P: 03 548 3099 ext 825

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!

Contact us to update your email and postal address in our database, so you can receive the latest news and information.



Deputy Headmaster Tim Tucker is pictured here with two Old Boys at the inaugural Thailand Branch meeting in Bangkok in August this year. **Vasin Bulsuk (1992-94)** (left) and **Ayudh Nakaprasit (1992)** (right), who was named the new Branch President.



Josh Stove (2009-2013) coached the Under 19 NZ Junior Mens team at the WS Inline Hockey World Championships in Italy in July 2018. Since leaving Nelson College Josh has been playing professional inline hockey in the USA. He came back to NZ to coach the junior team. His brother Devon Stove was also on the team.



Old Boy **David Horton (1950-54)** has supported the refurbishment of Rutherford House, and is pictured above with his wife Patricia by the dorm named after him. They attended the reopening ceremonies all the way from Sydney.

Left is board chairman **Dennis Christian (1974-77)** cutting the ribbon among Old Boys and honorary guests.



Two Old Boys meet in Petra, Jordan. **Ian Lash (1954-59)** and his wife Jeannette met up with fellow Old Boy **Raami Manajah (1998-2000)** on a trip in May 2018. Raami sells sterling silver jewellery in Petra.



Nick Saunders (1999-05) is pictured here (in black on far right) umpiring a hockey game at the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina in October this year. Nick is a NZ International hockey umpire. This year he also umpired the Ford National Hockey Senior Mens League Competition.



Three Old Boys who came back to visit the newly refurbished Rutherford House in November 2018. Pictured are **Barry Knight (1951-1956)**, **David Brathwaite (1946-1950)** and **Walter Iles (1946-1951)**. All boarded at Rutherford House for their time at Nelson College.



Recently **Campbell Ching (1969 - 73, Chaytor)** visited his daughter whom is Head Swim Coach at the Canada Games Centre in Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada. Whilst there he met an old boy of a younger generation - **Myles Whittaker (2009 -13, Robinson)**. Myles is doing his OE and it was interesting for two old boys to catch up so far (15,500km) from College.



Members of the Class of 2008 gathered for a small reunion, enjoying a BBQ on College grounds.

This was a great catch up with boys coming from all over New Zealand to attend.

Lots of stories and memories were shared.

Thank you to the organisers of this event, **Donald Hilson (2004-2008)** and **Victor Komarovskiy (2004-2008)**.

If you would like to host a Class Reunion at College, please get in touch to see what we can do for you.

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RUTHERFORD HOUSE REBORN

Refurbished Boarding House reopened in 2018



Laying of the foundation stone for Rutherford House in 1930.



Nelson College Pipe Band in front of Rutherford House in 1966.



The reopening celebrations of Rutherford House on October 31, 2018.

Rutherford House has been given a new lease on life after an 18 month refurbishment comes to completion. Five years ago the College moved to save boarding within the school by embarking on a \$6 million project to refurbish the College's two historic boarding houses, Barnicoat and Rutherford.

Barnicoat was first to undergo renovations and was completed in 2016, and Rutherford House will now be open for boarders again in 2019.

The College now has the capacity for 154 boarders in the two new modern facilities.

Headmaster Gary O'Shea said the investment was necessary to secure boarding facilities within the school.

Fell House will remain, but will become a commercial operation, open for hire 48 weeks of the year to visiting school and community groups.

Boarding has been an integral part of Nelson College since its founding in 1856. In the early years, boarders were housed on the top floor of the main school building in School House. When the numbers became too great, a second house, College House was built on land on the west side of Waimea Road (opposite the present

Scriptorium). Because it was clad in corrugated iron, it became affectionately known as the Tin Wing.

When the 1929 Murchison earthquake severely damaged the main college buildings, it was decided to build two new houses, Barnicoat and Rutherford. The Board of Governors stipulated that the Houses were to be "modern, comfortable and earthquake proof". Present day boarders may be interested to learn that the dormitories had open windows and fold down canvas blinds for use in poor weather. Rutherford House had extensive renovations in 1987, and has now been completely refurbished again in 2018. It now offers very modern facilities - carpet, electric heating, private shower

"The dormitories were designed as balconies so boys would sleep in the fresh air."

cubicles and common rooms just like home!

Built in 1931 Rutherford House is named after one of the College's most distinguished and famous Old Boys, Nobel Laureate, Sir Lord Ernest Rutherford (1887-89). Laying of the Foundation Stone of Rutherford House took place on 25 November 1930 by Nelson MP, and Minister of Education, Harry Atmore who said the new houses "...were designed in accordance with modern scientific requirements... they were to be earthquake proof". The

dormitories were designed as balconies so boys would sleep in the fresh air. Mr James George McKay became the first Housemaster of Rutherford (1931-44).

The opening of the newly refurbished Rutherford House was celebrated on October 30, 2018, with Old Rutherford House Boys coming from far and wide around New Zealand and the world, with some who remembered Rutherford house in the 1940s.

Old Boy **Michael Sinclair (89 years old), lived at Rutherford House from 1940-1946**, and he remembers the strong heirarchy in the House that boarders had to adhere to. Fagging was a ritual at the House and on Sunday mornings the fag (junior) had to clean muddy rugby boots, clean the white laces and return to the Senior spotless, and he remembers dorm raids as being rarely successful, usually resulting in a canning the next morning. But it wasn't all doom and gloom, they were given an apple each night before bed, and Mr Blick the local barber used to visit regularly to give the boys haircuts in the locker room. The war news was advised by the Housemaster each night during prep in the common room, which was Mr McKay at the time (fondly known as "Thumb" or "Doodle").



Michael Sinclair (1940-46) was the oldest Old Boy of Rutherford House to attend the celebrations in 2018.

Old Boys Out and About

Hamish Rush (1988-92) harvested 18 tonnes of blackcurrants from his 4.5 hectare family orchard in Moutere, and is looking to the future to take the industry forward in a new direction. Hamish's family have been horticulturalists in the Moutere hills since 1912, when his great-grandfather, Fred Nottage, was employed as a consultant to set up Nelson's apple orchards.

Recent old boy, boarder and deputy Head Boy of Nelson College, **Neil MacMillan (2013-17)** is committed to sustainability. This year, the keen environmentalist was selected for the Sir Peter Blake expedition to the Kermadec Islands. His project of converting his second-hand van to run on oil recycled from deep fryers, caught the eye of the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

Liam Doherty (2011-15) was a speaker at this year's Young and Inspired event on how his ambition to become a pilot was quashed due to discovering he was colour blind. However he took this in his stride, and has mapped out a career path, keeping his passion for flying alive. He is now studying to become an aircraft maintenance engineer at Woodbourne Air Base.

Abel Johnston (2013-17 & 2017 Head Boy) completed a Bachelor of Arts in Maori Development from AUT and was awarded the AUT Vice Chancellor's Significant Student Scholarship.

Thomas Bone (2010-14) graduated from Victoria University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Commerce and has now launched his career at NZ Trade and Enterprise.

Dermatologist **Dr Peter Sears (1962-66)** retired this year after 40 years as one of Nelson's only skin specialists, but not without a struggle to find someone to take over his Bridge St practice. Sears developed techniques that allowed him to deal with things such as skin cancers on the spot, without needing to refer patients for more complicated surgeries – opting to "scrape and burn" where possible.

Congratulations to **Ben Ripley (2013-17)** who was the top scholar in the 2017 Earth Space Science scholarship exam, which was sat by over 200 students. Ripley is now studying at Otago University, continuing his studies in ESS with papers in Earth and Ocean Sciences, but said his ambition at the moment was to work in physics research.

Aaron "Al" Intemann (2003-05) is sending a powerful and empowering message through his music. In September this year he released the music video "Light in the Dark", the song is made in collaboration with Shining Light On The Dark Charity, an organisation which primarily deals with suicide awareness and prevention. The music video features stunning views of Franz Josef landscape.

Andrew Kerry Dellaca (1969-73) was awarded a MNZM in the Queens' Birthday Honours of 2018 for services to children and sports governance. Andrew is a JP in Christchurch. He has been a Board member of Cholmondeley Children's Centre since 2005 and Chairman since 2012. He has overseen the rebuilding of the Chomondeley Children's Centre following the Christchurch earthquakes and led a fundraising campaign that saw the \$6 million facility delivered debt free. He has held a number of roles with the Buller Cricket Association

Daniel Marchbank (2009-13) has been nominated for his song "Lost in Tokyo" at the international Production Music Awards held in London, under the category "Best Electronic Production Music Track 2018". This is the title track on the LP produced by Wrong Planet Music.



Doug Colling (2005-11) graduated in 2018 from one of the UK's most prestigious drama schools, RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art). Doug left Nelson College in 2011, and clearly has fond memories of us, demonstrated by his choice to wear his school tie to his graduation, where he collected his BA Hons in Acting from President Sir Kenneth Branagh and Director Edward Kemp. His very proud mum is convinced that it was the qualities instilled in him by Nelson College, as well as the guidance by Performing Arts teacher Luke Walton, that have set Doug on this incredibly exciting career path.



Quinn Hornblow (2006-11) has had a busy year, competing in the Godzone Adventure Race and the Coast to Coast as well as completing a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Natural Resources Engineering and a Diploma in Global Humanitarian Engineering at the University of Canterbury. Congratulations to Quinn, **Blake (2009-13)** and Keegan Hornblow (Year 12 @ NC) who entered the Family Team section of the Coast 2 Coast – they WON in a time of 11hours and 56 minutes. They came 4th overall in the Teams 2 Day Event. Also Keegan, and another rider Sam Horgan, broke a long standing teams record of 33 years – in a time of 1 hour and 35 minutes for the first stage, which included a 2.5km run and a 55km cycle.

Good Sports

Basketball

Max Darling (2013-16) was named Rookie of the Year at the Sal's National Basketball League Awards while playing with the Canterbury Rams, and has now signed up with Vrijednosnice Osijek team, based in Croatia to further his professional career. Nelson Giants player **Finn Delany (2009-13)** was named Forward of the Year at the Sal's National Basketball League Awards. Delany was also named in the All-Star Five.

Cycling

Cyclist **Finn Fisher-Black (2015-17)** competed at the Junior World Cycling Championships in Switzerland in August, where he finished first in the 4000m team pursuit, and 4th in the individual pursuit.

Ray Hewlett (1960-63) and his colleague Barry Williams cycled the length of New Zealand this year, Ray at the age of 71. The pair, self-named the CapeBluffers, cycled from Cape Brett to Bluff in less than a month to raise money for Paralympics New Zealand and Waikato Paralympic cyclist Tim Williams, Barry's nephew, who broke his neck playing rugby as a 19-year-old. Hewlett is no stranger to long-distance exertion. He has completed 12 Ironman events, including the World Championships in Kona, and run 73 marathons, including the Rotorua Marathon 30 times. Ray currently lives in Rotorua.

Rugby League

Simon Mannering (2000-04) played his 300th match with the Vodafone Warriors in August this year.

Nelson College Old Boys' Rugby Round-up

Nelson College was well represented in the recent Super 15 Rugby tournament won by the Crusaders. Leading the charge was veteran **Wyatt Crockett (1994-00)** who retired at the end of the season on a staggering 201 Super rugby games. He also recently released a new book "Croczilla". The ex Rutherford House boarder will continue to represent the Mako in the ITM Cup and he has bought a business in town and will move closer to his roots of Golden Bay. He has promised to pass on some of his vast All Black knowledge to the College rugby programme over the ensuing years.

Tasman Mako captain, Crusader and All Black **David Havili (2012)** was joined on the 2018 Crusaders squad by fellow All Black and Crusader half back **Mitchell Drummond (2010-12)**, **Mitchell Hunt (2008-13)**, **Quinten Strange (2010-14)**, and **Ethan Blackadder (2008-12)**, and joining them for 2019 is **Leicester Faingaanuku (2013-17)**.

To cap off the Crusaders/Nelson College connection **Andrew Goodman (1996-00)** begun his rookie Super coaching career in Christchurch this year as he helped guide the franchise to its second successive title. Andrew was a member of the College 1st XV in 1999 and 2000.

Although the Crusaders were the major beneficiaries of the Nelson College rugby programme, other franchises likewise profited. Prop **Isaac Salmon (2011-14)** debuted for the Blues. Vastly experienced **Sam Prattley (2003-07)** was coerced out of the sedentary lifestyle of the Rai Valley into the position of Prop for the Chiefs mid season. Murchison Old Boy **Ben May (1996-99)** remained the cornerstone of the Hurricanes front row. Down in the lower South Island there was of course a Nelson College presence. First five eighth **Fletcher Smith (2008-10)** was as solid a pivot at first five eighth for the Highlanders as he was as a year ten student in the 1st XV in 2010. Fletcher ended up at Christchurch Boys High School but his initial 1st XV grounding was on College Main.

As well as these Old Boys playing Super rugby there are a number playing overseas. The **Marshall brothers Tom (2004-08)** and **James (2002-06)** are both plying their trade in England. James has already committed to returning to New Zealand and the Hurricanes in 2019. **Jared Payne (2013-16)** represented Ireland and the Lions but repeated head knocks have unfortunately ended his career prematurely. 2016 Press Cup winner and Tongan international **Sione Tau (2007-08)** has shifted from a great career in Agen and Perpignan to a more sedate gig at Eastwood in Australia. Samoan prop **Sakaria Taulafo (2004)** has had a stellar career in Europe, mainly at Stade Francais and Wasps in England. Sak has gained 44 test caps for Manu Samoa and was top try scorer in the 2004 Nelson College 1st XV Press Cup campaign.

Closer to home, featuring in the 2018 Tasman Mako squad were; David Havili - Captain, Wyatt Crockett - Vice Captain, Mitchell Hunt - Vice Captain, Ethan Blackadder, Isaac Salmon, Quinten Strange, Leicester Faingaanuku, **Tima Faingaanuku (2011-15)**, **Billy Guyton (2008)**, and in the wider squad: **Jack Grooby (2014-16)**, **Willy Havili (2014-16)**, **Michael Curry (2011-12)**.



Max Darling (2013-16) was named Rookie of the Year at the Sal's National Basketball League Awards. Max currently plays for the Canterbury Rams.



James Anderson (2010-14) was recently named Auckland University Athlete of the Year 2018! In addition he was named volleyballer of the year and was captain of the undefeated University of Auckland team that won the New Zealand Tertiary Championship. He was also runner up for the Auckland University Inter-Faculty athlete of the year. James is in his last year at university studying a Bachelor of Education. James is pictured here with his two awards, and also received the Shield for all Inter University sport, on behalf of Auckland University.



Ricky E Silva (2012-16) is ranked New Zealand No 1 Heavy Weights Muay Thai Champion, with his goal to become the Muay Thai Heavy Weight World Champion. He also has under his belt the 95kg South Island NZMF Champion, 81.5kg South Island Champion, 78Kg South Island Champion and is a representative Rugby player for Nelson Bays.

Get involved in Gateway work experience @ Nelson College

Are you a local business that could offer senior students a chance to gain industry experience? The programme aims to provide students with between 5 and 20 days of actual work placement, depending on the industry and the time required for the student to complete their learning plan. Placements are sought during terms 1 and 2. It is funded by the TEC (Tertiary Education Commission) and is supported by many businesses nationwide. If you feel able to offer a work placement/work shadow or work experience opportunity to a senior student from Nelson College please contact Mrs Chris Phillips pl@nelsoncollege.school.nz, or to find out more.



And Old Boys' Story

Hang 'Em High Judge!

By Jeremy Matthews - (1969-1973)

This event occurred in my first year at Nelson College. One of my best friends then, on and off since we were both five years old, was Michael Carey. A wiry, knot-kneed, big eared, naughty boy, Mike lived further up the hill from us. By virtue of this proximity he and I saw quite a lot of each other until he was sent away to boarding school in Christchurch in the fourth form. Our paths did not cross again for five years. My mother reckoned Michael was a bad influence on me. She was right of course. Though he possessed an angelic face, she had quickly got the measure of 'naughty Michael Carey' when she had taught him in her class at St Joes' in Primmer Two. Michael's mother was a gentle patient woman, his dad a silent hardworking Irish labourer. As the eldest, Michael served as the proto-type in a family of three handsome broad-faced boys, and two beautiful bright-eyed girls. First-borns in families usually get a rough time, which is perhaps why in every photo I have with Michael Carey in it, he is always frowning. One idyllic summer's day while out 'exploring' up the Maitai River, Mike and I stumbled into an adventure. We had each packed a simple sandwich lunch into our canvas shoulder bags purchased from the army surplus store and considered 'cool' at the time and set out on our bikes. These basic but sturdy affairs possessed a single gear, bald tyres, and dubious brakes. Because there was nothing on them to break, our bikes did all we asked of them. We rode them into swimming pools, crashed them off high banks, cannibalised them into trolleys, or used them as foundations for barricades in stone fights up the river with other marauding gangs of kids. But on this day, we simply rode them. Winding our way up a sun dappled valley road, under a canopy of willow branches heavy with roaring cicadas, we eventually found ourselves at a bend in the road with a gate leading to a swing-bridge across the murmuring river. We had known of this bridge for years and were aware that it led to the local Baptist Camp, yet never once had we dared cross it. We were Catholic kids for whom hell-fire surely awaited the slightest deviation from the Papal paths of righteousness. But there was the camp across the bridge, sleeping on a prime site in the bend of the river with bush-clad hills all around and a lovely, deep swimming hole to the front. We looked at each other, weighing it up. To hell with hell! Dropping our bikes into the roadside pig-fern, we crept across the bridge to step onto a wide, grassy, U-shaped 'parade ground'. This area, bordered by various buildings the chief of which must have been the camp dining and meeting hall was a soft, quiet, golden world. Bunk-houses and utility sheds dozed in the placid scented air, separated from each other by stands of leggy Manuka. Gingerly we moved about, half expecting to hear from some patrolling caretaker. "Oi!! What the bloody 'ell do you think you're doing here you little buggers!!" But no challenge came...and with the silence our boldness grew. Quietly we crept, peeking through windows and trying locked doors, not really expecting anything...until one door yielded, creaking on its rusted hinges. It was a shed, with a step onto a rough oil-soaked timber floor, with walls sheathed in vertical corrugated iron. Inside, the heated heavy air enveloped us with an intoxicating aroma of fertiliser, two-stroke lawnmower petrol, oil, paint and turps. No scent from any perfumery can transport me to where THAT aroma can. Floor to ceiling shelves lined the walls and on them, drawing to stick to their oily surfaces the tiny specs of dust that spiralled in slanting sunlight, sat a jumbled array of split cardboard boxes and greasy jars filled with nails, bolts, odds and ends. In one corner leaned a mess of assorted garden implements, the sight of which spelt 'work' to us and which therefore held not the slightest interest. Amidst this entrancing shambles, the shelves along the back wall contrasted sharply in their ordered uniformity, for they were stacked to the roof with light blue shoe-boxes. Intrigued, we opened one to discover a dozen squat cardboard cylinders, each with a fat white wick protruding from the top. FIREWORKS! Greedily we snatched several, dropped them into

our bags, and crept out. Like commandos we skirted the 'parade ground' to slink back across the bridge. Scrambling onto our bikes, we peddled furiously back down the valley, urged to recklessness by a great surge of Catholic guilt at such brazen theft. Lathered, panting, and sure not even God had followed us, we stopped and threw our bikes again into the road-side brush. Clutching our bags, we quickly jumped down the river bank onto a wide stretch of rounded river stones. There we set about trying out what must be these fabulous 'super-crackers'. Supported by a few hefty rocks, we stood a cracker upright, lit it and 'stood well back'. Beneath a twisting blue haze from the wick, sparks snapped and fizzed then disappeared into the body of the 'cracker'. Nothing.....still nothing. Slowly at first, then with a rushing 'HISSS" an oily heavy choking white cloud spread from the canister. We stepped back, suspecting one of those fiery 'surprise' eruptions our dads had warned us about on Guy Fawkes nights. But nothing more than a thick spreading murk enveloped the river...smoke bombs!!! That'll do! Gleefully we scrambled back up the riverbank, hopped onto our bikes and peddled back to town, contemplating how best to use these new-found wonderments. As smoke eddied away among the branches on the river bank behind us, multitudes of cicadas began to drop dead into the river, spiralling lazily downstream in their instant rigormortis. Next day we met as usual at the bottom of our hill for the walk to college. We each bought a smoke bomb, intent of letting one off

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somewhere on the premises. At interval, Mike and I met up at our decided location...the 'Top-Field'. Word had got around. By the time we were ready, a growing crowd of eager lads encircled us. Making a shallow hole in the ground with my heel, as if 'placing the ball' for a conversion kick at goal, I propped a bomb into it, lit the fuse and bragged "Watch this you guys!" Sure enough, a great choking cloud engulfed us, followed by hacking coughs, mild cursing, and persistent requests of "Hey, can I've one?" In a flash Mike and I realised what we had here....no, not the fact that we were igniting and standing in pure DDT, but that we had a highly saleable commodity with an eager crowd of hungry customers and a bumper supply upon which to draw. MONEY! With only one 'bomb' left we held a quick auction, then, suddenly and gloriously popular, Mike and I walked back to the tuck-shop amid a clamouring crowd, with 50 cents to split between us. At the camp again after college we loaded-up with two dozen 'bombs' each, one from the bottom of each box which we then left exactly as we had found it so as not to raise any care-takers suspicions. Cycling home in the late sunlight we made our plans for the next day at interval. Sure enough, word had really got around and at the same spot on the Top-Field, Mike and I conducted a roaring trade. Within minutes we pocketed six-dollars each! After college we again sped up to the Baptist Camp, this time making sure we were not being followed. Again, we lightly tapped our supply, and again, business was brisk up on the Top-Field. For three days our enterprise boomed. At the Tuck-Shop we scoffed as many pies or pasties as we could eat while friends we never knew we had materialised from the crowd of grey school uniforms. Even the 'cool guys'...those lucky boys possessed of an unspoken but tangible authority on 'coolness' began to seek us out...around lunchtime. By Friday two trends had emerged from our commerce. The first being that Mike and I each possessed about twelve-dollars cash, the jingling weight of which still unfamiliar in our pockets. The second was Nelsons local radio broadcasting the Fire Chiefs concern at a suddenly increased number of false alarm calls to the brigade. Our clients, gleefully trying out their new purchases were happily spreading the fruits of our trade in

drifting clouds across the city. Police "were following several strong leads." Like Meercats sniffing the wind Mike and I realised our little game was almost up...but not quite. In our greed we reckoned there was one more 'run' in it before we quit and slipped back into honest obscurity. And anyway, there were only a few bombs left at the camp since we'd decided no caretaker was ever there and the whole supply was therefore up for grabs. Up we went on a Saturday morning, this time taking our togs for a swim while we were there. Our now familiar routine ran its course and we found ourselves cycling back down the valley towards town. Around a corner and there, cycling up the valley towards us were the Wallsley Gang. Brothers Gary and Geoffrey Wallsley, and their mate Tigs Balling. Even as fourteen-year olds these were tough guys. Mean and angry, they punched at the head without provocation, struck from behind, and thought nothing of kicking hard once the victim lay bleeding on the ground. On several occasions my brothers and I had engaged in running stone-fights on opposite sides of the river with these guys. I recall one occasion where a stinging stone hit Tigs Balling on his back. This affront provoked such a berserking, charging rage from him that we all dropped our 'ammo' and scattered to the winds. Certainly, these fights were always defensive on our part. Any kid with any brains steered a wide berth around the Wallsley Gang. Well known to the police, they were rightly feared by anyone with any desire to live long. I hated the bastards for the fear and shame they instilled in me then. Now, there they were, as happy to see Mike and me as any pack of jackals would be to find a newborn rabbit sitting in front of them in the sun. We stopped, straddling our bikes as the gang encircled us. "What the heck are you two pricks doing here?" "Nothin, jus'riding our bikes." I said. WHACK! a lightning-bolt behind my eyes as I staggered sideways from the unseen punch. "What the heck you got in those bags?" "Nothing, just our togs" says Mike. "Bullshit" WHACK! WHACK! Mike sagged onto the frame of his bike. As the gang jerked our bags off us I thought Mike must be squashing his biologicals to sit on the bar like that. But perhaps the observation was academic as, like me, he was probably hurting too much to feel anything anyway. This wasn't good. Thankfully we weren't carrying much, and the interrogation ended when all interest centred on the swiftly opened bags. "We'll have these you little pricks...now F-off before we give you a bloody hiding". Not needing to be told twice, we fled while the gang huddled over the bags, laughing like Hyenas over the bones. As we cycled on down the valley, licking our wounds, we salved our battered prides with the belief that perhaps it was better to be sprung by the Wallsley Gang than by the cops. As if to give form to our intuition, we turned another corner to come face to face with a police patrol car. It pulled over beside us as one of the officers wound his window down. "Giddyay you boys...what are you up to?" "Nothing much officer, jus' been for a swim up the river eh". "Seen anything odd up there, any smoke perhaps?" "Mmm, come to think of it officer, we did see a couple...no three guys...on bikes, mucking about with a fire or something, just about half a mile up the road there". "Good lads, see you later", and they accelerated away up the valley. Immediately we again dived off the road into a thicket to wait, making sure our bikes were well hidden with us. Ten minutes later the patrol car sped past. In the back sat Gary and Geoffrey Wallsley, and Tigs Balling. YES!!! From that day on, as my social circle widened, I often looked with trepidation over my shoulder. But I needn't have worried.

Years later I learned the police had been waiting for some time to catch the Wallsley' s red-handed, and that the 'Smoke Bomb' incident was all they needed to send the three of them off to borstal, and rumour has it, soon after that to prison. Sometimes I wonder if Michael Carey and I had set the whole downward spiral in motion for those guys, but of course we hadn't, we just happened to be there when their chicks came home to roost.

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.

For further information on some, please refer to the Obituary section <http://www.nelsoncollege.school.nz/obituaries> of the Nelson College website.

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CHAPMAN Frederick John (1949-50) passed away on 25 September 2017. He assisted with the improvements made to the Scriptorium/Historical records part of the College in recent times.

CRAW Gavin Lesley (1955-56), passed away in Nelson 8 March 2017.

SCOTT Warwick (1969-73), passed away in 2017.

2018

ABRAHAM'S Maurice Rowland (1933-35) passed away in Nelson on 11 October, aged 99 years. Maurice lived most of his life in central Nelson, and hwas a successful trombone and trumpet player, playing for the Nelson College Band, and most recently his final national competition with the Nelson City Brass Band at the national championships in 2016. Maurice also played the saxophone. Maurice served with the 26th Battalion, NZEF in mid 1940 in Egypt and Greece. In later years Maurice worked for Nelson City Council, and continued to play his music.

BASHFORD Donald Harry (1954-58) passed away 9 January aged 76 years. While at College Harry played tennis, rugby and cricket. After school, Harry pursued a career in medicine, and was a leading Christchurch obstetrician and gynaecologist. He delivered an estimated 7000 babies during his lengthy career, including the first test tube baby born in NZ in 1981.

BURKE Bruce Hector (1954-58), passed away during 2018.

CHARLETT Donald Archie (1952-53) Donald was an outstanding basketball player during the early years of the game in NZ. Don was a most articulate and capable man until his illness of recent years. He was a NZ basketball representative and provincial captain of the Nelson basketball team in his heyday.

COLOMBATTI Paul D (1955-56) passed away in Nelson 20 October.

DODDS Ian Scott (1951-53) passed away in August 2018.

EDWARDS Desmond (Des) (1960-61) passed away at home in Nelson 4 August, aged 71 years.

FEATHERSTONE Brian Eversfield (1952-56) passed away 18 September, in Timaru.



JEUNE Peter Maxwell

Photo courtesy of Gisborne Herald



FITZSIMMONS Rodger (1954-56) passed away early January.

FROST Barrie James (1953-56) passed away 4 August aged 79 years, in Kingston, Canada after a courageous battle with cancer. Barrie was an acclaimed scientist and teacher. He was a Emeritus Professor in Psychology, Biology and Physiology and worked for 49 years at Queen's University in Kingston.

GATENBY John Richard (1959-46) passed away 18 June, in Motueka.

GREENWOOD Hugh Martin (1954-57) passed away 31 August, in Hawkes Bay.

HARGREAVES Colin Donald (1957-59) passed away in Dunedin, 6 May, aged 75 years.

HARGREAVES Ross Thomas (1961-62) passed away in Christchurch, 7 May, aged 70 years.

HAYWOOD Ronald James Philip (Phil) passed away 16 July.

HOWARD Robert Sutherland (1945-46) passed away 9 October, in Nelson.

JEUNE Peter Maxwell (1943-48) passed away 1 January, aged 88 years. Peter was a NCOBA Vice President, and Chair of the Gisborne Branch for many years and a life member of the NCOBA. While at College he was head prefect of Rutherford House and played in the 1st XV. Peter was the last line in a family sail making, tent and caravan awning production business running for 106 years. He contributed immensley to Gisborne as a businessman, fisherman and sportsman.

LARSON Roger John (1952-56) passed away 17 April. Roger was past secretary of The Nelson Rotary Club, and captain Royal NZ Army Service Corps.

McGILVARY James Douglas (Doug) (1946-51) passed away 2 January.

MARSHALL David Arthur John (1948-50) passed away 19 August, aged 83 years.

MARSHALL Peter David (1948-49), passed away 25 February.

O'DONNELL Vincent John (1976-78) passed away peacefully 20 August, aged 56 years.

PETERSON Richard Dale (1953-57) passed away 12 January, aged 77 years, in Wellington. Richard was a well-regarded Wellington solicitor, a talented musician and sportsman, representing NZ in fencing. He was also involved in a lot of charitable work including establishing and sustaining the Marsden and Chelsea Clubs for people with dementia along with his late wife Hilary, and also his work on the NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association. While at College Richard was the school pianist, and also played the bassoon.

ROLLO Bruce Berrymon (1954-55), passed away 2 August, in Nelson, aged 80 years.

STRINGER Bruce Noel (1946-48) passed away 27 October, in Nelson.

THOMSON William Boyd (1947-49) passed away 13 August, aged 84 years. "What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us."

WILKENS William Fredric (1934-1938) passed away 13 June, peacefully at home in Nelson, aged 96 years.



Peter Juene as a prefect at College in 1948.

We Will Remember Them

Armistice Day 2018



Nelson College junior students helped to lay 160 white crosses to mark Armistice Day at Anzac Park, November 2018.

As millions around the country gathered at 11.00am on November 11, 2018 to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day, Nelson College played their part in remembering the Old Boys who had fallen.

In Nelson 160 white crosses were laid at Anzac Park to recognise soldiers in Nelson who lost their lives in World War 1, and of those, 129 of them were Old Boys of Nelson College.

Nelson's Armistice day was marked with the re-dedication of the memorial cenotaph, with the addition of 80 names that were not initially on the memorial.

Two minutes of silence marked the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, exactly 100 years after peace was declared in Europe in 1918.

Nelson's Wall of Remembrance was recently unveiled with the names of 3678 people from the Nelson Tasman region who served in the war, an increase from the 2190 named in the exhibition shown at the Nelson Museum in 2014.

Of the approximately 642 Nelson College Old Boys that saw active service in WWI, 129 were killed and 45, of whom were 19 years or younger.

In 1914 Nelson College only had a total of 246 boys on the roll.

The following is an extract from our Nelsonian magazine of 1914.

"On Tuesday 18 August 1914 Nelson College Headmaster, Mr Fowler, announced after morning school that there was to be a half-holiday, and that, by special request, the Cadets were to parade at Port Nelson, the occasion being

the departure of the Mounted Rifles' Squadron (numbering about 160 men) and a section of the infantry (50 men),

The whole school turned out in uniform to witness the departure of troops from the Port. One bystander observed –

'to see the troopers lining the rigging, their horses going aboard, to hear our national songs sung in real earnest, and the cheers of those going out to Fight for their country, these were things to stir our hearts. The impression of that day will always be with us, leaving with it a strange thrill of excitement and patriotism.'"

All left with high hopes of a short campaign ... full of patriotism, hope and a belief that they were doing the right thing for their country and their families.

On Christmas day 1914 Capt Charles Watts (1895-1900 & 1902-05) became the first Nelson Collegian to be killed in action. It is believed he stood up on the trench parapet thinking the Christmas day truce had begun and was shot dead. That shot was the only one fired that day as a truce prevailed for 24hrs.

He was at College for six years, Head Boy in 1905 and a talented academic, he was also 1st XV Captain in 1904.

An anonymous Old Boy wrote to the school in 1916:

"It is sad to think that all these fine men have found a last resting place many, many leagues away, and that we shall never see them again; but we, as Nelsonians, in common with their bereaved relatives, have this consoling knowledge, that they died as true sons of Nelson College, fighting for right and justice.



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We can hold our heads high, we who once trod the halls and fields of Nelson College, and proudly claim that we have given of our best, and that they who are gone have fought the good fight and sacrificed so that Trust and Liberty might eventually triumph over the gospel of Hate and Frightfulness."

As a result of the ongoing research, the additional names that have been added to the Wall of Remembrance at Founders Park include the following Nelson College Old Boys who served in World War One;

Edgar Oliver Baigent (1905-10)

Edgar Henry Challies (1913)

Percy Raine (1911-12)

