



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 19th May 2023

Kia ora tātou

Last Thursday, two of our staff (Luke Toynbee and Dan Hanson) led professional learning (PLD) for our staff around the changes happening in literacy and numeracy – changes I'm sure you've heard about in the media.

As part of the PLD session, Dan and Luke got staff to try some exemplar questions. I've included copies of these later in the newsletter to give you an idea of the questions.

The standard certainly is higher, and I believe this is good. Despite claims that computers and the internet would remove the need for basic skills, our young people need sound literacy and numeracy more than ever. To read tenancy or employment contracts. To calculate discounts when they compare prices online. To calculate exchange rates. And so on.

For your information about the new literacy and numeracy standards:

- **3 Assessments**
Students will have to pass 3 assessments – reading, writing and numeracy.
- **Online Assessments**
The assessments must be sat online. There will be two assessment opportunities, mid-way through the year, and at the end of the year.
- **Year 10**
The assessments will be sat by year 10 students, rather than year 11. Students may re-sit an assessment (later in the year) if they do not pass.
- **Impact on NCEA**
From next year, literacy and numeracy will be separately assessed and not count as credits towards NCEA. However, students must achieve literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy to achieve NCEA at any level.

Later this term (week 8) Nelson College will hold its first trial of the new digital literacy and numeracy assessments. We encourage all year 10 students to give these a go. If they pass, the result stands and counts towards NCEA 2024. If not, they'll have another opportunity later in the year, and next year, etc.

Unfortunately, the process hasn't been straightforward. Some problems being encountered by schools include:

- Students can only sit the assessment online.
- The tests are expected to take one hour, but students may take as much time as they need. This is good, but students' computers must be fully charged and have a long battery life.
- Students with bigger screens are advantaged because some of the resources require scrolling on smaller screens.
- A number of schools have experienced delays due to so many students accessing the internet simultaneously, and the organisation of the assessments is disruptive to the rest of the school.
- There has been a lack of resources for schools to prepare. For example, the school has not been given answers and explanatory notes for the exemplars in today's newsletter.
- While it's good to raise the standard, there's concern that literacy and numeracy is the culmination of 10 years of learning, and current year 9 and 10 students across New Zealand may be disadvantaged with a lack of time to adequately meet the new standard.

Upcoming Events:

MAY

26 Rockquest Finals

JUNE

5 Kings Birthday
9 Nga manu Korero Regionals
20 Shirley Boys Exchange
27 NC Music Evening
27-29 Rugby Quad Tournament

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Changes to the process continue.

The government recently announced that in 2024 and 2025, schools may use Level 1 NCEA standards instead of the digital assessments. However, if students do so then these standards can't count towards NCEA as they do currently. There's a lot to iron out and prepare for. We'll keep you informed about the changes.

Our PLD session last Thursday was excellent. It was great to see all teachers engaging with the changes and how we will all share the responsibility for preparing our young men for success.

Enjoy the questions.

Ngā mihi nui // kind regards,

R Dykes

Tumuaki/Principal

Front Field Reopening and 1st XV Game

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the grand reopening of our front field and the 1st XV game against St. Bede's College, Christchurch. After a succession of fairly soggy days, Nelson finally turned the sun back on and hundreds of spectators gathered on the bank to watch the game under an azure blue sky. Thanks to all the reconditioning work of the Nelson Old Boys Association, the front field resembled a vast carpet of lush green velvet and thankfully had dried out sufficiently after all that rain!

The combined Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls school band were pitch perfect in their rendition of Vangelis' Conquest of Paradise, played as the teams descended the steps to the pitch. After a quick and ceremonious snip of the ribbon by Old Boy Chris Harvey, it was game on! The boys from St. Bede's made worthy opponents, but in the end, the blue shirts dominated the playing field and Nelson College came away with the win 32-17.

Many visiting families who were attending the Boarding School Open Day were able to stay and watch the game which added greatly to their experience and made the long trip even more worthwhile.

It really was just one of those days. Nelson College at its very best!



Boarding Open Day

Our Boarding Open Day was a great success this year, with 17 families in attendance.

Tumuaki Richard Dykes and Director of Boarding Tim Middleton welcomed the families before a full tour of both boarding houses led by Housemasters Simon Mardon and Tracy McLaren.

Enrolling a child in boarding school is a big decision. Open days are important because it really gives families the opportunity to get a feel for what their child's life will be like once they come to live here. We wanted families to come away from the experience feeling fully informed and so we drew on a range of perspectives to tell the story of boarding life at Nelson College.

Old Boy Ed Chapman Cohen came to speak to the families about his experience. Ed boarded here as a young man and now his three sons are all here. We are very grateful to Ed for giving his time and providing some valuable insight.

Boarding supervisor Richard Townsend also spoke to the families. Richard has many strings to his bow; he's a Year 11 Dean, a PE teacher and is the lead for PB4L (positive behaviour for learning). Given his experience and credentials, Richard is ideally placed to give a really good account of what day to day life is all about here.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our student tour leaders; Lachlan Hall, Andy Yao and Taiyo Hidaka who made our younger guests feel welcome and no doubt a little less nervous about making the leap to boarding school!



Pink Shirt Day

Today is Pink Shirt Day and we are proud wear pink to show our commitment to standing up to bullying. Every child should lead a life free from bullying and every bully should be given the help they need to turn their behaviour around.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Sports Office Snippets

It's been a busy start to the term getting all our basketball, hockey and rugby teams up and running for their season. We have 29 basketball teams playing on a Wednesday night! It is awesome to see so many boys out there enjoying sport.

Now is the time to register for the Tasman Secondary Schools Squash (June 7), Table Tennis (June 19) and Golf (June 20) Tournaments. This information is in the school notices, but in case your son misses that, please send an email to [Alethea](#) in the Sports Office. Registrations close Friday May 26th. Please note that Table Tennis and Golf clash with our sports exchange with Shirley Boys High School so your son will not be able to do both events!

Team Photos: To access your son's summer sports team photos please go to this website. www.photolife.co.nz

Hockey

Congratulations to Domett House who won both the Senior & Junior Hockey titles this week! Well done. Thank you to Jamie Brown for refereeing these games also, much appreciated. It was a great event and well participated in so thank you all.

Below is an update for the overall placings.

House Competition Table 2023

House	Junior Cricket	Senior Cricket	Junior Touch	Senior Touch	Junior Chess	Senior Chess	Junior Hockey	Senior Hockey	Swimming	Athletics	Cross Country	House Points	Placing
Boarders	X	X	8	10	4	10	8	8	8	8	8	72	2nd
Chaytor	X	X	12	12	10	8	0	8	2	6	2	60	3rd=
Domett	X	X	4	4	8	4	12	12	4	4	8	60	3rd=
Kahurang	X	X	8	8	12	12	4	10	10	12	12	88	1st
Monro	X	X	10	4	4	4	4	4	6	10	12	58	6th
Robinson	X	X	4	8	8	8	10	4	12	2	4	60	3rd=

Next Events:

- Wednesday 17th May – Cross Country
- Monday 22nd May – Volleyball in Gym 1

Rugby

Club Day at Nelson College was simply magnificent! St. Bede’s College, Christchurch were the first visiting team to play on our newly refurbished front field. The boys played a great game and it was well supported with hundreds of spectators in attendance. Our thoughts go to Mikey Morrison who sustained a broken leg during the game which will put him out of action for the next couple of months. We wish Mikey a speedy recovery and can’t wait to see him back on the field. For more details on the game and all the latest rugby news, take a look at our newsletter on [SPORTY](#)



History Department News

This week the history department welcomed Vietnam Vets, Barry Pont, Kelvin Neame and Old Boy Ralph Urwin to speak about their experiences of the war and provide a valuable first-hand perspective on this important event for our country. Over 3000 New Zealanders served in Vietnam between 1963 and 1975. The NZ contribution to the war was seen as 'modest' - anything but to those who served, and their loved ones back at home. As it was for many countries, the Vietnam war was a watershed moment that spawned furious public and political debate about New Zealand's foreign policy and its place on the world stage. As 'those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it', we are grateful for the knowledge and insight from Barry, Kelvin and Ralph. Thank you gentlemen.



Student Achievement

New Zealand Society of Authors Mentorship Programme



Congratulations to Year 13 student Callum Love, who has been accepted for a New Zealand Society of Authors writing mentorship.

The mentorship programme offers young writers (aged 15-18) a chance to be paired with an experienced YA (Youth Adult Fiction) writer for a nine hour mentorship. The intent of the programme is to foster and develop emerging writing talent with the support of established authors.

With only four places available annually, the bar for acceptance to the programme is high and applications are assessed for style, originality and a project outline that shows clarity of vision.

This is an incredible and well-earned opportunity for Callum and we can't wait to see where his writing journey takes him.

NZQA – NCEA Literacy & Numeracy Exemplars

Numeracy Questions:

QUESTION THREE: Bank balances

Sam works part-time while he studies. Below is his bank statement.

Bank of Aotearoa				
Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit/deposit	Balance
12 Feb 2021	Cafe Calypso Wages S Smith		\$410.25	\$847.89
13 Feb 2021	Rent	\$185.00		\$662.89
15 Feb 2021	Cash withdrawal	\$200.00		\$462.89
16 Feb 2021	Speydon Garage Petrol	\$15.00		\$447.89
17 Feb 2021	3Degrees mobilephone monthly	\$49.90		\$397.99
18 Feb 2021	Teina motorcycle repairs	\$506.40		-\$108.41
19 Feb 2021	Cafe Calypso Wages S Smith		\$516.90	

Debit means money goes out of Sam's account.

Credit/deposit means money goes into his account.

Balance means how much money is left in his account.

(a) Why does Sam have a balance of -\$108.41 at the end of 18 February?

- There is \$108.41 left in his account.
- He owes the bank \$108.41.
- The bank charges a fee of \$108.41.
- Sam has \$108.41 in bills that must be paid.

(b) The balance at the end of 19 February is missing. What is the new balance?

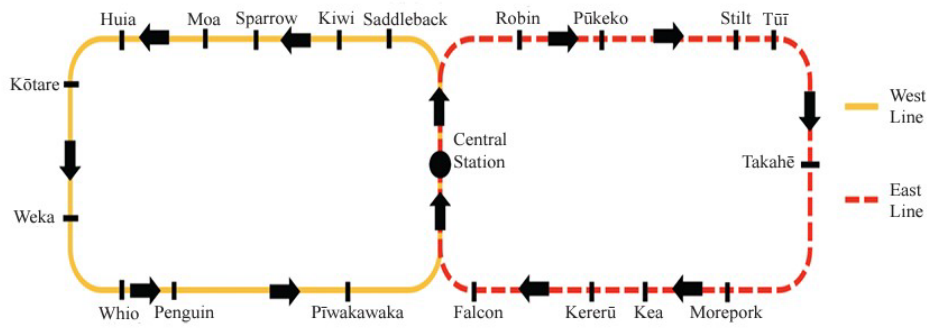
(c) Should Sam be worried that he is spending more than he earns?

- Yes No Can't tell for sure

Explain your answer, using information from the bank statement.

QUESTION FIVE: Getting there

Below is a diagram of a train network. Each mark (|) is a station.



- (a) You catch the train at Kiwi station on the West Line and get off at Penguin station.
The train stops at every station.

How many stops are **between** Kiwi and Penguin Stations? (Do **not** include Kiwi and Penguin.)

- 4
- 5
- 6
- 9
- 10

- (b) Here is part of the train timetable for the West Line.

	Central Station	Saddleback	Kiwi	Sparrow	Moa	Huia	Kōtare	Weka	Whio	Penguin	Pīwakawaka	Central Station
Monday to Friday	07:40	07:45	07:48	07:51	07:53	07:55	07:58	08:04	08:07	08:10	08:14	08:20
	08:00	08:05	08:08	08:11	08:13	08:15	08:18	08:24	08:27	08:30	08:34	08:40
	08:20	08:25	08:28	08:31	08:33	08:35	08:38	08:44	08:47	08:50	08:54	09:00
	08:40	08:45	08:48	08:51	08:53	08:55	08:58	09:04	09:07	09:10	09:14	09:20
	09:00	09:05	09:08	09:11	09:13	09:15	09:18	09:24	09:27	09:30	09:34	09:40
	09:20	09:25	09:28	09:31	09:33	09:35	09:38	09:44	09:47	09:50	09:54	10:00
	09:40	09:45	09:48	09:51	09:53	09:55	09:58	10:04	10:07	10:10	10:14	10:20
	10:00	10:05	10:08	10:11	10:13	10:15	10:18	10:24	10:27	10:30	10:34	10:40
	10:20	10:25	10:28	10:31	10:33	10:35	10:38	10:44	10:47	10:50	10:54	11:00
	10:40	10:45	10:48	10:51	10:53	10:55	10:58	11:04	11:07	11:10	11:14	11:20
	11:00	11:05	11:08	11:11	11:13	11:15	11:18	11:24	11:27	11:30	11:34	11:40

You want to get to Penguin just after 10:00 am.

- (i) At what time should you catch the train at Kiwi?

- (ii) How long will the train journey take between Kiwi and Penguin?

Literacy Questions:

QUESTION TWO

Read the article and below and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

From her aunt's garage to the world stage

At age fifteen, Parris Goebel started a dance group, ReQuest, in her aunt's garage with four of her friends.

Now she has stars lining up wanting her as their choreographer.

Parris grew up the youngest of four children in Manurewa, in Auckland. She loved dance even as a small child, and by age eight was enrolled in tap, jazz, and ballet classes. But she found her true passion when she started hip hop dance lessons at age ten.

By age seventeen, Parris had cofounded the Palace Dance Studio and had pioneered a style of hip hop dance called Polyswagg, which she describes as "combining sassy woman fire with aggressive inner strength." This distinctive style, which includes motifs such as glitchy, full body twerking and caterpillar formations, brought Parris and her dance groups international attention after they won gold eight times at the World Hip Hop Championships.

Since then, Parris has done everything from directing thirteen of Justin Bieber's music videos (5.3 billion views on YouTube) to choreographing Jennifer Lopez's dance routine at the 2020 Superbowl halftime show (watched by 103 million viewers in the United States). Parris has also worked with a long list of artists, including Ciara, Ariana Grande, Little Mix, Rihanna, Janet Jackson, Nicki Minaj, Big Bang, 2NE1, CL, and Taeyang.

She's packed so much into her life that she wrote her autobiography three years ago at the age of 25.

Parris is proud of her Samoan, Chinese, and Scottish heritage and is passionate about helping people to express and empower themselves through dance.

She also gives back to the community, running the charity Sisters United along with her sisters Kendal and Narelle, which offers mentoring and employment programmes for young people.

- (c) Which word has closest meaning to the word 'pioneered', as used in this sentence?

*By age seventeen, Parris had cofounded the Palace Dance Studio and had **pioneered** a style of hip hop dance called Polyswagg.*

- taught
 learned
 watched
 developed

- (d) *She's packed so much into her life that she wrote her autobiography three years ago at the age of 25.*

An autobiography is a book someone writes about their own life.

The author most likely thinks:

- Parris should have written her autobiography later in life
 Parris should have written her autobiography at a younger age
 Parris wrote an autobiography because she knows lots of famous people
 Parris wrote an autobiography because she has achieved a lot at a young age

Technology Department News

Metalwork

Top left and middle. Year 10 metalwork students Carter Bisdee and Will Lasenby are happy to report that after some rigorous testing, their rocket stoves are working well. Despite both rocket stoves failing to achieve lift-off, Carter and Will assure us that they are probably more useful for heating up baked beans and Milo! Well done to our two rocket boys!

Wood Technology

Top and bottom right. After all their hard work, Toby Inch and Ewan Chadwick finally get to sit down....on these very sturdy four legged stools they made with their own two hands! Ewan had the great idea of inlaying a sprocket into the seat of his stool which we think looks super styley. From rockets to sprockets....what a bunch of talented lads!

Fine Woodworking

Bottom left and middle. Kishan Chand and Cseysi Uele both completed these step stools to a high standard. No doubt they will come in very handy around the home. The vertically challenged among us salute your craftsmanship boys!



UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

mon	tue	Wed	thu	fri
<p>22 May Uni Scholarships Session 4 Lunchtime Library</p> <p>REGISTRATION CLOSES for Conservation Trip Check your emails for registration link or email vh . Event takes place 8 June</p>	<p>23 May</p>	<p>24 May Nicola Nelson + Spike the Tuatara (lecturer from Vic Conservation Biology) <i>What can Tuatara behaviour tell us about global warming</i> P4 Please register with vh via email</p> <p>Guy Marriage (lecturer from Vic Architecture) <i>Innovative construction, building and sustainability, housing density</i> P4 Please register with vh via email</p> <p>Career Exploration Event: Aquaculture <i>For registered students only. Check your emails for details of trip</i></p>	<p>25 May Steve Pawson (lecturer from UC Forestry Science) <i>talking about the Secret Life of Trees</i> P3 and P5 Please register with vh via email</p>	<p>26 May Brandy Alger (lecturer from UC Engineering) <i>Talking about variety of careers in Engineers and her area of speciality which is ensuring community and structural resilience in the event of an earthquake and other natural disasters.</i> P2 Please register with vh via email</p> <p>REGISTRATION CLOSES for Whenua iti Leadership Camp Check your emails for registration link or email vh . Event takes place Week 1 July school holidays</p>
<p>29 May Halls Session 1 Lunchtime Library <i>Find out about the process of applying</i></p>				

Events in the pipeline for Term 2

- Career Exploration Days
 - Conservation Trip 8th June
 - Beyond the Front Door (Health) 12th June
 - Visit by Airforce Helicopter A109 12th June (TBC)
 - Fantastic Futures Event 21st June
 - Forestry Trip 28th June
- University Preparation Sessions
 - Hall application sessions
 - Parent Info Session re Halls TBC

If you are interested in providing a work site visit or work experience in your industry, we would love to hear from you!

Contact [Chris Phillips](#) (Gateway and Work Experience Co-ordinator) or [Vikki Heays](#) (Careers Advisor) on

ESOL and TARM

Last week ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students visited TARM (Te Ara Reo Māori) class and were greeted with a brief mihi whakatau (led by Taniora Ropiha). In turn the ESOL students introduced themselves in their mother tongues; Japanese, Spanish, Samoan and Thai. The students conducted a series of interviews around the subject of recycling and learned about different types of question; open-ended, rating, multiple choice and demographic information. By the end of the session, students hadn't just learned about separating their plastics, they connected on a deeper cultural level, learning words in each other's languages and more importantly, what the food was like in each other's countries!

Everyone came away from the session with the acknowledgement that it's hard to learn another language, but it's also worthwhile. Unsurprisingly, the boys are cooking up a plan to share some kai at the end of term! YUM!



Tuck Shop Update

Grub's up! Thanks to a bit of good old fashioned Kiwi ingenuity, 'Hollibell's Canteen' has rolled on to site and will serve as our interim tuck shop while the original building undergoes some remediation works. Apart from riblets and burgers, Maria and Sarah will be serving up the usual lunch time fare that we've grown to know and love here at Nelson College. We have been supervising visits to the bakery on Waimea Road, but now that we have our interim tuck shop, boys will be staying on-site during lunch times.



Preparatory School News

Tree planting season starts.

Over the next few weeks Prep students will head out to Estuary Place in Richmond to participate in some community service and plant trees alongside the Waimea estuary. Prep has been a long time supporter of 'Battle for the Banded Rail', a local project that aims to restore native flora and fauna to the Waimea Inlet. 8LN class had a great day out last Friday and made their contribution to the over 40,000 plantings that have been dug in since the project became active in 2015.



Internet Safety Presentation

**Free Online Safety
Presentation**

May 23 - 6pm



In collaboration with Nelson Girls College, we are holding an information evening for parents and whānau with Netsafe's Relationship and Education Advisor, Shelley Hirst.

Shelly will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

For more information click [HERE](#)

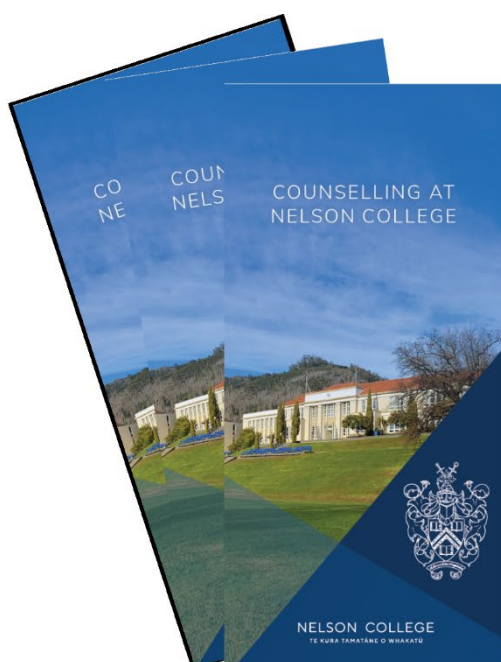
Theatre Sports and Performing Arts News

Come along to our weekly Thursday lunch time practices in the Performance Suite and find out about these exciting opportunities below.

Nelson/Tasman Theatresports comp 2023 At Red Door Theatre Nelson, 1st August Junior comp. 8th August Senior comp. \$20 per person to participate. Winners will have the opportunity to compete in the Christchurch finals. We usually create teams relating to your school, but we will have a scratch team which can be a selection of students from any schools.

For more information, please contact Nikkie at cre8theatrecompany@yahoo.co.nz or 0273468892

Guidance Counselling



Our Guidance Counsellors have been busy making sure that every student knows how to access their services. They've had these brochures printed up, complete with QR codes so students can simply scan to make an appointment. The brochures will be popping up around the school and shortly, we will have posters on display too.



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Numeracy & Literacy Answers

Numeracy

Question 3 - (a) Second option – He owes the bank \$108.41.

(b) \$408.49 Dollar sign not required

(c) Explanation for the answer using information in the bank statement. For example: *Might comment on motorcycle repairs being a "one-off" expense, part time wages will fluctuate, regular debit items (rent, petrol, mobile phone) look okay for his wages, etc.*

Question 5 - (a) 6

(b) (i) 09.48 (9.48am)

(ii) 22 minutes

Literacy

Question 2 (c) D

(d) D