



Nelson College News

Kia ora tātou,

Friday 11 December 2020

Made it! After a great deal of work by teachers, support staff, parents and whānau ... we've got to the end of the 2020 academic year.

Thank you to everyone who supported our young men through 2020. It's been a phenomenal, collaborative effort to ensure that our students continued to learn at school or home, and enjoy sports and arts through the year.

As we head into our summer break, I read stories of overseas schools shutting for several months and I'm thankful to be in New Zealand and enjoy the freedoms we have.

I'm excited to be at Nelson College and see the strength of single sex education and of tradition. Being a single-sex educator allows us to specialise in ways that support young men to learn better, and to grow as well-rounded young men.

This is an amazing school and I look forward to working with students, whānau, iwi, staff, the community, and our Board to serve our young men.

Junior Prizegiving

The school year finished formally for our students with the junior prizegiving, our final school event for 2020. It was great to see a number of parents and whānau attend this ceremony, and to celebrate our students' successes in 2020.

While the prizegiving specifically honours those who have excelled academically and in co-curricular activities, I also want to recognise the work and energy of all our young men in 2020. In the classroom or elsewhere, our students have shown grit and commitment in 2020 and they all deserve to be applauded for this.

Farewell to Longserving Staff

We farewell a number of staff who are leaving the college to retire, take up new positions elsewhere, or were covering short-term vacancies. These staff include: Leigh Tutty, Gordon McKenzie, Peter Grigg, Ron Kelly, Shane Colman (Prep), Leonie Keyse, Julian Daly, John Francis, Tess Eden, Stuart Bathan, Sylvia Nevin, Jennifer Neale.

Looking forward to 2021

While, like others, I look forward to the summer break, I'm also excited for 2021. The college has developed a five-year strategic plan (to be posted on our website early 2021) and our annual goals for next year. In 2021 our annual goals are:

- **Junior Curriculum**
We will design a junior (years 7-10) curriculum that motivates and challenges all ākonga (students) to become confident and engaged learners with a strong sense of identity within a global perspective.
- **Student Behaviour and Wellbeing**
We will develop and implement a consistent approach to managing and supporting positive student behaviour and wellbeing, especially in the junior school.
- **NZ Scholarship**
We will enhance the opportunities, and our support for students to succeed at NZ Scholarship.

Have a Relaxing Summer Break

I wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer break. 2020 has been a challenging year for all and a summer in Nelson is greatly welcomed.

Whether you're staying local or travelling around New Zealand, I wish you and your whānau a safe and relaxing summer.

Ngā mihi o te kirihimete me te tau hou ... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Upcoming Events:

February 2021

- 01 Nelson Anniversary Day
- 02 First day for ALL students**
- 08 Waitangi Day Holiday
- 11 Music Introduction Evening

[Full Calendar](#)

[2021 Calendar](#)

Richard Dykes
Headmaster

Junior Prizegiving

And that's a wrap for 2020, with our Junior Prizegiving finishing off the school year on a high note. Enjoy the photos on <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmSFhSmZ>. The full list of awards is here: <https://www.nelsoncollege.school.nz/academic-news/junior-prizegiving/>

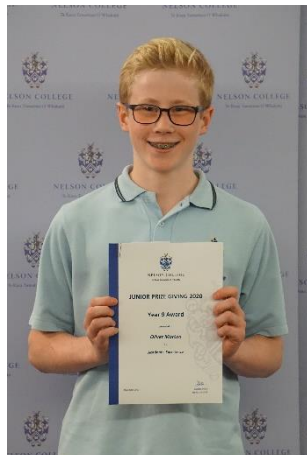
Huge Congratulations for our Special Awards:

Year 9 Award for General Excellence – **Cameron Mullett**

Year 9 Award for Academic Excellence – **Oliver Morton**

Fell Scholarship for General Excellence in Year 10 – **Callum Robertson**

Renwick Scholarship for General Excellence in Year 10 – **Nick Peterson**



Student Achievements

Trans-Tasman Chess Champ

A fantastic way to finish the year for Alexandre de Maupeou d'Ableiges (Y10) who is the winner of the Australia/New Zealand Interschool Chess Championships (Middle Years Division). Alexandre is also the Top Individual Player and Junior Master in the NZ Chess Power Team Nationals. Nice work Alexandre, a seriously impressive achievement.

Beacon Scholarship

Congratulations to Oscar Munoz Estrada as the 2020 recipient of the Beacon Scholarship. Brokered through Multicultural Nelson Tasman, and thanks to the generosity of private and anonymous sponsors, Oscar will now attend Waikato University to study a BDes in Media Design. The scholarship covers tuition, housing and course materials for the full three years of his bachelor's degree. Well done, Oscar!



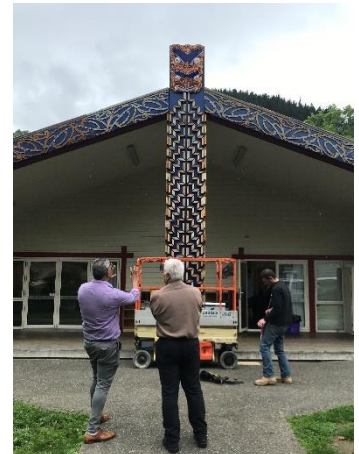
Fifeshire Foundation

Every year we make a food stack for Fifeshire Foundation – huge thanks to all the families who contributed with every can making a difference. Fifeshire then use one of our classrooms to collect all the items donated - foodstuffs, clothing, games, toys, household items and more - that go into more than 500 bags for Nelson families who need a bit of help over the festive season. If you want to make a contribution, go to <https://www.fifeshirefoundation.co.nz/> for details.



Update on the Whare

Finally, our Koruru is now in its proper place on the whare. The Koruru guides and assists us in our lives and our journey to a life of honesty and loyalty leading to wisdom. Our Koruru depicts our school motto of Honesty, Loyalty and Wisdom. The colours represent Nelson College and the patterns represent styles of learning, experiences and continuity towards all of our evolving futures. A huge thanks to Mr Kelly who was key to the process, and fantastic that he was part of the installation crew as one of his last duties here at the College.



Kapa Haka Tamatāne o Whakatū

Due to Covid 19, our national competition Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua was cancelled this year. In its place the regional Kapa Haka Cultural Council held Te Huinga Whetū, a kapa haka festival/competition for primary and secondary schools at Trafalgar Centre on Friday 13th November. Our Nelson College kapa haka (Te Kura Tamatāne o Whakatū) practiced heavily for two weeks amongst the craziness that is the end of the College year. Our seniors took out 2nd place (out of 6 teams in the division). It was a very surprising and pleasing result given that they had such a short timeframe to pull their programme together. The boys dedicated their performance to Ron Kelly for all of the amazing support he has given over the past 21 years.

Next year our lads will participate in the first qualifier competition for Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua 2022, to be held in Auckland. Thanks to @MelissaBanksphotographer for the stunning photos and mighty congratulations to all our lads. Ka pai!



A new partnership for Nelson College & FC Nelson

Nelson College and FC Nelson have formed a partnership to provide young people with increased quality sporting opportunities. The new partnership has Nelson College and FC Nelson working together to meet the needs of young people, providing them with new and varied opportunities to help them realise their sporting ambitions. Students at Nelson College will be able to play for their school teams as well as for FC Nelson. The aim is not only to provide boys with the best in coaching, facilities, equipment and resources, but also to encourage them to continue their relationship with the Club beyond their school years.

FC Nelson President Phil Thompson says the club is keen to collaborate with Nelson College in “all things football.” “The key points of our new working relationship are for us to create a sustainable footballing environment within which young men participate, succeed and are supported. We will ensure training and coaching resources are developed and delivered equally to the Nelson footballing community, that high performance footballers have access to locally developed and delivered training and coaching resources, and that the work we put in will see players reach their potential on a national level.”

Our Headmaster Richard Dykes is enthusiastic about the partnership. “This new relationship with FC Nelson fits perfectly with the College’s current sports programmes. The benefits to our students not only include access to FC expertise and specialist coaching that will complement our own high performance programmes, but will also increase all those qualities that are fostered by sporting activities – social interaction, confidence, goal setting and camaraderie.”



Stephanie Jr.

Remember Stephanie? She came to us as part of our Environmental Committee's plan to breed insects for release in the native tree revegetation up the back of the College. Well, now meet Stephanie-Jr – she'll be looked after for a few months until she's big and feisty enough to fend for herself. Exciting times! We think that Stephanie-Jr may have a sister or two, but they're impossible to find!



Maths Challenge!

Santa, Rudolf and Pepper the elf run three races. In each race, one of them earns 5 points, one of them earns 3 points and one of them earns 1 point. After three races Santa has the highest point total.

What is the *smallest* total score that Santa can have?

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter...



NCEA and Scholarship Results & Certificates

- Students should by now have their own logon and password to access the NZQA website through the Learner Login area: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login>. This is where they will access their Annual Results Notice in mid-January.
- Students should also order a printed copy of their NCEA Certificate, UE and other National Certificates plus a Record of Achievement if this is their final year at school. Keep these official documents in a safe place for the future.

If you have any concerns about accessing NCEA results information please contact the Student Office.

Return of Exam papers, portfolios etc

Exam booklets are returned by post to students from late January to mid-February.

Follow this link for further information and contact details for return of materials

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/return-of-examination-material/>

Exam Results - Reviews and Reconsiderations

Students have the right to request:

- a review if a processing error has occurred
- a reconsideration if they believe an error in marking has occurred.

Information about reviews and reconsiderations are sent out with marked exam papers.

If students have any queries or concerns please contact the Student Office, their teachers or Dean.

Email: sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Phone: 03 5483099 ext 833

Exams are done, ka pai everyone!

NCEA results
will be released on Thursday 21 January 2021

New Zealand Scholarship results
will be released on Thursday 4 February 2021

Student Exam Hub
Be ready for your NCEA and NZ Scholarship results

[Find out more](#)

[Access here](#)

Sports Office Snippets

The last two trips are underway with a team of athletes travelling to Tauranga for NZSS Athletic Nationals and our Touch team travelling to Rotorua to compete in the NZSS Tournament. Good luck boys.

It's been a strange and busy year. Thanks to everyone who has helped our boys be able to play sport. Without the volunteers we would not be able to offer as much as we do. We competed in 28 different sports this year, which is awesome. (usually 34-38 sports).

We farewell Griggy today and after 24 years at Nelson College he is retiring. Thank you for everything you do. It's been an awesome seven years of sport with Alethea and Griggy at the helm.

No doubt we will see him next year helping out!!

3 X 3 BASKETBALL

These International boys love basketball. They entered a 3 x 3 weekly competition and have had a great time.

They love their Nelson College singlets that they designed (with a little bit of help from Alethea).

Well done boys!

Left to right: Guy Thongkao-On, Andy Yao, Chwit Wiriyawattana, Garrick Wong, Pan Pan Intharak
Seated: Copter Patikansakul.



Super Coach: Punn Cowarin

Junior Activities Days 2020

We had our Junior Activity Days on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The Activity Days have been incorporated into our school year to allow the students to round out the year in a fun and positive way. The activities offered included Wharf Fishing, Mountain Biking, Music Writing, Film Making, Cooking, Rock Climbing, Golf, Pic's Tour, Kayaking, Retro Video Games, Tree Planting, and more. The activities allow students to try things they may not otherwise get a chance to try, engage in activities they enjoy and maybe learn a new skill, all in a fun, positive and encouraging environment.

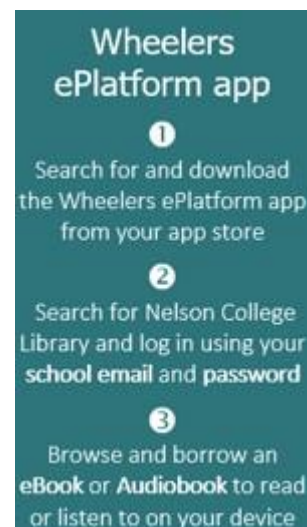


Summer Reading Challenge

Need a \$100 voucher? Like reading? You need to take on the Summer Reading Challenge! Students need to complete the following tasks to go into the draw for a \$100 voucher (of their choice subject to school approval!). There are two vouchers, one for junior students and one for senior students, also a separate prize for best photo.



1. Read a yellow spot (short read) or a nonfiction book
2. Read a book from a genre you have not read before e.g. romance, ghost, sci-fi, biography, mystery, teen-life.
3. Write a 7-10 word review of a book you have read and publish this on NC's Library Catalogue. To add a review go to our: <https://library.nelsoncollege.school.nz/#!dashboard> and sign in using your school login and password, search for your book, click on the book, then click on 'write a review'. Your review will not appear straight away as we need to approve them first.
4. Email us a photo of you reading in an interesting place. You don't have to include your face. Please let us know if you do not want us to use the photo in a display. library@nelsoncollege.school.nz
5. Read an eBook or listen to an Audiobook free on the Wheelers app. <https://nelsoncollege.wheelers.co/>



2020 Nelsonian

The 2020 Nelsonian is jampacked with everything you need to know and remember about 2020.

Complimentary copies go to Year 13 students, internationals and all boarders. This is an important but very costly publication to produce so all other families interested in a copy please order and purchase:

ORDER HERE: **\$20 per copy**



Fell Accomodation

Over the last few years, Fell House has been transformed into accommodation for groups. We've welcomed sports teams, music groups, community groups and more. Fell House offers all-year-round dormitory style accommodation with some private single rooms. We have a full Dining Room with catering for all meals. There's also select access to school buildings, including the hall, gymnasiums, pool and sports grounds.

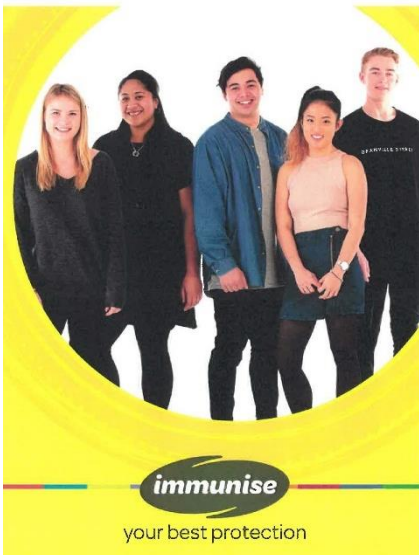
So if you're looking for accommodation for groups of 15+ at very competitive rates, **contact Sharon Dawson:** sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz

There's more information and images on <https://www.facebook.com/nelsonfellhouse>



Immunise against meningococcal disease

Protects you when living closely with others



Young people living closely together in places like boarding school hostels or tertiary education halls of residence need to be immunised to protect against meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease can be life-threatening. Vaccines are available to protect against it.



Key Points

1. A serious bacterial infection that can become deadly in just a few hours.
2. Teenagers and young adults living closely together are at higher risk.
3. One dose of vaccine protects against four out of five strains of meningococcal disease. It's **FREE** for 13 to 25 year-olds living in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence, military barracks or prisons.
4. A vaccine is available to protect against meningococcal B - it's **not free**, but is **highly recommended** for those living closely together.

For more information about getting immunised against meningococcal disease:

- talk to your doctor, nurse or health centre
- phone Healthline's 24-hour service (0800 611 116).

This resource is available from healthed.govt.nz or the Authorised Provider at your DHB. May 2020. HE2596



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Aged 15-30? Get immunised against measles to protect your whānau, community and future generations from harm. It's free at GPs and participating pharmacies.

Measles is a serious disease that can make you very sick. It's about 8 times more contagious than COVID-19 so spreads fast.

Getting immunised is the best way to protect you, your whānau and community from catching and spreading measles.

Not sure if you're already immunised against measles? Lots of people aged between 15 and 30 years didn't get fully immunised when they were children. This puts you at risk of catching and spreading measles.

Ask your doctor, parent or caregiver if you had two doses of the MMR vaccine as a child. If you don't know, it's best to get immunised. It's safe to have an extra dose of the MMR vaccine.

To find out more about the vaccine, measles, which pharmacies you can get your free immunisation at and more, go to: www.nmdhb.govt.nz/MMR

PROTECT AGAINST MEASLES



Maths Challenge answer...

Santa's least possible total score is 11.