



# NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Thursday 16 November 2023



## Upcoming Events:

### NOVEMBER

- 6 NCEA exams start
- 17 Year 9 2024 Transition Day
- 20 **TEACHER ONLY DAY**
- 24 Year 9 2024 Enrichment testing  
Incoming Y9 Boarding sleep-over

### December

- 5-6 Junior Activities Days
- 7 Junior Prizegiving

[Full Online Calendar](#)

**Kia ora tātou,**

“Dad! I’m going to study Chemistry!” I remember the day my eldest son, then aged 15, came home from school with this unexpected announcement, unexpected in the sense that his father was a chemistry teacher and he had been subjected to much ethereal chemical dialogue (boring conversations for a teenager) with his dad’s peers over the years. Once I’d recovered from the initial shock I said, “What on earth made you decide that?” His answer illustrated one of the most fundamental truths in education. “Well actually, I’m not so interested in Chemistry, but I really think the teacher is amazing!” Nearly 20 years ago, a young journalist by the name of Sandy Starr, carried out interviews with key thinkers in science from around the world, ranging in age from 19 to 93 and including young whiz kids and Nobel Prize winners. Each was asked the same simple question: “What inspired you to take up science?” The most common response to the question surprised a lot of people. It was this: *they were inspired by a teacher or someone who took an interest in them*. The scientists spoke about teachers whose enthusiasm was “relentless and infectious” or teachers who encouraged them through difficult concepts and challenging assignments. Time and again, they pointed to a relationship of trust and inspiration between teacher and student.

Therein lies a most fundamental truth about education: Quality relationships lie at the heart of effective teaching and learning. At first, my son had little interest in Chemistry for its own sake. The spark of curiosity was ignited by a person and not a subject. The secret of this “learning relationship” doesn’t have a lot to do with professional qualifications or techniques alone – important though they are in providing a sound education. The heart of this relationship is found in the power of openness, integrity, honesty and the transformation that comes from respecting young people as individuals. As the thinker Goethe put it, “we only truly learn from those we love.” It doesn’t much matter what we teach – whether it is Science, English, Maths, or Art. It is a teacher’s ability to inspire which makes the most significant difference. Technology, resources, fine classrooms and a great curriculum are all secondary to this overriding principle. That’s why Nelson College places such an emphasis on the quality of relationships – in the grounds, in the classrooms, on the sports fields and in the outdoors.

Footnote: My eldest son became a clinical pharmacist.

Best wishes,  
Tim Oughton  
Acting Principal

## **Student Office**

### **Admission Slips for NCEA exams**

Forgotten or lost Admission Slips can be reprinted at 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.

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](mailto:sc@nelson.school.nz)

## **Parent Portal New login**

### **Sign into School Portal**

1. Go to: [Nelson College Website](#) click **PORTAL**
2. Click 'Sign In' and then choose your account type "Caregiver".
3. Caregivers with a Facebook, Google, Microsoft/Hotmail or a Yahoo account can use one of these options to sign in. The email address used with one of these services must be the same email address you have registered with the school.

### **Caregivers Sign in with Magic Code**

Caregivers without a Facebook, Google or Microsoft or Yahoo account, can sign in by requesting a Magic Sign-In email. These emails are valid for 72 hours and you can request a new one at any time.

1. To receive a Magic Sign-In email, enter your school-registered email address and click the send button.
2. You will receive an email that includes a Magic Sign-In link that you can click to sign in, as well as a Magic Sign-In code that you can use to sign in on a different device
3. Click the Magic Sign-In Link for the student you want to sign in for and you will be automatically signed in.

### **Download Our SchoolBridge App**



- Scan the QR Code to download. Or
- Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.



Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.

## Drama

Last term the College was approached by Mark Hadlow and The Professional Theatre Co, to produce artwork to adorn large one metre cubes that form part of the staging design for their upcoming show, 'Chona'. iconic past. Schools from around the region were all asked to take part and as we have such an incredible heritage – It was hard to turn down the request.

The scenes we depicted were old boys, Baron Ernest Rutherford, Group Capt. Leonard Trent VC, the original College 1856, The boulder bank and lighthouse, and the first rugby game involving Nelson College in 1870.



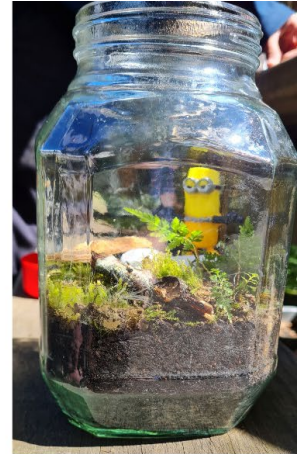
With the help of Mr Clifton, who used a Photoshop app to create poster art of the images, we were able to etch the design onto the cubes with great detailing.

The images were painted in black and white to create an aged look to the historical scenes. These dedicated and talented Year 11 students came forward after finishing their folio work: Jackson King, Kherwyn De Leon, Luke Kenny, Roman Petterson and Oliver Goldsworthy, drama student.

We look forward to seeing their artwork in the show, 'CHONA- The Complete History of Nelson Abridged' on December Friday the 1st- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, VENUE The Energy Centre, Founders Heritage Park. (see poster in notices section at the end).

## **Social Studies**

The scholars of 10GE have been learning about ecosystems in Social Studies. Part of this has involved making their own tiny ecosystems in the form of terrarium jars. Stones, potting mix, mosses, ferns, water, and a few invertebrates were the key ingredients. Hopefully, these terrariums become self-sustaining and continue to thrive! Thanks to Katie van der Velden from Waimea College for sharing this lesson.



## **Sports Office Snippets**

There are still plenty of things happening in the Sports Department, with the Junior Cricket teams playing in a tournament this week. The Year 9A team will travel to Blenheim and Christchurch over the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to our Year 10 Volleyball team who have won everything so far this term – Roy Titheridge Tournament in Blenheim, Tasman Secondary Schools Championship in Nelson, and the weekly Junior NVL on Tuesday nights. They will travel to Dunedin next week for South Island Secondary Schools Tournament, along with our Year 9A team. Safe travels and play well.

Good luck to those boys travelling to Mt Maunganui for Condors Rugby 7s, Christchurch for NZSS Athletics and Rotorua for NZSS Touch Nationals.

# HEADMASTERS CUP



This week's Kī o Rahi final saw mighty Munro House retain their place at the top of the table after their victory over Domett in last week's dodgeball final.

If you've keen to see Kī o Rahi in action, have a look [HERE](#)

Next week is ultimate frisbee on the Front Field. Will the Munro boys throw away their position? It's definitely up for discussion!



## Ki-o-Rahi Placings (Competition Points)

- 1st Munro (12 points)
- 2nd Kahurangi (10 points)
- 3rd Boarders (8 points)
- 4th= Chaytor, Domett & Robinson (4 points each)

## Headmasters Cup Table

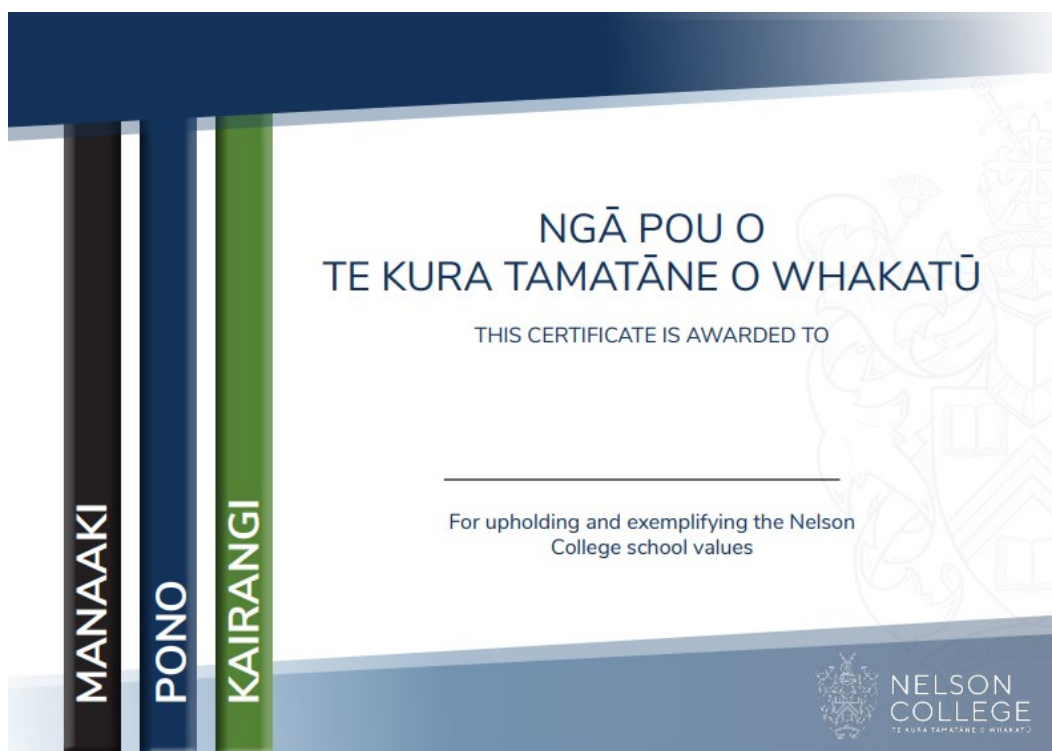
- 1<sup>st</sup> Munro (24 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kahurangi (18 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Domett (14 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Boarders (12 points)
- 5<sup>th</sup>= Chaytor & Robinson (8 points each)

## Ngā Pou

Here at Nelson College, we place huge importance on recognising and acknowledging both achievement and positive behaviour. We want our young men to know that we see their efforts, their commitment, and their achievements. We're trialling a new acknowledgement system with our Junior students that is based on our school values | ngā pou, namely maanaki (care), pono (integrity) and kairangi (success).

### Ngā Pou Award

If you receive one of our awards in the mail, you can be proud that your son has consistently shown exceptional effort and/or attainment in the classroom. Each award is signed by the subject teacher and Headmaster | Tumuaki.



### Ngā Pou Token

Caught being good? The idea behind the Ngā Pou Token is that it provides some instant feedback to students who are displaying our values anywhere on school grounds. For example, if a boy is seen picking up rubbish by a passing staff member, he might receive one of our tokens which is then logged by his homeroom teacher. At the end of each term, the homeroom with the most tokens will receive a special reward.

NGĀ POU TOKEN	
MANAAKI	<input type="checkbox"/>
PONO	<input type="checkbox"/>
KAIRANGI	<input type="checkbox"/>


Issued to: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuer (cipher): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this token to your homeroom teacher**



## Student Achievement

Dallas Kelso was selected to represent New Zealand at the World Series Youth Indoor Cricket World Cup in Dubai. He joined a select number of outstanding U15 indoor cricketers from around the country and was the only representative from the Nelson Tasman region in the four teams competing at this World Cup.

Dallas and the U15 squad of 12 players played other countries such as England, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Australia, and United Arab Emirates. They won their chance to play in the grand final against Australia who are an extremely well-drilled and competitive side. NZ managed a silver medal overall, and Dallas was nominated as New Zealand's Most Valuable Player by the international umpires, a superb accolade which he is justifiably very proud of.



At one stage during a highly charged match against South Africa, the opposition were in the lead going into the final over, and Dallas stepped up to bowl. He bowled a triple hatrick maiden (an extremely rare occurrence) which is zero runs and five consecutive wickets in six deliveries – winning the game and taking the team through to the semi-finals at that point. It was quite something to witness in a World Cup against quality opposition...

The trip to Dubai via Singapore was a superb experience which Dallas will never forget, and he wishes to acknowledge all his sponsors and supporters who helped get him there for this absolutely outstanding opportunity.

**RUGBY 7'S FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TO CONDOR'S  
NATIONAL SCHOOLS 7'S TOURNEY IN MT MAUGANUI – DEC 2-3, 2023**

**1,500 TICKETS, \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20, RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Nelson College Bank Account for purchases by IB: 03-0703-0365073-03.**

**Ref: Condors 2023.**

**Tickets available through the players @ places around the region or by calling in to NC Finance Office**



1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: Para Rubber Pool (4m x 2m x 1.22m)....Value - \$1500

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: Signed Mako Rugby Jersey 2023....Value - \$300

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: Abel Tasman Canyons Adventures - Torrent River ride....value \$295

4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE:  Trilogy of Books – Dan Carter, The Haka and David Grohl....Value \$220

5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: New World Nelson City Grocery Voucher....Value \$200

6<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE: Shane Cameron's "Mountain Warrior" signed boxing gloves....Value \$160

7<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Mitre 10 Gift Card....Value \$150

8<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Armageddon Paintballing....Value \$120

9<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Hardy St Eatery voucher....Value \$100

10<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Hawker House vouchers....Value (2 x \$50)

11<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Victory Boxing Adult Fitness Classes x 10 Voucher....Value \$100

12<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Victory Boxing Adult Fitness Classes x 10 Voucher....Value \$100

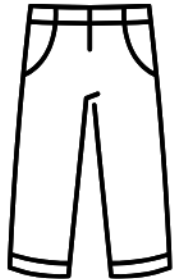
13<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: Stirling Sport Voucher....Value \$50



# Old Uniforms Needed



**Blazers**



**Long  
Trousers**



**Ties**



**White  
Shirts**

## Please Bring to Reception

“CHONA; historical or hysterical it’s our DNA”

# CHONA

## THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF NELSON

Written by Gregory Cooper

ABRIDGED



The Energy Centre  
Founders  
Heritage Park  
1 Dec - 10 Dec

THE  
PROFESSIONAL  
THEATRE  
CO. WHAKATŪ, NELSON

TICKETS: [THEATREROYALNELSON.CO.NZ](http://THEATREROYALNELSON.CO.NZ)



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McIntosh Hunter Family



# BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY



## For more information ...

Contact Homestay Coordinator:  
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p: 03 548 3099 ext 857  
m: 021 106 8891

## Nelson College International ...

are seeking new Homestay  
Host families for 2024.

Being a host family to an international  
student is a great opportunity to bring  
culture and diversity into your home.  
Create lasting memories and lifelong  
friendships.

We are looking for caring and supportive  
families to provide a home away from home  
for our international students.

If this sounds like you, please contact us to  
find out more.