



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 28 October 2022

Kia ora tātou,

It's a busy time at college as our seniors prepare for NCEA and as we run a number of events to celebrate our students and their successes through the year.

This week we had the 'Old Man's Supper' which is the traditional end-of-year function for our boarding students, and to farewell outgoing students. It was also a chance to recognise the contribution to Boarding of two key staff, Alex Hassan and Samme Hippolite, who are ending their time with boarding and returning to full-time teaching at the college.

Samme (Director of Boarding) and Alex (Rutherford Housemaster) have served our boarding community to a very high level, especially over the last three years as they've navigated our young men and staff through COVID. Boarding is a foundational part of Nelson College that, thanks to our boarding staff team, serves young men from beyond our immediate Nelson area.

This coming week we have our inaugural Sportsman of the Year dinner (Monday 31st October), Graduation Dinner (Tuesday 1st November) and Senior Prizegiving (Wednesday 2nd November). We're honoured to have Sir Don McKinnon, an Old Boy of the school, present at the Senior Prizegiving.

These are all special moments to look back and celebrate the success of our students, in and beyond our school, over 2022.

NCEA

After senior prizegiving, senior students are on study leave to further prepare for NCEA exams that start on Monday 7th November. By now students should have a study plan and be under way with this.

This might include summarising subject notes into mind-maps and study notes, practising past exam papers, or explaining the key concepts of their course to someone else such as a parent or friend. You and your son can also get study help at the MOE StudyIt website (<https://studyit.govt.nz>).

You can support your son by checking with him what subjects he has exams in, what day they are and whether they're in the morning or afternoon. A common mistake is for students to turn up in the afternoon for a morning exam. Please don't let this be your son.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your son's teachers or Dean. We're here to help.

New Nelson College Board

The new college Board held their first full Board meeting in the second week of the holidays. The Board is a good combination of experience and new faces. Along with myself, Board members are:

Richard Smith (*Chair*)
Matt Walters (*Deputy Chair*)
Rebecca Burgess
Vikki Heays (*Staff Member*)

Tim Gall
Manoli Aerakis
Deleece Hall (*co-opted*)
Edward Henderson (*Student Member*)

I look forward to working with together to implement our college's vision and strategic plan.

Ngā mihi nui,
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Tumuaki (Principal)

Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER

31 Sports Prizegiving

NOVEMBER

01 Y13 Graduation Dinner
02 Senior Prizegiving
03 NCMA Concert

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Student Achievements

Brandon Brooker was pretty busy over the holidays, playing golf every day. The results were a 1st at the Hanmer Springs Open, and a 3rd for his team at the Nelson ProAm. Nice one Brandon!

Cole Thelin was our man at the Halberg Games in Christchurch. The Halberg Games are for young people with physical and/or visual impairments. This year was the first time they held the games in three regions - Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch. A massive success for everyone.

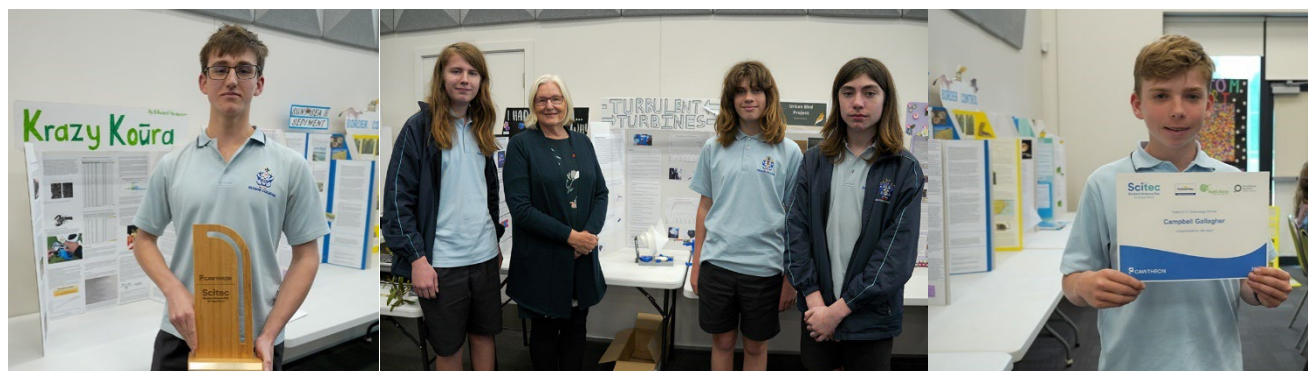
First it was taking out the title for the Southern Area Skills Competition, and then, yes, the Nelson Cadet Unit took out the top prize in the Nationals after a very tight competition held over last two and a half days! Congrats to the team, especially to NC lads **Jack Savage, Caleb Reid, Harry Fox** and **Lochlan Cockerell-Brandt**.



Cawthron Scitec Expo

Edward Henderson was awarded the Supreme Science Award, and the NMIT Te Pūkenga Marine and Freshwater Science Award, for his project, Krazy Kōura, at the Cawthron Scitec Expo prizegiving this week. This project emerged from a study that his Y12 class did on kōura in the Nelson College culvert. The judges said Edward was an exemplary entrant with an incredibly comprehensive understanding of his project. He analysed and critically interpreted his results, and thought carefully about future implications. As far as science goes, he absolutely nailed it! Edward received a trophy and \$500 cash for the Supreme Award, and a further \$75 for the Marine and Freshwater Science Award.

Year 9 students **Arturo Neale, Max Harrington** and **James Wills** also received the Nelson Science Society Science Communications Award for a video they produced on their Turbulent Turbine project while fellow Y9 student **Campbell Gallagher** won the Y9-10 Technology Award for his project, Passing Wind (the title itself deserves its own award). Campbell used household equipment to produce a sophisticated wind tunnel that judges said was clearly thought out and demonstrated.



20th Annual Briefs Film Festival

A big night on the silver screen this week with the 20th Annual Briefs Film Festival at State Cinema showcasing the best student films from the Nelson region. Nelson College entered nine documentary and drama films. Students, whānau and friends saw the results of their passion and hard work on the big screen. Congratulations to **Ian Hayes, Darcy Lawrey** and **Fergus McNeilly** for their psychological horror, 'The Puppet Master', winning the Award for Best Drama as well as People's Choice Award.



TheatreSports

This year the TheatreSports junior group has been meeting once a week to hone their skills in improvisation with the intent to perform in our first Nelson Secondary Schools Junior TheatreSports Competition. After a lot of practice and learning the Y8 team, 'Oats', won! Followed closely (with only half a point difference) by our second team, 'Fabricate', made up of Y9s. A huge shout out to Nikki Whitehead from Cre8Theatre Company for her commitment to running workshops and keeping the competition alive in Nelson. The competition was very entertaining, and we are all looking forward to further workshops with Nelson College for Girls before the end of the year.



Future Problem Solving

Nelson College has qualified for FPS National Finals, happening next week! Our team is a group of Y9 students – **Jayden Coetzee, Blair Lind, James Wills** and **Arturo Neale**. They will compete in the middle division, which is the largest and most competitive division.

We also have two national Scenario finalists - **Mattias Bower** from Year 9 in the Middle Division and **Alex Bryant** from Year 12 in the Senior Division.

Good luck FPSers!



Prep Successes

Congratulations to these Nelson Prep and Nelson College boys who were part of the FC Nelson football team that won the U13 South Island tournament during the holidays! It was a tournament of every season - they played their first games on icy, sodden grounds with snow on the horizon, before it arrived in a flurry all around them. Then the glorious sun came out to shine on them as they won against Christchurch United in the final - a rival team they know well, and are always keen to beat. Their 2-0 win cemented their place as the best of their age group in the South. Well done boys. We look forward to seeing more of your footie next year.



L to R: Pah Si, Will Kearney, Liam Greaney, Maxi Holer, Joe Boyce, Liam Sangster, Oran Sim and Freddie Thompson

The coveted John Jary Shield for Table Tennis has once again been won by Nelson Prep team of **Dimitri Bell** and **Sol Beaglehole** who were just too strong in the final doubles match to beat the combined Waimea College/Broadgreen Intermediate pair of Brook Robinson and Aaron Westbrook 3 matches to 2. All four of these players played some great table tennis over the 9 weeks of competition. Dimitri Bell was unbeaten throughout.



Diversity Day

Due to restrictions leading up to Diversity Day this year, we were unable to plan a full assembly as in previous years. However, the market went ahead and was expanded to include Colombian, Italian, Kiwi, French, Indonesian, Nepalese, Taiwanese, and Brazilian food, as well as a classic sausage sizzle.

DJ Dad Shane Green entertained the crowd with a great selection of music from different cultures and time periods.

The international food market was busiest during interval, when seemingly the whole population of the school descended upon the many market stalls. Students sampled many different styles of food and enjoyed the atmosphere despite encroaching cold and windy conditions. A full hour for interval allowed students to relax and enjoy everything on offer.



A huge thank you to Dale and Mat for setting up the market from very early in the day and making sure everything went smoothly. We look forward to a new iteration of Diversity Day under the new HoF Languages & ESOL in 2023!

Speak it Up!

At the end of last term, Y13 students, **Austin Candlish**, **Jack Franklin** and **Ollie Martin** put on an amazing event, all in aid of raising awareness and encouraging conversations for mental health. The event was for their Business Studies enterprise, Speak It Up, using the Young Enterprise Trust. Speak It Up is a not-for-profit enterprise, looking for ways to benefit the local community. And so, they invited Nigel Latta to speak, and after a lot of planning, perseverance and drive, they had a fantastic turnout with 250 attendees. For the event to run, the boys had to raise over \$5,000, reaching out to many local businesses for sponsorship.



The evening ran smoothly (with Mr Kramer coming to the rescue to sort out some sound issues). Nigel Latta was an incredible guest speaker, providing informative and thoughtful insights surrounding mental health, all with a good sense of humour, providing some laughs along the way, but without taking away from a serious topic.

Well done Austin, Jack and Ollie, and many thanks to their sponsors for helping fund the event - OneForty One New Zealand, Sport Tasman, Craigs Investment Partners, NBS, Beca, Hamish Fletcher Lawyers and RISE: Respect Inspire Support Empower.

Maths Hack!

Five years ago, Finn's age was three times Max's age.

In two year's time, Finn's age will be two times Max's age.

How old is Max now, in years?

Answer at the end of the newsletter...



Careers

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS: (next term)

As we fast approach the end for the year (and Nelson College for some) for our Senior Students we wish them all the best with the next step in their life path.

UNIVERSITY & Further Study students:

For those of you heading off to University and Polytech or other Full time study next year – remember:

- keep your eye on the prize of your final qualification!
- Studying is your full time job – so give it the time and energy it deserves so you can do well by yourself.

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Enrolling for your courses (Enrolment open from 1st of October)
- Getting all your admin sorted to apply to Study Link for Student Loans or Allowances
- Accept and pay the deposits on your place in a Hall.

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS:

WOW!! At last count our boys have been awarded over \$310,000 in Scholarships to contribute towards university studies ... with more coming in! These have been awarded across Victoria, Otago, UC, Auckland Uni, Waikato, Lincoln with more coming in from privately sponsored scholarships.

We are super proud of the persistence and hard work these boys have put in over years into their academics, sports, leadership and voluntary work in the community that has led to them gaining these outstanding scholarships. Well done!

VOCATIONAL Students:

For those of you heading off to work or apprenticeships....remember!

- keep looking for ways to add to your qualifications, or seek further training – these extras are the things that make you stand out amongst other applications!
- make sure you have a good CV and an appropriate email address! If you completed a CV at school – make sure you send a copy to your personal email address.

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Working towards having your full Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV – see Vikki Heays if you need help vh@nelsoncollege.school.nz
- Applying for jobs – check your @nc email address – lots of job opportunities at the moment

Isaac Persico completed his MITO startup papers this year through the Gateway programme, alongside this he completed a very successful voluntary work placement which culminated into a heavy vehicle Apprenticeship offer.

Congratulations Isaac we are so proud of your successful year.
All the best out there whatever your pathway. Keep in touch, pop in or drop us an email. We love hearing what you are up to and how you are getting on.

Ngā mihi Vikki and Chris



Sports Office Snippets

Summer sport is in full swing with College Grade Cricket starting this weekend. Touch and Volleyball (competitive) are unfortunately on the same night, so parents are doing a great job getting their boys to both sports as much as they can!

Congratulations to our Rugby 7s A team who won TSS this week, and have qualified for Condors (National) tournament in December.

As the seniors leave next week, we are busy preparing for Prizegivings and other farewell events. It's a time of reflection for them, especially as our Y13s really have missed out on a whole bunch of events and opportunities over the last three years. We will miss our Y13 group and watch with anticipation to see what the next chapter brings for them. Good luck boys.

Rugby 7s

The Senior A Rugby Sevens team won the TSS Sevens tournament on Wednesday this week at Neale Park, beating Marlborough Boys College Gold in the final to qualify for Condors. The team was well coached by Greg Foe and will now travel to King's College in Auckland, playing on 3 - 4 December.

We also had three other teams competing with our Nelson College White team and Y11 teams placing 3rd equal. Our Tight 5 Team finished 5th equal. Well done everyone.

We have the TSS Junior Sevens tournament at Neale Park on Wednesday 2 November.



24-7 Update

Term Three saw our team land on a regular rhythm with our connection points at Nelson College. We welcomed Josh Munro on board and are enjoying being back to a full team and pooling our different strengths to connect more broadly across the school. One challenge of youth work is knowing where to be and how to make ourselves available to the students who need us.

We've been really enjoying our 1-on-1 mentoring with students, as this more focused time together creates an opportunity to explore life's challenges and learn from one another. This term we have completed 40 mentoring sessions, but we have capacity for even more. If you know of a student who may benefit from this, please get in touch with our team leader: jamesrubyhodgson@gmail.com.

We are becoming more active on our 24-7 YouthWork social media, with a goal to create a different avenue for students to keep up to date with events and activities, as well as reach out for support. Find us on Instagram: @nelsoncollegeyouthworkers.

Please also note upcoming Events:

- Sausage sizzle for school leavers, 2nd of November. Check Instagram for further updates.
- Board Games @ the Library, every Monday at lunch.
- Kickstart Breakfasts at the Whare, every interval.

Full term reports will be uploaded to our website: <https://www.unitechurch.org.nz/24-7-unite>

James Hodgson – 24-7 Team Leader.

Thank you to these incredible local businesses who make our work possible.



Save the Date for Prizes!

Just a reminder that we have three major events coming up.
All are in Nelson College Hall:

Monday 31 October, 6.30-8.30pm – **Sports Prizegiving**

Wed 2 November, 7.00-8.30pm – **Senior Prizegiving**

Thurs 8 December, 10.00-11.00am – **Junior Prizegiving**



LifeLab



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LifeLab is a new interactive careers website showcasing career opportunities in the Nelson Tasman region

A place to get inspired and get informed and a useful tool when thinking about your next steps

- events, resources, handy links, study, and training opportunities
- videos and blogs of young people – hear about how they got into their work and what it's like
- get the 'inside info' on local businesses and industry

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Forestry Scholarships

Ngā Karahipi Uru Rākau

Applications are open



Te Uru Rākau New Zealand Forest Service



Three forestry scholarships are available to study the Diploma in Forest Management at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology at the Rotorua campus. For more information about the scholarships, go to www.mpi.govt.nz/forestryscholarships Or email MPIForestryScholarships@mpi.govt.nz phone 0800 00 83 83 Applications close Friday 16 December.

Maths Hack Answer: Max is now 12 years old.