



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Thursday 14 April 2022

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Kia ora tātou,

Like many, I'm very thankful to be going into the Easter break and first school holidays. Staff and students are tired after a long and challenging term, and a break is welcomed by all.

COVID

As mentioned in my email home yesterday, we've now moved into ORANGE of the Covid Protection Framework (CPF). We're still working through what exactly this means for us at Nelson College. For example can we return to full assemblies?

Our Senior Leadership Team is meeting over the holidays and will work through the details of this. When we have more details, we'll share them with whānau.

ANZAC Day Service

We plan to run a full ANZAC Day service in the first week of next term. This will be run outside on Wednesday 4th May weather allowing. We'll provide more information closer to the time.

Winter Sport

It's been great to see sports trials and pre-season games going ahead over the closing weeks of this term. Co-curricular involvement is vital to Nelson College. Thank you to everyone who helps make this happen at our school.

Our 1st XI Football team had a great pre-season trip to Christchurch and pulled off three strong wins over the top teams there. Our senior Hockey boys have also been playing well, and the rugby 1st XV enjoyed a strong pre-season win over Marlborough Boys in beautiful sunshine last weekend.

Theatre Sports

While COVID has meant we can't run our planned school production combined with Nelson College for Girls in 2022; our Drama teacher, Denise Moran, has managed to get Theatre Sports up and running at the college. Please contact her (mr@nelsoncollege.school.nz) if you'd like to know more.

Te Rumaki Whakatū (Māori Medium)

As previously indicated, we're collaborating with Nelson College for Girls (and the Ministry of Education) to bring Māori medium education to our college. We're currently advertising for a teacher to start this very important mahi (work).

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, we'd love to hear from them. Please get them to contact the college or visit our website to find out more about this role.

As I said above, it's been a long term for everyone. It's also been heartening and humbling to see the extra work and care that has gone in to supporting our rangatahi (young men).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to their success and support. I wish you and your whānau a relaxing and enjoyable Easter and school holiday break.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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Upcoming Events:

APRIL

15-30 School Holidays

MAY

02 Term 2 Starts
04 Nelson College ANZAC Service
07 [Boarding Open Day](#)
11 House Cross Country
19 Mufti Day / Pink Shirt Day
20 TEACHER ONLY DAY

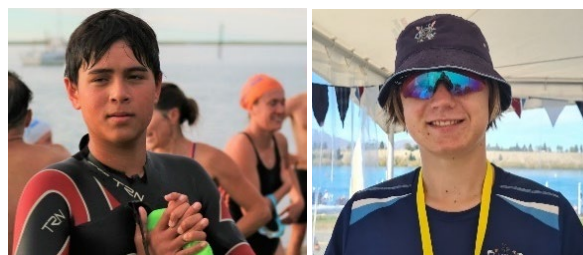
[Full Online Calendar](#)

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Jasper Sneddon** for 2nd place in the U16 Male category at Rylock Nelson Sea Swims for this season. Well done!

Ethan Steele usually rows in Doubles and Quads, but a few weeks ago he decided to go it alone for the 2022 Aon Maadi Cup at Lake Ruataniwha. He was the lone rep for Nelson College, and discovered that it's a long hard haul down the lane all by yourself! Ethan reached the U16 single quarterfinal, where he came 5th by 0.07 of a second! This put him into the C finals where he scored a 2nd. In his U17 single quarterfinal he came 7th, putting him in the D finals, which he won! Nice work Ethan, well done.

Massive achievement to **Caleb Brash** for winning the youth, light heavyweight title for Aotearoa Muay Thai Association, held recently in Christchurch. Muay Thai is a full-contact martial art, similar to boxing, but it also involves kicking, kneeing, elbows, and clinch along with punches. It is a national sport in Thailand and is known as the art of 8 limbs'. Caleb's fight was fought over 5x2min rounds. and won by unanimous decision.



Academic Colours

Usually, we would invite friends and whānau to a special assembly for Academic Colours. We're still not back in the Hall quite yet, so instead, we presented the certificates on the front steps. Well done to everyone. We must give a special mention to Alex Bryant, who as a Year 11, achieved Level Two: NCEA Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence. Outstanding work Alex. There are individual photos here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzKhhi>



Level 1 Colours – NCEA Level 1 with Excellence



Level 1 Colours – NCEA Level 2 with Merit



Level 2 Colours – NCEA Level 2 with Excellence

Brunch Club

Remember that Brunch Club is every say at interval at the Whare. Weetbix, milk and fruit. Everyone welcome.

If anyone in the community would like to donate fresh fruit, bread and spreads, we'd be thrilled to accept and redistribute to hungry lads! Please contact Jenn Arai on ar@nelsoncollege.school.nz



Maths Hack!

Tama has a set of stones. Each has a mass of a whole number of grams. By choosing the appropriate stones from the set, Tama can make any whole number of grams from 1 to 31 grams, inclusive.

What is the least number of stones that Tama can have?



School Office – Medication

The school office (reception) are our first aiders for students. They are there to attend to basic care of student's needs. This includes the care of minor wounds, paracetamol, antihistamines, and ibuprofen. They will call parents if a student is unwell and needs to go home.

They do not carry any **prescription medication** so if your son is on any prescription medication, he will need to carry it with him or give to reception who are able to hold for him. This includes medication for asthma.

Importantly please keep the school updated with any new medical condition, by contacting your son's dean.

Sports Office Snippets

There goes Term 1 and what an interesting one it was! It was another disruptive term, which we are getting used to!

Volleyball and Cricket were lucky enough to get regular games in. Most of our House Sport was able to go ahead, but some didn't. Thanks to all our coaches, managers, and parent helpers this term.

Looking ahead to next term, we have been busy sorting winter sport. Here's hoping this can all go ahead. Just a heads up for those Cross Country runners – our Nelson College Cross Country IS in early in the term – Wednesday 11 May.

Enjoy the holidays and see you next term.

The Nelson College Merchandise Webstore is now open!

[Nelson College Home Page - ProBrands NZ](#)

All proceeds from sales go back into the sports department to help make playing sports more accessible to students facing hardship.

Please note that these are not to be worn as school uniform!



House Comp Update

Congratulations to Domett Juniors and Kahurangi Seniors for winning the 2022 House Hockey Competition. Lovin' that blue astroturf! Domett is now in the lead with Chaytor chasing hard! Congratulations Domett. The next House events are Cross Country and Volleyball in May.



Cupcakes!

Huge thanks to Y9BW! Their freshly baked cupcakes were on sale today with proceeds going to UNICEF for children in Ukraine.



TheatreSports

Every Thursday lunchtime a group of intrepid and quick-witted Y7-10s get together in the Performance Suite for TheatreSports. TheatreSports is about improvising scenes on the spot, so you have to be quick on your feet! It's played in teams, and like any sport, it gets better the more you play. It's also a heap of fun! In T2, we'll be having workshops with Nelson College for Girls and then competing with other schools later in the year.



Football Report from Sam Newson

It was a delightful morning when the Nelson College 1st XI set off on our trip to Christchurch. This was the team's first trip away since Covid hit the country, so we were ecstatic to show these Christchurch schools what Nelson College is all about. We also knew these games weren't going to be easy. Our first game was against Christ's College who went undefeated in their 2021 school season winning 11 from 11. Due to a slow start from our team, a well drilled Christ's scored an early goal. The soldiers fought hard through thick and thin, heading into the half-time break down 1-0. As we walked back out onto the pitch, everyone switched gears. The ball started fizzing from player to player with one of our Y10 players, Jay Anderson, scoring a great goal assisted by Tim Newson. Spirits were high and before we knew it, Nelson College were winning 2-1 thanks to Guy Robertson-King. As Christ's were struggling, Nelson was excelling with Jay Anderson scored his second for the day. The game ended 3-1 with the team putting an unreal performance especially as this was only our third time together this year. There was a short turn around between games with the next one against the reigning champions from 2021 – St Bede's. The energy levels throughout the team were low going into this game. A very slow start but stellar defence held out St Bede's. A great run from Angus McAllister with an equally good cross putting the ball on a plate for Abinash Baraili to score making it 1-0. Going into half time, energy levels lifted as we knew that this game was well within our reach. The second half started as it ended. A great through

ball to Ethan Turner who won us a free kick as the keeper came out and caught the ball outside the box. While the team were furious with the St Bede's keeper, we capitalised with a quick free kick for Angus McAllister to score his first goal for Nelson College making the game 2-0 with 15 minutes to go. Full time came around with Nelson College knocking over the St Bede's team 2-1. The next morning, we were set to play the mighty St Thomas. Everyone was feeling fatigued but that couldn't stop Nelson College! A very intense start to the game with both teams having great chances. But thanks to vice-captain Willem Delany, Nelson were winning 1-0. St Thomas reacted quickly with a great string of passes that bought the game to 1-1. Nelson College, now known for their half time turn arounds, came out buzzing for our third win. Everyone fought hard and did more than expected to hold out a strong St Thomas side. Abinash Baraili played a great ball to Guy Robertson-King who was composed to give Nelson the lead. With a super scrappy second half, the boys in blue held out St Thomas with the game ending 2-1. All and all, the boys put on an amazing performance going undefeated against the top schools in Christchurch. Special thank you to Fitzgerald Construction for lending us one of their vans and making it possible. Also thank you to Mr and Mrs Anderson for organising the trip - everyone loved and appreciated it! It was a great test for the team leading into the National Qualifiers next Term. Moral within the team is high. Bring on the next game.



Kia Ora From The Careers Hub

Most of the Universities and polytechs have now had a zoom with our students to give our students the chance to see what they can offer. There are a couple coming up in the first two weeks of Term 2.

Looking ahead, Term 2 will be focused on providing seminars for uni students around scholarship preparation and writing as well as halls applications.

UNIVERSITY, NMIT, ARA & Further Study students:

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Check your @nc email address regularly for events – these all will be online in while school is doing online learning
- Attend the University Liaison visits
- Attend the scholarships and halls seminar workshop

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

The University Liaison seminars are in full swing at the moment. I highly recommend students attend these to find out what each university can offer in terms of courses, social life, pastoral care, scholarships etc.

| Tuesday 3 May | Wednesday 4 May | Monday 9 May |
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| Otago Uni Liaison Visit 1.30pm online (link will be emailed out) <i>Introduction to study at Otago</i> | CAREERS EXPLORATION EVENT Aquaculture and Marine Farming Day Trip | Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Liaison Visit 1.30pm online (link will be emailed out) <i>Introduction to study at AUT</i> |

VOCATIONAL students:

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Keep an eye out for further information on Fantastic Futures (Vocational Conference for students) coming up 6th July
- Working towards gaining your Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV
- Connecting with employers you may want work experience with

As part of our Gateway Programme selected students in Y12 and Y13 have just completed a package of Health and Safety Standards to support them in their work experience placements.

We have just had 4 boys successful complete a retail programme that provides retail work experience in large retails companies alongside retail training. These boys have now gained a Level 2 NZ Certificate in Retail.



Next term we are hopeful that we will be able to get more of our GATEWAY and vocational students out into work placement. Opportunities are so valuable for our boys. At the moment we are in particular need of building or automotive work experience contacts that may be able to help with this. We would love to hear from you!

Please click on this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/y6npitNbGx>

Ngā mihi,

Vikki & Chris

24-7 YouthWork Update

Goodbye & Hello: After just over a year at Nelson College, Reuben is heading into full time work. We thank him for all his efforts and wish him well. We welcome Liam, who brings with him experience working with young people in Christchurch and Greymouth.

Term 1 Focus

The Corner: With the goal of creating places for any student to feel welcome, we've created "The Corner". This is a place for students to play board games and chess in the library. Currently held each Thursday lunchtime, stay tuned as we look to widen its scope.

One-on-one: We are working with school leadership to create more opportunities for one-on-one mentoring with students. Having a chat over a shared interest, throwing a ball around or a game of chess, creates the opportunity to support students through a variety of challenges and circumstances that life presents. We've begun working with a few students already, with plans to increase this in Term 2.

Term 2 Focus

The focus is to scale up and enhance the projects established during Term 1, building on the connections made with students so far, and looking ahead at how we can grow leadership capacity in Nelson College students.

As we grow our focus on mentoring, we want to encourage parents or teachers who have identified a student who may find value in this to contact our team leader: jamesrubyhodgson@gmail.com

We are also looking for local businesses who may support us in accessing food resources for students in more critical need of food. We hope to put together some targeted lunches by the end of Term Two.

Thank You: An enormous thank you to the many Nelson College teachers and staff who offered their time, support, and encouragement this term. Your support enabled us to roll out new ideas. We would particularly like to thank the teams at both the library and the Whare for welcoming us and letting us utilise your respective spaces. We would also like to thank the following local businesses for supporting our work at Nelson College:



Updates From Recent Old Boys

MIGUEL ANGEL NUNEZ

Miguel is part of a really important project happening now at Cultural Conversations in Morrison Square.

Courageous Conversations is a series of interviews with four migrants, including Miguel (NC Old Boy (2018-21) and former Colombian refugee). The documentaries are being screened at Cultural Conversations in Morrison Square where you can also see an exhibition of portraits. Highly recommended. Click here for details:

[Courageous Conversations Documentary Screening Exhibition | CulturalConversation \(culturalconversations.co.nz\)](https://culturalconversations.co.nz)

LUKE WALKER

Kia ora, I am 2nd Lieutenant Luke Walker, RNZAMC (Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corp). I was at Nelson College from 2016-20. I am now a young officer in the New Zealand Army with my current role a Platoon Commander at The Army Depot (TAD), Waiouru Military Camp. Following my stint at TAD I hope to take up the role of Troop Commander at Burnham Military Camp, Christchurch. From there I will be command of a Medical Troop who provide support to the Southern Region and neighbouring units in Burnham Military Camp.

I joined the Army straight out of school and attended the NZ Officer Cadet School (OCS NZ) in 2021. I was an average student at Nelson College. I was by no means a high achiever in academics. I held a number of leadership positions: Monro House leader, sports teams captain, and head of committees. From a young age I always enjoyed being there for others. I have a real sense of pride when I am helping others. In Y12, I started to action my goal of

becoming a NZ Army Officer. It was surprisingly simple process, after getting in touch with the local recruiter. My time at OCS NZ was quite the rollercoaster. It was fast paced, challenging, demanding but rewarding. It is by far the hardest thing I have ever done and it truly tests you as a person. My goals for the future include continuing to develop my skills to become a better leader, friend, partner and person.

A few tips:

- Everyone is a leader, not just the officers.
- Don't rely on the careers advisors. Use them for advice not as a decision maker. Do your own research, know what you want. It makes the whole process a whole lot more streamline.
- Don't be afraid to do what you want, don't do the same as your mate. Just because all of your mates are going to university it doesn't mean you have to.
- Challenge yourself. Don't be afraid to try something new. At the end of the day at least you gave it a shot.
- Appreciate the people around you, particularly the teachers. You probably won't realise it right now but believe me the teachers are there to aim you in the right direction. They do a lot more than you realise so be patient, listen to them and don't be afraid to get advice from them.



Top: Luke with fellow OB, Sean Allan.
Bottom: Luke and two comrades being dropped on an objective.

Prep Band

Nelson Preparatory School is proud to offer a diverse range of practical music education and band options to give our boys the best opportunity to engage in the musical life of Nelson College. We provide our boys with opportunities to take part in private and small group lessons within the itinerant music scheme run through Nelson College, learning a diverse range of instruments from winds and brass through to strings, vocals, guitar and drums. As practical ability develops, we encourage our boys to participate in as much ensemble playing as we can to develop their ability to perform and enjoy these instruments within a team.

We are currently running two ensembles, prep rock and prep winds with the assistance of our Y13 music leaders. Learning instruments in Prep years is of the utmost importance to best prepare them to succeed in music as they progress through Nelson College. Opportunities available to them once they move into Y9 and above include trips away to Webo festival in Wellington with the school concert band, involvement in Rockquest band competition, CMNZ secondary schools chamber music competition and more.

Band instruments lead to opportunities to represent the College on a national level, including National Secondary Schools' Brass Band or National Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra. This achievement earns a Board of Trustees Medallion.



Prep Volleyball

Excitement on the volleyball courts! Congratulations to the Prep volleyball teams for outstanding results at the Intermediate Schools Spikers Volleyball finals last night.

We're so proud of all the teams as they have shown great sportsmanship and commitment throughout the season. Well done boys!

Division 1: 1st Prep Yellow

Division 2: 1st Prep Green, 2nd Prep Blue

Division 3: 1st Prep Red

Huge thanks to the team coaches, managers and our teacher in charge of sport, Laine Hobson, for all their support.



Student Absences or Late Guidelines

Absence

If your son is going to be absent, please notify the College by either one of the following procedures:

Completing the [Online Absence Form](#)

Email: attendance@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851 (*Please leave a clear message with the student's full name, year level and the reason for absence*).

Late

Punctuality is important and the school day commences at 8.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 9.05am on Thursday.

Explained: If your son is late to school and it is explained due to a Doctor/Dental appointment or similar, a note or explanation call/email must be received. He will need to sign in at the attendance office on his arrival at school.

Unexplained: If your son is just running late and arrives late to a timetabled period he needs to go straight to that class, and his teacher will deal with the lateness as appropriate.

Unwell or injured during the school day

He must go to reception where we will assess him as to whether he needs to go home. Parent/caregiver will be contacted to come and collect him.

It is important the student does not leave the school without signing out at reception.

Leaving school during the day

If your son needs to leave school during the day, a note, email or phone call that explains the circumstances and is signed by the parent/caregiver is required. This is taken to the Attendance Office and a Pink Slip given to the student as proof of permission granted. (Parents/Caregivers are sometimes called to confirm notes).

Leave for non-School related Activities:

Request for leave that is non-school related, during the school year, **must be addressed to your son's year level dean at least two weeks prior to the start of leave.** Please give the dates of absence from school and the purpose of the leave.

Full details and contacts can be found on the college website:

[Attendance Guidelines](#) | [Nelson College](#)

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Term 2

Tuesday 1:30 - 2:15pm

Thursday 3.15 - 4:00pm

All stock is also available in our Online Shop <https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz/>



General School Information

Student Contact Information

If you have moved recently or have any new contact details like phone numbers for email address, please check into the [Parent Portal](#) and update your details or email in@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Student Achievement

The College aims to acknowledge all outstanding student achievement. Please contact the Leadership Team, on excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz with any information on your son's successes.

Lost Property

Please ensure your son's property is named, so that found items can be returned promptly. For enquiries about Lost Property please contact the College Office on 03 5483099.

All general school information for caregiver can be found on the college website.

[General Student Information](#) | [Nelson College](#)

This covers: Absence, Buses, Policies & Procedures, stationery and much more

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (Term time only)

Phone: (03) 548 3099

Email: excellence@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Visit us on the web at <https://nelson.school.nz/>

Whanau Awhina Plunket Online Babysitting Course

Plunket Education in Schools' Babysitting Course is available for teenagers all over Aotearoa. This course is designed to give high school students the knowledge and skills to babysit children of all ages. It's written for first time babysitters; students don't need to have previous experience to enrol.

The course ideal for students aged 14 and above and takes around 2-3 hours to complete. Students work through nine sequential modules and on completion of the course and the final quiz will receive a certificate certified by Whanau Awhina Plunket to show employers that they have completed this course and are ready to babysit. As well as the certificate the students are sent a Babysitter's Manual that supports all the information they have learned in the course.

During the course the following topics are covered:

- the role of the babysitter, including the expectations of the families you are working for
- ages and stages of children from birth to school age, their basic needs and their care
- professional behaviour including your presentation
- how to engage with children of different ages, including activities for each age group and behavioural information
- safety, including emergency situations, keeping yourself and the children safe, and basic first aid
- how to get a babysitting job.



This course is presented using videos, quizzes and activities which are fun as well as informative. Click [here](#) for more information or to sign up or use the QR code to go to our registration page.

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Year 7 & Year 8
Enrolments Open for 2023

Maths Hack Answer:

5 stones (1, 2, 4, 8, 16)