



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

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

Kia ora tātou,

Already we're nearly halfway through the term, and life at college is progressing well. We've enjoyed a calm, positive and busy start to the year.

Today was our first mufti day for the year with our Head Students (Tuakana) raising money for the community at Napier Boys' High School. Their school was closed for several days over the last two weeks, something that we understand here at Nelson College. Well done to our leaders for organising this.

Next week we have our annual school athletics on Tuesday. With the front field closed, this will be at Saxton Fields instead, with our boys travelling there by bus. I encourage you to check with your son that he's entered into at least 2 events. If not, it will be possible to submit late entries on Monday. Later in the week, on Thursday, we will have our house swimming sports.

Thank you to our various coaches, managers and volunteers who support our students to participate in summer sports such as cricket, athletics and volleyball. A major strength of Nelson College is student involvement in co-curricular activities (sport, music, kapa haka, etc). It's great to see so many of our young men involved at all levels, from social through to representative.

For parents of years 12 and 13 students, hopefully you're aware that we're currently having visits from the various universities and tertiary institutes. These are advertised to students through the school notices. I encourage senior students to attend these to start their thinking about where they will go beyond college. Please contact Vikki Heays (vh@nelson.school.nz), our Careers Advisor, if you would like more information about this.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Tumuaki // Principal

## Upcoming Events:

### MARCH

- 7 School Athletics Day
- 9 House Swimming
- 15 Junior Dance (@NCG)
- 17 Year 12 RYDA Day
- 27 – 31 Matakī Challenge

### APRIL

- 4 Sports Photos
- 6 LAST DAY TERM 1

[Full Online Calendar](#)

## Student Achievement



Well done to Darcy Lawrey, Fergus McNeilly and Ian Hayes who were formally recognised at last week's school assembly for their award winning short film 'The Puppetmaster'. The psychological horror scooped the award for Best Drama and People's Choice in the 20th Annual Briefs Film Festival. Ka pai boys - next stop Wellywood! If you're feeling brave, click [HERE](#) to see their film.



Kai pai to Matua Wayne Hippolite, Ngakau Moka Tengu, Alize Cassidy, Quinton Tuhakaraina and Cade Heaphy who are participating in this year's Te Matatini Kapa Haka Festival in Auckland's Eden Park. Coming in 22<sup>nd</sup>, their group placed higher than any South Island group ever has.



Last week's House Chess Competition was arguably the most hotly anticipated chess event since Gary Kasparov faced off against IBM's supercomputer 'Deep Blue' in 1996. The tension was palpable, but our boys held their nerve. Congratulations to our winners Kahurangi Juniors AND seniors. Thanks to Stuart Roxburgh for running the event and for his dedication to The Game of Kings.

## Music -Combined Schools Concert Band Camp



Changing Tempos at our Combined Band Camp

Our combined schools Concert Band with Nelson College for Girls undertook a start of year band camp at Nelson Colleges Matakī Lodge last weekend. The camp was jam packed with intensive rehearsals, sectionals led by our senior students, games and a campfire capped off with a concert for parents on the Sunday afternoon to show off the hard work put into their programme over the weekend led by Mr Yorkstone. Watch this space for any future performances by our wonderful combined schools concert band.







## Brook Waimārama Sanctuary field trip

Year 11 Geography students enjoyed an outing to the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary this term. This was linked to two topics; our investigation into the use of 1080 poison in New Zealand as a contemporary geographic issue and our research into native bird populations in the Abel Tasman National Park. Stay tuned for news about the Abel Tasman field trip later in the term!

Our host was Shani, who guided us through the lower part of the sanctuary. She helped the students understand the sanctuary's purpose and vision, and the ways that invasive pests like possums, rats and stoats are controlled within its borders. What the class learned at the sanctuary will help them understand their own research project that looks at pest management effects on native birds in the Abel Tasman.



Shani was able to answer the numerous questions the students had. She also posed a few of her own, prompting the boys to consider the way people manage their own relationship with the natural environment. As an added bonus, she provided the opportunity for the students to sample some (safe!) examples of kai ngahere (food from the forest).

The trip, while short, was successful in helping the students gain a clearer understanding of conservation management issues and the challenges involved. Our thanks go to Shani for her time, expertise and passion! Also thank you to Joe Haddon, Science teacher extraordinaire, who helped out with the trip.



## Sports Office Snippets

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Wow, it's already March! We have had lots of events, and lots more to come over the next few weeks.

- Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket team, who beat Waimea College in the first round of the D'arcy Cup. We now travel to Blenheim in a couple of weeks to take on Marlborough Boys College
- Our Mountain Bikers had a great time racing up Silvan Forest in Richmond (more below)
- Championship Swimming was held on Monday. Congratulations to our Champions.

### Current registrations in progress

- Senior social basketball teams need to be in by **March 10<sup>th</sup>**
- Senior competitive players who missed trials yesterday, need to see Alethea in the Sports Office **ASAP**
- Junior basketball sign ups will be done in a couple of weeks
- Hockey sign ups are happening now -all ages, all abilities

### Tasman Secondary Schools Mt Biking Championships

We had 20 boys racing in the hills above Richmond. The Silvan Forest tracks were challenging but the boys loved it. Thanks to Mr Watson and our team of awesome parents who helped out.

#### Day 1 – Enduro

**U 14 boys – 32 riders in total**

1<sup>st</sup> Lochie Bates  
2<sup>nd</sup> Finn Pickering  
6<sup>th</sup> Alex Merriless  
9<sup>th</sup> James Maurice  
10<sup>th</sup> Lawson Folly

**U16 boys – 50 riders in total**

4<sup>th</sup> Sam Henderson  
8<sup>th</sup> Fin Allen  
13<sup>th</sup> Will Lasenby  
14<sup>th</sup> Rio Crisp  
16<sup>th</sup> Campbell Gallagher  
20<sup>th</sup> Campbell Folly

**U19 Boys – 11 riders in total**

9<sup>th</sup> Orin Harbinson

#### Day 2 – Cross Country

**U14 boys – 11 riders in total**

1<sup>st</sup> Finn Pickering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lochie Bates  
6<sup>th</sup> Beau Wadley

**U16 Boys – 24 riders in total**

17<sup>th</sup> Rorie Harbinson

#### OVERALL RESULTS

**U14 boys**

1<sup>st</sup> = Lochie Bates  
1<sup>st</sup> = Finn Pickering

**U16 boys**

10<sup>th</sup> Rorie Harbinson

Thanks to Neil Sinclair for the photos.



## Careers Hub

It is so wonderful to be able to start the year with in- person visits again!

We have quite a full calendar already this term with visits booked in from employers, representatives from industry, university liaison visits and some career exploration events.

Keep checking the daily notices (on the p) and emails for further information.

### UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>6 Mar</b> <b>Waikato Uni Liaison visit</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>Library via zoom</b> <i>(please email vh if you would like the link)</i>  <b>University of Auckland Liaison visit</b> <b>1.30pm</b> <b>Library via zoom</b> <i>(please email vh if you would like the link)</i>	<b>7 Mar</b> <b>Lincoln Uni Liaison Visit</b> <b>FOR BOARDERS</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>Barnicoat House</b> <i>Introduction to study at Lincoln</i>	<b>8 March</b> <b>Lincoln Uni Liaison Visit</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>Library</b> <i>Introduction to study at Lincoln</i>  <b>University of Canterbury Liaison visit</b> <b>1.30pm</b> <b>Library</b> <i>Introduction to study</i>	<b>9 March</b> <b>Air NZ Recruitment Talk</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>Library</b> <i>Find out more about the working opportunities at AIRNZ</i>	
		<b>15 March</b> <b>Trades Collective Talk</b> <b>9am</b> <b>Library</b> <i>Why gaining a Trade is a good option, benefits, lifestyle, opportunities</i>		

### UNIVERSITY, NMIT, ARA & Further Study students:

#### CHECKLIST:

- Check your @nc email address regularly for events!
- Attend the University Liaison visits this term to see what is on offer

### VOCATIONAL Students:

#### CHECKLIST:

- Working towards gaining your Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV
- Thinking about work experience you might like to explore





Testing the Structural Integrity of a Marshmallow with BECA

## PROFILE:

This week we had a group of students who are looking to study engineering at university spend the morning with BECA (engineering) in town, with engineers from different disciplines, hearing their stories and doing a few workshops...engineering with spaghetti and marshmallows!

13 of our students were privileged to join the Trades academy courses at Te Pukenga NMIT.

These courses are NZQA level 2 and 3 course learning offered in a tertiary environment. Our students joined courses in Hospitality, Art Design, Joinery, Automotive, Mechanical Engineering and Sport and Exercise. This opportunity creates a pathway into further studies; to gain more skills and to learn with other students from across the top of the south region from Murchison to Picton.

The courses run every Friday until October.



Students taking their place at The Trades Academy



Work experience opportunities are so valuable for our boys so if you have any contacts that may be able to help with this we would love to hear from you!

Contact Chris Phillips Gateway and Work Experience Co-ordinator on [pl@nelson.school.nz](mailto:pl@nelson.school.nz)

**LifeLab**

Discover a world of  
opportunities  
in Nelson Tasman

LifeLab is a local Nelson Tasman specific careers website for young people, their whānau, and careers advisors. It's also useful for young people from outside the region considering a move here  
Click [HERE](#) for more information

## Preparatory School News

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### STEAM Art.

Art is the 'A' in STEAM. The Year 7's were given the task to research a mode of transport, make a sketch and then finish off their design using water colour paints. This is the first stage to a larger STEAM project.





## Annual Prep Swimming Sports

The boys made a splash at the recent annual Prep swimming sports event. There was a mix of competitive and fun class races, and it was good to watch the boys cheer on their friends. Needless to say, the day went swimmingly!



Making a Splash at Annual Prep Swimming Sports

## General School Information

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### Student Contact Information

If you have moved recently or have any new contact details like phone numbers for email address, please check into the [Parent Portal](#) and update your details or email [jn@nelson.school.nz](mailto:jn@nelson.school.nz)

### Student Achievement

The College aims to acknowledge all outstanding student achievement. Please contact the Leadership Team, on [excellence@nelson.school.nz](mailto:excellence@nelson.school.nz) with any information on your son's successes.

### Lost Property

Please ensure your son's property is named, so that found items can be returned promptly. For enquiries about Lost Property please contact the College Office on 03 5483099.

**All general school information for caregiver can be found on the college website.**

[General Student Information | Nelson College](#)

This covers: Absence, Buses, Policies & Procedures, stationery and much more

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm (Term time only)

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## Uniform Shop

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Socks are delayed due to flooding in Auckland

Uniform shop will be shut at lunchtime on Tuesday 7th March, opening at 3.15.

Also shut all day Tuesday 21st March.

### 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))**



*Maths Hack Answer: The circle  
centre travels 24cm.*