



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 2 September 2022

## Kia ora tātou

As I write this, the sun is shining and it's feeling spring-like. Long may this last.

I acknowledge those (staff, students and whānau) who've been and continue to be affected by the storm. The impact is evident around Nelson and I realise many are still working through the consequences. Please contact the school, either reception or your son's Dean, if you want any support.

I want to acknowledge the contribution of many in our community through these times.

Firstly thank you for your support around online learning. We're fortunate to have this option, though after three years of COVID-19 it's ever clearer that online learning is a poor substitute to face-face learning. Our hope is to maximise learning in the classroom and have reduced senior exams to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, with many assessments now taking place in normal classes.

Secondly I want to acknowledge our staff who've had to pivot to online learning at short notice. Thirdly I thank our Senior Leadership Team. The team has done a superb job of steering the school through the State of Emergency and a unexpected fire on Friday night.

Finally well done Matt Donald and the many other students who organised and participated in the community clean-up with the Student Volunteer Army last weekend. I was very proud to hear and read about this service. It exemplifies all that's great about our college and young men.

## Dining Room & Canteen

Following the fire in the back of the Dining Room last Friday, we've been working with our insurer and the MOE to assess the damage and how we can quickly return to normal operations. The whole building, including the Food Technology room and Canteen remains closed. However, we hope to be allowed back in safely to parts of the building in a few days. For boarding, we've organised a temporary kitchen that's coming from the North Island. It will be located near to Rutherford and cater for Boarding while repairs are done.

## Course Selection Evening

Course selections should be completed by now. If you haven't done this yet, please go to our website with your son and complete this. We need this information to plan our timetable for 2023 and organise staffing. Contact your son's Dean if you have any questions or need help.

## Sport

We've had a number of teams away this week at national sports tournaments. Thanks to the staff and volunteers who are supporting our young men. Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> XV on winning the Miles Toyota Cup for the second year in a row. This weekend they play John McGlashan College from Dunedin in the South Island final. The game kicks off at 12.05pm on the College Main field. Good luck to all of our sports teams and players.

## The First Prime Minister with a Disability

Congratulations to Ryan Turner-Maxwell and Cole Thelin for their three-minute film that explores the possibility of New Zealand's first Prime Minister with a disability. It's a great video. Check out the student achievement with a link to the video below.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
**R Dykes**  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Upcoming Events:

### SEPTEMBER

5-23	Teen Dental Mobile Unit at NC
13-14	School Exams
15	MCAT Year 11 Exam
24	Y12-13 Ball
28	Senior Reports issued
30	House Haka Competition Last Day T3

### OCTOBER

01-16	Holidays
17	First Day T4

[Full Online Calendar](#)

## Student Achievements

Imagine this - it's the year 2046, and our Prime Minister is a confident, intelligent, and thoughtful young man who has worked hard to attain this important job.

Made by Cole Thelin and Ryan Turner-Maxwell (Maitai School), '2046' was entered into Australia's Focus on Ability Short Film Festival. There's a [great article in the Nelson Mail](#), which has the link to the film.



## Whole School Assembly

We had our first school assembly for over a year! It was incredible to have all the year groups and the preps gathered in the Hall - it really is the heart of our school. It was especially interesting for the Y9s, who have never seen the whole school together. The only thing missing was the organ - it's been recently refurbished, but our no.1 organist, Freddy Griffith, is busy playing hockey at Nationals (incidentally, Freddy's been playing the organ at assemblies since he was in Y7). We look forward to the music being part of next week's assembly.



## Fire in the Dining Room

On Friday night we had a fire in the Dining Room Kitchen. There was no one there at the time, and the fire brigade were quick to do their job. The implications are many: feeding our boarders and boarding staff three meals a day, feeding the sports teams staying in Fell House, and no tuck shop! We're still working on solutions, but in the meantime, the boarders have set up makeshift Dining Rooms.

Huge shout out to all our Boarding Staff – they do an amazing job, and once again, they've stepped up. Also huge thanks to P & H Hazeldine Catering and Stoke New World. They both stepped up and provided meals and groceries at incredibly short notice.



## Maths Hack!

A firefighter stood on the middle rung of a ladder, went up 3 rungs, was forced down 5 rungs, and then went up 7 rungs to extinguish the fire.

Then the firefighter climbed the remaining 6 rungs to the top of the ladder.

How many rungs are there on the entire ladder?





## Spud Monday

Spud Monday was a public holiday celebrated only in Nelson. According to legend this was in memory of the winter of 1842 where the nascent colony of Nelson was suffering due to a lack of food. To stave off starvation, they even had to dig up their seed potatoes and eat them. Fortunately, local mana whenua came to the rescue with baskets of food and rescued the colony. In the past Nelsonians celebrated Spud Monday by playing sports, going to the theatre, hiking up Dun Mountain and of course, by planting next season's potato crop. Due to wartime constraints the holiday was abandoned during World War II. Nelson College History students continue to carry the torch for this forgotten piece of Nelson's History by competing in an annual local History competition. Here they must do battle using their wits, endurance, courage, and their potato handling skills. This year's efforts were won by Y13 group, Zach Darling, Jonny Corry, and Caleb Skinner. Congratulations to all participants.



## Student Volunteer Army

"Seeing the devastation around our region was a really big incentive to get out and get the community behind the response." Y12 Matt Donald did an incredible job rallying support for the Student Volunteer Army last weekend, and they're planning to do it all again on tomorrow.

Saturday 3 September 9-11am

Meet at Botanics Sports Fields

Wear sturdy footwear, gloves and a mask.

Bring food and drink (for yourself)

**\*\*Important\*\*** Please bring a wheelbarrow and shovel if you can!

You'll be part of a team that is making a real difference. [You can register here.](#)

Matt became quite the media star for his leadership and mahi, doing interviews on radio, tv and for the Nelson Mail. [Watch TV1 News here.](#)





## Old Boys International

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On a recent trip to Thailand, Tumuaki Richard Dykes shared news of the College at a fantastic Nelson College Old Boys Thai Branch function in Bangkok. Thank you to our new President of the branch Chakrit Tiebtienrat (2017) for helping to reconnect Thai based Alumni and bringing old friends together. We hope to do this again in the future.



## Readers Cup

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Ten Y9 students competed in the annual Top of the South Readers Cup quiz held at Nelson College for Girls. The event started with a good morning tea before six rounds of questions covering the six chosen books that the students had read thoroughly over the last school term. Teams came from as far away as Collingwood and Marlborough, with Marlborough Girls' College winning the Readers Cup for 2022. Our lads said their highlights were reading the books and having fellow students to talk to about the books, the morning tea (and the carrot cake in particular), the dressing up (in an Outlaw theme) and getting a book as a prize.



## New Dean for 2023

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Heads up to all incoming Y9s and their families - introducing Mr Daniel Moon, our brand new Dean for 2023! The Dean looks after the pastoral and welfare concerns for each year group. So, if your lad is starting Y9 in 2023, then Mr Moon will be his Dean throughout his whole time at Nelson College.

This is Mr Moon's third year at Nelson College, after teaching alternative/special education in the UK and at Garin College. He teaches Graphics at both Junior and Senior level, Design Technology, and Junior Art and Design. Mr Moon is passionate about the visual and performing arts (he's also the lead singer for the staff soul/funk band), and an advocate for the young men he supports and mentors. As a first-time Dean at Nelson College, he's really looking forward to meeting the families and students who will join our whānau in 2023.



## Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees 2022/23

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Ko tō reo. Ko tō kura  
Your voice. Your school

Do you want to influence the future of your school? Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on your School Board? Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form has been emailed to each student's email and more nomination forms are available at the Student Office.

Nominations close at noon on Wed 7 Sept and can be accompanied by a candidate statement and photograph.

We checked in with current Student Rep, Jack Franklin, who had some pieces of insight and advice. *The main thing I have learned from the past year is that my voice is powerful, that is, when I present my values and opinions, I can convey this in a respectful but strong way to those listening.*

*The advice I would give the new student rep is to prepare hard for upcoming meetings and ensure you speak up when you have questions or have an opinion on a related topic because it always matters. Try and relate your discussion points/questions and opinions to the well-being of students because this is so important.*



## Daffodil Day

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In the midst of everything else happening, some of our Tuakana Student Leaders still managed to find time to help put up the giant daffodil on the Church Steps for Daffodil Day!



## Sports Office Snippets

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We are so excited to have had Winter Tournament Week. We have had lots of our teams out there playing their sport. We will do a full roundup in the next newsletter as many of our teams are in the middle of tournaments as I write this... (written on the run by Alethea Stove!)

### Skiing

Our lads came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Boys Teams Race at the recent Solander Secondary Top of the South Ski Champs at Rainbow Ski Area. In the Individual Comp, Hamish Dukes, Sam Dukes and Tom Hoare came 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively. All in all, a great day out with competitors from Motueka High School, Garin College, Marlborough Boys' College, Waimea College and Nayland College.





## HOCKEY

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey Team were at the National Secondary School Tournament this week in Nelson, and as of today, have made it to the semi-finals against Cashmere High. A massive achievement for our team with so many young players. Stay tuned for the final result!



## South Island Junior Basketball Championships

Congratulations to our Junior Boys team who claimed the title. It was an amazing few days of games for this young team. Coached well by Ollie Shallcrass and Ben Hawthorne, the boys went through pool play just dropping one game. In the semi-final, they were 19 points down against a very strong Shirley Boys' High School team, and with a whole bunch of skill and big hearts our boys clawed their way back into the game and ending up winning!! James Matthews and Jack Mellor were amazing. This set them up for a final against Christ College, which was a hard close game the whole way. We were 10 points down at one stage and again the resilience this team showed is really something incredible to watch. James Matthews and Alex Taylor worked to score good points while Jack Mellor and Coby Davis got rebounds at vital times. We secured the win with the last play of the game to win 95-93 Congratulations boys!



## Rugby

Winter Tournament Week 2022 – Rugby Results

### U16A in Christchurch

Monday 29th - Beat John McGlashan College 34-15

Tuesday 30th - Lost to Christ's College 12-40

Wednesday 31st - Beat St Andrew's College 21-19

### U15A in Timaru & Oamaru

Monday 29th - Lost to Shirley Boys' High School 10-35

Tuesday 30th - Beat Timaru Boy's High School 17-10

Wednesday 31st - Lost to King's High School 3-22

Thursday 1st – Lost 17-24 to Marlborough Boys' College

Finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall

### U14A at Brightwater

Lost to Mt Aspiring College U15 7-21

Lost to South Otago High School U15 7-49





# South Island 1<sup>st</sup> XV Final 2022



Nelson College

vs.

John McGlashan College

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

12.05pm @ College Main



Please note – as a large crowd is expected, the entrances to the College will be closed to ensure pedestrian safety.

All Parents, Old Boys & supporters are welcome to attend the after-match function at Trailways @2.00pm

## Nelsonian 2022 Cover Comp

Nelsonian Cover Design Competition - \$100 cash prize!

- open to current Nelson College students
- cover design is for both front & back covers
- must include the words 'Nelsonian 2022' on the front
- must include the school crest (can be on the front, back or both)
- can include the words Nelson College Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū (can be on the front, back, or both)
- PDF format. A4 size. 210x297mm. Supply front & back as two separate pdf files
- design elements available (school crest and line drawing of the main building)
- email Ms Wilson in Marketing [sa@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:sa@nelsoncollege.school.nz) for details, and with your designs
- **DEADLINE THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**



## 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 postal voting. If you haven't received your voting paper, please logon to the Parent Portal and check your postal address details are correct.

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. Voting closes at 4pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.



Teen Dental Mobile will be on site and is an exciting and accessible way of offering dental treatment to adolescents at Nelson College. This is a brand new, fully equipped dental facility to provide the Free Dental Service for adolescents under the Ministry of Health.

I have a contract with the NMDHB to provide this service.

I will be at Nelson College for 3 weeks beginning 5 September but will adjust my visits to the need. My service will return to the College each year to provide your adolescent with their yearly visit on the College grounds.

My aim is to make sure that all students at Nelson College are enrolled with a dental provider and accessing this free service before they turn 18 years old.

If your adolescent is not enrolled with a provider or you wish to sign your adolescent up with Teen Dental Mobile, please fill out the <https://bit.ly/TeenDentalEnrolment>

To read more about Teen Dental please click on the link. <https://www.teendentalmobile.com/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to visit the Teen Dental Mobile or contact me

PHONE: 027 239 7581

EMAIL: [admin@teendentalmobile.com](mailto:admin@teendentalmobile.com)

Paula Kinzett

Teen Dental Mobile



**Opening night**  
 Monday  
 12th of September  
 6.PM

**Art Exhibition**  
*By the Teachers and Students of Nelson College*  
 12 SEPT - 17 SEPT @NMIT C Space

# I GOT RHYTHM

Join NBS Nelson City Brass and Jazz Ensemble for a special cabaret event with guests:  
**John McGough 'The Trumpet Guy' MC & Entertainer**  
**Trudi Wilson Singer**

**Saturday 17 September, 7:00pm**  
**Rutherford Hotel Ballroom**

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$40 (includes shared platter)**  
**TABLE OF EIGHT \$280 (including platters)**  
**CASH BAR**

Book at NCMA - [www.ncma.nz](http://www.ncma.nz)  
\* Service Fees Apply



# Auditions

# Grease

Are YOU the one that we want?

Open auditions  
 singers, dancers & actors  
 aged 14+

Auditions September 7th & 8th 6pm-9pm  
 Callbacks September 11th 1pm-4pm

contact [info@nmt.org.nz](mailto:info@nmt.org.nz)

Do you want to  
 \* learn to row?  
 \* keep fit?  
 \* have fun?

**MAKE IT FUN - BRING A MATE!**



Come down to the Nelson Rowing Club and have a go! Learn to row Course for College rowers starts 7 September for 5 weeks:  
 - every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm  
 - every Sunday morning at 8:30am  
 - finish with a 2 day camp at Lake Rotoroa

Email [info@nelsonrowing.co.nz](mailto:info@nelsonrowing.co.nz) for further information.

**Maths Hack Answer: The firefighter has 23 rungs on the entire ladder.**