



NELSON COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Te Kura Tamawāhine o Whakatū

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1
February 2024



UPCOMING KEY DATES

Easter Break School Closed:
29th March - 2nd April

School Reopens:
Wednesday 3rd April

End of Term 1 Friday 12th April

Principal's Welcome

Tēna tātou e te whānau

Manaakitia te tangata, ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa nō hea

Treat people respectfully, irrespective of who they are or where they come from.

The whakatauki (proverb) above is something I spoke about at the beginning of the year to staff, students and our whānau who attended the mihi whakatau for new students to our kura. It links strongly to several of our values and speaks to the importance of knowing and understanding the person first. Before their work, before their subjects, before their results. It highlights the types of relationships I hope we are able to have with each other, kaiako & ākonga, whānau, iwi and our wider community.

It has been a pleasure to begin to get to know your children, our staff and those of you I have met so far. My welcome to Te Kura Tamawāhine o Whakatū | Nelson College for Girls' has been friendly, warm and engaging - ngā mihi, thank you!



Principal's Welcome cont.

We are also welcoming several other staff to our kura for 2025 and know that they will enjoy their time with us:

- Kathryn Cocker - Science
- Diane Garside - English
- Gina Edens - French
- Erin Chapman - TiC Outdoor Education
- Graeme Peake - English
- Laura Taylor - Commerce
- Michelle Hay - English

We have received our 2023 provisional results for NCEA and there is much to celebrate! Over the last few years there have been several disruptions to teaching and learning, so we hope you are particularly proud of your children, our students.

Below are our overall results for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3:

NCEA Achievement 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Uni Entrance
	76.6%	83.3%	81.3%	64.2%

Certificate Endorsement – students gaining more than 50 credits at Excellence level or more than 50 credits at Excellence/Merit level for Merit Endorsement.

Level 1			Level 2			Level 3		
Exc.	Merit	Total	Exc.	Merit	Total	Exc.	Merit	Total
25.6%	39.7%	65.3%	20.8%	35%	55.8%	15%	30%	45%

Please enjoy scrolling through our newsletter and seeing all of the activities and opportunities with which our students are involved.

We look forward to seeing you at our learning conferences and PFA Food Truck Friday on the 15th March!

*Ngā manaakitanga,
Whaea Claire*



Board News

Tēnā koutou, talofa lava, mālō e lelei, kia orāna, fakaalofa lahi atu, fakatalofa atu, malo ni, ni sa bula vinaka, namaste, hola, konichiwa, sawasdee, nī hāo, mingālabā and warm greetings to you all.

It has been a busy month for the Poari/Board. We are thrilled to have Claire O'Fee in the new Tumuaki/Principal position. The Poari would like to welcome Claire to our amazing kura/school and wish her well as she begins her next leadership career pathway at NCG. The Poari would also like to warmly welcome our new ākongā/students, whānau/families and kaimahi/staff to our kura.

Next month the Poari will be meeting with the Nelson College Poari to further develop our strategic directions and more collaboration between our Colleges. Please let me know if you have any ideas about our strategic direction going forward. We will also be finding ways to consult with you more in the near future.

New regulations — Boards' duty to prohibit use and access of mobile phones. The Poari is supporting the kura with: Regulation 22, Education (School Board) Regulations 2020. This means that all state schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

Over the past few weeks, the kura has had a focus on whanaungtanga, by connecting as a community. Thank you to all those who have been involved in organising the numerous activities and events. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to bring these to fruition. As ākongā settled into their classes, it has been great to see a calm learning atmosphere across the kura, which has been acknowledged by whānau, ākongā and kaimahi.

As we embark on a new academic year, we look forward to all of our ākongā achieving their personal best. However, we also know that at times there are challenges and ākongā need extra support. Please do not hesitate to contact the kura if you have any queries and they will ensure you get connected with the right person.

HELEN TAYLOR-YOUNG

BOARD CHAIR



Upcoming Events and Key Dates

2024 KEY DATES

Tuesday 5th March - NCG Athletics @ Saxtons - Selected Students

Wednesday 13th March - Junior Dance Y9 and Y10 7pm - 9pm NCG Hall

Friday 15th March - Learning Conferences and PFA Food Truck Friday (3pm-7pm)

Monday 18th March - Summer Tournament Week

Wednesday 20th March - Commemoration Service 11:45- 1pm Cathedral (Y12 & Y13 only)

Wednesday 27th March - Charity Day - Purple Day for Epilepsy NZ

EASTER BREAK

Good Friday 29 March (holiday)

Easter Monday 1 April (holiday)

Easter Tuesday 2 April (holiday)

Wednesday 3 April - School resumes as usual

Tuesday 9 April - Heptathlon - whole school event

Friday 12th April - End of Term 1



Board of Trustees

All meetings will commence at 4:45pm

Term 1

Week 8	Wednesday 20 March	January and February accounts
	Thursday 21 March	Nelson College Board invite NCG Board for a short catchup followed by drinks and nibbles.

Term 2

Week 2	Wednesday 1 May	March accounts
Week 7	Wednesday 5 June	April accounts
Week 10	Wednesday 26 June	May accounts

Term 3

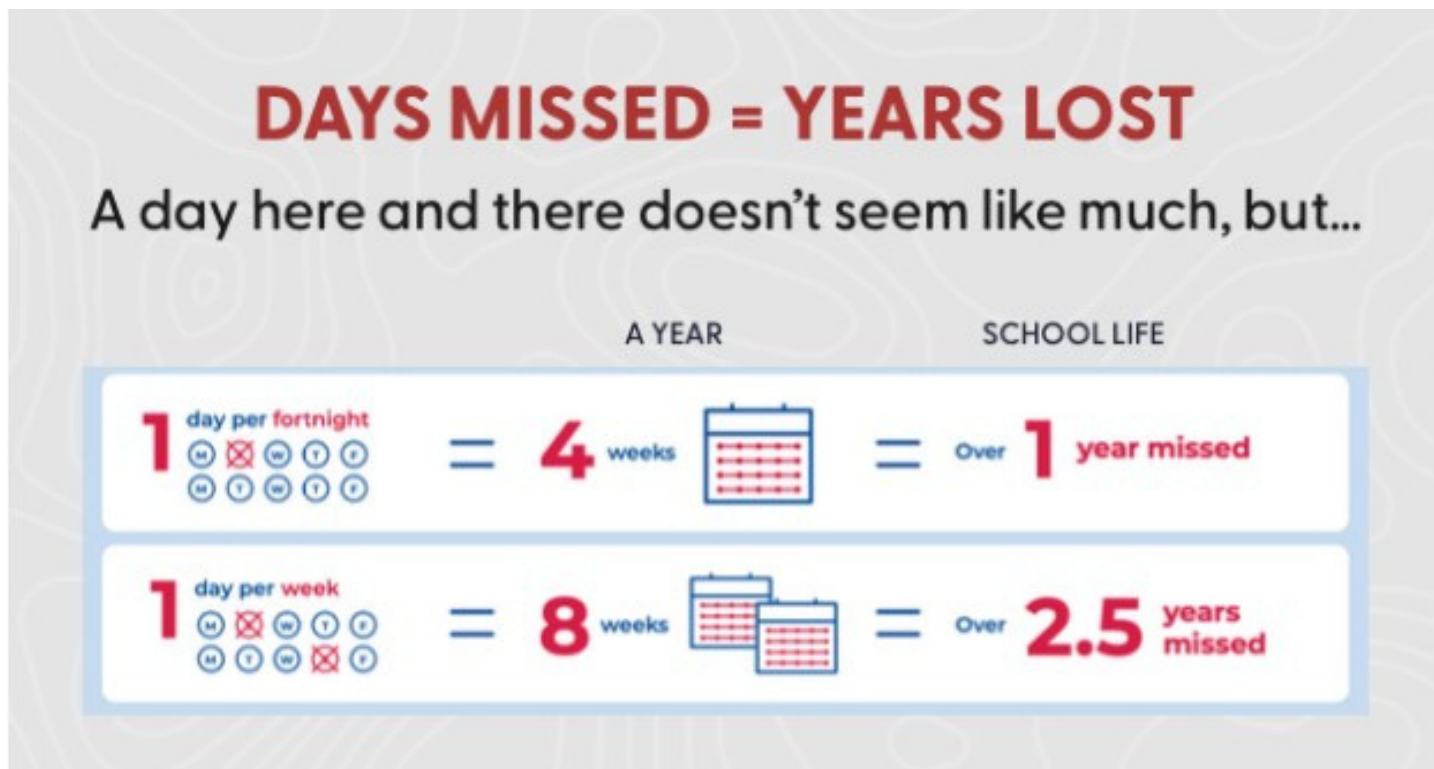
Week 4	Wednesday 7 August	June accounts
Week 9	Wednesday 11 September	July/ August accounts

Term 4

Week 2	Wednesday 23 October	September accounts
Week 9	Wednesday 4 December	October, November (may not be final) accounts Shorter Meeting followed by Christmas dinner

Pastoral News - Attendance

Many of you will be aware of the Ministry of Education's nationwide emphasis on school attendance post-Covid and the goal of regular school attendance of 90% for students. There is a direct correlation between regular attendance and academic achievement. We also know students have better social outcomes when they attend regularly. This graphic demonstrates that even just a few days missed in a year can have a big impact on attendance:



We understand that sometimes absences cannot be avoided, a special family event, medical reasons or sporting or cultural events. If your child is going to be absent, please make sure you have let Student Office know. If your child has an appointment, please specify if this is a medical or dentist appointment as this is coded differently to other appointments. Student Office also need to know the times of the appointment as well.

If you are struggling to get your child to school, please let us know as communication between home and school is vital. Your child's kaiārahi (mentor teacher) is your first contact, they have regular contact with your child and work hard to establish relationships. Together we can come up with strategies, incentives and support to increase attendance.

In the next newsletter I will be sharing some ideas and tips for maintaining good attendance, in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in contact through either your child's kaiārahi or Dean.

Student Office: absences@ncg.school.nz or call 03 548 3104 ext 5.

You can also download the Schoolbridge App (iphone and android) and use this to report an absence.

Get the School Bridge App!

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- Scan the QR Code to download. Or
- Search "**schoolbridge**" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.

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GET IT ON Google Play

Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.

Facial Piercings

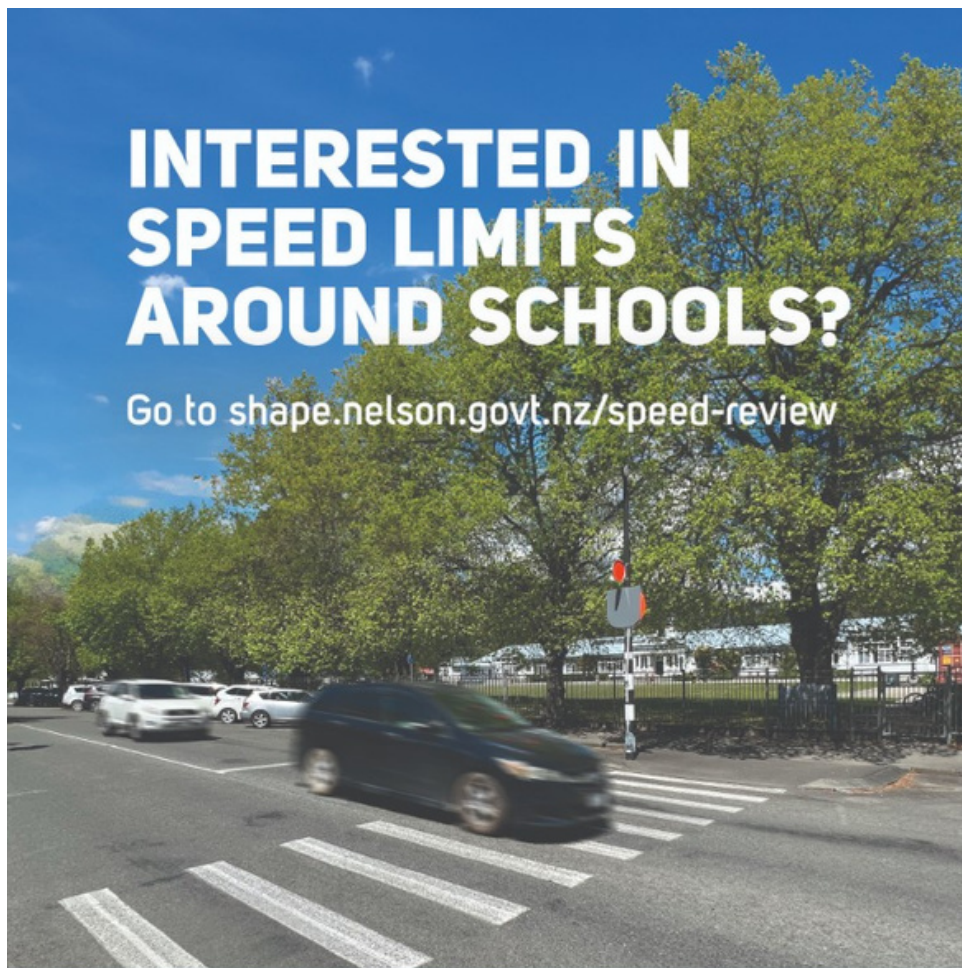
Our uniform guidelines state that we allow one nose stud (not a ring) and earrings as the only facial piercings permitted. All other facial piercings are not permitted. We would appreciate whānau support on this matter.



Pastoral News - Junior Dance

A combined Junior Dance (years 9 and 10) will be held with Nelson College here at NCG on Wednesday 13th March, 7pm-9pm. Theme to be confirmed and there is a small cost to cover expenses. To be able to attend, students need to have demonstrated they can uphold our Pride values and have had excellent attendance. Deans will be in touch with students and their whānau if a student is unable to attend.





Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council are currently seeking input from the wider community on speeds around our district. An area they are particularly interested to hear from people about is speeds around schools. They would also like to get feedback from school parents.

You can leave your feedback at the following link:

<https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/speed-review>

A kind reminder to whānau to avoid parking in the bus stops outside the college. The Nelson City Council has “zero tolerance” to illegal parking around schools at opening and closing times. They have recently issued infringement notices to several drivers.



Our advice is to park legally further away from the college and have students walk a short distance to school. Bronte Street can also be used as a drop off zone although this can also be congested at key times.

Senior students bringing their own vehicles to school need to complete a permission form at the student office. This is important in case any vehicles are damaged during the school day. Students should be parking in the streets surrounding NCG, and avoid the staff carparks on Bronte Street.



CAREER EVENTS 2024

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 27th – Massey University (First visit), 1:15pm – Careers Centre

MARCH

FRIDAY 1ST – Victoria University of Wellington (First visit), 1:15pm – Careers Centre

MONDAY 4th – Lincoln University (First visit), 10:00am – Careers Centre

MONDAY 11th – University of Canterbury (First visit), 1:15pm – Careers Centre

THURSDAY 14th – ARA Institute of Canterbury – 10:50am – Careers Centre

THURSDAY 14th – University of Otago (First visit), 1:15pm – Careers Centre

WEDNESDAY 20th – NRDA Civil Construction Career Day – Various Locations

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 3RD – NRDA Logistic's Career Day – Various Locations

MAY

WEDNESDAY 8th – NRDA Conservation Careers Day – Various Locations

WEDNESDAY 15th – NRDA Aquaculture Careers Day – Various Locations

TUESDAY 21st – Careers Roadshow – 12:30pm – 3:10pm – School Hall

FRIDAY 24th – Queenstown Resort College (QRC) – 1:15pm – Careers Centre

TERTIARY OPEN DAYS 2024

Massey University, Wellington Campus – TBC – Friday 23rd of August

Victoria University – Friday 23rd of August

University of Canterbury – Friday 30th of August

Lincoln University – Friday 19th of July 2024

University of Auckland – Online Info Evening, Tuesday 25th of June

Open Day, Saturday 24th of August

GATEWAY BRIDGE VALLEY DAY OUT

This year the Gateway students had a great teaming building and challenging day at Bridge Valley.

They got to know each other through some adventure-based learning activities, challenged by the high ropes in the trees and tactical teamworking skills with the laser strike competition. They learnt to get out of their comfort zone and make new friends along with some essential soft skills necessary to set them up for success when they start their work placements next term as well as for their future endeavours.



Library News

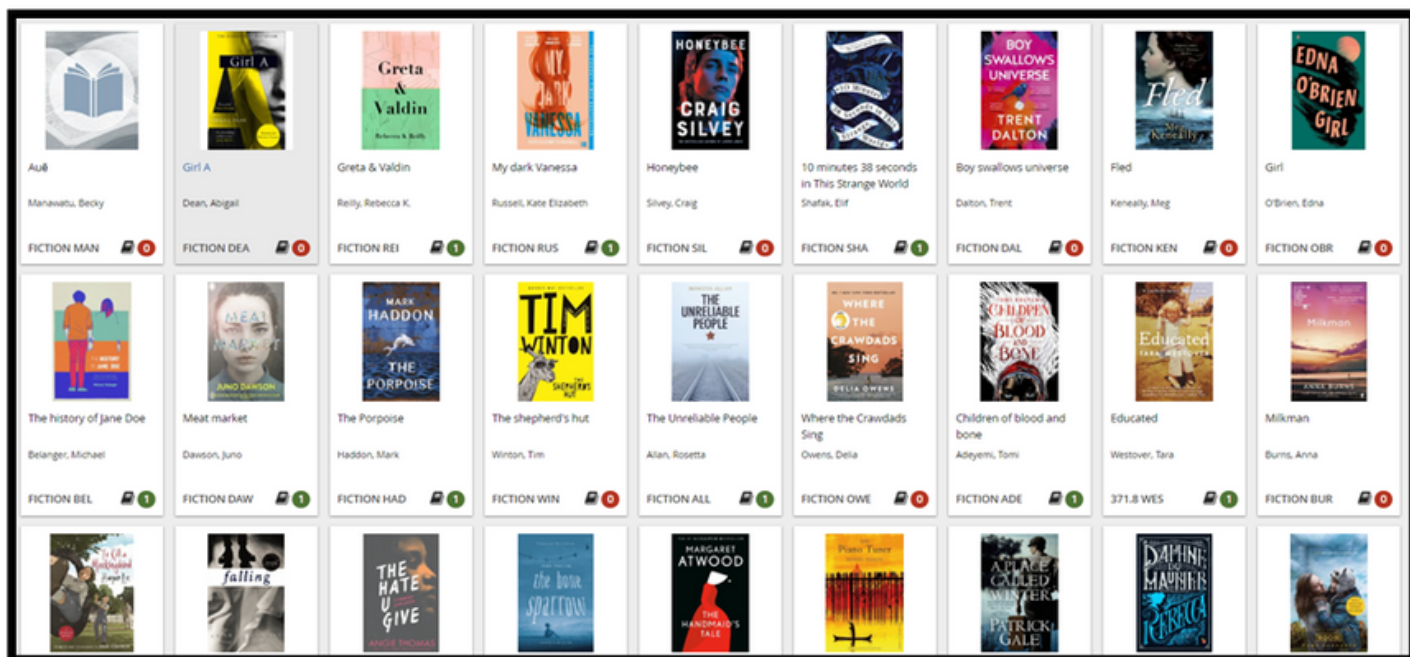
The Library has been busy with Orientations for all the new Year 7's, 9's and International students. It's been lovely to see all the new faces and to issue lots of great books.

If you'd like to explore the Library's collections check out the Library website here: [NCG Library](#).

Senior English Reading Responses

Many of our Senior English students are beginning work on their Reading Responses. For help with choosing books for these, head to our website and explore our Quick Lists – these are collections of books that are recommended for Level 1 and 2 (Year 11 & 12) English.

Click here for: [Level 1 Quick List](#) and [Level 2 Quick List](#) – see below some examples of the Level 2 recommendations:



We are also very happy to help you choose a great book – just come in and have a chat.

Year 9 Readers Cup Competition

Are you a keen reader and in Year 9 – if so we want you! The Top of the South Readers Cup competition is held in Term 2 each year, and we are looking for 2 teams of 5 students to represent NCG. If you are interested, pop into the Library to find out more.

Winners

Our Summer Book Bingo competition asked students to read a book over the holidays, that met one of the library challenges. Congratulations to our three winners: Monique Ashton, Aurora Harris and Caitlin Whiting.



Te Reo Māori - Glossary of Terms

Kanorau – diversity; one of our NCG PRIDE values.

Mahi tahi – to work together, collaborate and cooperate.

Manawanui – to be steadfast, tolerant, patient, persistent and dedicated.





First month at CJ HOUSE

Making the most of summer

Our new and returning boarders have settled into the lifestyle of communal living here in Nelson extremely well. Lots of girls have made the most of the school swimming pool most nights. Plus, hanging out in the common room playing board games together. They have also been attending Nelson's summer activities such as outdoor movies, food festivals and more.



Valentines day lunch

Our two head boarders Lara Exton and Sophia Tebbutt did an amazing job at organising and running our annual valentines day lunch. There was a delicious carbonara pasta dish for lunch followed by heart shaped desserts and chocolates.

The head students ran some house challenge activities which everyone enjoyed and took part in. They also got every girl to write a lovely note to someone else in boarding.



Up and coming events

Every Wednesday night our lovely gap students (Lara & Mariella) are running activities for our junior students.

Our head boarders will also be running a couple of house challenges

Hireage at CJ Boarding House

HIREAGE AT CJ BOARDING HOUSE



"CJ House was a wonderful place to stay for our sports tournament in Nelson. They have amazing facilities to use and delicious food for our players. Plus the staff were extremely helpful."



Did you know that we hire our boarding house out during all school holiday periods? From dorms, to common areas, to dining room and laundry, it can all be used during a hireages stay.

If you know of any sports teams, art or cultural groups or large gatherings like a family reunion happening in Nelson. Please contact the boarding house and one of our lovely staff will be in touch.



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Nelson, 7010



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03 548 1332



boarding@ncg.school.nz

Hireage at The Levels



THE LEVELS ACCOMMODATION

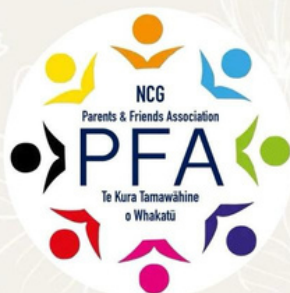
WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE LEVELS ACCOMMODATION, NELSON'S NEWEST STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FACILITY. THE LEVELS PROVIDES BRIGHT, MODERN ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES ONLY MINUTES FROM THE CENTRE OF NELSON.

APPLICATIONS OPEN TO NMIT FEMALE STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 18-25 YEARS. [HTTPS://WWW.NCG.SCHOOL.NZ/THE-LEVELS-ACCOMMODATION](https://www.ncg.school.nz/the-levels-accommodation)

PLEASE ENQUIRE AT **BOARDING@NCG.SCHOOL.NZ**

NCG PFA

Nelson College for Girls Parents & Friends Association



We are a passionate group of volunteers, aiming to strengthen the connection between students, parents, teachers and whānau, and create an inclusive and welcoming community.

We get involved in:

- Fundraising for resources to enrich the educational experience
- Supporting NCG with working bees
- Providing hospitality help at school events
- Contributing to key school projects
- Funding activities for students eg. lunchtime Zumba
- Hosting talks and educational seminars

We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7pm in the school staffroom. If you'd like to lend a hand and have enthusiasm and creative ideas, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us via email: ncgpfa@gmail.com

We'd like to thank you for making your annual donation to the PFA through the school invoicing system. These donations enable the PFA to finance programmes and activities and purchase much needed equipment and items that tight school budgets do not stretch to. We really appreciate your support.

Upcoming Event #1

Come have dinner at NCG!

Whānau picnic arranged by the PFA



FOOD TRUCK Friday

In conjunction with Learning Conferences

BYO picnic essentials

Friday

MARCH 15TH

Volunteers to help on the day/ bakers to donate cakes greatly appreciated

NCG Front Lawn

3.00 - 7.00PM

(entertainment from 5pm)

With a variety of food trucks, \$2 sausage sizzle, a cake stall and live music and entertainment

More details to follow!

Upcoming Event #2

Nelson College for Girls Parents & Friends Association



AGM

Monday 4th March

7pm

School Staffroom

Guest speaker: Paul Hampton from Victory Boxing

Join us to hear Paul's inspirational story



SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLECT UNIFORM ITEMS.

PLEASE DONATE ANY CLEAN UNIFORM IN GOOD CONDITION TO RECEPTION.

NCG PFA WOULD LIKE TO THANK BEV HAMILTON AT MASTER VALET FOR DRY CLEANING SERVICES PROVIDED



Paul set up Victory Boxing in 2011, whilst he was also Deputy Principal at Victory Primary School. From humble beginnings with only 20 kids, Victory Boxing currently caters for over 400 children in its after-school programmes, as well as offering daytime programmes to college and community groups, and very popular and well-attended adult fitness classes. Paul now works full-time for Victory Boxing and ensures all the programmes deliver on his core mission which is to make a positive impact on people's lives.



Find out more →



Join
ST JOHN
YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Maitai Division

 Tuesday  5:15 - 6:45pm (School Years 0 - 3)
6:30 - 8pm (School Years 4 - 13)  The Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church
34 Collingwood Street, Nelson

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz



LANDFALL

Young Writers' Essay Competition

Entries are now open for the 2024 Landfall Young Writers' Essay Competition.

ENTER NOW | Entries close 31 March 2024
Find out more at oup.nz/landfall-yw-essay-comp

The competition is open to anyone in Aotearoa aged 16–25 and will be judged by *Landfall* editor Lynley Edmeades.

The winner will receive \$500 and a year's subscription to *Landfall*. They will also have their essay published in *Landfall* 247, coming out in May 2024.



Are you year 11-13 and interested in the environment?

Keen to meet like-minded students and get hands-on experience to develop your leadership skills?

BLAKE Inspire is for you!

BLAKE Inspire - applications open for 2024!

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Together with the Ministry for the Environment, we are looking for up to 140 young, passionate environmental leaders to apply for our 2024 BLAKE Inspire programme. This year we have expanded BLAKE Inspire to support 140 delegates throughout the year and will be offering the programme through at least 45 fully subsidised scholarships and 95 partially subsidised positions at \$700 + GST (flights are included in the subsidised position and the scholarship positions).

And this year we are excited to announce we are running 4 programmes as follows:

- 15 – 19 April in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland
- 22 – 26 April in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland
- 15 – 19 July in Waikato
- 7 – 11 October in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland

Participation, adventure, and learning are all key requirements for delegates. They will take part in environmental and marine science activities and visit businesses and local organisations to learn about what they are doing to reduce their impact on the environment.

Most importantly, students spend the week with other like-minded young people, leaving BLAKE Inspire with new friends, stories, and action plans to start driving positive change within their own schools and communities.

Applications close **Sunday 3 March, 11.59 pm**. To apply, visit www.blakenz.org

For more information email the Programme Manager at elle@blakenz.org!

We would love to see some applications come in from your school!

Ngā mihi nui,
BLAKE



Scan QR code for more
info and to apply for
BLAKE Inspire!

Krankin' Kids

mountain bike coaching for youth



Term 1 Afterschool MTB Coaching

Monday @ Kaiteri (4:30-6:30pm)

Start Date: 12th of February

Wednesday @ Codgers (4:00-6:00pm)

Start Date: 14th of February

Thursday @ Richmond (4:00-6:00pm)

Start Date: 15th of February

7-week program of skills coaching, trail riding and good times!

**Beginners to advanced riders
welcome!**

Ages 8 - 15 years old



BOOK ONLINE: www.krankinkids.co.nz

Enquiries at info@krankinkids.co.nz

MUDDY BUDDY

Adventure Fun Run

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

TASMAN SCHOOL



FOOD | COFFEE | SILENT AUCTION | WHITE ELEPHANT STALL & MORE!

GREAT SPOT PRIZES! Incl. 2 BIKES from MY RIDE RICHMOND

PRIZES FOR THE BEST ECO DRESS-UP!

ENTER ONLINE | \$15 per person | \$40 family
ENTER ON THE DAY | \$20 per person | \$50 family
SIGN IN 9.30-11am | RACE STARTS 11.30am

EACH LAP APPROX 1KM

1 LAP - Kids, Family Fun, Open

2 LAPS - Open

3 LAPS - Open

www.tasman.school.nz





Nelson Bays Catchball



JOIN US AT

CATCHBALL

- **Tuesday 6.30pm: Nelson College for Girls, Health & Fitness centre**
- **Wednesday 7pm: Broadgreen Int. Hall - Stoke**
- **Friday 6pm: Badminton Hall - Richmond**



Fee: \$60/term - Youth fee: \$35/term.

First time is free.

You can join anytime throughout the term.

For women teens to 60+ .

CONTACT:

nelson.catchball.association@gmail.com

