



NELSON COLLEGE

Boarding Newsletter

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Thank you very much to those parents and caregivers that attended the recent Boarders Weekend. We hope that you found the on-line booking system an easy way to make bookings to see your son's[s] teachers? Certainly for day boys who had interviews earlier in the term, bookings were up by at least 30%!

The Music Festival on Friday 28th August was a huge success. Simon Taylor [Head of Music] and Chris Lawton [Director of Sport] have been publicly thanked in a staff forum for their contribution to that evening. To see the boys perform within their houses and then as a mass choir was very poignant. To get 160+ boys singing to the level they did, is a credit to Simon and Chris.

While attendance at the meeting with me on Saturday morning was light in numbers, the issues raised by those present have been forwarded to the Senior Leadership Team and I will report back in a future newsletter.

Thank you very much to Rachael Westenra who organised the Year 13 dinner at Lambrettas' on Saturday night. It was pleasing to see so many of the Year 13's present, with their families if they could attend. It was a lovely meal and a great way for the boys to remember their last Winter Boarding Weekend.

As I type this, there is two and a half weeks of Term III to go. Years 11-13 begin school examinations on Wednesday 9th September and these conclude on Wednesday 16th September. Your son[s] can be a home should they have no examinations or should they finish early. If this is the case, please advise your Housemaster. Normal classes resume on Thursday 17th September.

We break for two weeks on Friday 25th September. All students must vacate their respective houses as soon as possible after 3.15 pm. Barnicoat will be open for the two week vacation for International Students not travelling home.

Some dates that are important for Term IV 2009:

Sunday 11 th October	All three houses are open from 2 pm onwards for boys to return
Thursday 22 nd October	Final Junior Dance for year at Nelson College
Monday 26 th October	LABOUR DAY
Thursday 29 th October	Co-Curricular Prizegiving
Wednesday 4 th November	Old Man's Supper
Friday 6 th November	PTA Quiz Night in the Hall
Saturday 7 th November	House "End of Year Dinners"
Thursday 12 th November	Senior Prizegiving
Saturday 14 th November	NCEA External Examinations begin
Friday 27 th November	New Boarders [for 2010] Orientation and testing day for Year 8's
Monday 30 th November	Year 11-13 2009 Reports will be posted home
Wednesday 2 nd December	NCEA External Examinations end
Wednesday 9 th December	Junior Reports will be posted home
Thursday 10 th December	Junior Prizegiving. All three houses close today for 2009 at 4 pm

Returning in 2010?

If your son is returning to Nelson College in 2010 to board, and you have not let Glenys Rait our Boarding Secretary know, can you please do so as soon as possible? It is vital that we know as soon as possible please, as we are starting to plan for 2010 now.

Maintenance

By the end of this week, there will have been tours through all three Boarding Houses to determine maintenance issues that need addressing. Health and Safety issues are dealt with immediately by tradesmen. Those less urgent are being prioritised so that we can get put together a plan that ensures we address as many as possible across all three Houses.

Plans for capital works over the Christmas vacation has yet to be finalised. As soon as they are, I will communicate these to you.

Wireless in Boarding

This has been ordered and will be installed before the end of 2009. Students will be able to use their laptops to source the Internet and associated files. However, as a parent/caregiver, you will have to provide your son with a **data plan for Internet access**.

There will still be a filtering system on the Wireless Connections in all three Houses to safeguard what your son can and cannot access.

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 6 November 2009

Nelson College PTA is hosting their annual Quiz night in the School hall on Friday 6 November 2009 from 7pm and tickets cost \$10 per person and tables will consist of 6 players.

The PTA is seeking sponsors for tables at a cost of \$50 each and also items they can auction. All profits from this evening will go towards the new Whare.

Please contact Jude Rainey [03 548 3099 extension 809] or on jr@nelcollege.school.nz for more information.

Kind regards

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