



NELSON COLLEGE

Newsletter

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Calendar Term II

June 12	Nelson Marlborough Regional Nga Manu Korero Speech Competitions at Waimea College
June 15	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, Staffroom
June 22-23	Shirley Boys' High School Exchange
June 24-27	GREASE –Joint Colleges' Production
June 25	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4.30pm, Scriptorium
June 30	Senior Dance at Nelson College
July 2	Senior reports issued -Day boys handed out -Boarders reports posted
July 3	Last Day Term II
July 20	1st Day Term III

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Headmaster's Message

Term 2 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As we move into the winter I would like to reinforce the message from the start of the year with regard to our high behavioural and discipline expectations (including uniform). I would ask that you reinforce these expectations with your son(s) as the year progresses.

Education Review Office (ERO) Visit Monday 27 April – Thursday 4 May 2009

Day one of Term 2 saw five inspectors from the Education Review Office arrive to begin their three yearly review of the College. The College had determined in consultation with the review team that the 'specific focus' of the visit would be –*The Quality and Use of Self Review in the College.*

Over the past two years the College has been proactive in developing a shared vision which seeks to establish a culture of continuous improvement at all levels of the institution.

It was imperative in this review visit that the ERO team were able to provide us with an independent analysis which reinforced our direction and supported our 'self identified' areas of improvement.

The final review document (which will be sent to all parents) does this and in its two main recommendations it strongly supports the areas of development which are already in motion within the College.

The report will be available some time late this term.

NCEA results 2008 – public release of the statistics

As parents you are now able to access these results for all schools

and to make direct comparisons between schools by ethnicity, gender etc. To access these results please go to the following NCEA link on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority website <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/>

In the past we have only been able to make comparisons based on the total student roll present at a particular year level. This year NZQA has produced figures based on 'participation' – those students actually enrolled in attempting to achieve an NCEA qualification. (This removes some international students, special needs students and those entered for other qualifications, for example National Certificates or Cambridge exams)

One of the principles which has been central to our development over the past two years has been an emphasis on 'excellence' in all aspects of College life.

Two years ago NZQA recognized that 'excellence' at NCEA was not receiving any recognition. They introduced an endorsement on a student's NCEA certificate for 'excellence' if they had gained 50 credits at an excellence level in that school year.

Overleaf is a comparison bar chart looking specifically at the percentages of boys achieving an excellence endorsement in 2008 at Levels 1, 2 and 3.

We will continue to look at our course structures and cultural norms in order to motivate boys to excel both academically and in all other aspects of College life.

Swine Flu Update from the Director of Public Health

Please note the following extract:

'The Ministry of Health suggests that the families of students who have travelled to countries with

considerable spread of Influenza A (H1N1) should keep them home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms. Australia is already requiring students who have travelled to countries with considerable local spread of Influenza A (H1N1) to stay home for a week even if they have no symptoms.

Dealing with any health issue like this is problematic for schools and early childhood services, although there is evidence that suggests that some basic measures will slow down the spread of viruses like influenza. In addition to potential school closure, these including basic but effective initiatives include promoting basic hygiene measures like very regular hand washing (before anyone puts anything in their mouths), students and staff covering their coughs and sneezes, and any staff or students with symptoms of possible influenza should stay home until they are well.

Please follow these directions and inform our attendance officer by email tw@nelcollege.school.nz or see our new absence link on the contacts page of the Nelson College website www.nelcollege.school.nz if you are keeping your son at home having returned from overseas travel.

If we are required to close the school (directed by the Ministry of Health) please be aware that the school would be closed for a minimum of 7 days.

There is no indication that this is about to occur so please note that this message is purely precautionary.

Recognition of student achievement

The College is committed to improving the processes of recognition and communication of student achievement to all College stakeholders.

Please note the following:

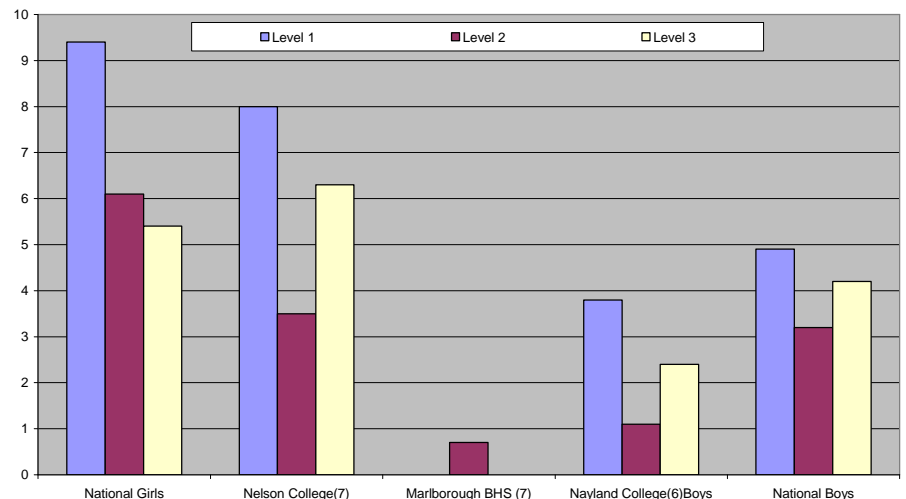
All coaches, managers, parents and boys should notify achievement(s) by email to me at oe@nelcollege.school.nz.

Each week the collated achievements will be sent to the Nelson Mail education reporter and at the Tuesday formal assembly I will recognise individuals and teams.

Outstanding achievement will be recognised at Colours assemblies, special assemblies (eg Maadi Cup, Quad etc), Co curricula Prizegiving and Senior Prizegiving.

National representatives and/or National tournament winners will receive Board of Trustee medallions and be recognised on the Crush Hall Honours Board.

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Finally boys whose achievements are truly exceptional on the National and/or International stage will be recognised with individual plaques in the Crush Hall.

Litter concerns

Please be aware that as a College we continue to struggle with the acceptance by adolescents that the dropping of litter is ok – even with a rubbish bin only two metres away.

We have tried the 'educative awareness' route to correct this behaviour –posters, homeroom activities etc.

Whilst there has been significant improvement over the past three years it still remains an eyesore and an indication that a culture of excellence and personal responsibility still has a way to go in the College.

I am loath to resort to more punitive measures but we are rapidly reaching the point where this will become a reality.

Please discuss this matter with your son and make him aware that there is the potential that intentional littering by boys will result in removal of free time(detentions) and/or the removal of the right to participate in 'optional' educational activities eg sports teams, exchanges etc.

This may seem draconian but I believe that a lack of personal responsibility and pride translates into poor character development and potentially poor achievement.

A change to the timetable structure for 2010

Following the findings of a classroom management focus group in 2008, and ongoing

discussions on Year 9 behavioural and academic issues the decision has been made jointly with Nelson College for Girls to introduce a 2-2-1 timetable structure in 2010. This means that only one teaching period will occur after lunch.

A significant number of schools – particularly boys' schools, have moved to this structure with strong evidence of a more settled and focussed classroom atmosphere and reduced discipline issues.

Both schools are currently working through the fine details of how this will be implemented but issues already raised which would need to be addressed either culturally or procedurally are:-

- a later lunch and the need for a significant meal break at interval
- the positioning of homeroom in the school day (it is currently after lunch)

I would welcome any comments or feedback you have concerning any issues related to the College.

Gary O'Shea MEd(Admin)
HEADMASTER

Business Development Consultant appointed

The Headmaster is pleased to announce the appointment of Ray Hill, as Business Development Consultant for Nelson College. The new position is a voluntary role; Ray will mainly be responsible for raising funds for the school so that we can improve the College buildings and facilities for the boys.

For those parents and students who do not know Ray, he is a local business man with an



extensive background in international sales and marketing. Ray has worked in Australia, Europe and North America for some of New Zealand's major exporters. Married to long-suffering wife Sue (in Ray's words), they have two children, Tom, 13 in year 9 at the College and Amy, 17 currently at the Girls' College.

When asked to talk about his new appointment, Ray had the following to say;

"My involvement with the College, to date, has largely revolved around coaching one of the U14 rugby teams and helping with the refurbishment project at the Broads changing rooms.

I met recently with the Headmaster, Mr. O'Shea. During the meeting he outlined his vision for the College. The Headmaster cares passionately about the school and the boys' education and well-being. He plans to take the school from being a very good state school to being a world class school, a first choice destination school, recognised internationally for the excellence of education provided for boys.

Part of the process in making this leap, will be to improve the way the school and the students present to the wider community, Old Boys, parents and benefactors.

Top of the priority list is to take more pride in our appearance, in the facilities we have, give the school a really good tidy up, pick up litter, water blast/paint mouldy walls and clean windows. Funds we receive from the central government are limited, so if we are to improve the school, we need to do more ourselves.

The College has such a unique, rich heritage, I am sure we can help achieve the Headmaster's goals, if we all get stuck in."

We are grateful to have someone with Ray's experience as part of the team. Ray will be calling on local and national businesses, parents, Old Boys, asking for help, sponsorship, expertise and materials. In the current economic environment, his task will not be an easy one. We are looking for helpers

who share his "can do -we care" attitude.

Anyone who is interested in helping Ray can contact him on telephone (03) 547 6063, cell phone 027 782 1568 or 021 141 7858 or by email at rayhill@xtra.co.nz.

School Refresh Programme Window Cleaning Bee Sunday June 7 at 10.30am

Any parent wishing to help clean the school windows, please meet at the front steps of the College at 10.30am. Bring your own bucket and cloths etc. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon.

We are looking to borrow the following equipment for the working bee

1. a petrol powered waterblaster
2. lengthy hoses
3. a commercial wood mulcher for mulching branches and prunings

If you can help with any of the above please contact **Ray Hill** (see contact details above)

Broads gets a make-over



When Lee Nelmes, the College Rugby Co-Coordinator approached rugby coaches for assistance with tidying up the Broads changing sheds, a group of enthusiastic parents jumped to the task.

\$1000 worth of Dulux paint was kindly donated by Phil Goad of Guthrie Bowron who is a former Nelson College Old Boy and 1st XV player. Thank you!

Also a big thank you goes to the clean up crew of Lindsay, Sean and

Joey Scott, Jim Mitchell, Grant Hunt and Sue, Tom and Ray Hill who spent many hours cleaning the kitchen and painting the changing sheds at Broads. The neighbours are happy and the boys now have a facility they can be proud of.

The College has spent a significant sum on new drains, lighting and repairing windows at Broads. A further major refurbishment is scheduled in Term 4 when the number of changing rooms will be increased and storage areas for equipment expanded.

Student News

Stage Challenge

Congratulations to the junior boys for their entry which won the following awards at Stage Challenge in 2009.

- Excellence Award for Environmental and Social Awareness
- Excellence Award for Concept
- Excellence Soundtrack
- Excellence in Drama

Future Problem Solving

The following boys are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievement in FPS.

During first term all FPS classes worked on the first practice topic which considered the notion of a divided Olympics where modified athletes supported with steroids are able to compete in a separate Olympic competition. All students completed a booklet which was sent to Auckland to be marked against student booklets from all over the country.

The following boys' booklets received a grade of first, second or third in their marking pool, meaning that they were among the best booklets in their division in the country.

Senior First

Troy Stade, Jack Howie, Henry Wallace, Matt Spear, Timothy Leighs, Elliot Harris, Taylor Fairy and Alex McMaster

Middle First

Zen Hawes, Jordan Osmaston, Matthew Dunn, Josh Mallalieu, Mitch Robinson, Leonard Kelly, Jacob Marshall, Simon Escreet, Connor Ward, Charles Norton, George Drummond and David Burton

Middle Second

Andy Hay, Jack Robinson, Caleb Watkins, Sam Duffy, Christian

Phillips, Liam Smith, Theo Moore, Zak White, Oliver Johnston, James Rolinson, Ben Norrish, Kaiori McGuinniety, Franco Garguilo, Jesse Bruijn, Anthony Julian, Connor Skinner, Fraser Neill, Tyler White, Jack Scott, Hermann de Haan, Leo Foley and Rhys Dobbie

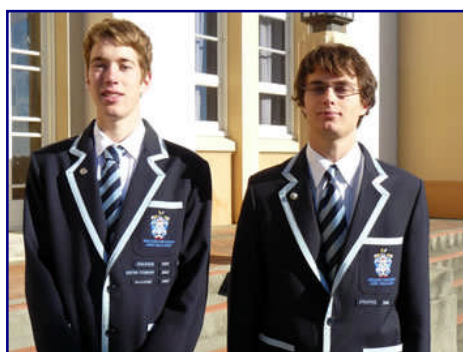
Middle Third

Oliver Coleman, Mat Thompson, Cameron McNae and Nick Somerville

International Competitions

Good luck to **Simon Hillier, Sam Bigwood, Eddie Glossop, Ellery Daines** and **Timothy Leaper** who are currently in the USA representing New Zealand at the International Future Problem Solving Finals at Michigan State University.

Colours



Ewoud Noordeloos (left) and Andrew Moore were awarded Level Two Colours for the following outstanding achievements

Ewoud Noordeloos

- 7th Secondary Schools National Championships 1500m
- 4th South Island Secondary Schools 1500m
- South Island Secondary Schools Senior Champion 3000m

Andrew Moore

- 5th Secondary Schools National Championships high jump
- South Island Secondary Schools Senior Champion high jump
- Holds the Nelson centre U19 record of 191cm

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Level 1 and Level 2 colours this term for achievement in sport.

Cricket Level 1

Oscar Barkle, Jackson Pugh, Willis Scott, Matt Macquet, Johnny Skeggs, Ben Gully, George Westenra, Sam Baxendine, Tom Ellis, Jack Gully, Sam Neame and Jason Macquet

Athletics Level I **Alistair Adams**

Athletics Level I – 2nd Year
Daniel Baxter and Bevan Piper

Athletics Level 2
Ewoud Noordeloos

Athletics Level 2 – 2nd Year
Andrew Moore

Lawn Bowls Level 1
Simon Baker, Ross Inness-McLeish, Charlie Fuller and Michael Limmer

Tennis Level I
Alex Hunt, Bo Ade-Simpson, Hamish Low, and Seung Woo Hong



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Athletics

Congratulations to the Athletics team who competed at the South Island Championships. All ten members were placed in the top 10 for the South Island. A special mention to **Andrew Moore** who won the senior high jump competition and **Ewoud Noordeloos** who won the senior 3000m event and placed 4th in the 1500m. **Wade Cooper** bagged a hat trick of second places in the junior high jump, triple jump and hurdles, **Alistair Adams** finished 3rd in the U16 400m and **Mike Lowe** placed 3rd in the U14 3000m.

Volleyball

Congratulations to **Nick Bell & Alex Low** who have been named in the New Zealand U19 team to travel to Australia in July.

Nick and Alex were also selected in the South Island Secondary School's team (coached by Neil Anderson) to compete in the Trans-Tasman series against Queensland/New South Wales and the North Island. This team recently finished third in the Men's A league tournament in Christchurch over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Congratulations to Neil Anderson who has been named as the New Zealand Secondary Schools coach and the New Zealand U18 men's team coach.

Year 10 Volleyball

Congratulations to the Nelson College Year 10 boys' team who finished top of the Year 10 league at the end of the season.

Basketball

Congratulations to **Michael Karena** who has made the New Zealand emerging Tall Blacks Basketball Team and who was selected in the U17 tournament team following the national U17 championships.

Congratulations to **Adam Rainbird** who was selected in the tournament team at the national U19 championships held in Nelson at Queens Birthday weekend.

Hockey

Congratulations to **Scott Kearney** who was a member of the Capital U21 hockey team that won the national U21 hockey tournament in Northland.

Sailing -1st place in Silver Fleet

Congratulations to the Nelson College sailing team of **Matt Vining, Hugo Van Dyke, Daniel Foley-Logan, Sam Bigwood, Ryan Amlehn, Quinn Hornblow and Liam Foley-Logan** who placed 1st in the silver fleet of the national secondary schools 420 teams sailing competition held at Naval Point Lyttleton during the school holidays. **Matt Vining** also placed 2nd in the individual 420 competitions held during the previous week.

Tasman Cross Country

Congratulations to **Ewoud Noordeloos** who won the senior event at the 2009 Tasman Cross Country. **James Stevenson** placed 3rd in the junior boys and **Mike Lowe** finished 2nd in the Year 9 race.

Nelson College Cross Country

Over 700 boys competed in the annual Nelson College cross country event with the following results:

Seniors

- 1st **Ewoud Noordeloos**
- 2nd **Claude Meffan**
- 3rd **Henry Westenra**

Intermediate

- 1st **James Stevenson**
- 2nd **Kip Colvey**
- 3rd **Nick McKenzie**

Juniors (Year 9s)

- 1st **Mike Love**
- 2nd **Mitchell Hunt**
- 3rd **Hayden Erasmus**

Marlborough Sports Exchange



Nelson College chess player considers his move on the new outdoor chess board at the College in the annual sports exchange against Marlborough Boys' College

Nelson College had a clean sweep against Marlborough Boys' College winning all matches in the annual exchange.

1st XV Rugby 17 – 9
2nd XV Rugby 32-7
U15 Rugby 35-7
1st XI Soccer 1-1
1st XI Hockey 1-0
2nd XI Hockey 17-1
U14 Rugby 43-7
Chess 56-6
Squash 4-1

Nelson College Rugby 1st XV Donation

The 1st XV would like to thank Nelson College Old Boy John AH Krammer, and fellow Nelson College Old Boys and parents, who through his calf scheme have raised \$5000. A cheque in this amount has been presented to the 1st XV. Mr Krammer has also become the first honorary member of the Nelson College 1st XV Supporters Club.

PTA News

The focus for the PTA this term will be supporting the joint Colleges production of 'Grease'. Together with the Nelson College for Girls PTA we will be running a licensed bar, selling refreshments and ice creams. Remember to bring along some cash to the performance as we are also running a raffle and hiring cushions. Eftpos facilities will be available. The next meeting is on 15 June at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom. All parents are most welcome to attend.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the PTA, please feel free to contact Jude Rainey, PTA Chairperson,
Tel: (03) 5488247
Email: Judy.rainey@xtra.co.nz
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Notices

Homestay Families Wanted for International Students

We are looking for families to host a number of boys who are at college or who will be arriving next term. If you are able to provide a good environment for a student please let us know. The boys require a room, desk and a kind and friendly family to make their time in Nelson a good one.

Remuneration is given to cover their costs. At present we have students from Korea, Vietnam and Germany requiring homestay.

For further information please contact:
Mrs Jude Rainey,
Homestay Coordinator
jr@nelcollege.school.nz
Phone: (03) 5483099 x 809
Cell: 027 294 6813

From the Finance Office

Payments via internet banking to the College need to have your son's name and reference on the transaction ie: J Smith Rugby

Payments made to Nelson College over the counter at Westpac Bank need to be followed up with a phone call to the Finance Office (phone 03 5483099 ext 847) advising payment details.

These processes will then ensure your son's account is updated accordingly.

Year 13 Parents Notice

A reminder to year 13 parents that it is vitally important that any absences from school are accounted for. Each course has a course completion requirement and unexplained absences can have a major impact on passing courses and gaining qualifications. Please inform the school if you know your son is going to be away.

Nelson College Rugby 1st XV Supporters Club

You can contribute to the financial support of the Nelson College 1st XV team by purchasing a season ticket for \$100. For further information please contact:
Chris Lawton (Sports Coordinator)
Ph (03) 5483099 ext 852
Email: ln@nelcollege.school.nz

Student Office Information

NCEA Information

NCEA Certificates

All students should have received their Level 1 & 2 NCEA Certificates for 2008. Please ensure these are kept in a safe place with their Results Notice which were sent in January. These documents are your son's official academic records and are issued only by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). They will be required for future job and tertiary study applications. The school does not hold copies. If they are lost you will need to apply to NZQA and replacement fees are charged.

NCEA Fees reminder

NZQA fees are due by 28 August. Please pay by this date to the College Finance Office. After 28 August you will need to pay NZQA directly and this will incur a late fee of \$50. Please note that if you do not pay your fees you will not receive results or your certificate.

Financial Assistance

Applications for financial assistance are due by the same date.

Leaving School

Procedures and Leavers Certificates

If your son is leaving Nelson College before the end of the year please be aware that there is a formal leaving procedure that needs to be followed.

This process should begin by contacting your son's Dean and the Student Office. There is a leaver's form to be completed.

If it is the end of your son's schooling he will be issued with a Leavers Certificate signed by the Headmaster. This is an important record of his time at Nelson College and is often requested by employers and other training organisations.

For any queries about the Student Office Information, please contact Leonie Keyse.

Email: ks@nelcollege.school.nz
Phone: (03) 5483099 ext 833

Term Dates 2009

Term 2: 27 April- 3 July
Term 3: 20 July- 25 September
Term 4: 12 October - 10 December

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*Grease is the Word
and it's coming to Nelson College*

*Joint Production 2009
23 – 27 June*



Please support our College and enjoy a great night out

Grease tickets on sale now at Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls
From 13 June tickets will be on sale at Everyman in Hardy Street

Door sales available

Cash bar and refreshments before each show and during interval

Ticket prices from \$25 to \$5 (restricted viewing)

Tiered seating

Sponsorship Wanted

The Colleges would appreciate any offers of sponsorship for this upcoming production.

With a combined student body of 2000 any signage will give exposure to your business.

Please contact

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or

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