



28 Feb 2025 Kia ora koutou,

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Community,

As we embrace Week 5 of the term, our school is thriving with energy and focus. We are looking forward to celebrating our academic achievements at our next assembly, a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work and dedication of our students.

We had a fantastic day out at Saxton Field for our annual House Athletics Day. Both students and staff were in high spirits for this fun event and my congratulations go to Monro who won the day. Our staff and house captains have been working hard to up the enthusiasm for house sports through a new chant segment, colourful banners and dedication to wearing the colours with pride.

I am delighted to extend congratulations to our volleyball and cricket teams for their recent successes in local and top of the south competitions and wish our mountain bikers and rowers all the best for their upcoming events. It was also fantastic to hear about the Combined Concert Bands' team bonding session at Mataki Lodge, and we eagerly anticipate their upcoming performances this year.

Congratulations to all the boys who were named in the 2025 1st XV rugby squad. We look forward to seeing you in action and of course are excited to welcome three US Rugby Foundation scholarship recipients next term.

I must make special mention of Lucas Bell and his outstanding achievements at the recent South Island Long Course Swimming Championships in Invercargill. Lucas came away with six medals, five of them gold and we are delighted to be able to celebrate his success with him. House Swimming is coming up on the calendar and I'm sure the Domett boys are over the moon to have him on their team!



Manaaki/Care

Pono/Integrity

Kairangi/Success

At Nelson College, we believe that a sense of belonging, and the development of strong character are fundamental to success. Establishing clear routines and expectations now lays the groundwork for our students to flourish both academically and personally. As a kura, our commitment is to support every student in reaching their full potential.

On that note, please remember the importance of punctuality. We encourage all students to arrive before the bell rings, as this sets a positive tone for the day and ensures that our classes start smoothly. Below there's a section on bike safety at Nelson College. This extends also to riding scooters, or driving to school. It is vital that students adhere to all traffic laws and remain mindful of the safety of themselves and others around them and so I ask that parents and guardians reinforce this message at home.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and community.

Ngā mihi nui, Richard Washington Tumuaki/Principal

bike safety at school





The Board wishes to remind all students that riding bikes on school grounds is not allowed. When leaving the school premises, please ensure you look carefully before entering the streets and proceed at a slow pace.

There have been several incidents of students speeding onto Hampden Street, particularly around blind corners like Blackett's Corner, as well as in other areas.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

student office



parent portal login

The Parent Portal is a secure location where students and caregivers can log in and view the following information for your son:

- Report Absence
- Calendar and daily notices
- Bus timetable
- Check contact details (request any updates if necessary)
- Timetable and attendance
- NCEA entries and results
- Reports, Weekly and Term reports
- Financial information

Student and Parent Guide to NCEA

Login instructions are available on the website, click on the portal tab.

careers



What a start to the year! We've hit the ground running and our heads are full with organising the beginning of the year events.

Our main way of communicating our events to you and your son is through email, the Daily Notices and our school newsletter, so keep checking all three for further updates.

NZDF visited 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.

They will be back again in the near future, so if you son would like to be added to the NZDF mailing list, please email vh@nelson.school.nz

TOTSTA students:

Our Year 12 and Year 13 TOTSTA students started their one day a week courses at NMIT last Friday. TOTSTA offers a range of courses from Aeronautical Engineering to Hairdressing to Sport and Recreation and Exercise.

Students from across schools in our region study one day per week at NMIT in a specific programme, while gaining Level 2 or Level 3 credits from their course. If this sounds of interest to your son, keep your eye out for enrolments for 2026 around Subject Selection Time in August or contact <u>Chris Phillips</u> in the Careers Hub for further information.



Work Experience:

Some of our boys are already doing organised work experience. We always welcome opportunities like this, so if you run a business and would be willing to have a work experience student please contact us ...we may just have the right boy waiting in the wings! Email <u>Chris Phillips.</u>
Workplace Visits:

At the end of last year we ran some successful workplace visits – taking 3-4 boys at a time to visit a variety of allied businesses, exposing them to some of the less obvious trades and sub-trades in our community. If you would like to showcase your industry or business please contact <u>Chris Phillips.</u>

Upcoming Career Exploration Events:

- · 11th March: BECA Engineering Day register HERE by Friday 28th Feb
- · 19th March: Maritime Trip registrations closed
- · 2nd April:: Fantastic Futures register <u>HERE</u> by Sunday 2nd March

University Liaison Visits:

Many NZ Universities will be holding lunchtime seminars for Y13 and interested Y12 students during Term 1. These are great opportunity for students to find out more about university study and particular courses available for students at each university with no cost.

We strongly recommend that any Y13 and Y12 students considering university attend these

·3rd March – 3 April register for each liaison visit HERE

University Open Days:

These are held on campus of the various universities and offer a wonderful introduction to university and campus life, as well as an opportunity to attend lectures and visit halls of residences.

These days are highly recommended for both Year 12 and Year 13 students.

For a full list of the dates please see the email that was sent out earlier this week.

If you and/or your son are considering attending, then there is no cost to attend, but you do need to organise your own self to get there. If this is of interest to you, then I encourage you to start organising accommodation and travel now – motels/Airbnb get booked out quickly, and flight prices go up!

Part or full time work:

We would love to hear from you if you know of any part-time jobs or of any upcoming apprenticeships in any trade, or full time employment that may be of interest to our boys. In particular we have a lot of students keen for part-time work that can fit around school hours.

Work Ambassadors!

We are always interested in having people come and share their enthusiasm about the work they do with our students. No matter what you do, whether you are in a trade or own a business, if you work in a unique sector or a well-known sector... we would love to have you share your knowledge of your industry sector to our students—so please get in touch! vh@nelson.school.nz

Make an appointment

Your son can make an appointment any time to discuss his future pathway. He can book in via the QR codes on posters outside the Careers Hub, Deans Office, Attendance or Library or email vh@nelson.school.nz

Volunteering Club

Our first event kicked off at Athletics Day, in support of our favourite Food Tech Teacher Q. Q is riding Te Araroa and raising money for his charity of choice – Hospice

Huge thanks to Ryan Thelin for organising the Sausage Sizzle, Lucy Jackson for connecting us with some good Old Boys at Sturrock and Greenwood who lent us a chiller trailer and ice, Scott Construction for the BBQ and to the volunteering club members for getting the sizzle happening.

If you would like to make a donation towards Hospice in support of Q, you can donate here:

Nelson College 03 0703 0365073 03 Ref: your name Q Hospice

We will update you in the next newsletter with photos and how much money we raised. Thanks!

attendance



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

Completing the <u>Online absence form</u> Email: attendance@nelson.school.nz

Phone: 03 548 3099 Ext 851

Illness:

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be difficult at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have changed their guidance and it is no longer necessary to keep your son at home with mild symptoms. If you are unsure please get in touch with us or follow this link Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school - guidance for parents and caregivers (info.health.nz)

sports office snippets



What a fantastic day we had out at Saxton Field for our House and Championship Athletics. Thanks to everyone who made it a great event. We have a slideshow of photos on our insta, X and facebook pages and will upload more to Flickr soon. Also in the pipeline are the House Athletics results....All those boys who finished in the top three in their events are invited to compete in the Tasman Secondary Schools event on March 18th. Those boys should come to the Sports Office and confirm that they wish to be entered.

We have to make mention of Wiremu Makea. Wiremu is one of our top athletes and unfortunately has a knee injury meaning he couldn't compete in Athletics. He spent the whole day helping at the results desk at the finish line. Thanks Wiremu – you are an awesome young man!

Congratulations to our Senior A Volleyball team on winning the 1st round of the Tasman Championships. Good luck in Christchurch this weekend in the SISS Mainland Tournament.

Congratulations to the boys selected in the 1st XV Rugby squad

We are hosting Marlborough Boys College on Tuesday in our annual summer exchange. This will see our Senior A & B Volleyball teams, Senior A Touch team. Year 9 Cricket team, 2nd XI Cricket team and our 1st XI Cricket team take on our friends from over the hill. Good luck boys.

Safe travels and good luck to our Rowing boys as they travel to Twizel next week for SISS Rowing Championships.

House Swimming is next week. Make sure your son is signed up for his favourite swimming event.

nc athletics day results

House	Total	Placing
Boarders	419	3
Chaytor	403	4
Domett	437	2
Kahurangi	296	5
Monro	523	1
Robinson	276	6



baseball

This great bit of news didn't quite make it into the last newsletter, but we still want to tell you all about it.

Last month, the mid-summer Blast Baseball Tournament took place in Levin.

Coached by our very own Head Boy James Matthews, the Sultans team were named as the U16's champions.

Baseball is growing in popularity in NZ and at Nelson College with several of our boys playing in the U16 and U13's Sultans teams.

Well done to everyone on this fantastic sporting achievement!





1st XV squad named

Congratulations to the following boys who've made the 2025 squad

FORWARDS

Jayden Aldworth Joey Aukafolau Billy Barlow Apolosi Bolatuku Christiaan Botha Noah Brehaut Coby Davis Sasa Fifita Jackson Fraine Will Horncastle Sonny Kaho Manu Manuofetoa Tom Perkins Jack Potter Reiahumanaru Pouri-Lane Izayah Tuitupoukutu

Tawhiao Whitam-Tekotua

BACKS

Te Tarake Allan Kereopa
Jack Anderson
Alize Cassidy
Archie Geddes
Alifereti Leweni
Wiremu Makea
Daniel Manson
Pale Pouli
Solomone Pouli
Flynn Simkin
Liam Soper
Hugo Sorensen-Brown
Quinton Tuhakaraina
Norman Williams

Apprentices:

Harrison Johnston, Bradley Kershaw & Ashton Sinclair-Dockerill



us rugby foundation scholarships

We are delighted to share that the U.S. Rugby Foundation has granted Nelson College Rugby Scholarships to Jamison Clegg MT, Charles Gehl MT and Kolomona Kahanu HI. We look forward to welcoming the boys to our school next term.



mountain biking



Year 10 MTB Academy powered by Gravity Nelson hit the trails for the first time this year last Thursday afternoon. The students have a two-term course focused on their favourite sport. They complete theory work about sport applied to mountain biking and also work on some mechanical skills. Once a week they are lucky enough to have the services of the hugely knowledgeable Alistair at Gravity Nelson for coaching. There were amazing skills and enthusiasm on display from the boys.

The Nelson region enjoys an International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Gold Status, a prestigious recognition that highlights the quality and variety of its trails and the sport brings in a huge number of national and international visitors, contributing greatly to the local economy.

As a college, we are committed to ensuring our boys get the best opportunities and our gratitude goes to our dedicated staff and to Alistair at Gravity for making these hugely popular classes possible.





cricket



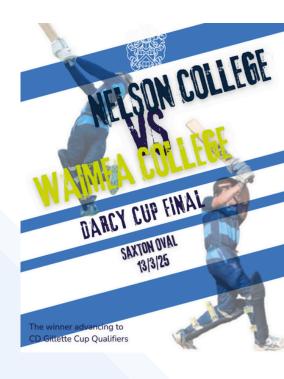
February 22nd Results:

The 1st XI had a good win against the WTTU Tigers with a calculated finish, winning with two balls to spare.

K Ward led the charge with the bat with a half-century which is always impressive in the short format whilst O Sim kept cool at the other end to see things through with J Nicholls.

The 1st XI are the only team in the competition with two wins from two and currently sit top of the table going into round three on Saturday v Stoke-Nayland at Marsden Rec.





The 2nd XI couldn't quite go three wins from three, coming up a few runs short in the end to defend against a solid WTTU outfit. Wickets fell quickly until O Sim again, T Moloney and R Gestro carried the team to a score they could try and defend. Not enough in the end, losing by five wickets in the last over.

The 2nds also sit at the top of the table for the men's 2nd grade competition as they go into round four also v Stoke-Nayland at the conclusion of the 1st XI match.

The Senior XI had their best batting effort to date, scoring 198 runs and just coming short by a handful! 50 runs to J Robertson helped the team get close alongside cameos by J Glazier and M Cooper.

The boys also had a good day with the ball with less extras and tighter lines which kept the Javan's to a 200 score. M De Vries with a handy three wicket haul.

In the junior scene our year 11s went down to the Wanderers Atoms, whilst our year 10s won against the WTTU Pumas. Our new year 9 side fell short to the Wanderers Wahine. Despite the losses there were plenty of individual performances and improvements with 0 Molnar coming close to his first NC 50 with 48. C Van Reenen also coming agonisingly close with 49 runs! C Booker did however raise the bat with a fantastic not out score of 55* and continues his fine form this season.

Upcoming we have the 1st XI, 2nd XI and year 9 XI taking on Marlborough on March 4th for the annual exchange. The 1st XI also have the Darcy Cup final on March 13th against Waimea College 1st XI - The winners heading to Whanganui for the CD Gillette Cup tournament.







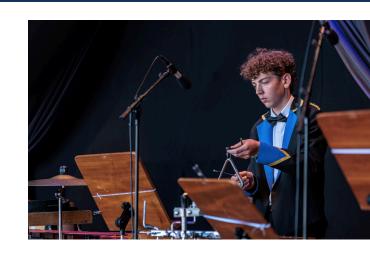
nc out and about



Some NC music allstars were to be found performing at this year's Opera In The Park.

Old Boys Liam Heaphy, Ned Rainey and future Old Boys Benjamin McDonald, Oliver Diamond and Harry Reith (pictured) all performed as part of the Nelson City Brass Band.

The band provided the pre-concert entertainment to the packed event.



library

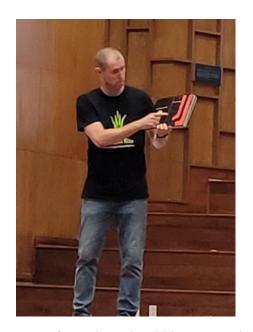


visit from alan dingle

This week, we were lucky to have the New Zealand Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador, Alan Dingley, visit.

Alan spoke to six English classes about, his role as a Reading Ambassador, and the importance of reading for enjoyment. He emphasised that students should not only read for pleasure but also be seen with books, helping to plant the seeds for the next generation of readers.

We all battle with the distractions of social media and electronic devices; however, reading has countless benefits and should be a visible part of our lives. When was the last time you were read to? Do you see family members or teachers reading? Alan encouraged students to use libraries and explore some of the great books available.



Alan sees picture books as treasures and challenged our students to borrow one from the school library, read it aloud to their family, and laugh, shriek, or gasp out loud—fully immersing themselves in the story. He encouraged them to leave the book out afterwards and see what happens... the trap is set!

Students shared their favourite books, and Alan spoke about a book he loved called *The Day My Butt Went Psycho*. He also read a board book to us, demonstrating how even a short book designed for very young readers can bring joy and a smile to your face.

student achievement



Congratulations to Lucas Bell who's been making waves at the recent South Island Long Course Swimming Championships in Invercargill. Lucas came away with an impressive haul of medals. We're going to need a list here....

- ¥100 Backstroke Gold and South Island 15 yr mens SILC record as well as overall category winner
- $\stackrel{ to}{\mathsf{d}}$ 50 Backstroke Gold and South Island 15 yr mens SILC record
- m 7200 Breaststroke Gold and South Island 15 yr mens SILC record
- ₹100 Breaststroke gold
- 7200 IM gold
- 🔰 200 Backstroke silver

Thanks to Lucas' mum Ruth for sending in the information. She's now had to change her email signature to (proud mum).....we know how you feel! Absolutely incredible achievement Lucas.

Sincerely,

Nelson College (proud school!)







international

On Monday evening, we joined Nelson College for Girls to take our new international students to Civic House, where they were formally welcomed to the region by Nelson City Mayor, Dr. Nick Smith. Drawing from his own experiences as an international student in the USA, Dr. Smith shared some valuable advice. He encouraged the students to make the most of their time in New Zealand, care for our unique environment, and build as many friendships as possible.

That's exactly the same advice we give the too!







te ara māori



Te Kuru Marutea have completed their performance in the preliminary competition at the illustrious Te Matatini Kapa Haka Nationals.

te matatini

Nelson College is proud to see some of our own; Wayne Hipppolite, Te Puoho Stephens, Tom Alesana and David Akuhata, along with many other undoubtedly familiar faces from the region take to the stage for what has become one of the most important events in the Māori calendar.

Along with Te Kapa Haka o Kia Ngāwari, the group brought some serious Te Tau Ihu mana to the event and their spine-tingling performances will leave you in no doubt as to why kapa haka in our region is a force to be reckoned with! If the reception from the crowd was anything to go by, there must have been quite a few supporters from the region, but the soaring waiata and powerful performances couldn't have helped but ignite the audience, wherever they hail from.

The schedule and videos of performances are available on TVNZ. Te Kuru Marutea's full bracket can be seen HERE Finals will be streamed this Saturday March 1st starting at 8.30am. It goes without saying that we are fully behind both our Te Tau Ihu Kapa Haka groups and grateful for thier strong representation.

Vote for Te Kuru Marutea

If you want to support the group, download the app and vote – for their waiata tira in the people's choice award. Available from <u>Apple</u> and <u>Google Play</u>



talented teachers



tessa quayle sings at opera in the park

We told you she was going to do it and by George did she bring the house down! Our music coordinator Tessa Quayle captivated the Opera in the Park crowds with Gershwin's Great American Songbook favourite I loves you, Porgy and Feeling Good made famous by the great Nina Simone. In addition to keeping the wheels of our music department turning, Tessa is also a vocal coach and proficient violinist.



A true example of how our teachers walk the talk here at Nelson College, bringing their passion and their expertise into the classroom! Ka pai Tessa.

bandcamp 2025



There was music in the air at Matakitaki last week as the NC and NCG Combined Concert Band got back to nature, and got down to work on their next musical projects.

Over 20 students participated in the camp, breaking ice, forming bonds, and enjoying some good food thanks to dark horse and incredible cook Mr. Nick Withers!

Led by Teacher in Charge of Music, Mr. Nathan Munn, the band worked on a Coldplay medley, Every Little Thing She Does is Magic and perhaps less familiar to certain people of a certain age, the Battlefield 1942 theme! (it's a videogame we're told!)

The band hope to support our first XV rugby team as they make their way to their own battlefield. What better cheerleaders could you possibly ask for!

We can't wait to hear the new pieces the band have been working on.



tales from the script

The Nelson College Scriptorium received some very curious donations from the science department last week.

We're not entirely sure what all of it was used for but we suspect the one on the right opens a portal to another dimension. Just in case it does, we're keeping it safely under lock and key!

If you didn't know, the Nelson College Scriptorium, sometimes referred to as the Museum, serves as a repository for the school's extensive 160-year history. Within its walls resides a fascinating collection of memorabilia, including documents, books, artworks, and other artefacts that chronicle our school's rich heritage. With these new donations, it's just become even more interesting!





beyond nelson college

national chin day

Nelson College Old Boys Bawi Min Thawng and Van Cenhrang had some distinguishing wins at the recent National Chin Day celebrations at Nelson College for Girls.

Between 30 and 40 wrestlers competed among three categories during the festivities that included fashion shows, music and dancing. Bawi was named Last Man Standing and came away with the heavyweight championship while Van claimed the middleweight. Chin wrestling is a structured combat system that draws heavily on upper body strength, balance and technique. The high level of skill required makes this a very compelling sport to watch!



empowered parenting



workshop: teaching your teen to drive

What to expect:

- Unlock the Mysteries of the Teenage Brain
- What Makes Driving a Challenge?
- Decode Risk Factors for Young Drivers
- Learn the art of Coaching a Learner Driver
- Support the transition to solo driving
- Set a plan for collaborating with Driving Instructors
- And much more!

Drive Coach is a practical workshop that updates parents on the latest research and road safety approaches, outlines some of the conversations our facilitators have with their children at Ryda and gives them an opportunity to ask questions and get advice from the experts. More information on our <u>WEBSITE</u>.

Complimentary refreshments are being provided by Bowater Toyota from 5:30pm.

DRIVE COACH Helping you support your teen driver Coming to Nelson Coming to Nelson

Key details:

Date: 11th March Time: 5:45 - 7:00pm

Location: Bowater Toyota, 82 Archilles Avenue entrance in Nelson







BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY



For more information ...

Contact Homestay Coordinator: Anna Sutherland

e: su@nelson.school.nz

p: 03 548 3099 ext 857

m: 021 106 8891

Nelson College International ...

are seeking new Homestay Host families for 2025.

Being a host family to an international student is a great opportunity to bring culture and diversity into your home. Create lasting memories and lifelong friendships.

We are looking for caring and supportive families to provide a home away from home for our international students.

If this sounds like you, please contact us to find out more.



NGĀ AHO RAU

E ko au ko Ngā Aho Rau, ko Ngā Aho Rau ko ahau e!

TAKU KARA TĪPUNA 2025

This year we endeavour to field two teams for the regional qualifiers in June. We welcome all returning and new rangatahi enrolled at Nelson College and Nelson College for girls

MUSTER AND TRIAL DATES

Muster: Saturday 15th March, 10am to 4pm
Trial week 1: Wednesday 19th March, 4pm to 9pm
Trial week 2: Wednesday 26th March, 4pm to 9pm

REGISTER NOW!

https://bit.ly/NAR2025

ARE YOUWORRIED ABOUT YOUR TEEN?



stress fitting in anxiety NCEA friendships

get in touch with our counsellors to make a confidential referral



Heledd Davis BA(Hons), PGCE, Dip Couns. MNZAC rl@nelson.school.nz 027 544 2573

THOUGHTS





Nicki Lawes B.Couns, PhD, MNZAC la@nelson.school.nz 027 771 1173

CNELSON



Get involved with our fun, inclusive community focused club!!

FIRST KICKS - 4-6YRS **FUN FOOTBALL - 7-8YRS** JUNIOR FOOTBALL - 9-12YRS YOUTH FOOTBALL - 13-16YRS **SENIOR WOMENS SENIOR MENS MASTERS**

FC NELSON ACADEMY FC NELSON WELLINGTON PHOENIX PRE-ACADEMY **JUNIOR SKILLS CENTRE**

FOOTBALL OPTIONS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

ONE CLUB, ONE COMMUNITY

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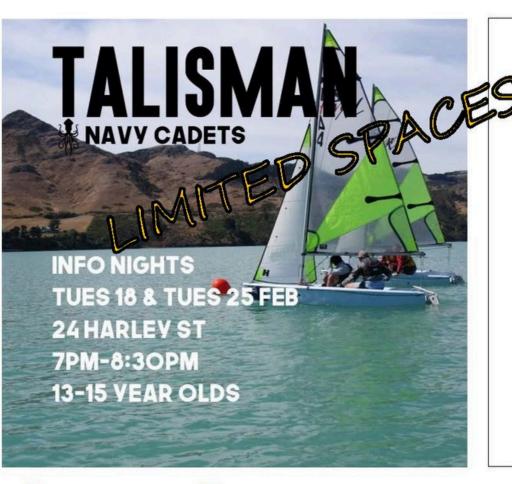












TS TALISMAN NAVY CADETS

INFO EVENINGS

TUES 18 FEB 7-8:30 PM TUES 25 FEB 7-8:30 PM 24 HARLEY ST. NELSON

ALL YOUTH 13 - 15, LIMITED SPACES



WHAT'S ON OFFER?

SAILING COMPETITION SHOOTING **POWERBOATS** COASTGUARD EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE NAVY BASED TEAMWORK MILITARY BASED LEADERSHIP TRAINING **NATIONAL COURSES** NATIONAL COMPETITIONS RNZN DAMAGE CONTROL EXPERIENCE









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