

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne O Whakatū



Kia ora koutou,

01 Mar 2024

I hope this message finds you well and enthusiastic about the year ahead. As we complete the fifth week of our new school year, I am writing to address a matter of great concern that has come to our attention. It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you about a small number of rare and unfortunate instances of physically violent behaviour, that have occurred amongst a small minority of our students, particularly new students to Nelson College.

Fortunately, the physical effects of these incidents have been minimal and we are now providing support to affected students and their families as they navigate through the emotional aftermath.

The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority, and any form of violence or aggressive behaviour runs totally counter to the values we uphold at Nelson College. We believe in fostering a safe and nurturing environment for all students to learn and grow.

Our school is committed to addressing these incidents promptly and effectively. We have already taken steps to investigate behaviour thoroughly, working closely with staff members who were present and any witnesses who may have observed the incidents. Rest assured, appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken against those found responsible for engaging in any unacceptable behaviour.

In addition to addressing individual incidents, we will also be implementing measures to promote a culture of respect, empathy, and kindness among our students. This will include increased awareness campaigns, counselling services, and classroom discussions focusing on conflict resolution and emotional regulation.

We understand the importance of your role as parents in reinforcing these values at home. We encourage open communication between you and your son to ensure they understand the gravity of such actions and the impact they can have on the entire school community.

If you have any concerns about student behaviour, especially bullying and/or physical intimidation, please do not hesitate to contact the school via your Dean or Senior Management. Your cooperation and support are crucial in helping us maintain a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration as we work together to address this issue and ensure a respectful and inclusive school community.

Kia kaha
Tim Oughton



Gym Membership Cards are now available from the finance office. Students are required to return a signed permission slip (available from the noticeboard outside the finance and student office). Payment can be received via eftpos, cash, or internet banking only - phone payments aren't accepted.

Once full payment has been made and the permission slip received, the card will be given to the student. The cost is \$100 for the year and bank account details are on the permission slip.

Student ID Cards will be available in a month for \$10. Payment details as above. These will be printed once the photos have been processed.

attendance



If your son is going to be absent, please notify the College by following either one of the following procedures:

Completing the [Online Absence Form](#)

Email: attendance@nelson.school.nz

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851 (please leave a clear message with the student's full name, year level and the reason for absence).

absence

Lateness

Punctuality is important and the school day commences at 8.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 9.05am on Thursday.

Explained: If your son is late to school due to a Doctor/Dental appointment or similar, a note or explanation call/email must be received. He will need to sign in at the attendance office on his arrival at school.

Unexplained: If your son arrives late to a timetabled period he needs to go straight to that class, and his teacher will deal with the lateness as appropriate.

Unwell or injured during the school day

He must go to reception where we will assess him as to whether he needs to go home.

Parent/caregiver will be contacted to come and collect him.

It is important the student does not leave the school without signing out at reception.

Leaving school during the day

If your son needs to leave school during the day, a note, email or phone call that explains the circumstances and is signed by the parent/caregiver is required. This is taken to the Attendance Office before homeroom and an Absence Slip is given to the student as proof of permission granted.

(Parents/Caregivers are sometimes called to confirm notes).

Leave for non-School related Activities:

Request for leave that is non-school related, during the school year, **must be addressed to your son's year level Dean at least two weeks prior to the start of leave.** Please give the dates of absence from school and the purpose of the leave.

Full details and contacts can be found on the college website:

[Attendance Guidelines | Nelson College](#)



parent portal login

Sign into School Portal

1. Go to: Nelson College homepage click PORTAL
2. Click 'Sign In' and then choose your account type "Caregiver".
3. Caregivers with a Facebook, Google, Microsoft (or Hotmail) or a Yahoo account can use one of these options to sign in quickly and securely. 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.

You can download the App Download Our SchoolBridge App

Help Video: <https://youtu.be/S0vqnrotuzU>



- 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.

Switching Between Your Students

If you are a caregiver with multiple students at the same school, you can easily switch between your children's accounts without having to sign out. Clicking the Switch Siblings icon allows you to quickly switch between the accounts for all of your children.

Please contact the Student Office if you have any problems with signing in.

Sandra Cahill: sc@nelson.school.nz

student achievement



Congratulations to Adam Barton and James Matthews who have both been named in the Nelson Giants roster for the 2024 season. You've certainly helped to raise the profile of the game here at NC and will no doubt inspire countless budding BB players to follow in your Giant footsteps! We wish you every success.

You could call it a late equaliser, but George Thompson has just found out he is the recipient of the Fletcher Building Employee Educational Fund Scholarship. George recently embarked on his studies at Vic and we wish him the best of luck along with our congratulations!

Congratulations
GEORGE THOMPSON
Victoria University



George has been awarded the Fletcher Building Employee Educational Fund Scholarship.

George is starting his Bachelor in Global Studies this week and we wish him the best of luck. George is a keen footballer and made huge strides during his time at Nelson College in raising the profile of the sport.



Scholarships



nzqa scholarship exams

NNZQA Scholarships Exams are rigorous and prestigious exams that Y13 students sit on top of their normal end-of-year exams. To gain a scholarship means you are in the top 3% of the entire cohort in your year – therefore you are competing for a scholarship with the best calibre students in NZ. Students are expected to show a deep understanding of the subject, demonstrate high-level critical thinking, and the ability to apply their understanding to complex situations. When you get awarded a scholarship, you also receive some money. This year we'd like to congratulate Darcy Lawrey on his English scholarship and Ian Hayes on his photography scholarship.



house competition

athletics day



We couldn't have asked for a better day out at Saxton for our annual House Athletics Day. The sun was shining and anticipation electrified the air as our boys prepared to showcase their skills and teamwork.

The morning kicked off with the 3000m hurdles, setting the pace for what was yet to come. From the precision of javelin throws to the grace of high jumps, every competition was a chance for our young athletes to show their skills and test their limits.

Congratulations to Mike Morrison who emerged as the star of the day, clinching the coveted Marjorie Banks Shield and etching his name in the annals of school sports history!



The day was not only about individual triumphs. The staff relay added an extra layer of excitement, pitting teachers against students in an intense burst of action.

The young grasshoppers of Munro House gave their masters a fair trouncing and so students can rest assured that bragging rights remain firmly in their possession for at least another year!

Too bad for the oldies....better luck next time! We'll be bringing you more news including results from the day and more photos, so stay tuned to our socials and our Flickr. In the meantime, below are a few snaps from the day.



sports office snippets



What a busy couple of weeks we have had in the Sports Department! Well done to all our boys who have competed in a variety of sports.

- Congratulations to your 1st XI Cricket team who have retained the D'arcy Cup
- Our Volleyball team placed 2nd in the 1st TSS tournament and 7th in the recent South Island Tournament
- Congratulations to all those boys who competed in the TSS MTB Enduro on Wednesday
- We had 5 teams at the recent TSS Tennis tournament which was a great day down at the Nelson Tennis Club.
- On Tuesday we have Marlborough Boys College travelling over the hill to compete in Cricket and Touch
- On Thursday there is more TSS Cricket action
- On Wednesday is our Nelson College House Swimming event

nc in the news



Streets For People project comes to fruition

The culmination of a lot of hard work, collaboration and outside-the-box thinking was realised this week in the official opening of the new Motueka street crossing.

Nelson College students, as part of a larger social science project entitled 'Reinventing Nelson' consulted with Nelson City Council on ways to make roads and crossings safer for carless commuters. Read all about it [HERE](#)

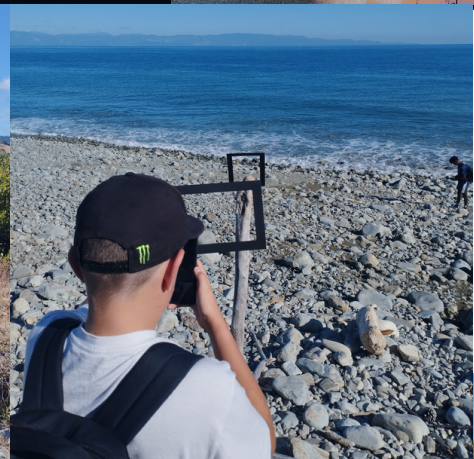


art



Last month, all 11 Art, 11 Art Design, and 11 Art Photography students walked out onto the Boulder Bank. There, students collected inspiration through photography, drawing, and written reflection, to inform and further develop their artwork back in the classroom.

This was seen as an opportunity to understand, use, and value both mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori in making art that reflected on and responded to Aotearoa New Zealand's unique history.



Broken Bits to Cutting-Edge: Three Tech-Savvy Teens and what you can do in your lunchbreak!

In a world where technology reigns supreme, three Nelson College boys – Finn Palmer, Jayden Coetzee, and Arturo Neale – have proven that with determination, a little bit of YouTube, and a couple of lunchbreaks, anything is possible. Armed with nothing but a box of broken computer parts and a thirst for knowledge, these young innovators embarked on a mission to build a working computer from scratch. With Mr. Ringwood, their engineering teacher, providing a box of mismatched bits and hoping for the best, the trio dove headfirst into the world of DIY computing.



"We had a rummage and built what was probably the best computer you could get in and around the year 2017," explains Finn, one-third of the masterminds behind the operation.

Jayden, nominated for the nitty-gritty surgical work, delved into the intricacies of computer assembly under the watchful eyes of Finn and Arturo.

The result? After a mere two hours; a fully functional GTX 970, 4th generation i7 - no we don't know what that means either, but we're suitably impressed and will be watching with interest what projects these whizz kids will be working on next. Ka pai boys next stop Silicone Valley!

chess

The game of kings has produced four new champions. After the great lunchtime pawn-off (the house chess tournament final) there were clear winners from the Junior and Senior camps.

Our champions were: Juniors Troy Kelso and Liam Dunbar and Seniors Carter Burt and Dylan Hennessy putting houses Domett and Kahurangi in first position.

Chess continues to grow in popularity at the College with many boys taking up the game under the expert tutelage of Mr. Roxburgh. We love to see this... it's definitely a move in the right direction!





This year we are excited to launch our Nelson College Careerwise web page.

You can find it through our website OR simply click on this link to go straight there:
<https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/>

This page will be the one stop shop for all of the information and registration for our Careers Events. Click on the event you are interested in for more information and registration. The page will also house other relevant information from the Careers Hub. We encourage you to subscribe to our page - and then you will get email notifications when new events are loaded. Super easy!

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 and your emails for further updates and information.

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

NZDF came to visit us last week. This was a great way for many of our students to connect in a low key way with the NZDF and find out about the variety of options that are available in the Defence Forces.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon Mar 4	Tues Mar 5	Wed Mar 6	Thu Mar 7	Fri Mar 8
		Intro to Lincoln 11.30am Library Information about study options at Linc. For Y13 and interested Y12 students		
Mon Mar 11	Tues Mar 12	Wed Mar 13	Thu Mar 14	Fri Mar 15
Intro to Otago 1.30pm Library Information about study options at Otago For Y13 and interested Y12 students	Intro to Victoria 1.30pm H1 Information about study options at Vic. For Y13 and interested Y12 students.		REGISTRATION CLOSES for Logistics Trip Register here nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/71	Intro to UC 1.30pm Library Information about study options at UC For Y13 and interested Y12 students

Remember to check your @nc email address regularly for events!

volunteering



nelson college volunteering club

Anyone is welcome to join. We meet once per week at morning tea in the library to plan/co-ordinate volunteering events.

Contact vh@nelson.school.nz

student volunteer army

We encourage anyone who is currently volunteering/giving service– either within the school, or outside of the school to register with the Student Volunteer Army. Hours logged through SVA count towards Service Colours – Level 1 and Level 2.

You can find info about SVA and the link to register on our Careerwise page here:

nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/72

We have students who volunteer/give service within and outside of school. Here are some of the clubs you join at school:

SADD group (Students Against Drunk Driving) but also includes being safe on the roads)
contact vh@nelson.school.

Academic Committee: contact [Mr Brudvik-Lindner](#)

Relay for Life Team

info/sign up here: <https://relayforlife.org.nz/o/nelson-tasman-relay#team>

Environmental Committee: contact [Mr Fraser](#)

Coach an NC sports team: contact [Alethea](#)

Student Council: Meets Mondays at lunchtime A8

There are lots of other places you can volunteer outside of school too, such as:

SPCA – cleaning out animal enclosures etc

Nelson Compost Society – making community compost

Local sports clubs – coaching, refereeing,

Waste NO More – helping reduce rubbish from food at local events – currently looking for volunteers at March Fest and the Multicultural Festival

Giving Aroha – making and serving food for people who live on the streets

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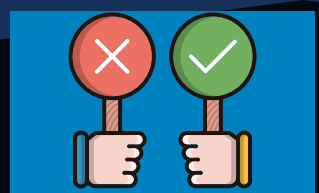
volunteering news

Students Against Drink Driving

Last week we had our first SADD (Students Against Drink Driving) workshop. We had a fantastic turnout for the launch of the SADD group – and we are now officially the largest SADD group in the country! Our SADD group is now working behind the scenes to decide how they would like to make a difference in our community regarding road related injuries and deaths – watch this space!



debating



At the recent debating regionals, NC clinched 2nd overall, with a proud 3rd spot in seniors. The New Zealand Schools Debating Council hosted, with five schools from our region and MP Rachael Boyack in attendance. Our NC team, Michael Lee, Max Harrington, and Max Stanton, won 3 out of 4 debates.

Here's a recap of the motions and winners.



Mandatory community service for petty crimes? Nayland College Red (Winner) vs. Nelson College
Subsidising local businesses post-COVID? Nelson College (Winner) vs. Waimea Yellow Junior
Prioritising incremental reforms in change movements? Nelson College (Winner) vs. @Waimea College Blue Senior
Removing anger from individuals if possible? Nelson College (Winner) vs. Garin College Cyan

A huge round of applause for all the participants, judges, and organisers who made this event a success!

mountain biking



On Wednesday 20 NC boys competed in the TSS MTB Champs enduro at Silvan Forest. The boys had a scorcher of a day racing multiple downhill stages and pedaling between them. Standout results were Josef Houghton and Finn Pickering 2nd and 3rd in U14, as well as Fin Allen 3rd in U16. Well done boys...you wheely cranked it!

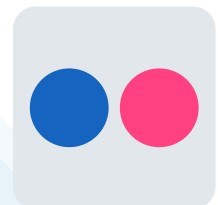
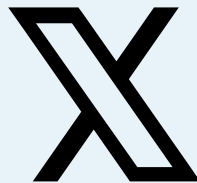




Our first combined school band camp of the year and the first under the tutelage of Mr. Nathan Munn, didn't miss a beat! Everyone had a great time and we treasure the time we get to spend with students from our sister school, Nelson College for Girls.



Follow our channels for more Nelson College News



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67 Waimea Road, Nelson 7010. Private Bag 16, Nelson 7010, NZ



Junior dance at Nelson College for Girls



Y9 and 10
Wed March 13
7pm – 9pm \$7
Tickets available next week.

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See you at AgFest April 12-13 Greymouth Aerodrome!

ESOL VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED!



DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO COME AND
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STUDENTS?

Email ag@nelson.school.nz

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- Sustainable Horticulture, Level 2**

Nelson Campus | 11 March
March or July start | 6pm-8.30pm
Mondays + every first and third
Saturday, 9am-1pm

Richmond Campus | 11 March
March start only | 6pm-8.30pm
Wednesdays + every first and third
Saturday, 9am-1pm

You will cover the following
three courses over six months:

- Vegetable gardening
- Soil and growing techniques
- Fruit orchard gardening

Apply now | nmit.ac.nz/horticulture



Have a go CANOE POLO



**Saturday 9 March 2024
3:00pm to 7:30pm
at Riverside Pool, Nelson**

Mainland Canoe Polo would like to invite intermediate and high school students (girls and boys) to try this exciting sport.

We provide the gear, basic training and coaching. And it's all free!

Just bring a pair of swimming shorts, rash top, towel and a drink bottle.



We want to start a canoe polo school league in term 2 - 3 between Tasman - based schools.

MCPA contact:
027 649 4476 (Justin)



For more info see our Facebook page [Schools Canoe Polo Nelson Tasman](https://www.facebook.com/SchoolsCanoePoloNelsonTasman)

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- ✦ Bagpipe lessons offered here at Nelson College while you learn, then join the band
- ✦ Drum lessons held on Monday evenings

Contact the band to find out more:
cityofnelsonband@gmail.com or text 021 1799419



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