



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Thursday 19th October 2023



Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER

- 20 House Haka
- 23 Labour Day
- 30 Sports Awards

NOVEMBER

- 1 Senior Prizegiving
Last day for senior students
- 2 & 3 Literacy & Numeracy exams
- 6 NCEA exams start
- 20 NCEA Accord Day (staff only)

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Acting Principal Introduction

Kia ora Nelson College Community

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to those people in the Nelson College community – students, staff, Board members, Old Boys and parents, who have made my transition back into school leadership so positive and welcoming.

I left my last position as Head of School nearly 5 years ago and since that time I have been coaching and mentoring fellow Principals and aspiring Principals throughout the country.

It has been wonderful to have conversations with bright-eyed, enthusiastic and talented young men again – I have missed these conversations and the College has every right to be proud of the graduates it is producing.

Over the next 6 months I plan to get to know as many people as possible and assist the school in the transition to a new Principal. There is no doubt that Nelson College has much to offer and much to be proud of - the future is going to offer even more exciting possibilities.

Ngā mihi nui

Tim Oughton
Acting Principal

E ngā hau e whā, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and a pleasure to be able to welcome Mr Tim Oughton into our whānau kura.

House Choir competition

We have just had the most amazing afternoon as the boys entertained us with their House choirs. There were differing renditions of *Sweet Caroline* and each House selected their own additional song. Ranging from *I Want It That Way* by the Backstreet Boys to *Wairua Tapu* performed by Te Waka Huia at the Te Matatini in 1994. Our staff even managed to scramble an impromptu performance together as well. Congratulations to Monro for a deserved win, and setting the bar for future years very, very high!

Matt Gunter Memorial

I have to acknowledge Mr Simon Mardon and our boarding staff for leading our boarding students away on the 11th Matt Gunter Memorial tour last week. Matt was a student in Barnicoat who tragically passed away. Our students maintain a strong connection with the Gunter family and the community with an annual sports exchange. A healthy competition was had in football, basketball and rugby with results going both ways throughout the tour.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to welcome so many whānau to hui Zoom as well as hui kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face. This contact is invaluable for our staff to build connections with you and with the young men in their classes. Thank you so much for giving up your precious time to help make them a success. We will look to continue our regular conferences again in 2024, but please feel free to share any feedback about them with us so we can continue to improve on them.

Dates for Term 4

Next term we do have some dates coming up that will affect our learners and whānau:

30th October: Sports Prizegiving

1st November: Senior Prizegiving

20th November: NCEA Accord Day (Staff Only)

Nō reira, e hoa mā, ngā manaakitanga, me ngā mihi nui o te wā, tēnā koutou katoa

R. McLaren

Tumuaki tuarua | Deputy Principal

Nelson College Trust Foundation Update

The Nelson College Trust Foundation has met twice this year, with a general meeting and AGM in April and another general meeting in October. In 2022, with the express permission of donors, we reallocated most of the endowment funds into new fund categories with the intention of ensuring the Foundation remains relevant to the needs of the College moving forward. Future donors will have the opportunity to contribute to either an Endowment Fund (where the capital is preserved) or a Special Purpose Fund (created for ongoing or specific projects where capital and income are available for distribution). The current range of Endowment Fund categories covers property, sports, arts, academic and cultural pursuits. We have only one Special Fund at present – which supports travel costs for boys representing the College (regionally, nationally, or internationally) in academics, sport or arts & culture.

The Foundation has also updated its annual distribution policy to provide more consistent financial support to the College, rather than allocations subject to volatile market returns. The filtering method adopted is commonly used by large endowment funds around the globe.

All Trustees are elected representatives of their stakeholder groups (two from the BOT, two from the Old Boys, two from the PTA and two independents). The two parent representatives previously appointed by the PTA, have been re-elected in a transition capacity by the incumbent Trustees, after the dissolution of the PTA in 2022. The intention of the original Trust Deed was to have two representatives of the Parent Body on the Foundation and it is proposed that these positions be filled via election from the same stakeholders in the future. We are currently working through the most effective way to do this in 2024.

We appreciate everyone's generosity to Nelson College. If you would like to make a donation, please kindly visit our <https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation> and simply click on the DONATE button" Any questions or queries, please contact Trust Secretary Lucy Jackson. Email: lj@nelson.school.nz

Janine Pomeroy, NCTF.

Student Office

Term 3 Reports

All term and weekly reports are available on the Parent Portal.
To access reports go to the Nelson College [website](#) and click on the Portal tab

NCEA External Exams Monday 6 November – Friday 1 December ([NCEA Exam Timetable](#))

Admission Slips for NCEA exams

- Issued next Wednesday 25 October at Homeroom along with a Candidate Information Sheet
- Students are to keep these Admission slips in a safe place and bring to every exam. They must not write on it or share it with anyone.
 - If lost students can reprint from the NZQA Learner login: Log in to NZQA or from the Student Office
 - Students sitting Scholarship also bring photo identification

Students not returning 2024

If your son is leaving Nelson College at the end of this year, either to continue his schooling elsewhere or ending his secondary schooling, it is important to complete the formal signing out procedure.

- Senior leavers will be given signing out forms next week and juniors in early December.

Student Details and contact information

Please continue to keep us updated with changes to your address, contact details, family circumstances, and medical information.

Please contact the Student Office or your son's dean if you have any queries regarding any of the above. Sandra Cahill sc@nelson.school.nz

Old Uniforms Needed



Blazers



**Long
Trousers**



Ties



**White
Shirts**

Please Bring to Reception

Trades

Over the last 11 years, Nelson College senior Automotive Engineering students have been involved in the Top of the South Grass Kart Challenge. This event was sponsored by NMIT and hosted by Tapawera Area School. Each year the college has designed and built at least three karts to race.

Earlier this year, NMIT withdrew support for this programme, which created a challenge for us, as the emphasis of the programme is on the students designing, constructing, and then racing the karts. If not for the Tasman Grass Kart Club stepping in, the whole thing would have skidded to a halt, but thankfully they've helped us to find an outlet for the boys to race their karts. We joined their race meeting last Sunday, at Stanley Brook.

We took three karts and four Year 13 students. The club set up a special class and the boys got in some good racing, with the usual minor breakdowns and changeable weather. The club want to see this become a regular event with the boys being able to compete at their regular events.

Much appreciation to the Tasman Grass Kart Club for their high-octane encouragement and support and to Tony Anderson for his help on the day. We ride again!



Welcome to Kieran Beasley



We're delighted to welcome Kieran Beasley from Rugby School UK to the Nelson College whānau. Back home, Kieran is a strength and conditioning coach and has worked with Sheffield University and Yorkshire Rugby. He'll be spending the year with us not only working with our rugby teams, but also getting involved with volleyball and touch. Welcome to New Zealand Kieran, we look forward to working with you!

House Competition

We're getting close to the end of the year. Who will be our champions? Many will try, but there can be only one winner. Here are the final House events for 2023!

- House Quiz – Period 3 on Friday 20th October in the Hall
- House Haka – Period 4 Friday 20th October on the Front Field

Upcoming Events - Headmasters Cup:

- Dodgeball – week starting November 6th
- Ki-o-Rahi – week starting November 13th
- Ultimate – week starting November 20th
- Softball – week starting November 27th

Sports Office Snippets

As the final term begins, we are busy organising Volleyball, Cricket, Touch & 7s. Well done to our 10A Volleyball team finishing 2nd in a pre-season tournament last Saturday, and to our two Year 9 teams who finished 3rd and 4th.

All boys wanting to play summer sport should be registered. Contact us if he missed the registration se@nelson.school.nz

Congratulations to Dallas Kelso who just returned from Dubai representing NZ U15 Indoor Cricket team. Dallas was named NZ MVP of the tournament ! How amazing for him.

Sports Awards are on Monday Oct 30th at 6:30pm. You will receive emails about this if it applies to your son. All top teams attend these awards.

Music



Our NC-NCG Concert Band and Jazz Band had a great time travelling away to Wellington over the final week of Term 3 to attend the Musicworks Ensembles Festival Aotearoa. We had many opportunities to perform within the festival, and were excited to be invited to perform at Te Papa, a new innovation from the festival.

We were kept very busy over the week attending workshops with professional musicians from the Army Band, Airforce Band and NZSO as well as attending inspiring concerts from both the New Zealand Army Band and Royal New Zealand Airforce Jazz Orchestra.

Our Jazz Band got the opportunity to spend time with Roger Fox which was a real treat. Yet another highlight this year was having Shannon Pittaway take our Concert Band for a workshop. Fun fact – once upon a time, Shannon was our very own Mr. Yorkstone’s trombone teacher – she says he wasn’t tuba-d at it either!

Overall we are thrilled with our performances across the board and have received a Gold Award for our Jazz Band, Gold Award for our Junior Jazz Band and a Platinum Award and once again the title of Top Concert Band for our Concert Band. Amazing results all round. Well done everybody. You’ve definitely earned the right to blow your own trumpet!

Matt Gunther Memorial Sports Exchange



Matt Gunter **Memorial Sports Exchange** *11th Year Anniversary*

*Seven fixtures of sport between the schools
to celebrate Matt's life.*

*We would love to see you there supporting
both the schools in action and the lovely
Gunter family for these exciting games.*



On the 11th year of the Matt Gunter Memorial Sports Exchange, our boarders travelled to Greymouth to honour Matt, who tragically passed away from surgical complications in 2012.

Had Matt stayed in Greymouth, rather than opting for the boarding life at Nelson College, he would have attended Greymouth High. Each year, boys from both schools come together in remembrance of Matt, or Mouse, as he was known to his mates.

As always around this time of year, our thoughts turn to Matt's parents Heather and David and their family. We are very grateful to them for the support they show to the games and for the opportunity to celebrate Matt's life. 💙💚

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Social Studies



At the end of Term 3, Year 10 Social Studies students shared their vision for Nelson with local politicians and experts. Deputy Mayor Rohan O'Neill Stevens and MP Rachel Boyack, along with professionals Ross McPhie and William Rae from Stantec Civil Engineers, Rebecca Dawkins and Paul Shattock from Nelson City Council, and Alan Gray from Boffa Miscall, all provided positive feedback.

One group suggested enhancing safety on Waimea, Hampden, and Franklin Streets with raised crossing tables, bike lanes, and limited parking for school drop-offs. They addressed concerns of children crossing busy roads and cyclists needing clear pathways through intersections.

Another group proposed upgrading the Basin Reserve to create a valuable recreation area, connecting it to a boardwalk on the opposite side of the road to improve waterfront access. Both presentations aimed to make Nelson more youth-friendly by addressing the lack of affordable CBD activities. This would create a more inclusive and accessible environment for all ages.

Goldpine Site Visit



As our students come to the end of the year, they are becoming interested in seeing careers in action. Site visits are important for students to gain some understanding of what work is really like. This term three students got the opportunity to have a site visit to Goldpine, Golden Downs, who produce posts and poles for the NZ market.

The students spoke with Cory Eggers, Engineering Manager and were shown around the site. Our students were particularly interested in engineering and electrical roles and in the automotive/truck workshop.

We also popped into Heslop's Engineering to pay a visit to old boy Harry Edwards (top left) who has commenced his apprenticeship training. Harry looked stoked to be working at Goldpine and is 'kiln' it! We bet that after a good day's work, he sleeps like a log!

Calling All Creatives...

Have we got
a show for you!



AUDITIONS

WED 25 OCT

OPPORTUNITIES

Scripts

Character Roles

Production Support

Musicians

Could you be the next James Corden???? Ok bad marketing pitch! But hey - don't let that stop you from auditioning for the combined colleges production of this uproariously funny show! Not only do we need actors, there are other opportunities:

- Actors
- Singers
- Musicians- 1960's skiffle band (best look that one up!), Beatles rock band sound - drums, guitar, electric and percussion, double bass, percussion, washboard
- Backstage- set design, management
- Production management- advertising, programme design, sponsorship, Director's assistant
- Lighting and sound design crew.

Bike Repair Station



**Proudly displaying
the new asset and
Ed Henderson
(above)**



Give a big fist pump for our brand new bike repair station! The project, conceived by Tuakana (Student Leader) Edward Henderson finally became a reality this week. Ed is passionate about promoting cycling and sees the difference it could make in reducing traffic around schools and making students more independent. When he came to the school's Senior Leadership Group to propose the bike repair station, they gave him their full blessing.

Ed and the other Tuakana put their heads together and came up with some fundraising ideas. Before long the smell of sausage sizzles was in the air and plans for a junior dance afoot. Add to that a couple of successful mufti days, and the boys had reached their financial target. Well done to everyone involved and thanks to all those who donated.



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AND
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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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Open to all **Y9 & 10** Nelson
College students.

Theme is: METAL

METAL

Conditions:

You can enter two
photographs

Include name - form class -
a brief explanation about
the photograph.



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All entries to

Mrs Kelly
email: ke@nelson.school.nz

**CLOSES WEEK 5
17TH NOV**



NBTS -Nelson Bays Team Sailing Association is an incorporated society providing the opportunity for school students to participate in Teams Sailing. With a dedicated coach and fleet of twelve Olympic class 420 yachts based out of the Nelson Yacht Club, summer is sorted. 420 yachts are a class of two-person boats that are agile and fun to sail and a good stepping-stone to other sailing classes.

What is Teams Racing? Six sailors, with one or two reserves, form a team. In Teams Racing, two teams of three boats each, race against each other. Each team represents their school. They race over a short complex course, which covers all the different sailing angles and takes an average of 10-15 minutes to complete. Skippers and crew develop a high level of sailing knowledge. Anticipating the wind, tides and other team member's intentions are crucial abilities needed to be a successful team.

To win a race, a combined finish result of 10 points or less (based on the boat position across the finish line results) is required. The first boat past the finish line gets one point – and the sixth six points.

College Teams. Most Colleges in Nelson / Tasman have either one or two sailing teams. Training is after school during terms 4 and 1 of the school year with schools allocated different afternoons (3.30pm – 6.30pm):

- MONDAY** - Waimea College
- TUESDAY** – Nelson College for Girls
- WEDNESDAY** – Garin College
- THURSDAY** – Nayland College
- FRIDAY** – Nelson College

Inter-school racing takes place each Sunday in the Nelson harbour (terms 4 & 1).

Safe environment. NBTS offers a safe and healthy environment for students. NBTS has detailed health & safety standard operating procedures, which are updated on a regular basis, as required by law.

Coaching. To ensure the students are correctly instructed, safely and with respect for the boats, NBTS has a qualified coach for the summer season. This season we are thrilled to have Patrick Harris as our coach for a second season.

Patrick has sailed competitively in many classes and was the Kerikeri high school team captain for team sailing.

Cost & more information. The NBTS fee for this season is \$180 per term (there are two terms in the season; term 4 2023 and term 1 2024). To join Team sailing, sailors also need to join the Nelson Yacht Club as a youth member and have completed a learn to sail course prior. This is not a "learn to sail" sport. Learn to Sail Level 1 is the minimum entry requirement. You can do this course at the Nelson Yacht Club <http://www.nelsonyachtclub.org.nz/>

Regattas. This season the regional top of the south regatta will be held in Nelson at the Nelson Yacht Club (14th – 16th March 2024). Nationals will be held in New Plymouth (21st – 26th April 2024).

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

Nelson College for Girls	Mirka Langford 027 703 2415
Nelson College	Nicki Lawes 027 771 1173
Nayland College	Sara Redwood (Sara.Redwood@nayland.school.nz)
Waimea College	Kelly Taylor 021 259 4709
Garin College Manager	Rob O'Grady 027 571 5611

NBTS OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER – 10 am
Come down to the Nelson Yacht Club and give it a go!
All welcome.

www.nbteamsailing.org.nz





Term 4 after school coaching programme
gravitynelson.co.nz



OPEN DAY

Sunday 15 October
Nelson Yacht Club, 10am

Give Team
Sailing a go!



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(U13, U15 & U18'S)

THE NELSON UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INVITE YOU TO GIVE SOFTBALL A GO THIS SUMMER

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN:

Saturday's

10:00am – 11:15am

What: NSA Youth League

League Starts 28th

October

5 weeks Spring League



Where:

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Spring League (T4, 2023)
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