

# NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne O Whakatū



*Kia ora koutou,*

12 Apr 2024



## **Embracing the Momentum: Setting Goals and Building Pride at Nelson College**

As we move into the business part of the academic year, it's time for us to reflect on the achievements since the beginning of the year and to look ahead with purpose and determination. At Nelson College, we believe in fostering a community where every individual is encouraged to set goals, embrace opportunities, and take pride in their achievements.

### **Setting Goals:**

The end of the term marks a crucial juncture for our students. It's a time to reassess our ambitions and set our sights on new milestones. Whether it's academic aspirations, personal growth objectives, or extracurricular pursuits, I encourage all students to set SMART goals-specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. By articulating their ambitions and mapping out a plan of action, all students can create a course towards success and fulfilment.

### **Making the Most of Opportunities:**

At Nelson College, opportunities abound within and beyond the classroom. I encourage our students to seize these opportunities with enthusiasm and curiosity. Whether it's joining a club, volunteering for a cause, or pursuing a passion project, every experience enriches their journey and broadens horizons.

### **Building School Spirit and Pride:**

Our school spirit is the heartbeat of Nelson College; an unwavering sense of belonging, unity, and pride that unites us as a community. Whether it's through cheering on our sports teams, supporting our performing arts showcases, or participating in community events, I encourage all our young men to celebrate our collective achievements and uphold the values that define us as a Nelson College community.

Make the most of the forthcoming term break. Take time out to rejuvenate, enjoy the fresh autumnal air and ensure that you are mentally fit and ready for the exciting term ahead.

Kia kaha

Tim Oughton



## road closures

**Update:** Due to bad weather, roadworks have been postponed and are due to start the week beginning April 15.



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 for pick-up. Students need to be out at normal pick up time.

## term 2 events



## house events



**House Events**  
**Haka Tuesday 7 May**  
**Volleyball Monday 20 May**  
**Basketball Thursday 6 June**  
**Spelling Bee Thursday 20 June**

## other events

Wednesday 1 May, 11am in assembly hall	ANZAC Service Assembly
Wednesday 1 May from 3.00pm to 7.00pm (Half day - students dismissed at 1.30pm)	<b>Parent Teacher Conference</b> Wednesday 1 May - Students will be dismissed after period 4 for at approximately 1.30pm for Teachers to prepare for interviews. School buses will run at normal times.
Thursday 2 May from 8.45am to 4.00pm (At home learning)	Thursday 2 May - Students will be working from home on this day with work provided from teachers. No timetabled classes.
Friday 10 May	Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation)
Thursday 16 May	Nelson College Cross Country
Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt Day (gold coin donation)
Saturday 18 May	Boarding Open Day
Monday 27 - 31 May	Nelson College Production
Friday 30 May	Marlborough Boys Sports Exchange
Monday 3 June (school closed)	Kings Birthday
Tuesday 4 June (school closed)	Staff Only Day
Tuesday 18 June	Shirley Boys Sports Exchange @NC
24 – 27 June	Rugby QUAD @NC 26th Gala Dinner, 6pm in the hall 25th and 27th Game days
Friday 28 June (school closed)	Matariki
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 2

# sports office snippets



As we approach the end of the term, we are super busy sorting winter sports, along with getting boys to Bowls, Track Cycling, Athletics in Timaru, MotoX in Canvastown. It has been a hectic, amazing term with lots of great results.

Congratulations to all our boys who have represented Nelson College this term. Check out the results in the following articles.

Your son should now have his name down for Basketball. If he is not yet in a team. Please email Alethea [se@nelson.school.nz](mailto:se@nelson.school.nz)

## motocross



It was great to have TSS MotoX back on the sports calendar.  
Congratulations to our team who made a sweep of the 1st place team trophies.

Congratulations to Connor Heaphy, Ewan Chadwick and Josh Wynne who placed 1st in their grades.

Tasman Secondary Schools -  
MX Champs 2024



Tasman Region - School MX Team Trophy

1st - Nelson College

2nd - Waimea College

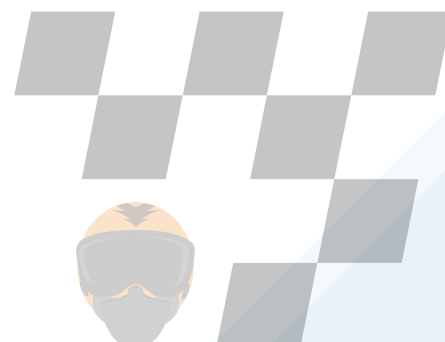
3rd - Motueka High School

School MX Team Trophy - Overall event

1st - Nelson College

2nd - Waimea College

3rd - Motueka High School



# cricket



## gillette cup

The 1st XI Cricket side up in Palmerston North for the CD Gillette Cup. Unfortunately they lost their first knock out match against PNBHS by two runs. G Aerakis was the pick of the bowlers with 4 wickets for 23 runs off eight overs. With the bat F Roberts and K Ward put on a 100-run partnership.

Playing for 3rd/4th the next day the boys went down to New Plymouth Boys High. Losing by 166 runs in the end. S Nanayakkara and H Ward were the pick of the bowlers with Sandith getting four wickets, and Hogan five wickets.

A big thanks to coach Issac Day, and Luke Toynbee and Brad Norris who supported the boys.

# athletics



## south island secondary schools championships

We took a team of 19 boys to this event in Timaru last weekend, and what a weekend it was! Firstly. Many thanks to Mr Clack, Mr Brown, Mrs Cahill for joining us on this trip. Timaru turned on the weather. It was beautiful with a very light wind. We achieved 10 podiums, including 5 South Island titles. We entered five relays and got three placings.



Congratulations on your South Island Athletics Titles...

- Bradley Kershaw – 1st U14 100m & 200m
- Joel Stobie 1st U14 Long Jump
- Marlin Brown – 1st U14 80m Hurdles
- Niall Foster – 1st U16 100m



# lawn bowls



At the recent Tasman Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Tournament our pairing of Zyon Ford and Jimmy West had a great day, taking out the Boys Pairs Title. Well done boys.



# track cycling



Last Saturday the Tasman Secondary Schools Track Cycling Open Day was held and we had two cyclists taking part. They had a great time and learned lots about track cycling. Harly Serrano and Mark Estay were our competitors.



For all sports enquiries, please contact [Alethea](#)

# drama



The talented cast and crew, including a rock band from Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls, are busy rehearsing for "One Man-Two Guvnors", a comedy set in 1963 Brighton, England.

The play follows Francis Hensell after being sacked from his band. He becomes entangled in a web of deception involving Roscoe Crabbe (actually Roscoe's sister Rachel in disguise) and Stanley Stubbers, leading to a series of humorous situations as he tries to manage two jobs without getting caught.

With costumes, set, and technical aspects underway, the production promises a delightful slapstick farce. Don't miss out on supporting this local theatre showcase.

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May 7pm  
Nelson College School Hall  
Tickets \$15 available from the  
Finance Office of both Colleges



# student council



Congratulations to the following students on their appointment to the Student Council. This year's Student Council have gotten off to a great start with the hugely successful Relay4Life. They will soon be turning their attention to the college campus, and coming up with ways to beautify our surroundings. Watch this space to see what these dynamic young men come up with!

Year 9:

Jayvius Walker & Alec McLaren

Year 10:

Douglas Miller & Finn Harrington

Year 11:

Ashton Walker & Thomas Robertson

Year 12:

Samuel Kiriona & Chase Banks

Year 13:

Magnus Fraser & Charlie Cuff



Keep checking out our events on the Nelson College

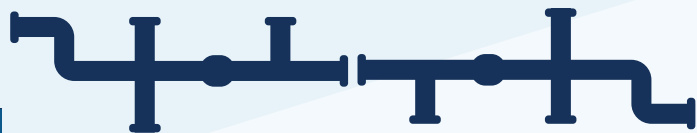
Careerwise web page

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

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri May 3
				<p>Forestry Big Day Out Trip 8.30am – 2.45pm Nelson Tasman Region</p> <p>For student who are 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	Thu May 8	Fri May 9
			<p>Conservation Day Trip 8.30am – 2.45pm Nelson Tasman Region</p> <p>For students who have an interest in conservation or environmental 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 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>



# term 2 - in the pipeline



**Aquaculture Day: Wed 15 May**  
**Nelson College Roadshow: Tue 21 May**  
**Otago Uni Open Day: Sun 26 and Mon 27 May**  
**UC Information Evening: Tue 28 May**  
**Tradie Day: Thu 6th June**  
**Forestry Day (a different event to 3rd May): Wed 12th June**  
**Fantastic Futures: Wed 26th June**



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

Last week was the Logistics trip which took students into Port Nelson, Mainfreight and NMIT to explore the different career pathways in logistics, supply chain operations, freight and maritime operations.

## logistics trip

At Mainfreight students caught up with Tristan-a young Old Boy from NC who is loving his career journey with Mainfreight...and here he is starring in a video promoting a career pathway in the logistics industry.

<https://vimeo.com/737078510>



## NZDF Careers Session

We recently attended a NZDF Careers Update session at the Airforce Museum in Wigram. The NZDF has a diverse range of pathways for students straight from school, as well as an interesting range of options for our students who go on to university and might want to consider the Defence Force as pathway.

We heard from a former Careers Advisor and Teacher who joined the Airforce aged 51. She worked as an Aide de Camp in East Timor teaching English to soldiers there. Here is an article about Aide de Camp's in the NZDF in case you are curious about this role.

[Proud to serve the Commander-in-Chief | by New Zealand Defence Force | Medium](#)



If you want to find out more about careers in the NZDF, then book an appt with [Vikki](#) and keep an eye out in the notices for the next time the NZDF are in our school (we are hoping for a date early next term).

# volunteering



## students against dangerous driving nc

Last Wednesday our newly formed SADD group (Students Against Dangerous Driving) attended a checkpoint with the Nelson Police to advocate for safe driving on our roads as their first group activity.

Working alongside the police, students had fun using the radar guns to clock the speeds of drivers on their way past Nelson College on Waimea Road while reminding drivers to lower their speed where needed.



They also accompanied the Police on a breath testing checkpoint. Our students carried bags of treats with road safety messages inside and handed them out to the drivers they stopped.

Huge thanks to the Nelson Police and NCC who supported this event. SADD NC are looking forward to further collaboration and advocacy with them in the future.

## nc volunteering

We will be meeting again next term to work out our volunteering activity for the term. More information will be in the notices at the start of Term 2.

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Remember to keep logging those volunteering and service hours!

# library



## book battle with ncg

Yesterday, the library ran a book battle for Junior English (Y 9/10) for students who love reading and were keen to undertake the competition and its challenges.

Close to 70 students from NGC and NC battled it out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Recruiting boys was easy once they knew their friends from our sister school down the road would be visiting. Oh, and the fact that there would be some lollies up for grabs didn't hurt either!

The students did a library-themed scavenger hunt, earning points for finding hidden Wallies (Where's wally), using the library catalogue to find books and answering questions relating to our library webpage.

They counted the many pot plants in the library, printed a page from the Nelson Examiner newspaper from 1842, used chat GPT or even their brains to write a poem that included the title of two library books - and more! After lunch came a book-related quiz. It was noisy, it was competitive, and everyone had a great time!

Credit to Arturo Neale and James Wills (Yr11) who were our helpers driving the PowerPoint, marking the answer sheets and being helpful all-round. We could not have run it without their help.



# old boys pay it forward



Our Old Boys Association is a thriving community, spanning continents, eras and cultures. Thanks to its members, many interesting artefacts, bequests and donations frequently cross our threshold...

This stunning Boosey and Hawkes 'Solbron Classa' Cornet was the latest gift from the past. Played by John Sydney Moore in 1955 in the College Band, this beautifully preserved instrument will have new life literally breathed into it when we find it a friend.

The cornet arrived to us in a well-used leather case, with its own marching lyre. On the bell you can perhaps make out the slogan 'British Throughout'!



John, who attended Nelson College from 1954-56 can be seen here, fourth from the left in the front row and our heartfelt thanks go to his family for this beautiful donation.

# preparatory school news



The Year 8 students had a great camp in Golden Bay and got to see many of the science concepts they learned about in class. The camp included a visit to the Riwaka River insurgency, Ngarua Caves, Cape Foulwind ecosanctuary, the Farewell Spit lighthouse tour and exploring the caves and rock formations at Wharariki beach. The boys were lucky enough to watch baby seals play in the rock pools. A great time was had by all!



While at college, boys often get involved in things that they don't realise at the time will lead to something trailblazing when school is done. This is particularly true for those technologically-inclined like one of our newest old boys Liam Goodger.

Technology, and in particular at the moment artificial intelligence (AI), moves at an extremely fast pace. Liam's interest in AI began at Nelson College where he explored applications such as ChatGPT.

His interest and growing knowledge has led him to getting involved in the Nelson AI Sandbox project, becoming its project co-ordinator.



Knowing people are quite wary of AI, he is one of a group of volunteers wanting to help people get up-to-speed with AI, and use it for good.

The newly launched Sandbox at 228 Trafalgar St is a not-for-profit, inclusive discovery space where all members of the Nelson-Tasman community can drop in to gain safe, free access to AI tools and hands-on expertise.

Liam has been instrumental in readying the city space for launch and is one of the helpful faces providing guidance and tuition to people of all ages who stop by the Sandbox.

“We believe the Nelson AI Sandbox is the first-of-its-kind in the world, as far as we have found, which is really exciting. The opportunities around AI use are endless so it is really cool to think that the Sandbox could help Nelson become the leading region in the AI space.

It has also been great to work alongside my former college teacher Mr Brudvik-Lindner, who not only does so much at the college for the students, he is also a community leader doing great things for the city, like this project.”

In August, Liam sets off to university in Missouri to play football and pursue a degree in Computer Science, where he is hoping to further his knowledge around AI. But until then, he can be found helping out alongside a team of volunteers at the Nelson AI Sandbox.

If you are interested in having a go and learning more about AI, Liam would love to see you down there (open 10:30-5:30pm on weekdays, 9:30-1:30 on Saturdays).



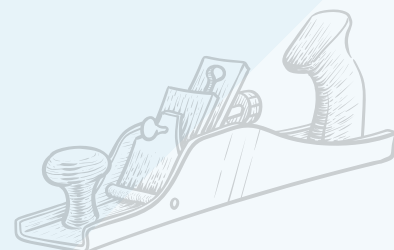
Our Fine Woodworking teacher Cobus Botes hosted the most recent meeting of the Nelson Guild of Woodworkers. During the meeting, Cobus gave an overview of the woodworking programme at Nelson College and presented examples of student work to the guild - stepping stools and toolboxes.

Originally from South Africa, Cobus' career path took him to both Technical College and Teachers College. Attending well-funded institutions, and being lucky to work with a wide variety of exotic and high-quality timbers stood Cobus in good stead for the high level of craftsmanship to which he aspired. Today, Cobus is a highly respected craftsman in his field and continues to challenge himself and apply his woodworking skills to precise and intricate projects, like these two guitars one of which you'll see comprises a wide variety of woods.



During the course of the meeting an invitation was extended from the Centre for Fine Woodworking for some of our most promising students to take their woodwork to the next level.

Thank you Cobus, for nurturing these very important relationships that will open many windows of opportunity for our students.



# geography



During the second last week of this term, the Year 12 Geography class went on a three-day field trip to Rotoiti. The first main goal of the trip was for students to gather primary data in groups on vegetation zones for their research internal assessment.

The second main goal was for students to gain first-hand experience and impressions into the physical environment of the South Island High Country and Southern Alps, which is the topic for one of the exam papers at the end of the year.

While the weather was a little damp and cool, the small group of dedicated students made the best of the conditions and worked really as a unit.

The main learning activity involved data collection along the St Arnaud Range Track up to Parachute Rocks. This walk involved a gain of more than 1,000m in elevation which suited our research perfectly. While we were not able to enjoy the view from the top, it was still exhilarating to be up there and the students enjoyed the adventure!



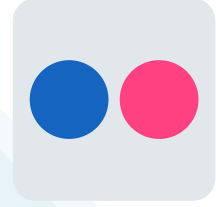
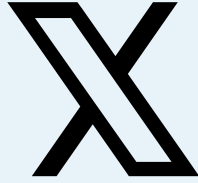
Other learning highlights included; a field sketch of the area from the Mt Robert lookout, a visit to the DOC visitor centre and a walk over Black Hill (an interesting geographical feature called a roche moutonnée, French for rock sheep!).

All-in-all this was a very enjoyable and successful trip for the students, to be repeated with other students in the years to come.

We are very lucky at Nelson College to have such inspiring and interesting natural environments on our back doorstep. Many thanks to Mr. Simon Mardon who fulfilled the key roles of head chef, and general support person.

His renowned 'dad' jokes became a foundational part of the trip, which the students will remember! The trip would not have been the same without his support and positivity.

# Follow our channels for more Nelson College News



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notices



## Nelson College Playhouses for Sale

Now that the weather's cooling down, keep outside play on the table with this beautifully made playhouse.

Handcrafted by our building students, hours of skill, attention and know how has gone into making these playhouses safe, strong, but most importantly - FUN!!!!

\$1400

Enquiries:  
[bh@nelson.school.nz](mailto:bh@nelson.school.nz)



Nelson Colleges Senior Production

# One Man- Two Guvnors

By Richard Bean

*'He's got two jobs- Comedy Genius'*

Featuring music by 'The Craze'

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May 7pm  
Nelson College School Hall

Tickets - Student \$15 - Adult \$20  
Available at Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls- Main Office  
Ph 03- 5483099



# NELSON COLLEGE 2ND XV



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v. NPBHS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 12:00pm | WRFC, HATAITAI PARK**

v. St Pats Silverstream 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 10:00am | ST PATS SILVERSTREAM**

#RideTheWave



# NORTH ISLAND TOUR

PRESEASON

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL  
2:00PM VS. NPBHS 1<sup>ST</sup> XV  
WELLINGTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, HAITAITAI PARK

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL  
11:30AM VS. ST PATS STREAM 1<sup>ST</sup> XV  
ST PATS STREAM



# QUAD 2024



NELSON - JUNE 25-27



NELSON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION  
*Proudly hosts*



THE 98TH QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT  
**CHARITY GALA DINNER  
& AUCTION NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

# ESOL VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED!



DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO COME AND  
READ ONE ON ONE WITH ESOL STUDENTS?

Email [ag@nelson.school.nz](mailto:ag@nelson.school.nz)



**C<sub>o</sub>N**  
Highland Pipe Band

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Come and learn with the  
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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](mailto:cityofnelsonband@gmail.com) or text 021 1799419



# 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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