



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 16 September 2022

Kia ora tātou

Kapa Haka Success

Congratulations to Ngā Aho Rau, our Kapa Haka group, who competed at the Secondary School national competitions in Auckland on Wednesday. I had the privilege of attending this event with Richard McLaren (Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal) and Cathy Ewing (Principal, Nelson College for Girls).

The group performed fantastically on stage, delivering a 20-minute routine to a very high standard.

Ngā Aho Rau is a combined rōpū across Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls. It's led by staff including Wayne Hippolite, Api Filiai and Robyn Stead (Nelson College for Girls), with support from a number of whānau and other supporters. There was a large number of whānau present in Auckland to support the group. Congratulations to everyone involved with this.

Mathex

Well done to our Prep School students who competed in the regional Mathex competition this week. Our students came 1st and 2nd in the year 7 competition, and 1st in the year 8 competition. This is an excellent result that we're very proud of.

NCEA

This week we had the school exams, with some subjects opting to hold a reduced exam format during class time to minimise disruption to learning. These exams were important for several reasons. They're a chance to practise exam technique for students sitting external exams next term, and a chance to start revising for the end of year.

There's now 5 school weeks and 2 holiday weeks until NCEA exams start. All senior students need to be focusing on NCEA, especially after this year's disruption. The good news is that we're seeing most students do this.

Whether your son is sitting externals or not, it's important that he knows:

- how many credits does he have already towards NCEA?
- how many credits does he still need to achieve NCEA this year?
- what (internal or external) standards does he need to pass to achieve NCEA, or gain an endorsement

Students in art or technology subjects are working on their portfolios which will be due early in Term 4. Teenagers often struggle with time management of these, so I encourage you to talk with your son about how he's progressing if he's doing a portfolio.

You can find out how many credits your son has by going to the Parent Portal via our website. Please contact the school (e.g. your son's Dean) if you want help to access this. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your son's teachers or Dean by email. We're here to support him and you.

ERO Report Published

The final ERO reports from our ERO visit in Term 2 have now been published by ERO. The process is now very different with a single, longer report now replaced with 4 brief reports that have a stronger compliance focus. Also gone are different review cycles for different schools. **The brief feedback from ERO is very positive.** I've included a summary of this further on in this newsletter, along with a link to the ERO website and our reports. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this review.

Ngā manaakitanga,
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Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Events:

SEPTEMBER

5-23	Teen Dental Mobile Unit at NC
20	Nigel Latta Talk
21	Music Concert
24	Y12-13 Ball
26	School closed (Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day)
29	Senior Reports issued
30	House Haka Competition Last Day T3

OCTOBER

01-16	Holidays
17	First Day T4
21	Diversity Day

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Student Achievements – National Champions!

National Champions! That's our Junior Underwater Hockey Team - amazing work - well done lads! And our Seniors came third - brilliant! Big thanks to NelSun UWH Club, Coach Kit Vining (right), Team Manager Candice ten Hoorn Boer (centre) and to Mr ten Hoorn Boer (left) for all his support.



Sports Balls for Victory!

Our Y13 Vocational Education Class were looking for an activity that benefited the community. They thought about running some sports games with students at Nelson Victory Primary School (heaps of these boys went to Victory). But when the kids mentioned that they wished they had more balls to play with at lunchtimes, it was decided to use the proceeds from our next mufti day to buy balls for Victory. One of the best mufti days ever raised \$800. Next, it was a visit to Nelson College Old Boy, Wyatt Crockett at Stirling Sports Nelson, whose support meant that we were able to deliver 15 Nike footballs and 25 Spalding basketballs. Big thanks too, to Tasman Community Rugby who donated 15 small rugby balls as well. The Victory kids are super excited to have a basketball for each classroom and extra footballs and basketballs for lunchtimes. The boys are really proud of what they achieved and still plan to have an activity day a bit later in the year. Nice work everyone, on your manaakitanga and showing a good example of working hard to give back to others.



In Term 2 ERO visited Nelson College and this week they released our reports. The process is very different now. Previous reports were longer with more feedback and a specified review cycle of 3-5 years. This has been replaced with 4 brief reports with a stronger focus on compliance and all schools now on a continual review cycle. The feedback from ERO was very positive including:

- **Boarding**

Boys' physical and emotional safety is well supported ... Boys have access to a wide range of activities and facilities as part of hostel life. Boys' learning at the college is well supported through tutoring and mentoring at prep and other times ... The director and housemasters collaborate well with each other and other staff to provide the environment and conditions that support boys' learning at the college. Parents and boys spoke of the benefits of the hostel experience, and especially the responsiveness of the housemasters.

- **College**

Nelson College's strategic plan (Tō Mātou Waka, He Haerenga Hou | Our Waka, A New Journey) includes the following priorities for improving outcomes for learners:

- celebrating the diversity of Nelson | Whakatū and New Zealand | Aotearoa, providing equitable opportunities for learning and promoting success for all
- supporting and teaching all youth | rangitahi to be confident, resilient and caring within a positive behaviour culture
- creating a junior school curriculum that is responsive, innovative, incorporates local mātauranga | knowledge and builds a collaborative approach to teaching and learning
- providing a holistic and world-class education where students achieve excellence in line with their potential.

The school can draw from the following strengths to support it in its goal to achieve equity and excellence for students through a refreshed sustainable junior curriculum.

- the re-development and defining of the college's vision for its learners.
- the range of new and existing reciprocal external partnerships being forged and extended to support learners and their learning opportunities.
- the levels of excellence some students achieve in their academic and co-curricular activities.
- the depth of planning invested in clear school improvement strategies.
- careful management of school resources to support school improvement

- **International**

School governance and leadership make good use of a range of information on student wellbeing, learning and engagement to know about the quality of provision. This is used to identify actions needed to sustain positive outcomes for students. The Director has active and effective lines of communication with international students, their teachers and their whānau. The Director keeps whānau informed in an ongoing way.

Sound processes and practices support students to settle into school, develop a sense of belonging, and to be active participants in school life and the wider community ... Students' wellbeing is well monitored and supported by effective links between international students, whānau, staff and the International Director.

Thank you to all staff, board members and whānau who assisted with the review. The reports are now available online at <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/294/nelson-college>.

Maths Hack!

E hia ngā tapa toru?



Iconic Nelson Art Exhibition Opening

The 2022 joint student and staff art exhibition is open! 'Iconic Nelson' features some fantastic artwork, and is open every day until Saturday 17 September, 10am-5pm at NMIT G Space (in G Block on Nile Street). Congratulations to all the artists, as well as the frame-makers in the Tech Dept. Big thanks to Mr Luscombe-Smith for all his work bringing it together, as well as Ms Kelly, Mr Conly, and Mr Botes.



Shuriken Performance

Our senior class production was recently presented in the Performance Suite. This combined Y13 and Y10 production was the result of rehearsals both in and out of class for their L3 and L1 Achievement Standards. The play, *Shuriken* (Vincent O'Sullivan), is based on a tragic incident in 1943, where 48 Japanese soldiers and one NZ soldier were killed in a misunderstanding in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp in Featherston, Wairarapa. The play examines cultural differences, prejudice and miscommunication between the Japanese, Pākehā and Māori prisoners and soldiers. The students created hard-hitting and realistic characters who showed insight into understanding what happened on that fateful day. A huge amount of commitment was shown by the Drama students, through rehearsal and workshopping the play, so they could present a convincing and realistic performance. Audience members were moved and surprised by the performances, which was gratifying for the work undertaken by the students. Huge thanks to Ms Moran, Teacher in Charge of Drama.



VenueTech Cup for Drama

VenueTech is a local company that manages the technical production of live events and performance venues, including Theatre Royal and Nelson Centre of Musical Arts. Through their support of local productions, they have helped many students in stage lighting, live sound, and backstage management. Managing Director, JR Richardson, has generously provided Nelson College with a new perpetual cup for 'Outstanding contribution to backstage or technical theatre-craft'. "We are thrilled to provide a means to recognise a student who has dedicated so much of themselves in support of their peer's onstage ventures," says JR. "High-school halls, drama rooms and tech booths are the breeding ground for the future of the entertainment technology industry. There is a saying that you only notice the tech when something goes wrong, so in that sense, the purpose of the VenueTech Cup is to celebrate those who repeatedly go unnoticed!" The VenueTech Cup will be awarded at either Junior or Senior Prizegiving (depending on the recipient). Many thanks to JR and Nick Davidsen (NC Old Boy)



Drama Tech Workshop

VenueTech will be running a workshop at Nelson College, open Y7-10. Students will learn technical skills for lighting and sound, backstage management, set and prop building within the subject of Drama, which often leads to working at community events and further employment opportunities. For further information please talk to Ms Moran in the Performance Suite. The workshop will be at the Performance Suite on Wednesday 16 November 9-11am for years 7-10. Senior students also welcome. Please enrol by emailing Ms Moran mr@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Get 2 Go 2022

Get 2 Go is an adventure challenge for Y9 and Y10 teams. The Te Tau Ihu event was based at Rabbit Island last week. This year, Get 2 Go consisted of mountain biking, orienteering, and paddle-boarding. It was a brilliant day for being outside and being active. To enter the Mixed Premier category of the event, teams had to have four boys and four girls, so it was great opportunity to bring together Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls colleges. Lots of enthusiasm and good vibes were exhibited by the two teams. Mountain biking was the first activity with teams completing 60 laps of a short course as a relay. Next was a rogaine, (orienteering) where teams had to visit as many checkpoints as possible in a set time. Lastly our teams took on the paddle-board challenge at the Appleby ponds. Our teams finished 2nd and 5th on the day. Most importantly they enjoyed each other's company and pushed themselves with each of the activities. Well done all!

Y10 – Fern Backhouse-Smith, Scott Brown, Hollie John, Bronte Morton, Francesca Palmer, Jayden Smith, Hogan Ward, Kurt Ward

Y9 Team – Fin Allen, Anise Bazley, India Carpenter, Rio Crisp, Lawson Folly, Lucy Kemp, Will Lasenby, Elise Morton



Whenua Iti

If you're wondering how Whenua Iti actually works – watch this great video – it's really inspiring.

Whenua Iti Outdoors offers a range of free trades academy programmes to local secondary school students during the school term - it's an awesome way to get outside the classroom for your learning, gain skills & NCEA credits that will set you up for life, make new friends and get the benefit of connecting with nature through adventurous, cultural and environmental experiential activities.



[Click here for the video.](#)

Contact Ms Chris Phillips in Careers if you're keen for more information. pl@nelsoncollege.school.nz
And just recently, our intrepid Y9CU spent the day at Whenua Iti, getting some fear-defying skills!



Parallel Park opening for The Beths

Ethan Carde and Zac Irving have scored big with their band Parallel Park opening for kiwi power-pop sensations The Beths at their Theatre Royal, Nelson show on 24 September. Parallel Park is Ethan (guitar), Zac (bass), Maisie Lucas (drums), Floss McNab (vocals) and Kahu Sanson-Burnett (guitar/keys). They've been together for five years, despite being split across Nayland College, Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls. All members contribute to the songwriting and their music draws on rock, pop, and reggae. They reached out to The Beths when the tour was announced, sending a video of their songs, and offering to open for them at their Nelson gig. They were stoked when a few weeks later, they were offered the opportunity.



Rock on Parallel Park! More info on the gig here: <https://www.theatreroyalnelson.co.nz/show/9851/>

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. Voting closes at 4pm on 23rd September 2022.

Sports Office Snippets

It was amazing to finally be able to have Winter Tournament Week. This is a huge event nationwide for all Secondary Schools. We had some fantastic results. Congratulations to all the boys who competed, and to the coaches. Managers and parents who have supported these sports.

As winter codes end, we are taking registrations for Cricket, Touch and Volleyball.

- **Cricket** – your son should have signed up but it is not too late. He can be a returning player, or a brand-new player. If he has not yet signed up, please get him to see Alethea upstairs in the gym or email se@nelsoncollege.school.nz. Information about which team your son is in will be finalised shortly.
- **Volleyball** – There is a Y9 muster on Tuesday 20 & 27 September 3:30pm-5pm in the gym. Y10 is Wednesday 21 & 28 September. This is open to all junior players, regardless of ability. Please come along.
- **Touch** – Team entries are due NOW and need to be in by Wednesday. The grades are junior and senior. Please see Alethea in the Sports Office to register your team.

Basketball

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Basketball team for taking out the South Island Secondary Schools Championship! Whoo hoo! Our Seniors also did incredibly well – 3rd in SISS and off to Nationals in October. Huge achievement everyone! Major thanks to the Juniors' coaches Ben Hawthorne and Ollie Shallcrass, and to the Seniors' coach Sam Dempster.



Football

After three years of tournament cancellations and a lot of preparation and planning, our 1st XI Football finally made it to Napier to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Football Tournament. They knew it would be a tough competition, and Day 1 was a wake-up call with two losses. After the pool play round, the team found their rhythm and started playing some great football. With the third loss of the tournament, Nelson College started earning some wins, beating Rongotai College and Cashmere High School in a thrilling penalty shootout. With the team tired and fatigued, it was a loss to Napier Boys' High School in the Plate semi-final. Next day, the boys came out firing on all cylinders, determined to win their last game and finish the tournament on a high note with a convincing win over Timaru Boys' High 5-0! Nelson College came 2nd overall of South Island teams - the North Island proving hard to beat and a pool that saw our first opponents, Tauranga, as overall winners in the Premier tournament. The team would like to give a special mention to Mark Sheehan Financial and Design Windows for helping out financially and making it all possible. Special mention to Originair for putting on flights specifically for the team, and to Napier Boys for the loan of their minibus. Finally, a massive thanks to Rob and Michelle Anderson for all their amazing efforts to prepare the team for the tournament, and then get them all up there despite the devastation to the Nelson area.



Hockey

National Tournament was a great week of hockey. We placed second in our pool after winning games against Buller High School and Papanui High School. We lost one game against our local rivals, Waimea College. In the semi-finals we played Cashmere High School and this was a tough, fast game. We were without two of our Y13s through injuries. We were down 2-1 with just a few minutes to go. In the final couple of minutes Scott Brown scored two amazing goals to get the win and a place in the final. Waimea College had a tough semi-final as well and narrowly beat Kristin School from North Harbour. This meant the final was a local derby. After being well beaten in pool play we knew we had to play better if we were going to have a chance to win. Our boys stepped it up and scored first. The game was even the whole way and at the end of the game it was 4-4, which meant a penalty shootout. This went goal for goal, which took us into "sudden death" penalty shootout. Unfortunately, it was not to be our day and we finished second. It was still a great result for our young team. Congratulations to Waimea College. A massive thanks to Jamie Brown who is an amazing coach, to Wendy Anderson for supplying baking after every game and for our fantastic group of parents who have supported the team all season.



Rugby

Seven of our boys have been selected for the Junior Crusaders. A massive achievement for each of the boys – congratulations! Read more about it [here](#).

Five of our Rugby teams either won or placed second in the Tasman Rugby Union Aim for Fair Play Initiative focusing on improving Sideline behaviour at games and the whole experience of Rugby. This is a great outcome and nice recognition of what our players, coaches, parents, and supporters are doing. The reward for each team is a free game of paintball at Armageddon Paintball!

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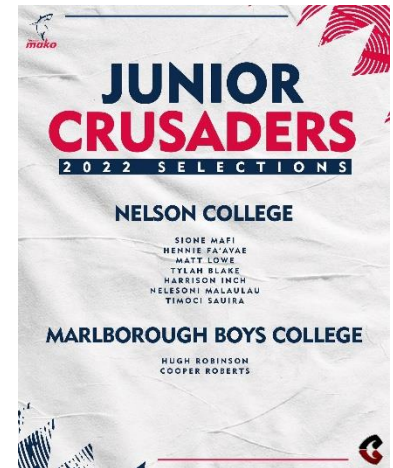
1st - NC Argentina
2nd - NC Kahurangi

U15

1st - NC White
2nd - Stoke/Nayland

U17

1st - NC Kahurangi
2nd - NC Oxford



House Comp Update

House	Junior Cricket	Senior Cricket	Junior Chess	Senior Chess	Junior Touch	Senior Touch	Junior Hockey	Senior Hockey	Cross Country	Junior Volleyball	Senior Volleyball	Spelling Bee	Junior Basketball	Senior Basketball	Junior Debating	Senior Debating	Junior Football	Senior Football	Haka	Junior Sevens	Senior Sevens	Quiz	House Points	Placing
Boarders	8	8	8	8	4	4	4	4	24	8	10	10	4	12	8	8							132	2nd=
Chaytor	8	12	8	8	8	12	8	8	8	4	4	12	4	4	8	10							126	5th
Domett	12	8	10	12	8	8	10	12	12	8	4	8	8	8	0	4							132	2nd=
Kahurangi	4	4	12	10	4	4	12	4	16	4	12	4	12	10	10	8							130	4th
Monro	4	4	4	4	12	8	8	8	12	12	8	4	10	8	12	4							122	6th
Robinson	10	10	4	4	10	10	4	10	20	10	8	10	8	4	0	12							134	1st

We have just four events left in the 2022 House Comp: Football (on now) Rugby Sevens (21 September), Haka (30 September) and the Quiz (21 October). We've only had to cancel three events this year (Swimming, Athletics and Choir) which is a big improvement on the last couple of years. Red means double points!

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 for details, and with your designs
- **DEADLINE THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**





My name is Paula Kinzett. I am providing a new way of delivering the free adolescent dental service for adolescents at Nelson College.

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.

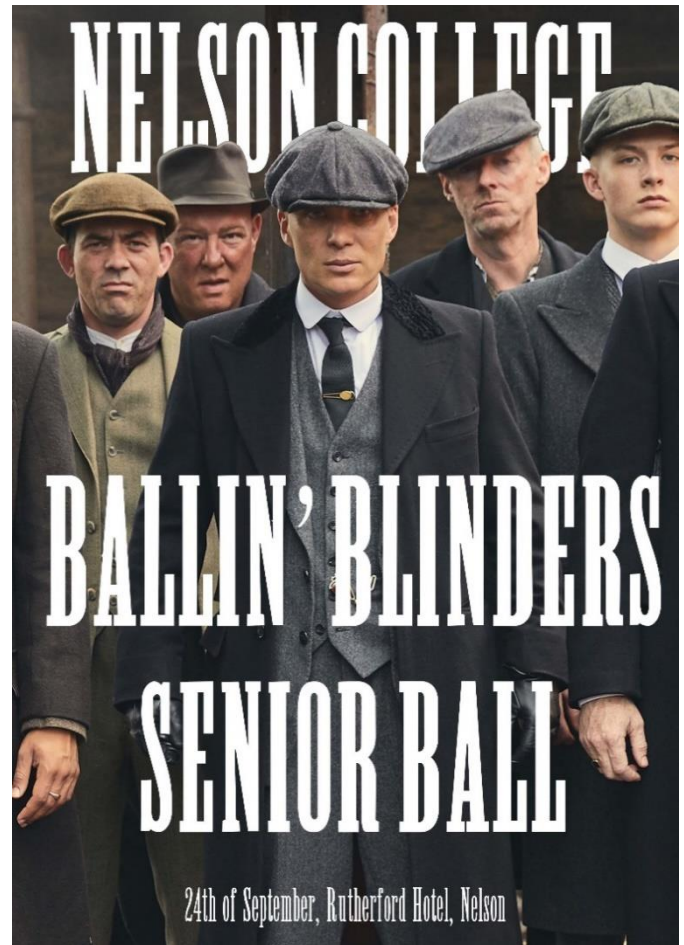
If your adolescent is not enrolled with a provider or you wish to sign your adolescent up with Teen Dental Mobile, please fill out the <https://bit.ly/TeenDentalEnrolment>

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

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FREE EVENT

Nelson College for Girls in
conjunction with Te Mana
Whaakatu Classification
Office presents.....

**Talking with your young
person about pornography**

We know parents care about what their kids are seeing
online - especially porn. But what can you do about it?

A Talk WITH Kate Whitaker

Kate Whitaker from the Classification Office is
here to help. A qualified educator, she is part
of a team researching what young people
have to say about porn, and what they want
from their parents and educators

Join her to hear about the research findings and
learn practical ways to support your young people
as they navigate their digital world. There will be
an opportunity to engage in a Q&A. You'll leave
feeling informed and empowered.

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