



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

**Kia ora tātou,**

I hope that you and your whānau had a relaxing break over the summer holidays, especially with the 2022 that we experienced in Nelson. It's pleasing to see tourists back in Nelson and supporting our local businesses.

Welcome to our new years 7 and 9 students, and new international students who join us in 2023. Nelson College is a great school where your son will start his legacy and future. I look forward to working with you.

We also welcome our new staff. They are:

- Tim Middleton ... Director of Boarding
- Nicki Lawes ... Guidance Counsellor
- Will Bosnich ... Trades Academy Teacher
- Greg Emans ... Maths Teacher
- Radka McKendry ... Science Teacher
- Cristina Armstrong-Hernandez ... Faculty Leader - Languages/ESOL
- Áine Byrne ... Marketing & Communications

2022 was a challenging year for our school community as we faced multiple crises – historic debt, COVID-19, floods, fire and more. I look forward to shifting from crisis to recovery mode, as we rebuild our legacy at Nelson College.

Through the challenges of the last three years, we saw our students shine and staff progress various strategic initiatives that will become apparent through 2023 and beyond. These include:

## Junior Curriculum

For the last three years, staff have planned changes to our junior curriculum ready to start implementing in years 7 and 9 this year. We're doing this to build a common language of learning across our college, better connections across subjects, a stronger focus on skills including critical thinking, and a more global focus which is ever more relevant in an era of global challenges such as climate change and pandemics. It also connects to the Government's curriculum refresh.

## PB4L

We launched our new pou (values) and kawa (expectations) to years 7-10 students in term 4 of 2022. This year we extend this to students at all year levels and will keep working to promote a safe and positive learning environment for all at Nelson College.

## Ara Māori (Māori Immersion) Programme

I'm excited to start this new programme in partnership with Nelson College for Girls, local iwi and whānau. Approximately 20 students will join our inaugural class in year 9, taught by Viv Ruwhiu. Students will learn English, Maths, Social Studies and Te Reo Māori, as well as do other subjects (e.g. Science, Music) in English and fully participate in the wider life of the college.

## Reporting to Whānau

We want to help you support your son's learning at Nelson College and so are changing how we report to whānau, based on successful systems at other South Island boys' schools. We're introducing weekly reports, termly report for junior students and bi-termly reports for seniors. and running parent-teacher conferences at the start of each term. I've provided more detail further on in this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events:

### FEBRUARY

- 04 Cricket Trip
- 06 Waitangi Day School Closed
- 07 Music Information Evening (5pm in the staffroom)
- 14 Years 9-11 Parent Teacher Conference  
All students at home learning (details to follow)
- 23/24 School Photos
- 27 Swimming Champs

[Full Online Calendar](#)

## Debt, Asset Sales, Dining Room

Late last year we received a temporary government loan that's allowed us to repay our commercial loan with Westpac Bank. The Board's now working with the Ministry of Education to sell our surplus assets to repay this loan. We're also working with our insurer and the Ministry of Education to repair damage to our Dining Room caused by the fire in 2022. The best case scenario is that we can complete this work in time for Boarders to use the Dining Room by the start of Term 3.

## Campus Vision

In Term 2, we'll start to develop a 'campus vision' or master plan for the ongoing maintenance and development of our campus. There's a lot that needs to be done and it's important that we have a plan that clarifies our values and priorities to develop a sustainable timeline of work to maintain and modernise our grounds, facilities and infrastructure.

Those are just some of the many workstreams at the college. Others include ongoing changes to NCEA (including literacy and numeracy requirements) ready for 2024, and consulting with students and whānau to review our uniform later in the year. At the same time it's an election year and the PPTA is in the middle of negotiating a teachers' collective agreement, which is likely to be disruptive. Together we'll progress these initiatives and face the challenges as, together, we rebuild our legacy at Nelson College.

Of course all the normal, exciting elements of life at Nelson College will continue. Sports are under way, we intend to run a school production at the end of Term 2, groups of students will travel to the UK, Japan and Thailand on sports, academic and cultural exchanges, and much more. It's going to be a great 2023.

I look forward to working with you and your son(s).

Ngā mihi nui,

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Tumuaki // Principal

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We will develop and progress school systems to support each other professionally, including the implementation of PB4L systems and professional coaching.

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## Change to pricing on Motueka to Nelson bus route

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We are aware of the recent changes introduced by Nelson Coachlines to their payment structure, having received several emails from affected parents. Alongside the other local Principals, we have written to Nelson Coachlines to voice our concerns, asking them to reconsider their price increase and urging them to look at other ways to generate revenue.

Please contact [Nelson Coachlines](#) directly if you wish to discuss this matter further. We hope they will listen to their customers at this time.

## First day back welcome and big day in

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Our Tuakana Ahurei (Māori head boy) Ngakau Moka Tengu warmly welcomed year 9 pupils and new staff at the start of year Mihi Whakatau



Year 7 prep students fill the front steps of the college and, as per tradition, and then exchange a quick handshake.





Staff and students assemble for the Mihi Whakatau



Trustfalls and basketball – the boys get to know each other during The Big Day In





If you would like to sign up for music lessons this year, we will be hosting our annual music information evening at 5.30pm, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Nelson College staffroom. This is a fantastic chance to come along and meet our wonderful team of itinerant music teachers and find out how our music lessons work.



Left: Ben and Sean's duelling guitars:      Right: The Mess perform at Smokefree Rockquest

## Student Absences or Late

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### Absence

If your son is going to be absent, please notify the College by either one of the following procedures:

Completing the [Online Absence Form](#) Email: [attendance@nelson.school.nz](mailto:attendance@nelson.school.nz)

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851 (*Please leave a clear message with the student's full name, year level and the reason for absence*).

### Late

Punctuality is important and the school day commences at 8.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 9.05am on Thursday.

**Explained:** If your son is late to school and it is explained due to a Doctor/Dental appointment or similar, a note or explanation call/email must be received. He will need to sign in at the attendance office on his arrival at school.

**Unexplained:** If your son is just running late and arrives late to a timetabled period he needs to go straight to that class, and his teacher will deal with the lateness as appropriate.

### Unwell or injured during the school day

He must go to reception where we will assess him as to whether he needs to go home. Parent/caregivers will be contacted to come and collect him.

It is important the student does not leave the school without signing out at reception.

**Contacts** 03 548 3099 | [excellence@nelson.school.nz](mailto:excellence@nelson.school.nz) | [www.nelson.school.nz](http://www.nelson.school.nz)

### Leaving school during the day

If your son needs to leave school during the day, a note, email or phone call that explains the circumstances and is signed by the parent/caregiver is required. This is taken to the Attendance Office and a Pink Slip given to the student as proof of permission granted. (Parents/Caregivers are sometimes called to confirm notes).

### Leave for non-School related Activities:

Request for leave that is non-school related, during the school year, **must be addressed to your son's year level dean at least two weeks prior to the start of leave.** Please give the dates of absence from school and the purpose of the leave.

Full details and contacts can be found on the college website: [Attendance Guidelines | Nelson College](#)

## Student Office

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### Online Access for Parents and Caregivers

Recently all new parents and caregivers were sent an email outlining how to access the [Parent Portal](#) on the College website. This email provided sign in instructions, usernames and passwords.

Any parent or caregiver can contact the [Student Office](#) if you require your login details.

Sign into the Parent Portal to check:

- Current contact details (update if necessary)
- Timetable
- Attendance
- NCEA entries and results
- Reports
- Fees Information
- Course Selection (Term 3)

### NCEA 2022 Exam Results

#### Return of examination material

- The return process has changed as most examination material is now submitted in a digital format or scanned. Details about the return of examination material can be found [here](#).
- Information on viewing exam answers for students who completed an exam digitally can be found [here](#).

### Reviews and reconsiderations

If a student has a query about a result he should firstly talk to his subject teacher.

Information on considering [review or reconsideration](#) of their results for NCEA and Scholarship external assessments. This includes exams, submitted subjects, and portfolios.

- The reviews and reconsiderations links appear in the Learner login on January 27th and February 10th for Scholarship.
- The last date a student can send the online application is:
  - NCEA: Friday, 21 February 2023
  - Scholarship: Thursday, 9 March 2023.
- Financial assistance to waive the fee for reconsideration is available for eligible students. They can download and print a copy from their student login, or you can distribute the copy attached. For Scholarship papers, the address used must be the address on the form. Students can email the form to [reconsiderations@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:reconsiderations@nzqa.govt.nz) or send to the address on the form if submitting physical material.

Queries regarding any of the above please contact either:

Principal's Nominee - Leonor White [lw@nelson.school.nz](mailto:lw@nelson.school.nz) Or

Student Office Manager - Sandra Cahill [sc@nelson.school.nz](mailto:sc@nelson.school.nz)

## Maths Hack!

In each game that Leister scores a try his parents give him \$3. He can earn \$5 instead by converting his try. After scoring a try in each of his ten games, he has earned a total of \$36. In how many of these games did Leister convert his try?

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

## Rugby

### Can you help to send players to the UK 7's tour?

The cost to send each player to the UK 7's tour is \$7,500 – a healthy chunk of change, but worth it to give our boys the opportunity of a lifetime!

We are reaching out to our wonderful school community to see if you are able to help us identify any potential fundraising opportunities. The boys leave on 17<sup>th</sup> March so fundraising for the Tour would need to be prior to then and any funds raised after this would go towards the season ahead. If you are interested in getting involved or want to know more, please call Jason Kilworth on 021 221 4065



200TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUGBY  
**INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOLS U18s  
SEVENS TOURNAMENT**  
RUGBY | 25 - 26 MARCH 2023

2023 MARKS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM WEBB ELLIS PICKING UP THE BALL AND RUNNING WITH IT.

TO MARK THIS OCCASION, RUGBY SCHOOL, IN THE UK, IS HOSTING A PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENT AND NELSON COLLEGE, AS NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST RUGBY SCHOOL, HAS BEEN INVITED TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE TEAM OR AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER TO REPRESENT NELSON COLLEGE AND NEW ZEALAND AT THIS TOURNAMENT, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

EMAIL: [CE@NELSON.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:CE@NELSON.SCHOOL.NZ)

#### TRAVELLING TEAM

FANUA FA'AVAE, ZYON FORD, OLIVER GIBBONS, KAEAN GRAFTON,  
CONNOR HULME, HARRISON INCH, FINN KILWORTH, DANE LEPPEN,  
LIAM MCKENZIE, MIKE MORRISON, CALLUM ROBERTSON,  
SAUMAKI SAUMAKI, TEINA THOMPSON, NICK TOOTELL



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## Sports Office Snippets

2023 will be a busy and exciting year. In Term 1 we have approximately 30 sporting events, so it's really important to read the notices and for the boys to listen at assembly. Most registrations for sport are done in the Sports Office (upstairs in the gym).

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket team has already been busy representing Nelson College at our traditional Quadrangular Tournament, and they travel to Willows this weekend.

- Registrations are being taken for Volleyball and Cricket for all year levels
- Tasman Secondary School Tennis Championships are coming up. This is open to competitive tennis players of all ages – register before Feb 9<sup>th</sup> for this.
- Tasman Secondary School Mountain Biking – Enduro and Cross Country only. There are very limited entries available for this, and registration is open to competitive riders, (of all ages), only.

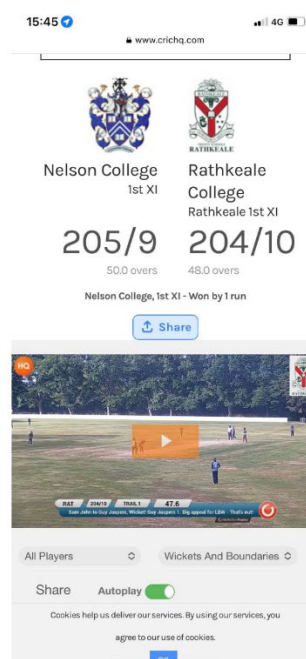
Please contact Alethea [se@nelson.school.nz](mailto:se@nelson.school.nz) if you have any questions about sport at Nelson College.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket trip to Rathkeale College, Masterton

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket team have been playing during the holidays and on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> they travelled to Masterton to compete in our traditional annual Quadrangular Tournament. Rathkeale College were the hosts this year and the teams all stayed in their boarding hostels.

In the first game, we played Hutt International Boys School. We bowled first and Harry Restieaux got 3 wickets and Lucky Singh 2. Unfortunately our batting was not quite good enough to get the win. Harry Restieaux top scored with 25 and Jamie Hampson 23.

Day 2, we played the hosts and what an exciting game this was. We batted first and Sam John led the way scoring 31, Lucky Singh scored 39 and then young Fynn Roberts was 60 not out, getting us a good score of 205/9. After lunch, we started strong with Josh Neale striking early, dismissing the opening batter for 1, and then bowled the next batter with the very next ball, putting him on a hat trick. Rathkeale managed to hold him out.



Our team on the beautiful quad grounds at Rathkeale college and the final score



On their way to winning the game, Josh Neale took 4 wickets and Lucky Singh 2. The ending was very exciting with Lucky bowling a wicket maiden over and then Sam John getting an LBW to finish the game.

On the final day we played Marlborough Boys College and the game didn't go our way. The game was reduced to 45 overs so we could get to the ferry on time! The scoring system wasn't working too well for those who were watching remotely. Marlborough Boys College scored 261 and we fell short in the chase.

Overall it was a great tournament and the boys were so grateful to be playing against other schools, having missed that for the last 3 years.

A massive thanks to coach Jon Routhan and manager Isaac Day for looking after our boys on this trip. The team are off again this weekend. They will travel to Christchurch to play Willows and St Bedes. Check the next newsletter for a report on those games.

## Student Achievement

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Kai pai to Noah Malpot who, in December won the Open National Championship in the WASZP class, a single-handed foiling boat. The NZ fleet is considered one of the strongest in the world, and Noah beat the World Champion in the process, a hugely impressive result.

In January, Noah retained his U21 National title in the Paper Tiger class, a single-handed catamaran. Noah has been selected to participate in the Sail GP inspire program in Christchurch in March. [Learn more here.](#) This is a great opportunity to get exposed to the professional sailing scene.

Soon Noah will be preparing for this and the 2023 WASZP National - we wish him the best of luck!



Left: Noah sailing a Paper Tiger catamaran in Napier and right: on his WASZP during the 2022 Nationals in Murrays Bay, Auckland



We have created a QR code for initial sports sign ups. Students should have completed this in homeroom either this week or early next week.

If they don't play sport, the questionnaire caters for that too, and this will give us good data.

If any of the boys have additional questions, they are welcome to email our Sports Coordinator, [Alethea Stove](#), or go and see her upstairs in the gym.

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

\*Please note, the flooding in Auckland will have an impact on our uniform supply.

All jackets and shorts available now. Small polos not available yet. Bucket hats and caps will be available the second week of school. As always, uniforms can be ordered [online](#) and picked up from school.

### February 2023

#### NORMAL HOURS TERM TIME 2023

Tuesdays and Thursdays

1.30 -- 2.15pm

3.15pm - 4.00pm

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](https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted)



Outward Bound Adapted Courses







We are excited to offer year 7's and above the opportunity to have a go at the weird and wacky sport that is Underwater Hockey!

Our Nelson/Tasman teams do really well at national comps and our club is a friendly and relaxed one that focusses on fun while developing skills and experiencing competition level games.

Could you ***please*** post the attached flyer on your sports pages/social media/school calendars. We would love to get more local kids into this water based sport.

We have TWO dates scheduled to help students get a feel for the sport. Feb 17th and 24th at 7pm Riverside pool.

If you have any questions please get in touch with [Alethea](#)

## 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:

He converted his try in 3 of the games.



Hato Hone  
St John

ST JOHN

YOUTH

FUN DAY

BRING ALONG A PICNIC LUNCH,  
AS WELL AS YOUR WHANAU AND  
FRIENDS TO THE HATO HONE ST  
JOHN YOUTH FUN DAY

February 18th  
11am-2pm  
Rabbit Island  
(Totara Area)

You will have the opportunity to learn more about the youth program, kōrero with current cadets and leaders, and see what the youth have to showcase through demos.

However, most importantly, we want everyone to HAVE FUN so these days will be full of smiles, games and a free sausage sizzle!

Bring along a picnic blanket, lunch, non-alcoholic drinks, sunscreen and a hat