



NELSON COLLEGE

Newsletter

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CALENDAR TERM I

Feb 22	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, Library
Feb 24	Swimming Sports, 1.30pm
Feb 26	School Athletics Championship
Mar 2-3	Marlborough Boys' College Sports Exchange
Mar 4	Mufti Day
Mar 7-8	Sports Weekend
Mar 7	Commemoration Service for Boarders, 11am, Hall
	Sports Night Variety Concert, 7pm, Hall
Mar 8	House Sports
	Parent Interviews for Boarders, 1.30-3.30pm
Mar 10	Tasman Athletics
Mar 11	Senior Dance
Mar 15	PTA AGM, 7.30pm, Staffroom
Mar 18	Mufti Day
	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3.45pm-7pm
Mar 22	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3.45pm-7pm
Mar 22-26	Summer Sports Tournament Week
Mar 27	Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Nayland College
	Brass Band Concert, Hall, 1pm-5pm
April 1	Last Day Term 1
April 2	GOOD FRIDAY

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to welcome all boys back to the College and a special welcome to new boys.

The year has started very well with boys settling quickly into class routines. Co-curricular activities are well under way with many students participating in summer/winter sports selections, trials and competition games.

I would like to thank all parents for their positive support of the behaviour boundaries, uniform requirements and routines that have been set in place. I can assure you that these are a major contributor to ensuring that we have a calm and focussed atmosphere both in and out of the classroom.

Our predicted roll for 2010 (excluding international students) was 940 boys; at this time we have 1012 boys enrolled. This is a strong indicator that Nelson College is providing an educational structure and culture which is endorsed by the community

and sends a clear message that we must maintain current standards while continuing to seek ways to improve what we can offer your sons.

BOYS PERFORMANCE AND NCEA 2009

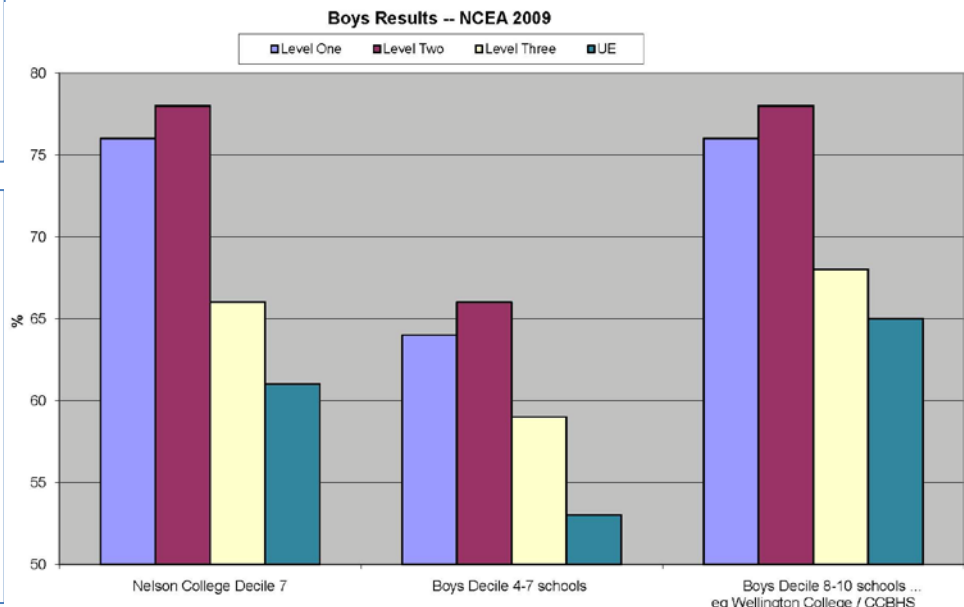
The following chart illustrates the performance of Nelson College boys following the 2009 NCEA examinations. These results compare nationally with the performance of boys at our own decile level (4-7) and also included is a comparison with higher decile schools (8-10).

Our results over the past 3 years have been relatively consistent. We are mindful that improvements in our results remain a core focus in coming years.

THE CHALLENGES OF ROLL GROWTH

- Consolidation of the Roll
- Quality of education – curricular and co-curricular
- Infrastructure development - both physical space and support for teachers/boys (including discipline)

With an increased roll the College is aware of the need to provide support for its front line – the teaching staff. I am pleased to announce the



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following new appointments and initiatives -

Graeme Peake -fulltime position with an 80% time allowance to support low ability and at risk boys in Year 11 English, Maths and Science classes

Simon Field -in addition to his role as a guidance counsellor, he will be working for one day a week on careers/pathways support for Year 10 boys (see Year 10 Careers Project in this newsletter)

Noel Brown -fulltime position as Assistant Sports Coordinator with responsibility for cricket, rugby, volleyball and basketball

John Glazier -part time, one day a week specialist counsellor (drug and alcohol)

A further fulltime position is yet to be filled for a teacher aide/special needs coordinator

LANGUAGES AT NELSON COLLEGE

With an increased student roll, the College is now in a position to reintroduce a European language into its curriculum for 2011 to complement Japanese and Te Reo Maori. Once a language is selected, course outlines and structures will be prepared to introduce the following courses in 2011:

1) Year 9, half year option (3 hours per week)

2) Year 10, full year option (4 hours per week)

The Year 10 option will be open to all boys irrespective of whether they have studied the language before; extra support will be given to this class in 2011 if needed. At this stage I am asking for parent feedback as to a preferred language. Please email or write to me with your suggestions.

Once again I would like to thank all parents and the wider community, for the support they have given the College as we look forward to another successful year.

Regards

Gary O'Shea MEd(Admin)
HEADMASTER

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YEAR 10 CAREERS PROJECT

Objective

To provide a programme for Year 10 boys that will actively encourage them to consider the range of career choices available.

Goals

- Year 10 students will each have recorded their own individualized career pathway plan.
- When students make their course selection for Year 11, late in August they will do so with knowledge of their own strengths and preferences. They will also take into consideration career preferences which they will have discussed with a wide group of people -this may include parents, extended family and Year 10 careers advisor.
- Students will see a greater purpose to being at school and as a consequence be more motivated. They will have an understanding of how school can serve their aspirations.
- An 'at risk' group will be identified and given extra resources to complete their own career portfolios.
- Stimulating speakers with insights into the working world will make presentations throughout the year to Year 10 students.

UNIFORM

Year 13

The introduction of long trousers and white shirts has been taken up by a number of students well before the formal time set of term two. It is pleasing to see many boys seeking to dress in a more formal way, despite the heat.

As with all new initiatives there have been some expected and unexpected side effects. I would therefore clarify the following:

- White shirts are not to be worn with shorts; they may only be worn with regulation school trousers.
- If a student chooses to wear a tie then it is expected that the top button of the shirt is done up and that the knot of the tie will cover the top button.

- The rationale for the uniform modification was to allow senior students to have a more formal dress standard. It is important that the uniform is worn in a manner that fulfils this rationale.

All school

Some timely reminders:

- Shoes are to be black leather; canvas shoes of any sort are definitely not acceptable
- Jandals may not be worn
- Piercings are not permitted
- Hair must be one colour

We thank parents for their support of the College in dealing with uniform.

PROPERTY UPDATE

We are thrilled to have sold 2 Allan Street at a price far beyond our expectations. Our thanks to Jeff Rackley for such a fine job marketing the property. Nelson College is now considering the sale of the hill section behind the school. The potential sale is the final stage of our efforts to consolidate our property and to minimise assets which are beyond the school's scope.

The funds raised will make a significant contribution to increasing our sustainability and provides us with the financial opportunity to secure mid and long term goals.

Nelson College is somewhat unusual in that it owns and is responsible for considerable assets beyond the scope of the Ministry of Education funding. Examples of these assets are: the three boarding houses, boarding staff accommodation, the new gym, Mataki Lodge and Broads playing fields. It is important therefore that we are mindful of which of these assets meaningfully contribute to the school's programmes and to our boys' needs and that we are able to adequately maintain and keep up those assets.

STUDENT NEWS

NELSON COLLEGE STUDENT LEADERS 2010

Head Boy: **Scott Kearney**

Maori Head Boy: **Tamu Maui'i**

Deputy Head Boys: **Owen Connors, Paul Williams, Ben Chambers and Milne Riley**

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to the following new staff

Terry Beggs *Graphics and Technology*

Terry has been living in Dublin, Ireland for the last 15 months and prior to that he was Head of Department, Graphics and Design at Nelson College for Girls for eight years. His interests include rugby, volleyball and Irish music.

Kirk Milligan *Mathematics*

Kirk is full time in the Maths Department. He has been teaching for fifteen years, the last seven in New Zealand. He taught at Ashburton College, Aranui High School in Christchurch and Collingwood Area School before moving with his family to Nelson. His interests include hang gliding, fishing, football and music.

Richard Brudvik-Lindner *Social Sciences (Long term relieving for 2010)*

Richard spent over 20 years working for global corporations, and has experience teaching at university, primary and intermediate levels in America. He has a master's degree in teaching. He came to teaching as his penance for foisting video games on the parents and children of the world. He has two young daughters, both adopted from China.

Johnathan Patchell *Mathematics (Long term relieving for 2010)*

Johnathan has just moved to Nelson having previously taught at Botany Downs Secondary College in Auckland for four years. Whilst at Botany Downs he was a Rugby Coach and Lead Co-ordinator of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary's Award. Johnathan is an active person and is looking forward to the many outdoor opportunities available to him out of Nelson, particularly tramping, mountain biking, kayaking and sailing.

Blair Adams *(Fell Housemaster, Commerce)*

Blair comes to Nelson College from Sancta Maria College in Auckland where he was the Head of Department, Commerce. Prior to that Blair was Head of Department, Accounting and Assistant Housemaster at Auckland Grammar School. Blair's interests include hockey, reading and spending time with his family.

Lauren Oke *International*

Lauren began working part-time in the International Department starting Term 3, 2009. She continues her position in 2010 and hails from Vancouver, Canada.

David van der Velden *Social Studies/History (Long term relieving for 2010)*

David is an old boy of the college who has returned to teach here after studying at Victoria University in Wellington. His interests include reading and writing as well as the occasional theatrical pursuit.

Robert Wilson *Mathematics (Long term relieving for 2010)*

Bob has just returned to College after a three year break in Beirut, Lebanon where he ran an international school. He is happy to be back in Nelson with his wife who is teaching at Nelson College for Girls. Having more input into coaching of rugby referees in Nelson is one of Bob's goals this year.

Jarrold Aberhart

As an old boy of the College, Jared is excited to be back at the school. He has a degree in Physical Education and Social Sciences and worked part-time at Nelson College in 2009. This year he is looking forward to becoming further immersed within the school programme, teaching Economics, Social Studies and English as well as getting involved in co-curricular activities.

Katie Andrews *Physical Education and Health (Long term relieving for 2010)*

Katie comes to Nelson College from Garin College. She is in her second year of teaching and completed her training at the University of Canterbury. Her interests include football, outdoor pursuits and reading.

Graeme Peake *Science and Learning Support (Long term relieving for 2010)*

Graeme was raised in South Africa and spent the last nine years teaching in the United Kingdom. He and his wife fell in love with New Zealand during their world trip in 2008 and have been happily settled in Nelson for the last six months. Graeme's interests include rugby, cricket, golf and travel.

Noel Brown *Assistant Sports Co-ordinator.*

Noel, who is an Old Boy of Nelson College, comes to us following a career in banking and significant involvement in schoolboy sport

principally rugby, cricket and athletics. His interests include golf, boating, cycling, hiking and gardening and generally all sport.

We also welcome **Phil Ave** and **Chris Tupu** to the PE Dept, **Gail Samson** to the Maths Dept and welcome back to **Chris Hart** who returns to the English Department.

SPORTS NEWS

ARTISTIC SKATING: **Ben Sherwood** and his dance partner Kasey Murdoch won gold in free dance, silver in dance and gold for outstanding precision routine at the 2010 artistic skating national competitions. They also qualify to compete in precision in this year's Oceania competition.

BASKETBALL: **Matthew Black**, Year 11 attended the U16 All New Zealand Basketball camp in Rotorua, a national high-level invitation only event run by Basketball New Zealand.

CRICKET: During January Nelson College hosted a Cricket Festival week. There were 3 teams from Australia and teams from Auckland Grammar and Burnside High School. While hampered by rain all boys had a good week and enjoyed Nelson and their cricket.

The Nelson College 1st XI Cricket team is currently leading the Nelson 2nd grade Competition and the 2nd XI is leading the 3rd grade.

The Nelson College 1st XI won the first round of the Gillette and D'Arcy Cup competitions. Nelson College, 272 (**O Barkle** 102 and **J Whitaker** 51*) Motueka, 151 (**S Neame** 2/3 and **T Ellis** 3/31)

In the 2nd Round of the D'Arcy Cup Nelson College was defeated by Marlborough Boy's High School in a tight contest (Marlborough 241/8, Nelson, 211).

Nelson bounced back in the next match with a resounding victory over Garin College. Nelson, 340 (**O Barkle** 123 and **M Drummond** 56), Garin 120 (**J Pugh** 3-12)

Mitchell Drummond has gained selection for Central Districts in the U17 team while **Ben Gully** has been selected for the **U15** team.

FOOTBALL: Matthew Shaw has gained selection in the NZ U19 Football team to tour Europe in April.

Paris Bertos, Year 9 has been selected to play for the Nelson Suburbs football club in the international Nike/Manchester United Cup. Paris has also been selected to attend the 82 Academy Training.

SOFTBALL: Sam Church has been selected in the News Zealand junior men's (under 19) first training squad for the 2012 world championships in Argentina.

Jack Fletcher was selected in the NZ national U19 tournament team at the conclusion of the men's national age grade competition in January. Also competing for the Nelson U19 Team were 16 year olds **Sam Church** and **Kyle Casey** who received praise from their coach for their significant progress during the tournament.

Under 17 boys' Tournament

Sam Church was named in the NZ U17 tournament rest team following the NZ U17 softball tournament, held in Nelson.

Kyle Casey, Sam Miller and **Luke Bowers** were also part of the Nelson U17 Team; Sam and Luke represented Nelson the week prior in the South Island U15 tournament.

TENNIS: Henry Neas won the 12 boys' final at the Nelson Junior summer tennis open.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY: Two Nelson College students, **Matthew Horncastle** (leaver 2009) and **Zachary Coombs-King** gained selection in the NZ U18 underwater hockey squad following an inter-zone competition at the end of 2009.

NOTICES

STUDENT OFFICE

NCEA Results - all Year 12 and 13 students should have received their official results from NZQA. Please keep your NZQA Results Notice in a safe place along with your Certificates when they arrive. They are your official record of academic achievement and if lost you will need to reapply to NZQA and pay a fee.

Address changes -Please notify the Student Office by email to ks@nelcollege.school.nz if you have any changes to your contact details ie: new address, phone number and/or email.

NELSON COLLEGE OLD BOYS

NELSON COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nelson College Old Boys are invited to attend the Nelson College AGM

Monday 26 April 2010 at 5pm
Nelson College Scriptorium

John Towns
PRESIDENT

RSVP to Gina Fletcher by email:
gina@nelcollege.school.nz

FEATURED OLD BOY



Simon Mannering (2000-04)

Simon Mannering is the new Vodafone Warriors Captain for the 2010 season. The Warriors see 23 year old Simon as their long-term leader so we look forward to seeing him in action this year.

RAISING BOYS THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

Growing great young men
An evening for parents of adolescent boys!

Tuesday March 23, 7 - 9 pm
Nelson College Hall
Cost: Koha

Presenters:

Adge Tucker (Tracks Trust)
Simon Dadley-Moore (Family Coaching NZ)

Raising Boys through Adolescence is an interactive, fun and informative evening for parents of boys between the ages of 12-16.

Website: www.tracks.net.nz

CAREERS

University Information

- Canterbury and Massey University will be visiting Nelson College in March. Students should look out in daily notices for dates and times.

- Victoria University has advised that they intend to cap some courses by introducing a ranking system for first year students. Students are advised to take NZQA approved subjects and achievement standards in order to achieve a suitable rank score. Other Universities may adopt this system so Year 13 students will need to achieve not only University Entrance at Year 13, they will need to gain a good quality Level 3.

Appointments with the Careers Advisor may be made by email to Mrs Gray: lg@nelcollege.school.nz or by filling in a form outside the Careers Office.

PTA AGM

MONDAY 15 MARCH, 7.30PM

COLLEGE STAFFROOM

We welcome all parents to the AGM, with a special invitation to new parents to the College.

Jude Rainey
CHAIRPERSON

PTA UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Term 1: Thursdays: 3pm -7pm

Fridays: 1pm -2.30pm

FA'A SAMOA TRIP SEPTEMBER 2010

There is one place now available due to a cancellation. Please contact Tim Tucker for details on email: tk@nelcollege.school.nz

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1: 2 Feb – 1 April

Term 2: 19 April – 2 July

Term 3: 19 July -24 September

Term 4: 11 October -14 December



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