



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 30th June 2023

Message from Nelson College Board

As we draw towards the end of term two it's timely to reflect on the 2023 year-to-date.

As the Board, our goal of course is to see our rangatahi, our young men flourish. It's been wonderful to see some routine to normality such as assemblies and sports fixtures, even if disrupted by ongoing COVID, colds and industrial action. We have fantastic young men and the Board, school leadership and all staff are focussed on using our scarce resources to best serve our community and provide a high quality education.

From the Board's governance perspective, we're pleased to see a number of positive developments across our school. In (very) brief summary, these include:

- **Junior Curriculum**
The redevelopment of our years 7-10 curriculum using the IB MYP as a framework to coordinate and implement current changes such as the Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories curriculum, global perspectives and more.
- **Positive Behaviour**
The introduction of our college's pou and kawa (connected to our traditional) school motto as part of the MOE's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) initiative.
- **Academic Reporting**
We've modified our reporting home to whānau to include weekly and termly reporting, with parent-teacher conferences online and in person at the start of each term.
- **Ara Māori (Māori Immersion) Programme**
In collaboration with Nelson College for Girls, our school has started a Māori immersion programme. We currently have 24 year 9 students, and are about to consult with whānau and iwi about plans for extending it into 2024.
- **Campus Vision**
With support from the MOE, we've working with an architect (JASMAX) to develop long-term plans for the maintenance and development of our campus and facilities. As this process moves forward, we'll be sure to consult widely.
- **Debt Repayment / Sale of Surplus Assets**
We're working well with the MOE to identify and sell surplus assets, in order to repay our debt. The Board and MOE have currently only confirmed the former Caretaker's Residence and the Westmount classrooms (both on Franklyn Rd) for sale.

Upcoming Events:

JULY

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| 17 | Start of Term 3 |
| 17-20 | 1 st XI Football to Wellington |
| 24-29 | Year 9 Orientation Week |
| 24 | 2024 Course Selection open |
| 26 | Course Selection Evening |
| 29 | Open Day College & Prep |

AUGUST

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| 1 | Parent Teacher Interviews Y11-13 only (At home learning for all NC students) |
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[Full Online Calendar](#)

These changes are taking place in the middle of other government mandated initiatives such as the review of NCEA, literacy and numeracy, and the junior curriculum refresh. They've been led by the Tumuaki and the Senior Leadership Team, with the full support of the Board.

We're also mindful of the disruption to school life and learning through the ongoing impact of COVID and industrial action. Like you we look forward to a 'normal' year.

We especially want to thank all our staff for their work and contribution. Our circumstances remain challenging, and yet our staff continue to work hard and loyally. The Board doesn't underestimate the impact of our current circumstances and changes on students, whānau and staff. It's been significant and taken a toll on everyone, and the Board is working with the school to add extra resourcing to support everyone.

We look forward to updating you on other key governance work later in the year. In the meantime, congratulations to our young men for their achievements across this first half of the year, and again a huge thank you to all our amazing staff who have supported them in achieving so much. Thank you also to our families for your support of the school and our staff.

Nelson College Board

Kia ora tātou,

With the message from the Board, I'll keep my communication short.

Most importantly I want to thank everyone – students, whānau and staff for your patience and support this term. COVID continues to impact on school continuity and, this term, industrial action has been significant. Through this, I know that many have worked hard to support our students and their learning as best possible.

It's wonderful to have full school assemblies running regularly, complete with the school song at the start of each assembly. Sports and music are up and running. I love the level of participation that is such a hallmark and strength of Nelson College. To all our volunteers, managers, coaches, taxi drivers (parents) ... thank you. Your support is instrumental in our rangatahi enjoying the opportunities they do.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a restful two weeks. Safe travel if you're leaving Nelson.

Ngā mihi nui // kind regards,

R Dykes
Tumuaki/Principal

Farewell to Mr. Jarrod Aberhart



Remember - tempus fugit,
time flies.

Don't waste your time
living someone else's life.
Follow your heart, follow
your intuition, follow your
passions.

*Ngā mihi,
Jarrod*

Jarrod Aberhart
Nelson College 1998-2002 & 2008-2023

Crossing the boards of our old school stage for his last assembly this week. Mr. Aberhart gave us all some words of wisdom, and words of affection in his farewell speech to Nelson College. Having been part of the school whānau for twenty years, starting in 1998 when he came to us as a student, there aren't many staff members who know this place as well as Jarrod.

In his many roles - Deputy Principal, Business Studies, Economics, Social Studies, English and PE Teacher, as well as an IT Lead and much more, Jarrod has embodied our school values of manaaki, pono and kairangi. Little wonder as he himself has been instrumental in the development and implementation of these values, that echo the Latin values Pietas, Probitas et Sapientia that have taken us from the 19th century to where we are today.

Ever committed to the pastoral care of our boys, and charged with the administration of discipline, Jarrod saw every misstep, and schoolboy error as potential.....potential to learn, and to grow. In Jarrod we farewell a great teacher, a highly trusted and respected colleague, we also farewell our friend. Jarrod, we wish you all the best in your new role at The Ministry of Education.



Farewell to Sam Currie

Sam Currie is hanging up his Bunsen burner and saying goodbye to his old chemistry lab this term. Sam's been instilling a love of science in kids for most of his career as a chemistry teacher. The fact that they get to blow things up, set fire to things and make potions worthy of a place on the top shelf in Hogwarts probably helped them in their learning journeys too! Thanks Sam and good luck in your new adventures!



Farewell to Jessica D'Ath.

Also this term we farewell Jessica D'Ath. Jessica worked in the areas of art, maths and ESOL, and ran the refugee programme here at Nelson College. Jessica is an accomplished singer and vocal coach and has followed her passion by doing what she loves, sharing her gift for music. You can find out more about Jessica's expert vocal coaching [HERE](#)



Middle Years Programme - Junior Curriculum whānau consultation

With the continuing development of Te Mataiaho | The New Zealand Curriculum, and our adoption of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme, there have been changes to what and how we teach. We are also constantly learning and wanting to ensure that our content is aimed at our local community.

We are inviting whānau of current Year 7 and Year 9 students to a whānau consultation evening on Monday the 31st of July, from 7pm until 8pm.

It will be held in Te Ara Poutama, our whare on campus.

If you would like to come, please indicate on the Form linked [HERE](#)

Sports Office Snippets

Rugby

We had a great turnout of Nelson College supporters at the 97th Quadrangular Tournament, hosted by Wellington College. Nelson College brought it in the second half, and came away with the win against Christ's College in the minor final at the Quadrangular Tournament, winning 38-31.

This also doubled as a match in the Miles Toyota Premiership, which they remain unbeaten in! Congratulations team!

Also Congratulations to Wellington College for narrowly taking the win in the major final against Whanganui Collegiate School, with a final score of 32-31!! For all the latest rugby news click [HERE](#)



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| Quad Tournament Wellington College, Wellington | | Miles Toyota Premiership Wellington College, Wellington | | WCS vs NEL Quad Tournament Wellington College, Wellington | |
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| 1st XV Rugby | 1st XV Rugby | 1st XV Rugby | 1st XV Rugby | 1st XV Rugby | 1st XV Rugby |
| Wellington College | vs Whanganui Collegiate | Christ's College | vs Nelson College | Whanganui Collegiate | vs Nelson College |
| 32 | FT 31 | 31 | FT 38 | 35 | FT 28 |
| Wellington College win the Quad 4 | | | | | |

Football

A small but significant break with tradition saw the front field host the annual Jill Heath Memorial between Nelson College 1st XI and Nayland College 1st XI. Our boys were the ones taking home the silverware that day, but everyone took home a great experience. Thanks to Nayland College for the great game!



Underwater Hockey

If you thought hockey was hard enough, try playing it underwater!!! Our senior and Junior NC Underwater Hockey teams participated in the Central regional championships last weekend. Juniors placed 1st and Seniors placed 2nd in their respective divisions meaning they now head to Nationals!

Mega big ups to Sam Holmes (senior) and Riley Ten Hoorn Boer (junior) who were named MVP for their teams. Ka pai boys!



Table Tennis

JJ and Lionel Wells shields 2023.

TT Nelson Invites all intermediate and secondary schools to enter teams for the Interschool competition for the JJ Shield (Secondary Schools) and The Lionel Wells shield (intermediate and primary). This is the premier event for School Table Tennis.



This year the JJ Shield competition will be known as the Summit League, sponsored by Summit Real Estate. The Winning and Runner schools will each receive \$500.00 from Summit Real Estate. Winning team \$200.00 and three other finalist teams \$100.00.

The competition starts on Friday the 28th of July and runs for 8 weeks. Saxton Table Tennis Stadium, Fridays at 4-30pm to 6pm. Two player teams of any gender combination. Entry is Free. Bats are provided for those who don't have their own. Non-marking sports shoes are essential. You can enter as many teams as you like but two players for each team must be in attendance each week for the draw to work. You can enter more than two players for a team if players wish to rotate but only two can play each week.

Please list your players below and return the form to Table Tennis Nelson.

tt.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Ph Mark 02108408652 for more information

Team Name _____

School _____

Contact person

Name _____ Phone _____

Player names

1 _____
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Media Studies



NC Media Team

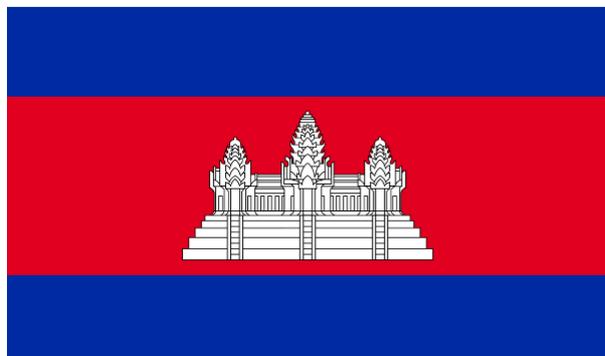
Tuesday Lunch, B1

Do you know your Marvel from your DC? Your Ghibli from your Goku?

Join your fellow fans and creators in the NC Media Team, to talk about film and other creative arts with a goal of making some collaborative projects.

Bring your lunch!

Cambodia - Vietnam Trip



In March 2024 we are taking up to 22 students to Vietnam and Cambodia for three weeks. The trip is open to all students who are currently Years 10, 11 and 12. More details and sign up information is available from the Pacific Discovery [WEBSITE](#)

Registrations are open now and close Monday 10th July.

Careers

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

These will be going ahead despite Strike Action. So please support your young person to still attend.

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 17 July Halls/Scholarship Drop In Session Lunchtime Library 1.30pm <i>If you need help of have questions about these</i> | 18 July | 19 July | 20 July Career Exploration Event: Horticulture <i>Check your emails for details of this trip</i> <i>Register here:</i> https://forms.office.com/r/QZAf5nMmcW | 21 July |
| 24 July Halls/Scholarship Drop In Session Lunchtime Library 1.30pm <i>If you need help of have questions about these</i> | 25 July | 26 July Course Selection Evening | 27 July | 28 July |

Events in the pipeline for Term 3

- Career Exploration Days:
 - IT Day Wed 4th August
 - Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/47fh9mpk8i>
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 - Course Selection Evening 26th July
 - University Liaison Visits for University Course Planning
 - Vic: 3rd Aug
 - Otago: 17th Aug
 - Massey: 5th Sept
 - Lincoln: 13th Sept
 - UC: 13th Sept

WORK Experience for Students

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

In particular we are looking for work experience opportunities for students in these areas at the moment:

- Construction
- Automotive
- Youth work

Contact [Chris Phillips](#) (Gateway and Work Experience Co-ordinator) or [Vikki Heays](#) (Careers Advisor) on if you can help...thanks!!

Reader's Cup



10 of our Year 9 lads went to Nayland College this week for the annual Readers Cup quiz competition. There were 15 teams from all over the top of the south including Golden Bay High School, Marlborough Boys College, Queen Charlotte College and Marlborough Girls College. Our teams placed mid field and the students enjoyed the 60 difficult highly detailed comprehension questions relating to the six books that they had read beforehand. These mental gymnastics were fuelled by morning tea, and everyone enjoyed mixing with the other participants. Fancy dress is encouraged for this quiz, which kind of explains the photo! Well done everyone!

Fantastic Futures

The future's bright.. the future's fantastic!

This week students visited Founders Park for the annual NRDA (Nelson Regional Development Agency) Fantastic Futures expo. Representatives from more than 15 businesses and service providers came to set up information stations around the Founders Energy Centre to give students an insight into what it would be like to work in their industries.

It was a bit like speed dating, but without the awkward conversation, as students were able to move between stations and get to know a bit more about the types of careers being showcased during ten minute bursts. There were motivational speakers, nail hammering competitions and a lot of lollies to sweeten the deal! There were even some job offers made, whether or not they were accepted, remains to be seen.



Outdoor Education



These bush-boys have been getting out and about to some of our finest local spots. For their first trip they had planned to conquer Mount Owen in May, but a bad weather forecast put paid to their plans, so they opted for the Abel Tasman instead. The second trip in June was along the St Arnaud range from Parachute Rock to Rainbow ski field which included a skiddy 1200m descent down a scree slope to Lake Head hut. Too bad about Mount Owen boys, but we're pretty sure it'll still be there next term!

Music

Our fundraising music run was a huge success! We had a pretty fresh start but soon warmed up when we got going! A huge thank you to all those who donated in support of our combined bands from NC and NCG's attendance at the Musicworks Ensembles Festival Aotearoa. We were absolutely blown away by the support we received for this. A great day was had by all and a lot of awesome efforts put in with our boys team even taking out some silverware!

We had a great night on our end of term music night. It was well supported by an enthusiastic crowd and all our bands were on top form. A lot of work went in to putting the concert together and we'd like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Andrew Yorkstone for his hard work, dedication and the love of music he instils in his pupils....the results were obvious. Photos to come!



Japanese Trivia Night

The New Zealand association of Japanese teachers runs a Japanese Trivia Championship every year across 9 different regions. This year it was held on Friday 16 June, and Nelson College hosted the Tasman region competition. There were four competing schools: NC, NCG, Waimea College and Motueka High school. There is a winner in each region, and prizes for the top team, a prize for best dressed, as well as spot prizes on the night.

NCG took out the top prize this year, and one of our NC teams won 3rd place. That team was Michael Lee, Benjamin McDonald, Scott Marshall and Jack Prentice. Subarashi boys!



Open Day

A date for your diary - 29th July. Open Day is a chance for you and your family to visit us here on-campus and see if Nelson College is right for you. Our Open Day is on a Saturday afternoon to make it as easier for prospective students and their whānau to come and see our school. Tumuaki, Richard Dykes will give introductions, there'll be tours of the school, interactive activities, and a chance to see sport, music and technology classes in action.



Preparatory School News

This term, Prep participated in the World Vision 40-hour challenge. The challenge was to raise money to support children in Malawi who do not have access to clean drinking water and for students to have a better awareness of others less fortunate than themselves. Students chose from two challenges: No use of IT for 40 hours and only using 40 litres of water over a 40-hour period. Huge thanks to the Prep school community who donated over \$4,800 for this cause. We are overwhelmed by the efforts from our students.



Notices

Whenua Iti Holiday Programmes



We have a couple of fantastic holiday opportunities available for secondary students this July Holidays, thanks to recent funding from MYD.

We'd really appreciate if you could share these with your students, either via your school newsletter or via your school Facebook page. There are images attached you are welcome to use.

Please note, we will need a minimum number of participants for these programmes to go ahead and are encouraging applications by no later than Wednesday 21st June.

Senior Journey | 14 – 16yrs | 3 – 7 July | \$350*pp

Experience stunning wilderness locations in Golden Bay while taking part in adventurous experiences in a safe and supportive environment that are fun, challenging and rewarding! You will leave with a deeper appreciation of the natural world and a group of new friends!

*funding for local students applied

Enrol online: <https://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/programmes/senior-journey/>

Adventurous Journey | 14 – 16yrs | 10 - 13 July | \$350*pp

For students wanting to complete part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this can count towards either a practice or qualifier Silver or Gold Journey. We can help to enrol students on the Award if they are keen!

*funding for local students applied

[ENROL HERE](#)



Gravity Nelson Mountain Bike Coaching: School Holiday Programs and Term 3 registration now open, sign up NOW.

More Info 

More details at:

gravitynelson.co.nz/july-2023-school-holidays-and-term-three-gravity-coaching-programs/

AFTER SCHOOL TERM THREE

Professional coaching, loads of fun, private jump & drops field and airbag, shuttles, and more. Whether you are preparing for the NZ secondary schools mountain bike champs in Bleinheim in October, or just wanting to improve your riding - SIGN UP NOW.



Enroll now for Term Three 2023

ENDURO CAMPS with shuttles



Wednesdays of school holidays.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays of school holidays.

EVENTS PRESENTS

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Filmmakers Workshop

Learn about the Film Industry and gain foundation skills
in multiple areas of film making!

TOUR OF SAWMILL STUDIOS

MAKE UP AND COSTUME LIGHTING AND SOUND SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

ACTING CAMEO WORK DIRECTING ...AND MORE!

Guest Speakers Including

FREDRICK POKAI & TikTok star JORDAN RIVERS
along with many more including actors who have
worked on some of your favourite films including...



...AND you will create a Short Film which will screen at the
RANDOM DIRECTIONS FILM FESTIVAL at EVENT CINEMAS!

Monday July 3rd to Friday July 7th
10am - 5pm.

Friday 7th 6pm finish for Filming
\$75pp for the week (meals and resources included)

TO APPLY EMAIL pathwayproductionsmarlborough@gmail.com

