

NEWSLETTER

NELSON COLLEGE

Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū



9 Aug 2024

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Students,

What an incredibly busy few weeks we've had at the college! We are truly fortunate to offer our young men a wealth of opportunities, fostering a sense of belonging that is crucial for their growth and success.

Our recent Open Day was a success, thanks to the hard work of our dedicated staff, tuākana, and the support of our wider community. It's not just about the promotion; it's the hard mahi that happens day in and day out by the staff and students. We look forward to welcoming many of these new young men and their whānau to our kura at the start of the next academic year. As we approach the latter part of the year, it's essential for our senior students to continue striving for the credits and learning experiences they need for the next steps in their journeys.

We've seen some excellent sporting results recently. Our First XI Hockey, Football, and First Five Basketball teams are preparing for their respective tournaments with some outstanding team performances. Congratulations to our 1st XV Rugby team, who finished at the top of the regular season standings. They now face Marlborough Boys in an exciting top-of-the-south semi-final derby on Saturday, which marks the start of knockout rugby for the team.

The combined talents of the NC and NGC choirs, as well as their concert and jazz bands, performed for local primary schools recently. The event showcased a range of musical styles and provided a wonderful opportunity for young students to experience live music and gain inspiration. We wish the jazz band and jazz combo all the best for the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival in Blenheim this week. We are thrilled at the news that NC and NCG combined band Finesse have made it into the Smokefree Tangata Beats top 10 and will be eagerly following their progress as they fly to Auckland next week to compete in the finals. Congratulations to our chess team, who won a regional tournament in Motueka last weekend and are preparing for the upcoming national competition.

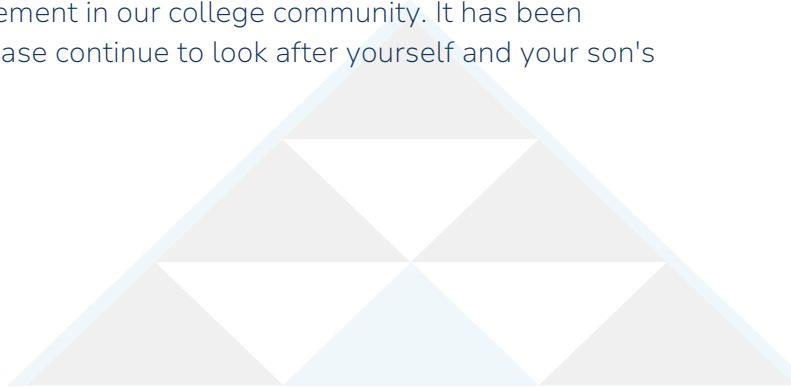
The school ball, a highlight for our Year 12 and 13 students, is next weekend. We extend our gratitude to the parents for their support in making this event special for our young men, and to the students of both colleges who put in the mahi to make this event enjoyable and memorable. We are sure our students will do us proud and have a fun and safe time.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our college community. It has been wonderful to speak to so many at recent events. Please continue to look after yourself and your son's health during this winter season.

Ngā mihi nui Ngā mihi nui,

Richard Washington
Tumuaki/Principal

Manaaki/Care, Pono/Integrity, Kairangi/Success



uniforms



[NZ Uniforms](#) has taken over the supply of our school uniforms. They are located at 8/38 Estuary Place, Richmond, and their opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.

The new uniform design is compulsory for Year 7 and Year 9 students from the beginning of 2025. Students in Years 8 and 10-13 can continue wearing the old uniform for one more year, but only new uniform items will be available for purchase. By 2026, all students must transition to the new uniform.

Key Dates

2025: Year 7 and Year 9 students in the new uniform

2026: All students in the new uniform

For any inquiries, you can contact NZ Uniforms at 03 928 0757. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition period.

We are still looking for donations of quality used uniforms. If you have anything to donate, please drop it in to reception.

open day



Thank you to all the staff and tuakana who made this year's open day such a success. Our student leaders did such a great job of guiding everyone around our very large campus! We had a great turnout of interested families and we can't wait to welcome our new students in 2025.



chess



Congratulations to Max Harrington, James Wills, Carter Burt, and Joshua Fraser for their outstanding victory at Chesspower's regional tournament! Special recognition goes to Carter Burt, who secured 1st place, and Joshua Fraser, who achieved 4th place in the individual rankings.

Both will advance to compete in the national individual tournament. Additionally, the entire team will represent us at the national tournament in October. Well done, boys!



social studies

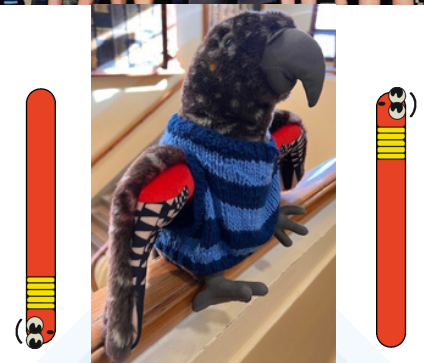


This year, two Year 9 Social Studies classes are working hard as national campaign managers for the kākā in the Forest and Bird annual “Bird of the Year” competition.

The boys are creating campaign materials and along the way learning about the way Aotearoa’s environment has been changed by people throughout its history, with a special focus on invasive pests and habitat loss.

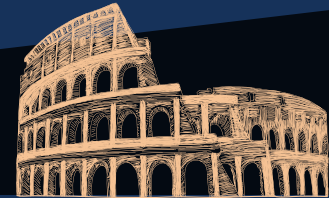
If you would like to find out more about the Bird of the Year competition, please check out the official WEBSITE Show your support by liking us on FACEBOOK and follow the adventures of our cheeky mascot Vlad The Impaler Of Worms (yes we know!) as he desperately tries to raise the profile of his feathered compatriots! With a name like that he’s sure to succeed.

Vote Kākā!



Vlad The Impaler Of Worms

history



At Nelson College, we often pay homage to those who came before us. On ANZAC day we remember the sacrifices of men and boys who fought and died in two tragic wars. Houses are named after people with strong connections to the school. Trophies, cups scholarships and awards, also named in their honour.

Not to be outdone by the pomp of fancy awards or the substance of remembrance ceremonies, Mr. Van der Velden’s history class choose to honour Nelson’s first European settlers through the medium of the simple spud. They conduct a scavenger hunt for potatoes in central Nelson. Every year.

Why potatoes you may well ask. Well, during hard times and facing food shortages, Nelson’s first European settlers were forced to eat their precious seed potatoes. And so, in their memory every year, some Nelson College boys take to the streets to rustle the Russets, nab the Nadines and apprehend the Agrias.

The class continues its salute of the spud in the hopes that Nelson City Council will see the light and make Spud Monday an official holiday with free hot chips for every high school aged boy in the region.

spud monday



sports office snippets



Wow what a week it has been! There has been so much on.

Congratulations to our two basketball teams who played in the Tasman Secondary Schools Tournament last week and placed 1st and 2nd !

Well done to our 1st XI Hockey team who on Tuesday became the Tasman Secondary Schools Champions and they reclaimed the Mark Wilkens Memorial Cup that means so much to us.

Big shout out too to our 2nd XI Hockey team who on Wednesday, played in division 2 and narrowly lost to Marlborough Boys College.

Then it was Thursday and our Basketball Senior A team competed in the Whataku Invitational Tournament from Thursday – Saturday. Well done team. Some great results and some great learnings as you prepare for SISS.

On Saturday we had a successful Club Day for Rugby and that was good all round, with the 1st XV securing a home semi-final after beating St Andrews College.



football



jill heath memorial trophy

When we're not playing rugby on our lovingly restored front field, we're playing the beautiful game and this time it was for a great cause!

Jill Heath was a long serving staff member here at Nelson College, running the uniform shop and managing the 1st XI for many years. In tribute to Jill, Nayland and NC come together each year to play for the Jill Heath Memorial Trophy.

NC managed to retain the trophy in a stunning 4-0 victory against Nayland that had spectators on the edge of their seats. It wasn't enough for Tim to take a screamer past the defender and into the back of the net, Phun drove the point home with a hattrick that included a bicycle kick so flamboyant, it would have made Ronaldo spill his tea! A beautiful game, on a beautiful day, in memory of a beautiful person. Well done lads.



hockey



As mentioned in the snippets, our 1st XI Hockey team are the Tasman Secondary Schools Champions and we have reclaimed the Mark Wilkens Memorial Trophy.

In the tournament last week here in Nelson, we beat Waimea College 5-1 with a hattrick to Jaxin Dicks Winter! It was a great game and to reclaim the Mark Wilkens Memorial Trophy just means so much to this team and their coaches. Mark was a Nelson College Old Boy who died on the hockey turf while playing against our 1st XI in 2015. We had the trophy from 2016-2021 and Waimea won in 2022-2023.

We then we on to beat Marlborough Boys College 2-1 in a very close game

Photos clockwise from top left: Nelson College and Waimea College with Kathy (Mark Wilkens wife).

Captain Scott Brown doing a speech after receiving the Mark Wilkens Memorial Cup. Nelson College with TSS Medals.



volleyball



Congratulations to Ashton, Rihare, Isaiah and Maaka. Their U17's rep team came 3rd at Nationals! It's great to see this sport gaining popularity in the school and our boys out there making a real impact.



The Nelson College Trust Foundation is seeking two nominees for the parent representatives, and nominations are open now until September 16, with voting by the end of September.

If you, or someone you know, could add value in this space, then please put forward your name & contact details to Lucy Jackson, the Foundation secretary: lj@nelson.school.nz

For further information or insights, please check out the Trust's web page, and feel free to contact any of the existing Trustees listed on the website. <https://community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation>



NELSON COLLEGE TRUST FOUNDATION CALLING FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

The two current Parent Representative Trustees are retiring, and the Trust is seeking nominations for TWO POSITIONS.

If you would like to find out more, please reach out to our outgoing Parent Reps;
Janine Pomeroy: janine@synergize.nz or Euan McIntosh:
euan.mcintosh@forsythbarr.co.nz and visit our website for more info:
community.nelson.school.nz/NCTrustFoundation

The Nelson College Trust Foundation was established by Trust Deed in 1978 to provide a vehicle for charitable giving to the College, governed by representatives of the College family, and is managed by 10 Trustees.

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lj@nelson.school.nz

Nominations close: September 16, 2024



Where to start?

school visits

The music department has certainly been busy this term and we're only in week three! This week the NC and NCG combined concert and jazz bands, orchestra and choir serenaded the lucky kids at St. Joseph's, Hampden Street and Clifton Terrace schools, showing off their musical prowess and hopefully inspiring some budding musicians in the process.



The toe-tapping tots had a ball and surely would have jumped to their feet in a raucous standing ovation had it not been for the 'mat time' seating arrangements! We are so proud of our young musicians. They are wonderful ambassadors for the school and show the very best of how we and our sister school Nelson College for Girls work together.

southern jam youth jazz festival

Good luck to our combined jazz band who are at the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival in Blenheim this week. Everyone looks like they're primed and ready for action and having a good time. Keep your eye on our socials for updates.

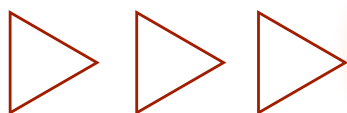


gig alert

Don't miss this opportunity to see the bands, soloists and singer-songwriters performing covers and originals at this upcoming event.

Bring your dancing feet and we will bring the noise.

Advance tickets - Adult \$15 and Youth \$10



[TICKETS](#)

rockquest tangata beats

Big shout out to NC and NCG band Finesse who have made it all the way to the top ten in Smokefree's Tangata Beats.

The four piece includes Alyahna Sanson-Rejouis (NCG) on vocals and guitar, and NC boys Ned Rainey on drums and keys, Zac Irving on bass and Tamu Domoni on vocals and keys. the band will be flying up to Auckland next month to perform two songs at the Due Drop Events Centre. If you want to catch Finesse, they'll be playing at the Rock the Boathouse gig later this month. Ticket link above. Alternatively, catch them on Instagram [HERE](#)

[Good luck everyone. We'll be cheering you on from down here.](#)





underwater hockey worlds

You read about it in the news, now read about it from the man himself - Sam Dukes

After over a year and a half of training camps and many hours of individual training, the NZ under 19 men's underwater hockey team travelled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July for the age group world championships.

Upon arrival, the team, who were all North Islanders except me, had four long days of training before the round robin started. After facing South Africa, USA, Columbia, Turkey, France, Australia and Great Britain in pool play, the team came out undefeated heading into the playoffs. After winning both the quarter and semifinals, we played France in the final and won 2-1, becoming the U19 world champions.!

I had an amazing experience heading overseas to represent New Zealand. It was awesome to be able to play so many different countries and be able to test all our training against the best players in the world. In the end we achieved our goal of winning the tournament and bringing home the gold medal for NZ. Another highlight was getting to know my 11 other teammates from around NZ.

We trained hard together and spent two weeks living in a large house in Kuala Lumpur with our manager and coach and as a result have created some pretty special friendships. It was also awesome to attend the tournament with the three NCG students, who were selected for the U19 women's team.

They also had a great tournament and brought home a bronze medal. We know each other well as we all play for the Nelson Underwater Hockey Club. Big thanks goes out to NC old boy Warwick King for being an amazing coach and coaching our team to victory and to our fantastic manager Emma Speight for keeping our team running smoothly.

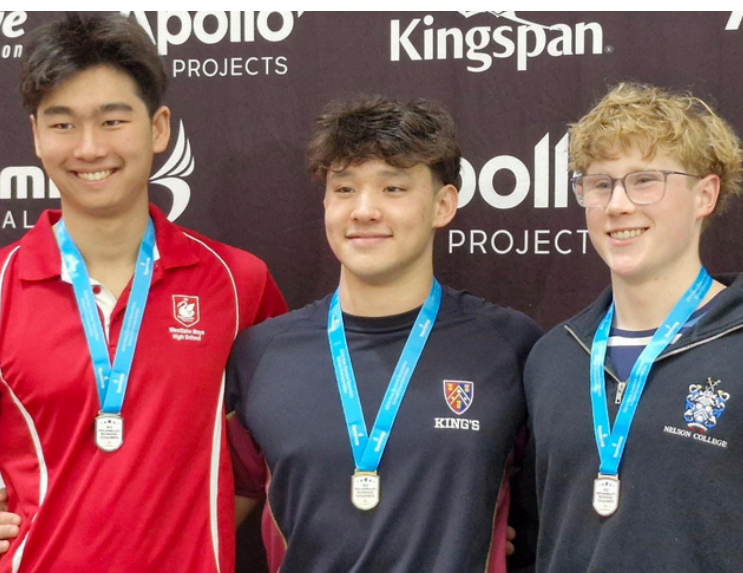
I would also like to thank Nelson College for recognizing underwater hockey and allowing me to progress by playing in our school senior A team and to the Nelson Under Water Hockey Club for all the support and training leading up to this tournament, especially coaches Kit Vining and Rebecca Brosnan.

Sam Dukes



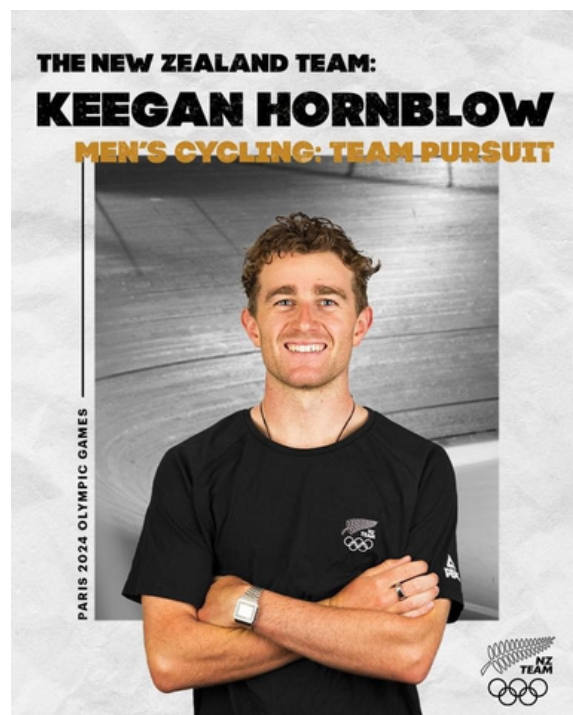
swimming

Last month, Chase, James, Oliver, Jaxon, Lucas and Mac made a splash in the NZ secondary schools swimming championships. Oliver came away with two podium finishes, taking bronze in the 50 and 100 metre breaststroke 17-18 year old events. The event was a great boost for the boys who all came away with some personal bests under their belts too.



olympics

NC Old Boy Keegan Hornblow represented NZ in the Men's Team Pursuit in this year's Paris Olympics. They placed fifth in the finals. The Aussies were the ones to eventually take home the gold. Nonetheless, what an incredible achievement and experience to have had. Congratulations Keegan.



drama



Level 2 Drama students have been studying slapstick comedy theatre form from the play One Man - Two Guvnors - this year's school production. It's been great to see the uptake of students tackling this type of comedy, which uses features of exaggerated characters, pace and timing to communicate ideas.

Slapstick is very demanding and requires a lot of skill.....and bravery! Definitely not for the faint hearted! Good on you boys for giving it a go!



nc in the news

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Well done Sam Dukes and the U19 men's underwater hockey team! They brought home the gold from Kuala Lumpur last month and made us proud. Kudos to coach and Old Boy Warwick King (hi Warwick!) whose guidance and dedication to the team has paid off in spades. Ka pai - we are thrilled for you Sam.



NZ nail three underwater hockey golds

New Zealand now hold an unprecedented five out of eight world titles across all underwater hockey grades.

Stuff / Aug 25, 2019



careers

hospitality

Some Year 11's and 12's had a taste of the hospitality industry at a NMIT careers taster day. Under the watchful eye of Mike and Mush at the Prince Albert (or PA to those in the know)...the boys made coffees and beds and ran the gauntlet of the pub with fully laden trays. Of course no pints were pulled on account of many factors, not just because it was a school night! But that didn't stop the boys from mucking in and getting a real taste of what the hospo industry is all about!

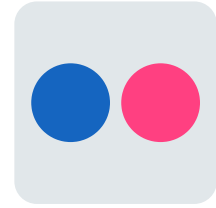
Then it was over to the commercial training kitchens of NMIT to make donuts and pile on as many toppings as possible. The structural integrity of the donuts struggled under the weight of the toppings which worked out at a ratio of around 2:1, but they still tasted great and that's all that matters!

Many thanks to the staff at the PA and NMIT for a fantastic experience and a fun day!



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<https://www.nelsonrowing.co.nz/college-rowing/college-learn-to-row>

email: kyliejohnsonnrc@gmail.com

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