



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Thursday 8 December 2022

## Kia ora tātou,

It was fantastic to gather this morning as a school community for one last time this year and celebrate the academic and co-curricular achievements of our years 9-10 students at the College's Junior Prizegiving. Congratulations to all prizewinners and their success in 2022. I'm always mindful that while we celebrate the achievements of some students, the overwhelming majority of our students have worked hard through the year and enjoyed success in many different ways. That's been especially so in 2022.

2022 was challenging as we endured the third and most disruptive wave of COVID-19, as well as floods, a fire in our Dining Room, and continued to address historic issues such as the college's historic debt. It's hard to believe that just nine months ago we were identifying close and household contacts and sending multiple students and staff home. Our hostels were divided into 4 different isolation zones, and at one stage we had to close boarding while the worst of COVID worked its way through our community.

Through that adversity, what stands out for me as Tumuaki/Principal is the resilience and commitment shown by our community – students, staff and whānau.

During the floods, our students leaders organised a working bee to support the people most affected by water damaged. Our staff switched in and out of online learning and covered each others' classes while colleagues were away with COVID or in isolation. Our Boarding staff 'pivoted' multiple times to ensure our boarders were always cared for and fed. Our sports coaches and managers went above and beyond to ensure our students were able to participate and compete across all codes.

A stand-out example of this for me was the work of Rob and Michelle Anderson to respond quickly to the challenges of the Nelson floods and still get the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football team to Napier to compete in the national tournament. This is just one example of the service by our staff and wider community.

In music, drama, future problem-solving, our staff and supporters worked tirelessly to provide our young men with opportunities to participate and compete. We had a School Ball for the first time in two years. Our young men enjoyed success at the highest level, such as our 1st XV winning the Miles Toyota cup.

Our staff and school leadership kept the school operating, as well as moving it forward, as we modernise our junior curriculum and implemented the PB4L (Ngā Pou). Our Board worked hard to support the college operationally and strategically. Local businesses and industries got behind the school through sponsorship and work placement of our young men. In collaboration with Nelson College for Girls, whānau and the Ministry, we've begun a Māori immersion programme that will launch in 2023 and will evolve to meet the changing needs of our students.

Together, we've steered our school community through multiple challenges and, at the same time, are moving the school forward strategically. I'm excited for 2023 and beyond.

I'm also looking forward to the summer break like everyone else. People are tired and deserve a well-earned break. I hope that you and your whānau get to relax, locally or beyond Nelson. I wish you a happy holiday period and safe travel wherever the road, plane or boat take you.

Mā te wā // See you in 2023.

Ngā mihi nui,  
R Dykes  
Tumuaki (Principal)

## Upcoming Events:

### DECEMBER

- 08 Junior Prizegiving (Last Day – students dismissed after Prizegiving)
- 09 Teacher Only Day
- 13 Start of Year Info emailed and available on website

### JANUARY 2023

- 23 School Office open

### FEBRUARY

- 01 1<sup>st</sup> day for Y9 & Y13
- 02 All students

[Full Online Calendar](#)

## Junior Prizegiving

Congratulations on all our junior students for making it through another year! Junior Prizegiving is the last event of the year, and a great opportunity to not only celebrate some incredible achievements, but also just to be together as a community. Special congratulations to **George Aerakis, Hogan Ward and James Matthews** for the top sports awards, and the top academic awards to:

Y9 Award for General Excellence

Y9 Award for Academic Excellence

Fell Scholarship for General Excellence in Y10

Renwick Scholarship for General Excellence in Y10

**Campbell Gallagher**

**Benjamin McDonald**

**James Matthews**

**Alex Taylor**

You can see all the prizewinner's photos [on Flickr](#).



## Student Achievements

Congratulations to Isaac Milner and Rio Crisp who competed in the South Island Open Skiff RS Feva Championship Regatta, in Macandrew Bay, Dunedin. They came first in the RS Feva division - check out their trophy!



If you need a fresh perspective on what Nelson central city could look like, and how it could function, just ask one of our Y10 students who recently did a series of presentations at Nelson City Council to MP, councillors, business and civic leaders, and deputy mayor on their ideas for the theme "Re-Inventing Nelson".

Read the article in the [Nelson Mail](#).



## Worm Pizza!

This year, the gentlemen of 9CU learnt about the environmental impacts of farming animals for food. One of the solutions they explored was entomophagy, that is, insects as food. So over the last three terms, they reared mealworms. Last week they harvested the juiciest looking specimens and yesterday, they used them as a pizza topping. A few local dignitaries were invited to share the kai and by all accounts they seemed to enjoy it (or were at least polite about it!).



## Activities Days!

One of our favourite traditions at Nelson College are the Junior Activities Days at the end of the year - so much happening - so great! Day 1 on Tuesday was paddle boarding, squash, hockey, skateboarding, chess, kī o rahi, tree planting, frisbee golf, graffiti art, motor assembly, archery and axe throwing - the list goes on! On Day 2, we started a new tradition by inviting Nelson College for Girls to join in the fun – volleyball, scavenger hunt, kapa haka, multimedia art, ripper rugby, e-sport, chess, card games and more – all finished off with a dance party in the hall. It was massive.



## Science!

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Lesson for the day - how to crush a drum:

1. use a BBQ to boil water in a drum so that it fills with steam
2. put cap on
3. cool down the drum
4. wait and watch as the steam condenses, pressure inside drops, and the air pressure crushes the drum.



## Economics

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Results have just come through from the Canterbury University STAR programme Econ 199. Students are able to take first year Micro Economics, which then gives them a head start for next year.

This year, 15 boys took part, with everyone getting a Grade B or better. Special congrats to those who earned an A – that's Lucca Hemingway, George Murdoch, Liam Peters and Rory Sharp.



## Maths Hack!

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If it takes 5 elves 5 minutes to make 5 dolls, how long does it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?

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



## NCEA and Scholarship Results & Certificates

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Students should by now have their own logon and password to access the NZQA website through the Learner Login area: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>.

NCEA results will be released at the following dates:

- 17 January results released
- 24 January - Students can access their assessed NCEA exams

### **New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA)**

The [NZRoA](#) for students will be updated with 2022 results when qualifications are released in January 2023. It is then available in electronic format, or can be ordered in hard copy, through the Student Login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.

### **Return of Exam papers, portfolios etc**

All assessed exams including digital exams will be scanned and available online via your [Student Login](#) from the fourth week of January until 30 June. NZ Scholarship papers and digital exams are available from mid-February till 30 June. [Return of exam material » NZQA](#)

### **Application for derived grades is closed**

### **Exam Results - Reviews and Reconsiderations**

Students have the right to request:

- a review if a processing error has occurred
- a reconsideration if they believe an error in marking has occurred.

Information about [Reviews and reconsiderations » NZQA](#)

If students have any queries or concerns please contact, their teachers or Dean.

Queries about NCEA please contact our Principal's Nominee, Leonor White, or your child's subject teacher.  
Email: [lw@nelson.school.nz](mailto:lw@nelson.school.nz) Phone: 03 5483099

## Accommodation Needed for International Students

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International students are slowly starting to return to New Zealand after the pandemic. Our International Department is keen to hear from families who are interested in welcoming international students into their home and including them as part of their family.

We have four boys arriving in Term 1 2023 (end January to early April).

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact: Chris Hart, International Director  
03 548 3099 ext.827 [ch@nelsoncollege.school.nz](mailto:ch@nelsoncollege.school.nz)



## Headmaster's Cup

Congrats to Monro who have taken out the Headmaster's Cup for the second year running - in fact, they've pretty much dominated the Winners Board since 2000. Perhaps 2023 will be the year for Robinson...

| Headmasters Cup Points Table 2022 |           |           |          |          |       |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| Placing                           | Dodgeball | Ki-o-Rahi | Ultimate | Softball | Total | Placing         |
| Boarders                          | 8         | 8         | 4        | 4        | 24    | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| Chaytor                           | 4         | 4         | 8        | 4        | 20    | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Domett                            | 4         | 8         | 4        | 11       | 27    | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kahurangi                         | 8         | 10        | 8        | 11       | 37    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Monro                             | 12        | 12        | 10       | 8        | 42    | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Robinson                          | 10        | 4         | 12       | 8        | 34    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |

| Headmaster's Cup Champions |           |      |           |      |         |      |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|---------|------|-----------|
| 2000                       | Monro     | 2006 | Fell      | 2012 | Chaytor | 2018 | Monro     |
| 2001                       | Monro     | 2007 | Domett    | 2013 | Monro   | 2019 | Monro     |
| 2002                       | Fell      | 2008 | Monro     | 2014 | Monro   | 2020 | Kahurangi |
| 2003                       | Barnicoat | 2009 | Monro     | 2015 | Domett  | 2021 | Monro     |
| 2004                       | Chaytor   | 2010 | Barnicoat | 2016 | Monro   | 2022 | Monro     |
| 2005                       | Domett    | 2011 | Monro     | 2017 | Monro   | 2023 | ?         |

## Annual Staff vs Y9 Cricket Match

Seeking to reverse last year's loss, the Staff began the afternoon by padding up with confidence. Mr Mardon and Mr Gately made their way out to the middle of the beautiful Maitai Cricket Ground. That confidence was shattered when Campbell Gallagher dismissed Mr Gately on the very first ball of the game!!

The staff went on the score 123/7, with Mr Mardon anchoring the innings as his fellow staff members came and went at the other end. Mr Currie was looking very smart in his whites, and began batting well with a couple of big shots, but sadly didn't last long. We retired Mr Mardon on 30, just to give the others a go!! Mr Aberhart and Mr Townsend put on a few runs, Mr Dykes batted well before pulling up lame with a hamstring tweak. We were expecting big things from Mr Peake, who may (or may not) have been complaining about his position in the batting order, and we were not disappointed. He hit that ball over the boundary a few times in the last couple of overs.

The Y9 team bowled and fielded really well. They were not sure what level of bowling they would have to face and they were right to be concerned! Niall Foster anchored the boys' innings and with help from Caleb Hooper, and then with Tommy Moloney, set the boys up with a chance to win. It all came down to the last ball of the game. The boys ran a quick single to take the win. 124/7

Congratulations boys!



## Sports Office Snippets

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It has been a very busy end to the year. We had three volleyball teams compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. Our 10A team were 8<sup>th</sup>, 9A team 12<sup>th</sup> and our Junior C team 6<sup>th</sup> in Div 2.

Last week we hosted five boys' schools for a traditional cricket tournament (see below).

All the best to Josh Gill and Fenlon Bayley who are off to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools National Athletics Meet this weekend.

## Y9 Cricket Tournament

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Last week Nelson College hosted the South Island Year 9 Cricket Tournament and it was an awesome experience for our young cricketers. Teams competing were Nelson College, Otago Boys' High School, Christchurch Boys' High School, Christ's College, Shirley Boys' High School and Marlborough Boys' College.

Nelson College billeted Otago Boys' for four nights and it sounds like everyone had a great time. Some experienced life on a farm, some in the hostel. They went skating and they had fish n chips on the beach, as well as playing some cricket!

The Tournament was held over three days. We managed to get one full day at Greenmeadows, and the others were on various artificial pitches. Each year the opposition played rotates and this year we played Christ's College, Christchurch Boys' and Shirley Boys'. We lost the first two and were on target to win the 3rd when the rain bucketed down in Richmond and we called the game off, leaving Leo Yianakis on 41!

A very special thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI players who gave up their time to umpire for three days. We really appreciate your mahi and the feedback was great - Ben Neale, Josh Neale, Lucky Singh, Liam Day, Jamie Hampson and Harry Restieaux.

Thank you to Kiwi Bakery on Nayland Road for our awesome lunches.

A massive thanks to those who hosted billets. The Otago Boys had a great time with some lifelong friendships being made.



## 2022 Condor 7s

Congrats to our Condor Sevens who played so well at the tournament at King's College, Auckland over the weekend. Not quite the results they'd hoped for, but still a fantastic way to finish the season. They're pictured here with the bronze relief of Charles Major (below the statue), who ties Nelson and King's colleges together - Charles was a student at Nelson College from 1883-88 and Assistant Master in 1895, before moving to Auckland to become King's first Assistant Master in 1896. After serving in South Africa, Charles returned to Nelson College as Assistant Master in 1901-03, did a couple of years at Scotch College in Melbourne, before returning to King's College as Headmaster from 1905-26. He represented both Nelson and Auckland in football.



## Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

### Holiday Hours:

Thurs 19 – Fri 27 January: 10am-4pm  
(Sat 21 Jan: 10am – 3.00pm. Closed Sun 22 Jan)  
Tues 31 Jan: 10am-4pm  
Wed 1 – Thurs 2 Feb: 8am-12pm

Remember you can buy all the uniforms online, and then collect from Reception from Mon 23 January.

[Uniform Shop - NC Store \(nelsoncollege.school.nz\)](https://nelsoncollege.school.nz)







## FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with physical disabilities. We are now taking enrolments for the following 2023 courses:

### LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver.

Fri 7 - Fri 14 April 2023

### YOUTH ACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years.

Thur 20 - Thur 27 April 2023

### Contact us for more information

Email: [adapted@outwardbound.co.nz](mailto:adapted@outwardbound.co.nz)

Freephone: 0800 688 927

[www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted)



Outward Bound Adapted Courses



## Curious Contraptions

Nelson Provincial Museum

16 December – 19 February

Entry by donation for Nelson Tasman residents

Curious Contraptions explores small, surreal worlds through fantastical, mechanical sculptures known as *automata*. These whimsical flying, sailing, and cycling machines are brought to life by intricate handmade cams, cranks, and other simple mechanisms. Each sculpture performs an absurd miniature drama while also reflecting its maker's worldview and sense of humour.

### Maths Hack Answer:

*It takes one elf 5 minutes to make one doll.*

*Therefore, 100 elves making 100 dolls would, of course, still take 5 minutes!*