

# NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne O Whakatū



*Kia ora koutou,*

28 Mar 2024



Warm Easter Greetings to all the Nelson College whānau.

As the autumnal colours begin to paint the landscape and the air fills with the scent of chocolate eggs, we're reminded that Easter is not only a time for indulging in special treats but also a time for reflection and renewal.

In the Easter celebrations of rebirth, we find ourselves surrounded by the promise of new beginnings and the opportunity to embrace change with open arms. There is nothing as sure as change in any school; curriculum changes, assessment changes, government mandates, and, in our particular case, a new Tumuaiki/Principal on the horizon. The field is strong, as it should be for a school of our standing, and the Board is looking forward to an invigorating yet challenging selection process.

Parents and caregivers, I want to thank you for being the motivators of dreams, the guardians of hope, and the pillars of strength for your sons. With your unwavering support, you instil within them the courage to pursue their passions, the resilience to overcome obstacles, and the wisdom to navigate life's twists and turns. There is nothing more important in a young man's life than strong and loving parental input.

In the spirit of Easter, let us reaffirm our commitment to nurturing the wonderful potential of all our young people, guiding them towards a future filled with boundless opportunities and endless possibilities.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of partnering with you in your son's educational journey. I believe a Nelson College education should be an inspiring, happy and motivational experience and I trust you can attest to that at home.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with love, laughter, and the joyful promise of new beginnings.

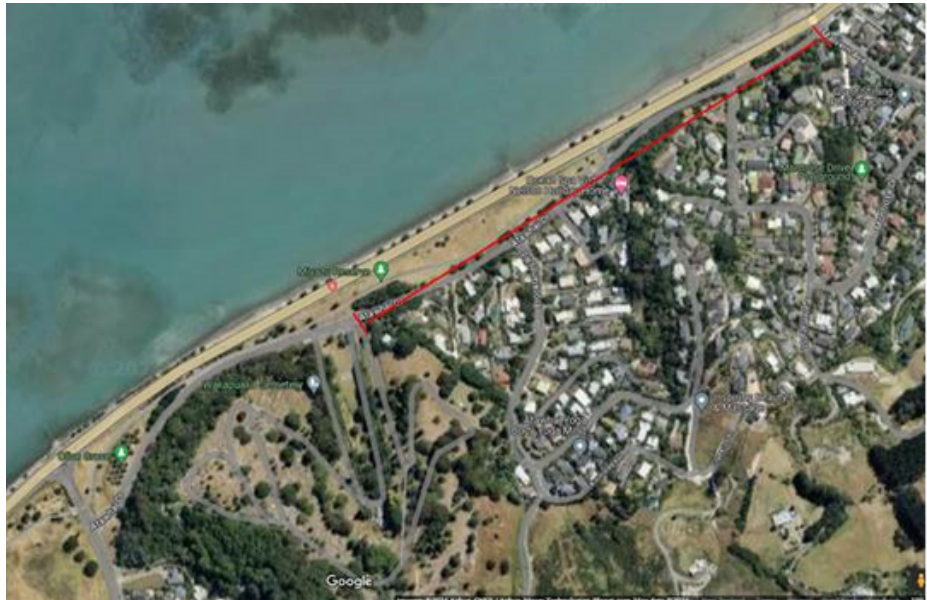
Kia kaha

Tim Oughton



## road closures

Fulton Hogan  
will be closing  
Atawhai Drive  
for about a  
month from  
April 2nd



We have four school runs which will be affected by this:

- D100411
- D100413
- D100414
- D100416

Stops that won't be used in this period are:  
Paramata Street  
Brooklyns Road  
Whakapuaka Cemetery

Instead we will be making a temporary stop outside and opposite the other cemetery entrance (pictured) and students will need to make their way here to be picked up. Students will need to be out at normal pick up time.





# sports office snippets



Summer Tournament Week has been amazing! Congratulations to all our boys who competed in their various sports across the country. There have been some stunning results and you can read more below. Junior basketball trials are underway. We had two Year 9 trials this week and Year 10 is coming on. Hockey players are asked to register in the Sports Office ASAP. We will have teams for all abilities, and we welcome new players.

## athletics



Congratulations to Bradley Kershaw for winning two National Titles in the U16 100m and 200m at the recent Club Nationals. Brad, along with 18 other Nelson College athletes will be representing the school in the upcoming South Island Athletics Championships in Timaru.



## volleyball



Our Senior A team recently visited Palmerston North for the NZ Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships. They finished 12th in the top division, but this does not reflect how well they played.

They just narrowly missed out on top eight going down to Tauranga Boys, who went on to claim the National Title. With three Year 11 boys, and one year 10 boy in the team the future looks bright. Well done boys on a great tournament.



# cricket



Our annual Year 9 v Staff game had to be postponed from Dec 2023 until this week and what a game! The teachers had been beaten for the last two years and really didn't want the 3peat of defeat. The boys, who are now Year 10 were confident.

The young guns batted first and with top scorers Oran Sim and Ryder Gestro, the boys were looking good. Mr. Mardon tried to keep the staff in the game taking 2 wickets for 6 runs. Then it was the staff's turn to bat. Full of confidence with some serious talent in the line-up, things started to go pear-shaped very early on.



Mr Hayes was looking good in his all whites, but went out cheaply, followed by Mr Glazier (golden duck)! The staff were in trouble when Mr Mardon retired hurt. Bring on rookie Mr Norris who scored 60 odd and then, not to be beaten Mr Mardon (says he) made a miraculous recovery, reappearing with a runner and scored 40 odd. Mr Cochrane came in and scored the winning runs. Bragging rights to the Staff team - although Mr Glazier may never live down his batting effort. Best steer clear of the staff room for a while!



Year 10 team wins local competition.

Congratulations to our Y 9/10 cricket team who won the 4th grade competition narrowly beating Wanderers.

I say Yr 9/10 as they started the season as Yr 9s and are now yr 10!! These boys have been amazing all season and are supported by a great group of parents. Special thanks to Tom Molnar, and Nathan Gestro for your time and effort coaching them.





# touch rugby



Congratulations to our Senior A Touch Team AKA South Island Champions!!! Looking sharp in their new uniforms, they were undefeated throughout the whole tournament, narrowly winning their pool games against St Bedes College and Christchurch Boys High School.

They made it through to the final and what a game. This went to a “golden point drop off” where we controlled possession and set up the winning try to Kobi Stephens. What a stunning result. A special thanks to Jaxon and Dion Taikato for coaching these boys and for Lee-Anne Manson for managing the team.



# rowing



Well done to all our rowers who took part in the 2024 AON MAADI Regatta. Nelson College students put in some solid performances and special recognition goes to the following students:

Ethan Steele & Ted Callaghan U18 coxless pair –9th in NZ.  
Murdoch Smith & Olly White U16 double sculls –5th in NZ  
Murdoch Smith U16 single sculls – 3rd in NZ – Bronze Medal!

Others:

Ethan Steele U18 single sculls –12th in NZ  
Mateo, Lucas, Harry, Max & Charlie (coxswain) U18 novice coxed quad sculls –15th in NZ  
Ollie Hawkings U17 Single sculls –16th in NZ.





# mountain biking



Last week, a team of 24 riders from Nelson College travelled to Queenstown for the South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championship. The event was held at Coronet Peak over three days, which covered the three disciplines of mountain biking – Cross Country, Downhill and Enduro. Most of the team, along with staff and parents stayed on site at Joel Lodge, which proved to be a great team bonding idea. The weather also played ball, with crisp mornings and warm days.



On Thursday 15 boys lined up in the various age categories to compete in the Cross Country. All riders were competitive, but the standout performers were Phoenix Lasenby who came in 9th in the U15 race and Josef Houghton who placed 2nd in the U14s

Friday saw 17 of the boys line up for the Downhill which is the glamour event of mountain biking. Downright scary to watch but extremely exciting, this event required the boys to travel to the top of the mountain by chairlift and race to the bottom as quickly as possible while tackling several technical features such as jumps, drops and steep chutes. Nelson College had three top 10 finishes. Alex Merrilees placed 10th in the U15s, Seraphim Gavrilov was 10th in the U14s and once again Josef Houghton made the podium with a respectable 2nd place in the U14s.

Saturday saw all riders turn out for the Enduro. This was clearly the most successful event for Nelson College, with six top ten finishes. Lawson Folly placed 10th in the U16 and Finn Pickering was 8th in the U15. Will Lasenby was 7th in the U17, just beaten to the line by Fin Allen, who came 6th.

Seraphim Gavrilov finished a good week by making the podium in 2nd place with Josef Houghton demonstrating his all-round talent by topping the same podium. Josef's efforts over the week gave him the overall title of top U14 male rider for the competition.



A great week was had by all and it was so pleasing to see so many riders competing for the college and enjoying themselves.



# mammoth and national enduro

Well done to Year 9 Oscar Slack who won the Mammoth Enduro in the under 17's, being the youngest to ever enter the race, he also came second at the National Enduro Champs at Cable Bay on Sunday 3rd March. This was the main race, not the Junior. It such an incredible accomplishment for such a tough rider, a very big undertaking. Ka pai Oscar.



# sailing



Congratulations to our Sailing team for winning the Top of the South Sailing Trophy - awarded to the top Tasman team.

Bruno Page  
Jax Brixton  
Hunter Royds  
Harry Reith  
Finlay Lawes  
Ty Incendy  
Joao Ventura

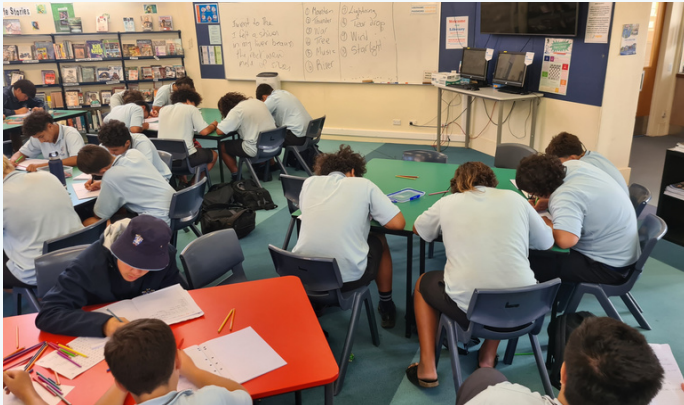


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Recently, the English department received an esteemed visitor in the form of Apirana Taylor. Poet, novelist, painter, story-teller and performer, Apirana's chameleonic artistry is consolidated by a deep bond with the kohanga reo Māori language revival movement. Inbetween recitals, exercises and a lot of fun, Api had time to pose for a few selfies. Thanks for stopping by Api!



## The kingdom of heaven (to Haina)

*the kingdom of heaven is  
but a little way along the  
sand track, through the  
bushy flaxes, the sunlit  
dunes down to the river  
and across the bridge*

by Apirana Taylor



# geography



Recently Year 13's embarked on a research field trip to Golden Bay.

The trip included a visit to Wharariki beach and Cape Farewell to collect data in groups for our coastal research internal assessment.

Also collected was a sheep called Benson who, despite being very good company, was not as focussed on the assessment as he should have been. but was an A student when it came to photo-bombing! The conditions were sunny with plenty of wind, so a very good representation of typical conditions in that environment! The day was topped off with some great pizza from the Courthouse Cafe in Collingwood.



On day two, the morning was spent working in groups at camp before heading off in the afternoon to collect more coastal research data during a 6km look walk around the base of Farewell Spit.

Conditions were sunny and windy again, with some good contrasts in data with Wharariki Beach the day before. Big sand dunes were climbed, stunning photos taken and longshore drift measured.

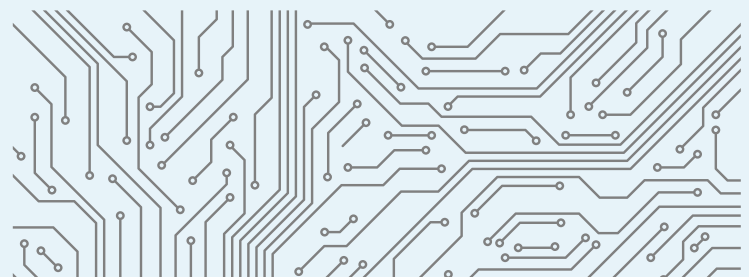
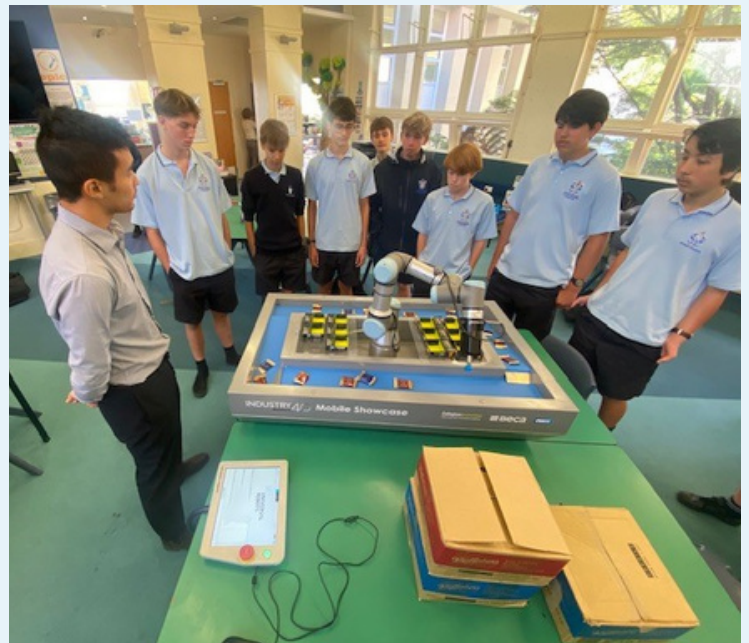
To finish the day, the lads enjoyed a hearty pub meal followed by the annual hotly contested Geography quiz won by Will Coles, Daniel Sturn and Lochlan Cokerall-Brandt.





## 4.0 technology showcase

It was interesting to see and find out more about how AI and 4.0 Technologies are, enhancing and changing roles in industries. From augmented reality being used to remotely dial people in to fix problems on site to discerning chocolate packing robotics! Thanks to BECA for coming in and sharing this with us.





Last week some of our students were out on a Career Exploration Event in Civil Construction. A group from Nayland College, Nelson College, and Nelson College for Girls visited the new slipway being built at Port Nelson, the Nelson water Treatment plant, the York Valley landfill and the York Valley Quarry.



We highly recommend these career exploration events. They provide a fantastic opportunity for students to really see what goes on in these industries and to discover where there are strong employment opportunities. A big shout out to the NRDA who organise these events for the young people in our region.



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<https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/>





Mon	Tues Apr 2	Wed Apr 3	Thu	Fri May 3
		<p>Logistics Trip</p> <p>8.30am – 2.45pm Nelson Tasman Region</p> <p>For student who are interested in logistics and transport and finding out about the employment pathways in this industry</p> <p>Registration has closed</p>		<p>Forestry Big Day Out Trip</p> <p>8.30am – 2.45pm Nelson Tasman Region</p> <p>For students interested in degree pathways (Forestry Science, Forestry Engineering) or trades, employment pathways</p> <p>Registration required</p> <p>Limited places. Find out more and Register here: <a href="https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/77">nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/77</a></p>

Mon	Tues	Wed May 8	Thu	Fri May 9
		<p>Conservation Day Trip</p> <p>8.30am – 2.45pm Nelson Tasman Region</p> <p>For students who have an interest in conservation, environmental or science based career pathways at degree, apprentice or employment levels</p> <p>Registration required</p> <p>Limited places. Find out more and Register here: <a href="https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/78">nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/78</a></p>		<p>BECA Day: Planning, Environmental, Architecture</p> <p>8.45am – 1pm BECA, Nelson</p> <p>For students who are interested in degree level study in Environmental Planning, Urban Architecture, Environmental Science</p> <p>Registration required</p> <p>Limited places Find out more and Register here: <a href="https://nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/86">nelsoncollege.careerwise.school/post/86</a></p>



# volunteering



## relay for life



We are profoundly moved by the dedication and spirit displayed by this remarkable group of young men during the Relay for Life. Their embodiment of true NC mana was awe-inspiring.



The team from Ngā Aho Rau set a powerful tone for the event, performing a haka in honour of cancer survivors and those currently navigating their journey with cancer. This poignant act of solidarity set the stage for what was to be a deeply meaningful experience.

As the relay commenced, our team demonstrated exceptional endurance and determination, maintaining an impressive pace for the entire 16 hours. Their unwavering commitment did not go unnoticed; it garnered admiration and gratitude from various community members.



By participating with such vigour and respect, they paid a fitting tribute to cancer survivors, caregivers, individuals battling cancer, and the memory of those who have sadly passed away. Their efforts profoundly touched all those involved.



Victorious in securing the title for 'The Most Laps', our boys completed over 300 laps, raising more than \$2,000 for the Nelson Tasman Cancer Society. This significant contribution was part of a larger communal effort that raised over \$200,000.

This experience of volunteering has imparted a valuable lesson on the impact of collective action and the profound difference it can make in our local community. Witnessing their journey towards fostering a sense of collective altruism has been a source of immense pride for me. They have not only upheld the values of Nelson College but have also exemplified the best of us. Their achievements fill me with an immense sense of pride. Me he tē!



# buisness studies



The first term of Business Studies has been a very steep learning experience for the boys, as they hit the ground running with sourcing, preparing, and selling food during lunchtimes on the commerce deck. After costing up the ingredients, organising their resources and setting thier price, many boys made a healthy profit. They weren't all winners and some of them only managed to break even. There were a couple of losses - just like in real life! Learning how to source ingredients, considering the costs and revenues of running a small enterprise has been a good exercise in managing a budget.



With a no phones policy in effect, they also had to consider cash only transactions from week 3, as no bank transfers were possible which created sales challenges.

There was an amazing array of fresh, home made foods on offer including pizzas, dumplings, lemonade spiders, cookies and slices, waffles, sausages, burgers, slushies, toffee apples, marshmallows on sticks and various drinks.

The companies all had to contribute a 15% "charity tax" against their profits, with \$27.00 being raised for Riding for the Disabled - a charity voted for by the classes.

A fantastic effort by both classes and a wonderful example of using gain for good!



# music



Instrument lessons and music groups are now in full swing with over 100 boys getting involved!

NC for Girls and NC have created a combined choir, lead by Zoe Dee. Keep an eye out for their performances throughout the year.

Extracurricular music groups this year are:

- Concert Band
- Jazz Band (combined with NCG)
- Choir (combined with NCG)
- Chamber Group
- Prep Brass Band
- Prep Choir
- Prep Rock bands.



Singing Assemblies are back!

Thanks to Mr. Nathan Munn for leading the school in a rousing rendition of 'Country Roads'



# food tech



With the College kitchens and the Food and Hospitality kitchens out of action due to construction work, they have been cleverly relocated across the campus.

To keep the pot on the boil, Quinton Gately and Kieran Cleary have relocated to a wood workshop, converting it into a kitchen as and when needed.

With the use of donated roofing steel from Freeman Roofing (thanks guys) the benchtops convert to a hygienic kitchen surface.



Each kitchen has a mobile store with all the utensils and equipment required to cook with, as well as a camping stove to carry on. For larger recipes a six burner BBQ is wheeled out.

Cooking, Knife skills and of course the best bit of all - eating, is done from the Technology workshops. Kiwi ingenuity meets Nelson College spirit. Ka pai Mr. Gately and Mr. Cleary!





# student achievement



Well done to Sam Dukes who won the annual NZ YouthSpearfishing Championships held at Kapiti Island. Sam was up against some fierce competition in the form of both human and fish so we are double impressed with his efforts! We'd love to say congratulations on reeling in the big one, but that doesn't quite work does it. Still - we're really proud of your achievement!

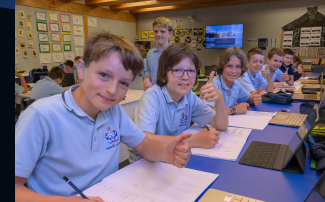


Well done to Scott Brown who recently won the Tasman Secondary Schools Duathlon at Rabbit island. Big shoutout to Mac Frankish who came in 3rd. Great effort boys. Apologies to Mac - we had to use your KAMAR photo!



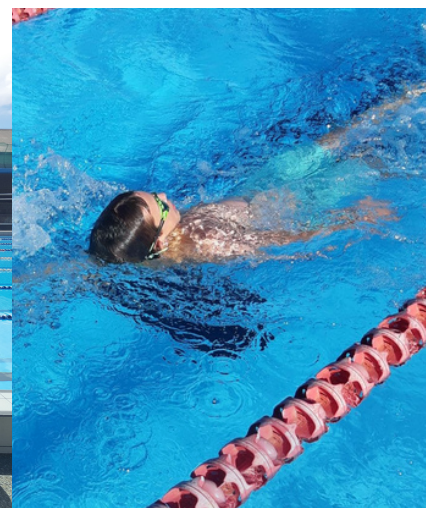


# preparatory school news



## Interschool swimming championships

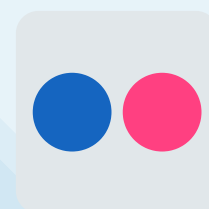
Great results from the interschool swimming championships at Nayland Pool last Friday. The boys certainly dug deep and pulled off fast times to get placements in the top three and came 1st in the Year 7 and Year 8 medley relay and 50m relay races. They all gave it their best and did a great job of supporting and cheering each other on.



## notices



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# QUAD 2024



NELSON - JUNE 25-27



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**CHARITY GALA DINNER  
& AUCTION NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE



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**C<sub>o</sub>N**  
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Come and learn with the  
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- ✦ Drum lessons held on Monday evenings

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# Te Hoe Tū

## Te Ātiawa Rangatahi Waka Programme

21 - 24 April 2024  
Motueka - Kaiteriteri

Our upcoming rangatahi waka wānanga (ages 14-17) will cover the unique whakapapa and history of our places, our people, our taonga and our waka culture! Tau kē!

**RĒHITA MAI | REGISTER NOW!**

Enrolments close Wednesday 3 April

All participants must be registered with Te Ātiawa Trust

Contact us for more information

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# TASMAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS MX CHAMPS 2024

**12-16YRS 85CC**  
**12-14YRS 125CC/250CC**  
**15-19YRS 125CC**

**12-19YRS WOMEN 85CC-250CC**  
**15-19YRS 250CC**

**12-16YRS FARMER/TRAIL -250CC**  
**17-19YRS FARMER/TRAIL - 250CC**

YOU MUST BE ENROLLED AT A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YEAR 9-13 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THIS EVENT

RIDE AS AN INDIVIDUAL  
TOP 3 RESULTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL TEAM GO TOWARDS WINNING THE MAJOR SCHOOL MX TROPHIES

ALL TASMAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENTER THROUGH YOUR SCHOOLS SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR

ALL OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THE TASMAN REGION ARE INVITED TO ENTER THIS EVENT VIA THE NELSON MOTORCYCLE CLUB WEBSITE

**\$80 PER RIDER**



**MNZ PERMIT PENDING**

**FRIDAY**  
**5TH APRIL 2024**

**422 KAIUMA BAY ROAD**  
**HAVELOCK**

**CAMPING AVAILABLE**  
**DONATION FOR THE FARMER AT SIGN-IN**

ALL RIDERS MUST BE MEMBER OF A MOTORCYCLING NEW ZEALAND CLUB OR PURCHASE WITH THE NELSON MOTORCYCLE CLUB AT SIGN IN FOR \$10 DAY MEMBERSHIP

ALL RIDERS MUST HOLD A MNZ LICENCE OR PURCHASE ONE EVENT LICENCE ON THE DAY AT SIGN IN FOR \$30

# PRIMARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS MX CHALLENGE 2024

**6-8YRS 50CC**  
**7-8YRS 65CC**  
**9-11YRS 65CC**  
**7-11YRS TRAIL**  
**8-13YRS 85CC**

YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL YEAR 1-8 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THIS EVENT

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ALL SCHOOLS IN AND OUTSIDE THE TASMAN REGION ARE WELCOME TO ENTER THIS EVENT

**\$70 PER RIDER**

