



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 8 July 2022

Kia ora tātou,

We've made it! Term 2 has been busy and challenging. Thanks to everyone in our team for supporting our rangatahi / young men.

There have been so many positives through the term including 5 bands in Rockquest, 2 sports exchanges (Marlborough Boys, Shirley Boys), music concerts, cross-country, RYDA for our year 12 students, winning the Quadrangular Tournament for the fourth year in a row, and much more.

I'm very proud of the co-curricular programme provided at Nelson College and the high level of student engagement. We have one of the strongest co-curricular programmes that I've seen in a New Zealand school. It caters for students of all abilities and is central to building the special sense of belonging at our college, as well as nurturing our young men's physical and mental wellbeing.

Thanks to everyone – coaches, managers, whānau, staff – who support the many co-curricular opportunities at Nelson College.

At the same time our school has worked through COVID and its impact. It's tiring and ongoing. Two days this week we had 17 teachers away. Many of our relieving staff almost feel like permanent employees now (and they're greatly appreciated!).

This creates challenges around continuity of teaching and learning. It also reduces teachers' preparation time as they cover absent colleagues when the school's been unable to get enough relievers. All of our staff, teaching and support, have done a marvellous job of supporting each other and our rangatahi through the term. The forecast for COVID and the flu isn't promising in Term 3, but we'll remain hopeful that things will improve.

We track senior students' academic progress towards NCEA and are pleased that student achievement continues to rise. After the initial disruption of COVID, we're seeing students get back into the more regular patterns of internal assessments and picking up credits towards NCEA. This is good to see.

One of the best ways you can support your son is to talk with him about his progress and wellbeing.

- How's he feeling about school?
- Does he know how many credits he has so far and how many more he needs?
- Is he aiming for a merit or excellence endorsement?
- Does he feel on top of things?
- What kind of support would he like?

You can go on to the Parent Portal (via our website) to check on his academic progress at any time.

I hope that you and your whānau have a relaxing two weeks. They're well deserved with people having worked hard through Term 2. If you're travelling out of Nelson, I wish you safe travel.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Events:

JULY

08	Junior mid-year reports available
08	Last day of Term 2
25	First day of Term 3

AUGUST

06	Open Day for new students
8 & 11	Parent Teacher Interviews (Day students & Boarders)
18	Course Selection Evening
19	Teacher Only Day

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Student Achievements

Each year, the National Japanese Trivia Championship is held simultaneously throughout the country. The 2022 Tasman Region Competition was held at Nelson College for Girls with teams from NCG, Nelson College, Waimea College and Motueka High School. This year, one of our Y9 teams won the Tasman region section - that's **Benjamin McDonald, Max Stanton** and **Michael Lee**. Omedetō! Yoku dekimashita!



World Refugee Day

As part of World Refugee Day, **Aung Thin** wrote an article that was published in the Nelson Mail. It was a fantastic opportunity for him to tell just part of his story, and it's an absolute honour for us to have him as part of our college community. [You can read the article here.](#)

There's more information on World Refugee Day here: <https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day.html>



Also in recognition of World Refugee Day, [here's a video interview](#) with **Miguel Nunez Angulo** (at Nelson College 2018-21). It was part of a local project, Courageous Conversations, produced by Cultural Conversations Morrison Square Nelson. Really worth watching.



Robots!

9FE were given the challenge of building a robot and writing code for it to perform in a robot talent quest. The competition would be decided on creativity, accuracy of code and difficulty of the action. Miss D'Ath coached the class for three weeks, with the students collaborating in groups, producing super creative ideas. Three Y13 Coding students acted as judges and there was much excitement on competition day! Some robots did not make it to the competition arena, suffering catastrophic breakages during the high-risk journey between classrooms, but those who did, battled with courage and skill to win one of three awards.

Most Creative: Darth Vader built and created by **Arturo Neale, Aedan Bruce, Malachi Ng** and **Finn Dallas**.

Best Overall: Le Bron (The Basketball Robot) built by **Cooper Nicholls, Benjamin McDonald, Mattias Bower** and **Rory Shand**.

Most Efficient: The Block Builder built by **Lucas Ball, Isaac Miller, Rio Crisps, Jule Garnier** and **Quan Nguyen**.



Enviroschools

Say hello to *Powelliphanta hochstetteri consobrina*! **Matt Donald** was recently part of a team of Enviro Leaders who relocated these giant snails from vulnerable populations in the Maitai and Roding Valleys, into the safety of The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary. Their numbers should increase as the snails live and reproduce without predator pressure in the Sanctuary. The *Powelliphanta* are found only in New Zealand, have beautiful shells, and are carnivorous (with a preference for native earthworms). Hopefully we'll start to see a few more of them! You can find more about Enviroschools here: <https://enviroschools.org.nz/>



Maths Hack!

Collingwood Street has eight traffic lights.

Each shows green for 2 minutes, then switches to another colour. The traffic lights turn green 10 seconds apart, from the first light to the eighth light.

From the time that the first light turns green until it switches to another colour, for how long will all eight lights show green at the same time, in seconds?



Smokefree Rockquest

This year there was an incredible 60 entrants from the Nelson region – biggest ever! Massive congrats to our two bands going through to the finals – **Cyclone Fever** and **The Mess** (with Nelson College for Girls).

[Watch the cool little vlog report](#) from the Theatre Royal. The next stage is a video comp to select the top 30 to go through to the Semi-Finals. Rock on!



Chamber Music NZ Contest

We had two ensembles enter the 2022 Chamber Music NZ Contest at Nelson Centre of Musical Arts. A Brass Quintet (**Oliver Diamond, Malachi Ng, Harry Reith, Alec Bothwell and Liam Heaphy**) and a Piano Trio (**Charle Rainey, Josie Batt (Nayland College) and Samara Holland**). This annual contest acts as a springboard for musicians and composers of tomorrow, encouraging participants at all stages of their musical development to perform together and enjoy the thrill of making music.



The Brass Quintet received the adjudicators award, and Charle's ensemble received a highly commended award. Well done to everyone.



NZ Secondary Students' Choir

"We have so much fun performing the pieces... Anyone who sings in choirs or just for fun should come and hear us perform, especially school kids, as the performance could encourage them to audition for the choir." Charle Rainey is part of the internationally acclaimed New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir, which will be performing at Nelson Centre of Musical Arts on Monday 11 July. This will be a fantastic concert - don't miss.

There's an interview with Charle here: <http://www.voxy.co.nz/national/5/404315>

Farewell Spit Research Field Trip

After three prior attempts thwarted by Covid-19 and the weather, the Y13 Geography class finally made their research field trip to Golden Bay happen last week! The class spent three days studying Farewell Spit, Wharariki Beach and Cape Farewell. Students were specifically interested in the coastal processes operating in the past and present to create this outstanding and unique natural environment. The group were treated to an amazing three days of crisp, clear weather, with plenty of authentic Farewell Spit prevailing westerly wind thrown in for good measure! The data collection, which was the focus of the trip, was a success. Further highlights included the Farewell Spit guide, Paddy's dry wit, the two dinners provided by Tinky's Tavern and the Mussel Inn, and Graeme Peake's great Geography quiz. Thank you to Jac and the team at Collingwood Holiday Park for hosting us. Huge thanks also to Tina van Dijk (NC's Business Manager) who stepped in at the eleventh hour, and without whom the trip would have not happened for a fourth time!



History Visit

Our Y12 History students had a chance to sit and chat with four New Zealand Vietnam War veterans, Kelvin Neame, Barry Pont, Ralph Urwin and Don Shand. Ralph and Don are former students of Nelson College, and Barry was a cadet instructor here for a time. This was a great opportunity for the boys to experience history first hand. They were able to ask questions of the veterans about their service and the ongoing significance it has had on their lives.

Many thanks to the four veterans for making the time to come and share their experiences.



Call out for Costumes & Props

Our Senior Drama class play this year is Vincent O'Sullivan's *Shuriken*, scheduled to be performed early in Term 3. The play is about the Japanese POW bought to Featherstone in 1942, and the incident that cost the lives of 49 prisoners and one NZ guard.

We need some help with costumes and props:

- Soldier's uniforms
- 6 x black/brown men's boots (for soldiers)
- 4 x old scruffy men's leather boots Japanese POW
- small handmade wooden boxes (jewellery type with lids)

If you can help with either lending or donating items, please contact Ms Denise Moran mr@nelsoncollege.nz

Whenua Iti Adventure!

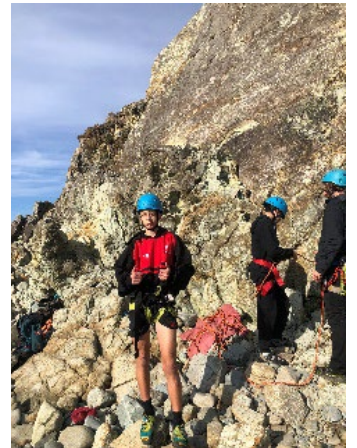
The second of five Whenua Iti adventure days saw our boys (and staff) scampering gracefully up the mighty cliffs of Cable Bay. Our focus was on giving things a go, supporting each other, and pushing ourselves beyond our perceived boundaries. Not only did we climb, but we made chocolate pancakes over an open fire, responsibly caught and cared for a baby octopus (and then released), and stuffed ourselves with freshly cooked gooey paninis made right beside the ocean.

Whenua Iti also taught us about the very important concept of “leave no trace”, to ensure that we left the beach cleaner than when we had found it, and that we didn’t leave any hot rocks from our fire for an unsuspecting dog or human to step on.

There were three standouts from the day:

- 1) Mr Currie muscling his way up every challenge put in front of him (he even impressed the instructors! Pretty amazing effort for a first-time climber)
- 2) the boys’ positive encouragement of each other
- 3) using all manner of spicy peppers from the capsicum family to positively express our feelings (as in, “that was a real habanero of a climb”, or “man, I am jalapeno ’ed after that climb”).

Special thanks to Whenua Iti staff—you made our day so much fun.



Sports Office Snippets

Well, there goes another term! It has been action packed for sport.

Congratulations to all those who have competed in their chosen sport. Our highlights include (but not limited to)

- two excellent exchanges with Marlborough Boys College and Shirley Boys High School
- a great win in the 96th Quadrangular Tournament for rugby
- our Football team qualified top in our region for Nationals, which will be in Napier next term
- our Underwater Hockey Junior and Senior boys qualified for Nationals with our Juniors winning their grade
- 24 basketball teams turn out each week in the College competition
- hosted NZSS Cross Country Nationals
- our boys won TSS Futsal
- five hockey teams are competing each week in various grades

Now we will take a breath and prepare for Term 3, which has some exciting events. If you are a skier, be ready to register in the first few days back for TSS Skiing!

As always, if you wish to contact us about sport, email Alethea se@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Quad Winners

Congratulations to the 1st XV for winning the Quadrangular tournament for the fourth year in a row! This is the first time Nelson College has won four years in a row so is a huge achievement for the team and one we can all be very proud of. The team has played a lot of rugby leading into this tournament, much of it on soft, muddy ground, so they boys relished what looked like a pristine field to play running rugby on. Congratulations to the whole team including the coaching and management staff (both at home and in Whanganui) of Jono Phillips, Mike Fraser, Marty O'Cain, Grant Billcliff, Max Fraine, Chris Wahnig, Matt Doonan, Peter Grigg, Tony Anderson, Will Moloney & Alethea Stove. Well done. For more information check out the [Nelson College Rugby News](#):



Vale Trevor Thomson

With the recent passing of local football legend Trevor Thomson, teams from Nelson College and Nayland College recently dedicated a game to him in acknowledgment. Players, coaches and managers paid their respects to the long-time coach of Nelson College with a minute's silence and some lovely words from Ben Wright. In perfect football symmetry Nelson College won the Heath Cup, named after his great friend and manager. A huge number of College XI players also play for FC. Well done boys, Trevor would be proud of you.



Football Sum-Up!



The term has been a busy one for the Nelson College first XI football as we have been qualifying for the NZ Secondary School Tournament in Napier. To qualify, the team had to play home and away games against Nayland College, Waimea College and Marlborough Boys College. First game saw the team set to face Nayland College. The team knew it was going to be a tough game and crucial to get the 3 points. After a slow start, the team found their feet to overcome Nayland and win 3-0. Second game was a trip over the mountain to Marlborough. Started out strong and didn't let off securing a 5-0 win with a great team performance. Next up was cross town rivals Waimea. With poor weather conditions, the game still brought heaps of excitement ending 3-3.

Round 2 came around with the team set to face Nayland again. The boys in blue strung some nice patterns of play together and managed to win comfortably 5-1. We knew Marlborough would be coming over here ready for revenge. A nice and early goal helped see us control the game from the start and ended up winning 3-0. Considering the team had already qualified for nationals by this stage, all our efforts were at stake playing Waimea in the last game. The winner of this game would place top of the table in the Tasman region and gain an easier pool up at nationals. Both teams were missing key players. Another tightly contested match with everyone on the edge of their seats saw Nelson College overcome Waimea College 2-0. I would personally like to thank each and every one of our team members for always putting their heart on the line and giving 100% all the time. Special thank you on behalf of the team to Mr and Mrs Anderson for all the organisation for the games and helping this team move on to greater heights.

Next up – Nationals. 🇳🇿
#ilovemyschool.



Sam Newson

House Comp Update

Kahurangi Juniors and Boarders Seniors took out House Basketball.

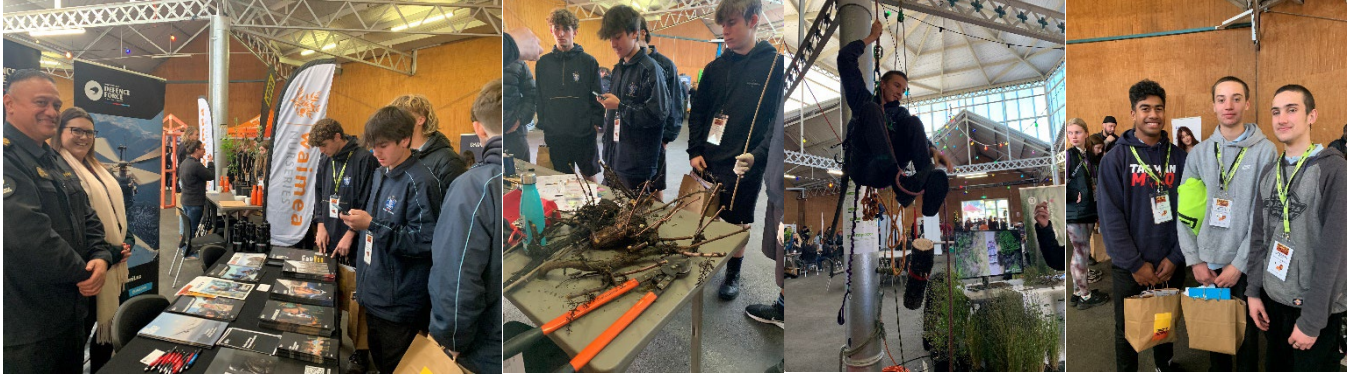
Domett is comfortably holding onto the lead in the overall competition on 128, followed by Robinson (122), Boarders (116), Kahurangi (112), Chaytor (108) and Monro bringing it home with 106.



Kia ora from the Careers Hub

Fantastic Futures

Organised by NRDA and Ministry of Education, this was a fantastic day for a group of senior students at Founders Heritage Park. They talked to a wide range of local employers and industry representatives about job opportunities, including tourism, hospitality, construction, arboriculture and aquaculture. The future's looking bright!



NRDA Industry Visits

The final instalment of T2 Career Industry Visits was with OneFortyOne at Golden Down Forests. Students explored silviculture and planting pine trees, and got to check out all the gear. They had a go at planting young pine seedlings the correct way. They then checked out a working skid site (harvesting) and all the impressive machinery and technology. The lads were surprised that harvesting was done with tools and technology rather than by hand with chainsaws! Students learnt about the highlights of working in the industry – all the great places that they get to work and the strong team spirit, but also about the pathways into the industry and different roles available.



Community Education



Bookings now open for Term 3 **Waimea College Adult & Community Education Night Classes & Weekend Workshops**. July - Sept 2022. Popular courses include Sewing With Confidence, Te Reo Māori Beginners, Xero Basics, plus many more. For details visit www.waimea.school.nz/community-education or contact Jo Johnston on ace@waimea.school.nz 03 544-6099 (870).

UPDATE: Waimea Road Stormwater Upgrade

RUTHERFORD STREET STORMWATER UPDATE – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE PROPOSAL

Detour layout – Phase 1

Approx July – September 2022



As part of the Rutherford Street Stormwater Upgrade project, Fulton Hogan on behalf of Nelson City Council will be temporarily closing the following road to ordinary traffic on the dates listed below: Waimea Road – between number 26 Waimea Road and Rutherford Street/Bronte Street Intersection.

Date and time of scheduled closure: **7:00am Monday 18 July to 5:00pm Friday 16 December 2022.** Closed all day and all night. These dates provide flexibility to account for wet weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

A map showing the extent of the closure and proposed detour for Phase 1 of the project is below. The different phases of work throughout the project will impact the extent and location of detours. Each stage will be communicated with the public well in advance of the layout changing.

The closure is for the installation of a new stormwater pipe, watermain, sewer and associated pavement works. The road will be closed and vehicle access will be unavailable in the road closed area during this time. Bus access will be available with detours in place. Pedestrian access will be available at all times.

Changes to School Bus Route (Mornings)

Upcoming major roadworks on Waimea Road are due to start next week. Nelson Coachlines anticipates this to cause delays to the school bus runs so have decided to start all morning MoE runs 10 mins earlier than what is the current time.

Pick up times will be 10 minutes earlier than current pick-up time in the mornings for bus routes: City Boundary, Dodson Valley, Hira, The Glen and Tui Glen.

This will start first day of term 3 (25th July) and they will keep an eye on how things go and alter timings again if needed.

Board of Trustee Election 23 September 2022

The triennial election for parent representatives for the Nelson College Board of Trustees will be held on 23 September 2022. The elections this year will be undertaken by electronic voting. To assist with this process please logon to the Parent Portal and check your details are correct, particularly email addresses and mobile numbers.

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance. Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. We will be calling for nominations early next term.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Nelson College Board Election Day
23 September 2022

SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS