



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 13 May 2022

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Kia ora tātou,

It's been a busy week at the college. We started with the kick-off of winter sports – football, hockey, rugby and others. It was great to see our rangatahi in action on fields and turfs around Nelson. The sports programme, social and high performance, is like few others in New Zealand schools and something I'm keen to nurture as Tumuaki of Nelson College.

It thrives because of the time and resources put in by our many coaches, managers and supporters; either staff or volunteers. Thank you for your contribution to our rangatahi and their wellbeing.

On Wednesday night I attended a small concert by the combined Nelson College Concert Band led by Mr Yorkstone. They were performing for our Old Boys Association who met afterwards.

It was great to see this group perform. Mr Yorkstone also informed me that Nelson College has 5 entries in this year's Rockquest. This is fantastic! I'm so pleased to see the growth in music at the college and wish our performers well in this event.

Also on Wednesday, we held a belated ANZAC Remembrance Assembly outside on the front field. In beautiful Nelson sunshine, our Head Boy, Om Maisuria, and I spoke in between singing the school song and national anthem. It was strange to hold this important commemorative service at the same time as the Ukraine conflict and May 9 celebrations in Russia and the Ukraine. The theme of standing up to aggression to ensure freedom felt poignant.

Thanks to our Tumuaki Tuarua (Deputy Principal), Mr McLaren, for organising this. For our year 7 and 9 students, it was the first time that we gathered together as a school. I look forward to more.

On Thursday, I ran the cross country race along with our rangatahi and was happy to finish in the middle of the pack. The race is one of many great traditions at Nelson College. Thanks to Mr Cochrane and other staff for organising this.

Finally this week we've had ERO in the school. They met with the Board, Senior Leadership, staff, students and parents to hear about our strategic plan and journey. The work of ERO has changed significantly from previous reviews. They no longer produce a lengthy single report. Their work now happens over three years in collaboration with the school, to enhance our work and self-evaluation, and produce shorter reports that are more strategy and compliance based. It will be a while before we get the first of these. I'll share them with you when published.

You may have heard on the news that the Government has started to allow international students back into New Zealand. We currently have 15 international students, down from our regular 60-70 students. We have our first set of new students arriving in term 3, and expect to grow the programme back over the next 12-18 months.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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Tumuaki

Upcoming Events:

MAY

19 Mufti Day - Pink Shirt Day
20 TEACHER ONLY DAY

JUNE

06 Queen's Birthday –
SCHOOL CLOSED
09 Prep Info Evening for 2023
24 Matariki – SCHOOL CLOSED

[Full Online Calendar](#)

ANZAC Service

After two postponements, Nelson College held a special Anzac Service, beginning on the front field, and concluding at the Script. It was a rare moment for the whole school to come together to remember our Old Boys who went to war. Special thanks to Ngakau Moka-Tengu for the Karakia, Om Maisuria for a poignant message of peace, and JP Moynihan for playing the Last Post and the Rouse.



Student Achievements

Lewis Karetai recently won gold at the Christchurch Classic Gymnastics Competition. He competed at Senior Men's Level 8 against gymnasts from all around the country. Lewis achieved a total score of 74.932 from the six apparatus. Of note was a 14.1 for his Floor Routine and 13.1 for Parallel Bars. He received the highest Vault score of the squad. Not only did he win, but he was two full points ahead of second place. Ka rawe Lewis - such a mega combination of talent, discipline and sheer hard work. (Photo taken by Vicki Karetai, of Lewis straight back into training.)



Vale Gary Bowler

We remember former Headmaster Mr Gary Bowler who recently passed away.

He was the 18th Headmaster for Nelson College from 1988-1995. During this time he consolidated many of the changes started by his predecessors and others forced on schools by curriculum changes, such as Tomorrow's Schools.

Mr Bowler also oversaw a number of refurbishments to school buildings, including the boarding houses, and improved teaching practices and classroom performance.

We pay tribute to his years of service to the College, and offer our condolences to his family.



Association of Boys' Schools NZ (ABSNZ) Conference

It was a busy few days last week for Head Boy Om Maisuria at the national ABSNZ Conference in Auckland.



Old Boys' AGM

The Old Boys' Association had their AGM this week. Our Combined Band (with Nelson College for Girls) provided the pre-meeting entertainment in appreciation of the support the OB's have given in raising funds for new instruments. It was also an opportunity to present Om Maisuria with the JG McKay Award for his role as Head Boy.



11 GEO Abel Tasman National Park Research Field Trip

On Thursday the 5th of May the Year 11 Geography class journeyed to the Abel Tasman National Park on a research field trip. We spent the day in the park with the main purpose to conduct counts of native bird species on both Adele Island and Cyathea Cove on the mainland coastal track, both study sites being in the southern portion of the national park. Justin from Abel Tasman Eco Tours provided water transfers to and from the mainland, as well as a guided interpretive tour around Adele Island and the Astrolabe Roadstead. An added bonus was being able to see young seal pups playing in their 'nursery' on the eastern side of Adele Island!

The class was investigating the differences in the number and range of native bird species between the two study sites. We were interested in whether there would be more birds on Adele Island, which has been more or less 'predator free' for some time, compared with Cyathea Cove, which is still affected by invasive pest species, despite the pest control efforts of groups such as the Abel Tasman Birdsong Trust, Project Janzsoon and DOC. Our research would help the class assess the effectiveness of the management of pests such as rats, stoats and possums in the national park.

We were treated to a day of spectacular weather, which made conducting research a very pleasant experience for all concerned! From a research point of view, it was helpful that the general conditions were fairly consistent throughout the day. It was great to get to know this group of students throughout the trip and I was impressed by their focus and level of interest. The students thoroughly enjoyed being out of the classroom, learning about the protection of native birds in a practical and relevant way. The primary data collected during the field trip will be used by the students to write an internal assessment in the form of a research report, which they have begun writing this week back in class.

My thanks go to Simon Powrie, who is teaching the Year 11 Geography class this year, for inviting me along and allowing me to work with his class. I think the teachers on the trip perhaps got as much out of 'a day in the park' as the students did!

Dave Purdie
Teacher in Charge of Geography



Kia Ora From The Careers Hub

POLICE VISIT

Careers Department are doing a new unit this year – Police in the Community. Hamish and Carol visited last week, talking to the boys about what the police do in the community, as well as explaining the process of joining the police force. It was a great session with the boys, with lots of questions and banter.



CROISELLES HARBOUR

Who wouldn't jump at the chance of a day on the water? Last week, Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) organised a fantastic day with Marine Farm Management on Croiselles Harbour. **Shael Campion, Maxwell Hagenson, Dylan Ferguson, Sol Allen, Zayden Hodgson and George Harwood** got to see the mussel and oyster farms, with an introduction by a marine biologist, a rep from Aquaculture NZ and another from NMIT. Throughout the day on the MV Grey Heron, our boys learnt a range of things about marine biology and ecosystems, knot-tying, navigation, and specifications about skippering the vessel. Perfect day for it!



STYX RESTAURANT

Shael Campion, Jovaan Lenoel, Aryan Malik, Ethan Turner, George Straker and Bastian Vanzyl all spent a morning at Styx Restaurant, getting an introduction to the hospitality industry. They covered off a broad range of things connected with restaurants and events, with highlights being making pizza dough, shaking up some mocktails, and setting up for the team lunch.



Brunch Club

Remember that Brunch Club is every day 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!

There are three dice in a row.

The tops of the dice multiply together to give 36.

Find the largest possible sum of the *bottom* values.



Sports Office Snippets

Term 2 sport is now in full flight. All our main winter codes have started, and college basketball will start on Wednesday May 25th.

- All Basketball players should now be in teams. If your son has missed out, please get him to come to the Sports Office asap, or email Alethea se@nelsoncollege.school.nz
- Our 1st XV started their campaign with a good win over St Andrews College. Their next game is in Timaru.
- Hockey looks a little different for us this year, with all our teams competing as Nelson College teams (and not club). We have 5 teams, from Prep through to 1st XI, that cater for all abilities so if your son would like to have a go, please talk to Jamie Brown (Head of PE & our Hockey Coach), or Alethea in the Sports Office, or they can come to training on Fridays at lunchtime on the school turf.

School Office – Medication

The school office (Reception Staff) 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 it 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.

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. Parents/caregivers 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](#)

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 jn@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

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Maths Hack Answer: *Largest possible sum of the bottom values is 11.*

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