



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 11 November 2022

## Kia ora tātou,

Our school grounds are now quieter with senior students sitting their NCEA exams. I wish all of our senior student well in their remaining exams.

Senior students seem positive about their exams as I talk to them around the school, going to an exam, leaving afterwards, or as they attend an extra revision session with their teacher.

Many thanks goes to Sloane Bayley, who's stepped in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to run the exams at Nelson College. Our centre manager injured herself just days before the start of NCEA and, with the help of NZQA, Sloane has done a fantastic job to keep the wheels of NCEA rolling at Nelson College. Many thanks.

## Ngā Pou – Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Last week we launched our new 'pou' or college values. These pou – manaaki, pono, kairangi – connect back to our school motto (pietas, probitas, sapientia). This was done intentionally to respect the history of Nelson College, at the same time re-interpreting it for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I emailed information about these pou out to all parents last week, and we'll publish them to our website later this year.

Thank you for your support. As expected, our young men have responded very well. I enjoy being reminded about the calibre of our young men and what they're capable of. I've been into homerooms and classes, and have been impressed with the maturity and insight of our students, and their pride in Nelson College.

As a result, we're seeing more students wear their uniform with pride, or have a uniform pass when it's not. PB4L is a journey. We don't expect our young men to be perfect overnight, and we realise they'll make mistakes. Hence minor issues are dealt with quickly and in a low-key manner.

For example, if an incorrect uniform or cellphone is confiscated at homeroom or during the day, students will be able to pick this up at the end of the day from a Deputy Principal (Tumuaki Tuarua). However, if the behaviour repeats over several days, then the Dean or a DP will escalate it.

You're welcome to contact your son's Dean if you have any questions about the new Pou or procedures.

## Paid Union Meeting

There will be a paid union meeting on the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. These are provided in the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement (employment contract). School will close that afternoon, with some provision for students who can't go home. We'll provide more details about this closer to the date.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Tumuaki (Principal)

## Upcoming Events:

### NOVEMBER

16	Lighting Workshop
25	Teacher Only Day
28	Teacher Only Day

### DECEMBER

02	School closes early
06-07	Junior Activities Days
08	Junior Prizegiving (Last Day – students dismissed after Prizegiving)
09	Teacher Only Day

[Full Online Calendar](#)





## Senior Prizegiving

Always a highlight of the school year, the 2022 Prizegiving didn't disappoint. Congratulations to all prize winners and graduates. Special mention to our 2022 Board of Trustees Medallion Winners, to **Sam Twamley** as Dux of the College for 2022, and **Hong-Yi Wu** as Proxime Accessit. **Matt Donald** was named Head Boy for 2023, along with his team of three Deputies: **Vito Esposito**, **Darcy Lawrey** and **Callum Robertson**; Māori Head Boy **Ngakau Moka-Tengu**; and Pacifica Head Boy **Cairo Faaeteete-Masina**. Many thanks to our outgoing Head Boy **Om Maisuria**, and to our Guest Speaker for the night, Sir Don McKinnon.



## Y13 Graduation Dinner

This year's Y13 Graduation Dinner had a change of venue, due to our Dining Room and Kitchen still being under repair after the fire. So the Inner Quad became the place to be, with good food and good company.



## New Music Award

Every so often, we have a new award created for our Senior Prizegiving, and this one reflects how the Music Department has been going from strength to strength over the last couple of years. Congratulations to **Ben Forbes-Moody** for being the winner of the inaugural Beggs Music Contribution to Contemporary Music Award, proudly sponsored by Beggs Musicworks. Ben has been a long-time member of The Mess (originally known as The Flying Pigeons) as well as being the guitarist for our school Jazz Band, achieving a Gold Award at the recent Musicworks Ensembles Festival Aotearoa. Ben has also performed at school concert events in a duo with Sean Lee-Westerson (who both played at our senior Prizegiving).



## Assemblies

It's been so great to be back in the swing of having regular assemblies. It took a little while to relearn all the protocols, and then, we all remembered how powerful assemblies are for bringing the whole school together. Recently, **Cole Thelin** was called up on stage to receive his NCEA Level One Certificate. Cole is one of our most tenacious and focussed students, and it was quite something to see the whole school on its feet, giving Cole the standing ovation he well deserved. Just one of Cole's many achievements this year was making a film with Ryan Turner-Maxwell, titled *2046*, about the likelihood of Cole being our first PM with a disability, and entered into the FocusOnAbility Short Film Festival. [Click here](#) to watch (especially for the cameos at the end).



2046

Related Films

## Attention Techies!

Our Drama Department has organised a Lighting Workshop, to be run by JR Richardson. JR's company, VenueTech, runs most of the shows at Theatre Royal, making everyone look good on stage.

If you want to hold the power behind the scenes, this is your chance to learn how to rig and set lights, cabling, focus, colour mixing, lighting desk, and Health & Safety.

The workshop is on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9-11am at Nelson College Performance Suite.**

FREE and suitable for Y7 to Y13s.

RSVP to Ms. Moran [MR@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:MR@nelsoncollege.school.nz) by Monday 14 Nov 3pm



## Maths Hack!

A tower is formed by placing a small square on top of a large square.

The perimeter of the tower is 52cm and the perimeter of the large square is 40cm.

Find the perimeter of the small square, in cm.

*Answer at the end of the newsletter...*





## Headmaster's Cup

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The House Competition may be done for the year (congratulations once again to the Boarders) but the Headmaster's Cup is just getting started. Congrats to Monro for taking out the Dodgeball!



## Save the Date for Prizes!

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Just a reminder that we have one last prizegiving in the schedule, held in the Nelson College Hall:

**Junior Prizegiving** - Thursday, 8th December, 10.00-11.00am



## Sports Office Snippets

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It has been a busy time with prizegivings and sports events. We had a new look Sports Prizegiving this year and it was lots of fun.

Mr Phil Costley (Maths Teacher) was our guest speaker, and WOW he has achieved so many things and travelled extensively running all over the world!

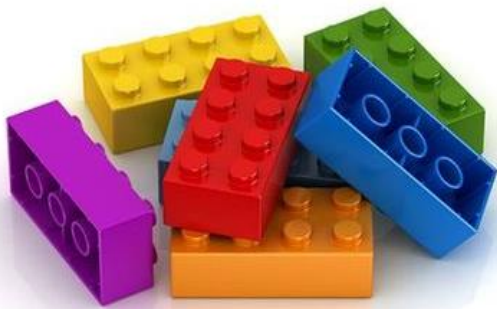
Seniors may have left but there are 2 National events for them still to happen – Athletics Nationals and Rugby 7s. Good luck to those boys who are still training hard.

For the juniors, we have cricket and volleyball in full swing, with lots of events

## Work With Us!

We're looking for a new Marketing & Communications person (who'll take over these newsletters amongst other things). [Information is here.](#)

# Top of the South Brick Show



## Nov 12-13 Hope Hall

**Brick Show** returns to Nelson for 2022.

Nelson's biggest and best LEGO-related event! Loads of fantastic exhibits from all over NZ!

(Almost) guaranteed to meet one of your favourite Lego Masters straight from the tele!

Play pit, mosaic building, raffles, prizes, sausage sizzle, it's all happening.

Saturday 12 November 9am-5pm

Sunday 13 November 9am-4pm

Only \$2 per person entry. Be there or be a 2x2 brick. [Info here.](#)

## THE DEVELOPING ATHLETE

WITH DR CRAIG HARRISON

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

Tuesday 29 November, 7 - 8:30 pm



Would you like to help your child progress and reach their sporting potential without suffering from injury or mentally burning out? Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology is proud to present, The Developing Athlete with Dr Craig Harrison – more details & tickets [click here](#)

**Maths Hack Answer:** *The small square has a perimeter of 24cm.*