

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



Kia ora koutou,

14 June 2024

The 98th Annual Rugby Quadrangular Tournament Hosted by Nelson College June 25th - 27th

Tradition holds immense significance in preserving the cultural and historical identity of institutions like Nelson College and events like the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament. First played in 1925, when Nelson College was invited to join a triangular tournament involving Christ's College, Wanganui Collegiate, and Wellington College, the Quadrangular Tournament is believed to be the oldest rugby tournament of its kind in the world.

“Quad” is hosted on a rotating basis, and this year it is our turn to welcome our “Quad brothers” to Nelson College. An enormous amount of voluntary work has gone into our pitch preparation; sincere thanks go out to our Old Boys community for their support in realising this year’s special sporting event. Note that even though the tournament is 100 years old, we will be hosting the 98th tournament. It was not held in 1942 and 1943 due to concerns about enemy submarine activity during the Second World War.

I have great respect for long-held traditions in schools like Nelson College, and there are a number of reasons why tradition is crucial in supporting such a tournament. They include:

- **Legacy and Heritage:** The Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, having been held for a century, embodies a rich legacy and heritage. It symbolises the enduring spirit of competition, camaraderie, and sportsmanship that has been passed down through generations of players, coaches, and supporters.
- **Community Bonding:** Tradition fosters a sense of belonging and camaraderie among the participants and the wider community. The tournament serves as a focal point for Old Boys, students, staff, and Nelson residents to come together, share memories, and celebrate shared experiences.
- **Character Building:** Engaging in long-standing traditions like the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament instils valuable lessons in discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and resilience. Players learn to respect the legacy of those who came before them while striving to uphold the standards set by past generations.
- **Sense of Identity:** Tradition provides a sense of identity and continuity for Nelson College and its alumni. It reinforces the school’s values and ethos, fostering pride and loyalty among current students and alumni alike.
- **Generational Connection:** Tradition bridges the generation gap, connecting past, present, and future participants in a shared experience. It allows current players to feel a sense of connection with those who came before them, inspiring them to uphold the standards of excellence set by their predecessors.

I warmly invite as many parents, past parents, and Old Boys to join us at the College on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th of June to experience all that Quad has to offer. We have a very skilful and capable First XV in 2024; it has been a privilege to watch them play this year, and I wish them every success for this special tournament.

let's talk about it



behaviour

I wanted to take a moment to address a matter that has come to our attention at Nelson College. We have noticed a slight increase in physical altercations among a small number of students. While this involves only a minority, it does affect the overall wellbeing and reputation of our College.

Please be assured that these incidents are being addressed promptly and appropriate measures are being taken. We are committed to ensuring that Nelson College remains a safe and respectful environment for all.

We kindly ask for your support in discussing with your sons the importance of resolving conflicts peacefully and respectfully. Encouraging empathy and strong communication skills at home can greatly contribute to a more harmonious school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Kind regards

Tim Oughton

Acting Principal.

encouraging better behaviour

If you are concerned about your son's behaviour, please reach out to your Year Dean.

model calm behaviour

Demonstrate how to stay calm in stressful situations.
Show healthy ways to express frustration and anger.

Help your child identify and name their emotions.
Discuss different feelings and what triggers them.

teach emotional awareness

encourage open communication

Create a safe space for your child to talk about their feelings.
Listen actively and validate their emotions without judgement.

Teach and practice problem-solving steps.
Encourage thinking through consequences before acting.

problem-solving skills

conflict resolution

Role-play scenarios to practice resolving conflicts peacefully.
Teach negotiation and compromise.

Discuss the importance of understanding others' feelings.
Encourage seeing situations from another person's perspective.

empathy development

stress management techniques

Teach deep breathing, counting to ten, or taking a break.
Encourage physical activities like sports or exercise to release stress.

Praise and reward non-violent behaviour and peaceful conflict resolution.
Highlight examples of when they handled situations well.

positive reinforcement

set clear expectations and consequences

Clearly communicate rules about acceptable behaviour.
Consistently enforce consequences for violent actions.

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98TH ANNUAL

QUADRANGULAR



QUAD SEMI



**WHANGANUI COLLEGIATE
CHRIST'S COLLEGE**



12PM | FRONT FIELD | 25 JUNE



**NELSON COLLEGE
WELLINGTON COLLEGE**



1:30PM | FRONT FIELD | 25 JUNE

MINOR FINAL

10:30AM | FRONT FIELD | 27 JUNE

QUAD FINAL

12PM | FRONT FIELD | 27 JUNE

98th quadrangular tournament



Spare room? Spare bed? The west wing currently unoccupied? Or maybe you need an excuse to get rid of that annoying house guest who's overstayed their welcome?! Why not take in a Quad player (or two) for three nights?

We have boys from Christ's College, Whanganui Collegiate and Wellington College who need a good old fashioned Nelson welcome! 24-26th June. Email ce@nelson.school.nz if you can help!

sports office snippets

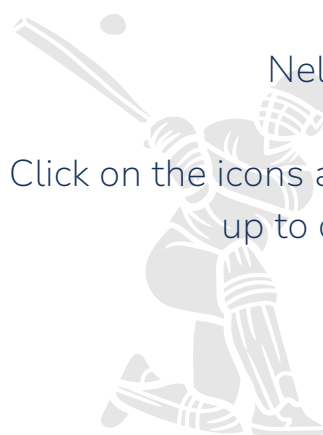


We are already halfway through the term! There are lots of things happening including our annual sports exchange with Shirley Boys High School next week. The following week is a big one with us hosting the 98th Quadrangular rugby Tournament - you may have heard of it!

If you are hosting a billet for the Shirley Exchange – you will meet them in the hall straight after school. We are always on the hunt for families who could host for Monday night, so please let us know if your son can help out even if he is not playing in the exchange. Email Alethea se@nelson.school.nz

TSS Junior Futsal was held on Monday and congratulations to our Karenni/Chin boys team who won the Plate Final. This team was so much fun to watch play and their skills were electric. Well done boys. It's the Senior's turn on Monday and we have six teams entered in that.

cricket



Nelson College Cricket is now on FB and Insta
Click on the icons and give them a follow to keep up to date with all things NC cricket



cross country



Well done to everyone who competed in the Tasman Districts cross country in Blenheim last week.

Although we didn't get any firsts on the day, we had a couple of respectable 2nds and 3rds and did well in the three and six man teams.



rugby



Mentoring doesn't just happen in the classroom. This week, our senior players coached the U14 boys at Broads. They did a fabulous job and the boys really enjoyed being coached by their peers.



football



The 1st XI completed their qualifying games with a convincing 3-1 win against Marlborough Boys College during the annual exchange. The team, who had defeated Waimea College 5 - 0 the previous week, have booked their spot at the Lotto Premier Tournament, to be held in Auckland during winter tournament week at the start of September.



Tim Cuff

house competition



Oof! Well nobody saw that coming did they? The Domett boys in green are rising up and are now neck and neck with the Boarders who've also just crept up a notch. Basketball was the great equaliser bringing the two teams into joint third place.

Now they'll have to jump through more hoops to break the deadlock! Meanwhile Munro are cruising it with a comfortable 12 point lead but will it last? The golden sons are looking a little rusty in 6th place, and Robinson might be looking over their shoulders there, but we're just around half way through so there's everything to play for, and anything can happen!

Chaytor are also creeping their way up the leaderboard so they're the ones to watch - Munro could well be seeing red soon!

house	boarders	chaytor	domett	kahurangi	monro	robinson
junior touch	10	8	0	0	12	8
senior touch	8	12	4	4	8	10
junior chess	4	8	12	8	10	4
senior chess	10	4	8	12	8	4
athletics	10	6	8	2	12	4
swimming	10	2	12	6	4	8
junior hockey	10	8	12	4	4	0
senior hockey	4	8	12	8	4	10
haka	10	4	2	6	12	8
cross country	6	12	4	8	2	12
junior volleyball	8	8	8	0	12	4
senior volleyball	4	8	4	12	8	10
junior basketball	4	10	8	4	12	8
senior basketball	4	10	8	4	12	8
house points	102	108	102	78	120	98
placing	3rd=	2nd	3rd=	6th	1st	5th

computing

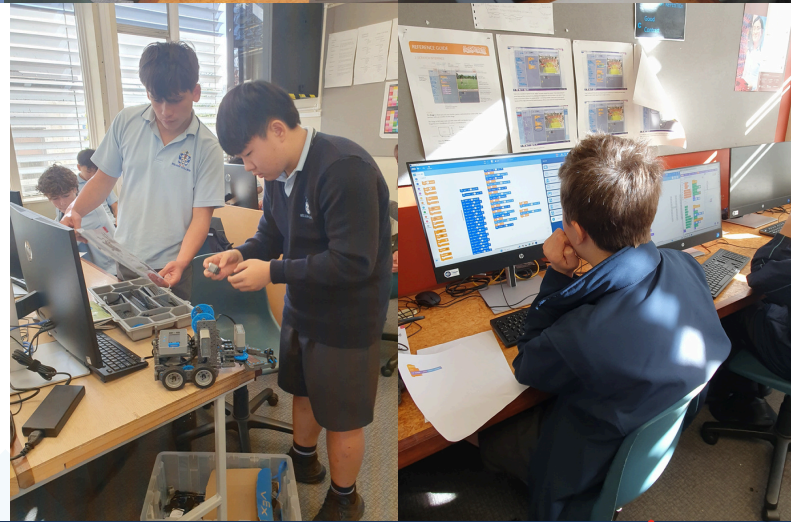


robotics



The boys in 10CDT have been having fun designing, building, programming and testing some simple mobile robots in their computing class.

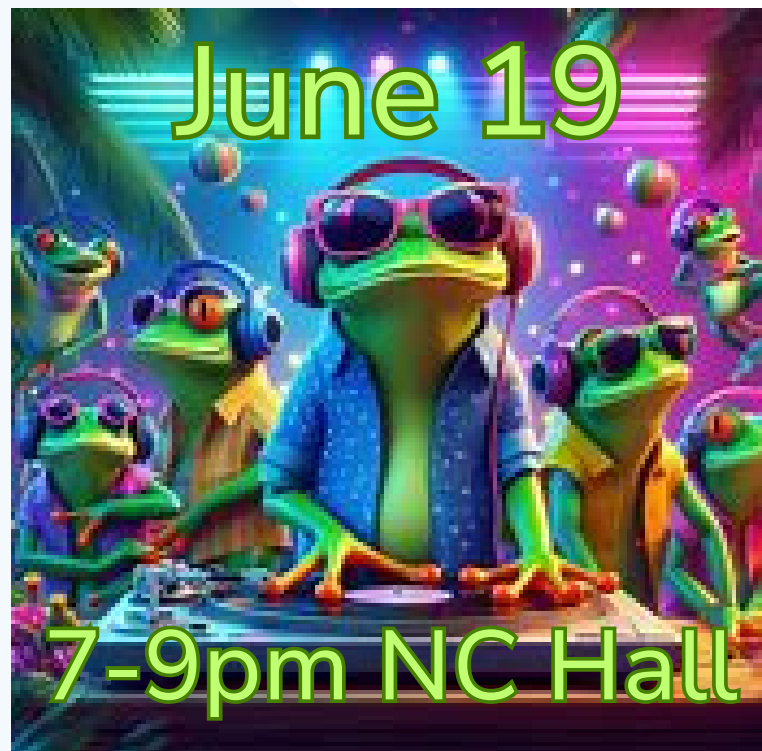
They hope to one day build a robot that will do their chores, homework and pick up dirty socks from their bedroom floors. Word has it that technology teacher Mrs. Allen has had a few enquiries about the sock picking-up robot from various Nelson College Mums. Keep at it boys!



senior dance



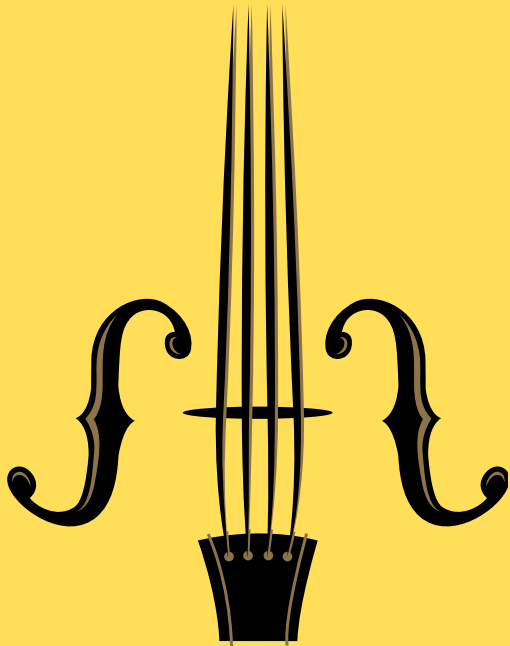
The senior dance is fast approaching! Tickets on sale for \$8 from the finance office. The student council will be doing a trial run of their gear on Monday at lunch, so drop into the hall and check out the tunes.



music



Hitting All The Right Notes!



BETWEEN
2 Colleges





Our combined colleges concert 'Between 2 Colleges' was certainly a night (or two) to remember for all the right reasons. Musical genres and eras were traversed and collided together in a spectacular showcase of some of the finest musical talent in the region. Notable performances included soprano Holly Arnold's charming rendition of Rossini's 'La Pastorella dell' Alpi'. Sitting comfortably in the mid to upper registers, Holly effortlessly navigated Rossini's characteristic ornamentation while retaining exceptional clarity and tone.

Taamen Lee burst open the event and exhibited her mastery of the keyboard on the NCMA organ delivering Dubois' always exhilarating Toccata in G Major. Taamen returned to the keyboard, this time the mighty Steinway D for a delightful Pizzaola suite.

Also on the D, was Devin Wu who treated us to the mesmerising 'Fantaisie Impromptu', Chopin's well known and technically formidable favourite among serious pianists.

The wonderful Eva Secker's evocative performance of Massenet's stunning 'Meditation' prompted just a few eyes to be dabbed. This moving rendition was made all the more special by the accompaniment of Eva's Dad, Adrian, on the Steinway.

Lightening the mood, and not just while he was emcee-ing was brass boy JP Moynihan whose gutsy trumpet solos left everyone else breathless.

The music of modernist Darius Mihaud made a surprising addition to the bill. The quirky composer and not one to stay in his lane was given an airing by the delightful Lemon Tree-O who'll be competing in the upcoming NZTC Chamber Music Contest.

With hits from the combined choir, soaring waiata, and rousing haka closing the evenings, audiences went away fulfilled, perhaps pleasantly surprised, but definitely with a new-found appreciation for the dedication of our music teachers and coordinators, and for the depth of talent among our taonga, - our students.





Musical memories and songs of yesterday

There was a toe-tapping theme to this week's photos, with some of Nelson's finest musical talents on show around town.

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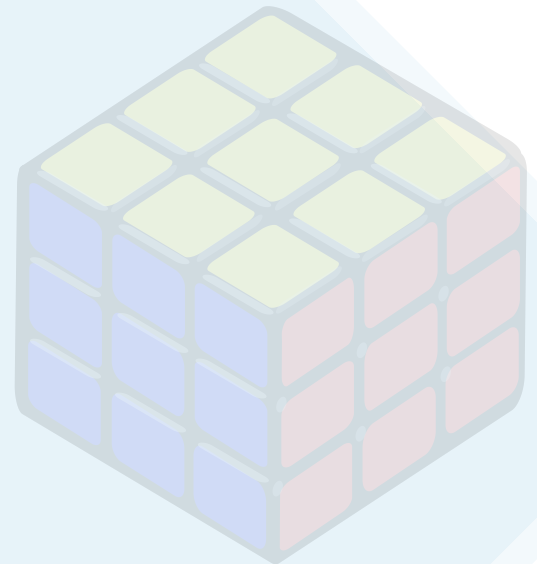


Young Nelson teen tackles world's problems

Nelson College student Troy Kelso is representing New Zealand at the World Finals of Future Problem Solving in the United States this week.

Stuff / Jun 5

future
problem
solving



drama



Stage show a perfect winter tonic

The combined Nelson College, Nelson College for Girls production *One Man - Two Guvnors* has just finished a successful run, with the slapstick farce having the audience in stitches.

Stuff / May 31



tasman secondary schools athletics

On a somewhat chilly day at Saxton Athletics Track we had 50 boys competing. Well done boys on representing Nelson College with pride and congratulations to all our 4 x 100m relay teams.

Nelson College won EVERY age group!

Under 14

Brad Kershaw 1st 100m & 200m
Ashen Hill 1st 80m Hurdles & 800m
Hamish Hammon 1st 3000m
Joel Stobie 1st High jump & Long Jump
Ludvig Persson 1st Discus & Shot Put
Austin Dulieu-Parlane 1st Javelin

Under 15

Marlin Brown 1st 80m Hurdles & High jump
Liam Soper 1st Shot Put
Mac Frankish 1st Discus
David Mangar 1st Javelin

Under 16

Niall Foster 1st 100m
Taydin Hill 1st 200m
Ashton Walker 1st 100m Hurdles

Under 19

Mike Morrison 1st 100m & 200m
Scott Brown 1st 1500m
Hogan Ward 3000m
Charlie Wilson 1st 110m Hurdles & High Jump
Saumaki Saumaki 1st Shot Put
Rikki Nakamura 1st Javelin

S.I. secondary schools athletics championships

We took a team of 19 boys to the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Timaru last term, and achieved 10 podiums, including five South Island titles. We entered 5 relays and got three placings.

At yesterday's assembly, we had the privilege of recognising the achievements of these remarkable young men at a special assembly.

Bradley Kershaw – 1st u14 100m & 200m
Joel Stobie 1st U14 Long Jump
Marlin Brown – 1st U14 80m Hurdles
Niall Foster – 1st U16 100m





careers



[Keep checking out our events on the Nelson College Careerwise web page](#)

tradie day and forestry day



Remember Sesame Street and “Who are the People in Your Neighbourhood?” These Career Exploration Days are the modern version of that! Students explore local industries, jobs, and career pathways in our region.

Such events are crucial as they broaden our rangatahi's awareness and help them identify suitable career choices. Research from Australia shows most secondary students can name only 8-10 apprenticeship trades, despite there being over 200 available. Events like these, combined with quality career education, are essential for increasing students' awareness of possibilities and helping them make well-informed career decisions.



university preparation

Halls applications workshops have begun. All Y13 students planning on applying for halls are encouraged to attend to support them with this part of the university process.



careers spotlight

Signwriter

Looking for a trade that combines creativity with practicality... how about signwriting? If you are a student who enjoys art and design or photography, as well as hands-on learning then a trade like this could be a good fit for you. Signwriters design, print and install signs for indoor or outdoor use – lots of variety in the work and where you work...check it out!



volunteering news

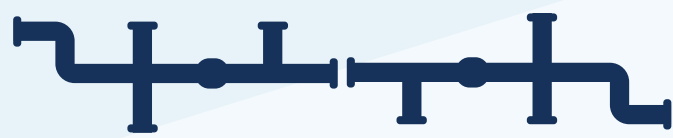
We have a few volunteering events coming up. Get in touch with vh@nc.school.nz if you are not in our NCV (Nelson College Volunteering Club) and would like to support any of these events.

- Wed 19th June: Senior Dance - students needed to help with lighting, music, ticketing, and security on the doors.
- 3rd August: NC Open Day - Y13 students needed to help usher families and prospective students around the school.
- 30th August: Daffodil Day - a variety of activities in school, and volunteering hours required out in the community.

Head boy Ollie Morton's diving into the world of giving with his 120km swim to raise funds for the local coastguard. If you want to support Ollie click [HERE](#)



careers events in the pipeline



25 June	Auckland University Online Information Evening	Registration Closed
25 June	Chiropractic Information Evening	
26 June	Fantastic Futures	Space Available
2 July	Auckland University Information Evening, Nelson	
18 July	Lincoln University Open Day	
31 July	Hospitality Day (TBC)	Registrations close July 1
23 Aug	Victoria University Open Day	
23 Aug	Massey University Open Day (for COCA campus, Wgtn)	
30 Aug	UC Open Day	
7 Sept	Empower – esports and e-careers	

leaving school magazine

This is a free magazine that is targeted at Y12 and Y13. It comes out four times per year. Each issue has articles about different trades and study options for students in NZ, as well as general information that is helpful for leaving school like budgeting ideas, interviewing skills, CV writing tips etc

This issue features young people in a whole variety of apprenticeship and starting out roles such as: a glazier, a hydrographic (ocean floor) surveyor, and a builder, a formula one car racer and a young person using their degree to work in a matauranga Māori role with Fonterra. Read the magazine [here](#)



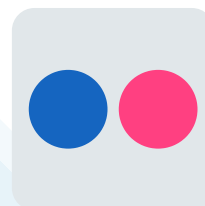
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NELSON COLLEGE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
INFORMATION EVENING



Learn about our
wide range of high
interest topics
designed for boys

2025 YR 7 & 8 Entry
Thurs June 20
6.30PM
Nelson College Hall

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2024 SENIOR DANCE

NC & NCG



Featuring: Sandith & Cole

Venue: NC Hall

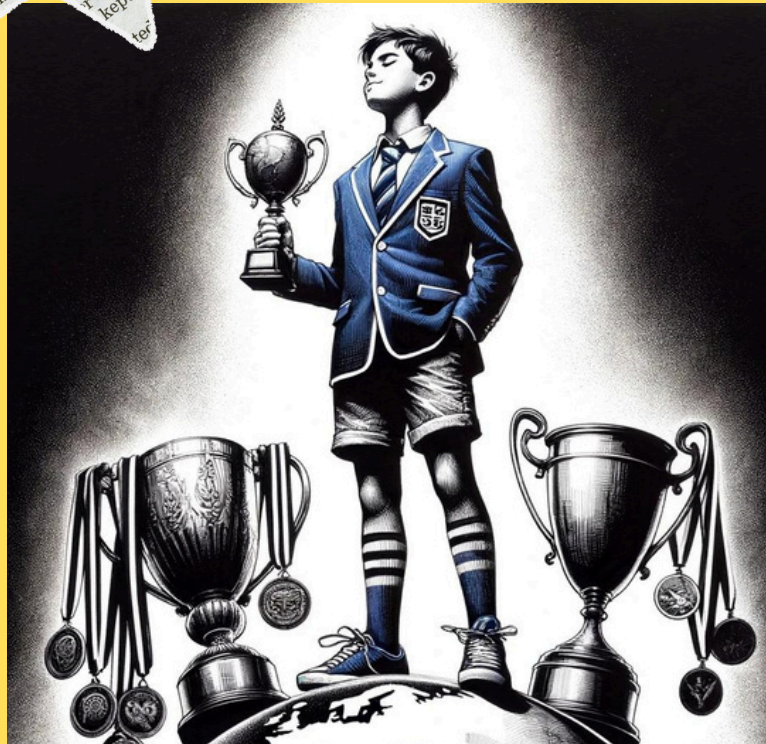
Date: 19th june 7-9 PM

Tickets \$8 from finace office



Got News???

Has your son done something awesome?
Let us know so we can celebrate his success!
Email your good news to ab@nelsonschool.nz



Bridge Valley is super excited to have our Heroes Camp happening these coming school holidays on the 15th - 19th of July. They are day camps for 7 - 13 year olds. We have games themed with your favourite superheroes and really exciting activities planned. Sign up soon on our website to secure a spot and feel free to bring your own costume to dress up in. We would love to see you there!

Nelson College Open Day

AUG 3

1.30-3pm

Programme Details to Come



98TH QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

25-27 JUNE 2024
NELSON COLLEGE

✦ NELSON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' FUNCTION
✦ GALA DINNER & AUCTION
Featuring Sir Graham Henry



NELSON COLLEGE JAPAN TRIP 2024



TICKET NUMBER

RAFFLE FOR THERMOMIX!
\$20 DONATION = 1 ENTRY



Win a Thermomix !! Tickets are \$20 each and gives you 1 entry into the draw to win a Thermomix which is worth \$2500+ (!!)
This fundraiser is to support the 2024 Nelson College Japan Trip.

Account name: Nelson College
Account number: 03 0703 0365073 03
Bank reference: Your Name + Japan Thermo

If you do decide to support email me (Fiona) kd@nelson.school.nz with your name + contact details (phone and or email) and I'll put your name on a ticket 😊

drawn 1 July 2024



can be sent anywhere in NZ

MATARIKI FESTIVAL

Te Huihui-o-Matariki 2024



5pm – 9pm, 28 June 2024 ▶ Trafalgar Park

For more information visit