

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 February/ March 2023



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 6th April
End of Term 1

Monday 24th April Staff Only Day-Prep included

Tuesday 25th April Anzac Day - School Closed

Wednesday 26th April Start of Term 2

Principal's Welcome

KIA ORA KOUTOU

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, and my first newsletter as Acting Tumuaki of Te Kura Tamawāhine ō Whakatū / Nelson College for Girls.

Term One has started positively with many events well-supported by whanau members— at the Mihi Whakatau for new students and staff, the Meet and Greet to meet staff in their teaching environment, the Head Student and Academic Colours assemblies and the Learning Conferences with kaiārahi.

Thank you for making the time to be there to support and acknowledge your students.

New Staff

We welcome new staff to our College this year and wish them well in our kura:

Tim Clack - Maths and Science

Anna Bamford – SENCO Terms 1 & 2

Anna Bulley – Reception

Nicola Gibellini –Guidance Counsellor

Talya Harwood – PE and Social Sciences

Alex Hunter, Rozane Stevenson – Teacher Aides

lain Thompson - Teacher in charge
of Chemistry/Science

Principal's Welcome Continued

After some very difficult years for senior students at NCG with Covid interruptions, home learning, hybrid learning and then the Nelson flood event, we were delighted with the NCEA results. Congratulations to all our Year 11, 12 and 13 students for their academic success and continued resilience.

NCEA Results LEVELS 1, 2 & 3

Achievement 2022	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	University Entrance
	77.1%	83.8%	85.7%	71.4%

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

2022	NCEA Level 1		NCEA Level 2			NCEA Level 3			
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Excellence	Merit	Total	Excellence	Merit	Total	Excellence	Merit	Total
							37	***	
	29.7%	40.7%	70.4%	19.4%	38.7%	58.4%	14.2%	35.8%	50%

Congratulations- 2022 year 11's-of all the students who entered NCEA Level 1 last year, and who achieved the qualification, 70% gained it with an endorsement – a great result worthy of celebration!

Please take the time to scroll through our newsletter. You will see the wide range of experiences available at our kura, note the accomplishments and talent of our students and learn a range of opportunities available to learners in our wider community.

Ngā mihi nui Heather McEwen



Upcoming Key Dates

Term One

Friday 10th March - Prep Open morning for 2024 intake (9am to 10am)
Monday 13th March - PFA AGM at 7pm
Wednesday 15th March - RYDA Day for Year 12
Wednesday 15th March - Junior Dance at NCG (for Years 9 & 10)
Sunday 19th March - Nelson Multicultural Festival
Tuesday 21st March - House Heptathlon
Friday 24th March - Intermediate Summer Tournament (Prep School)

Monday 27th March to 2nd April - Summer Tournament Week (NCG) Thursday 6th April - Cultural Diversity Day Concert Thursday 6th April - Last day of term one

Term Two

Monday 24th April - Staff Only Day (Year 7 to 13) Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day (public holiday) Wednesday 26th April - First day of term two

Board Meeting Dates

Nelson College for Girls Board of Trustees 2023 Meeting Dates

All meetings will commence at 4.45pm

Term 1		
Week 4	Wednesday 22 February	November and December accounts Preparatory School Annual General Meeting
Week 8	Wednesday 22 March	January and February accounts
Term 2		
Week 2	Wednesday 3 May	March accounts
Week 7	Wednesday 7 June	April accounts
Week 10	Wednesday 28 June	May Accounts
Term 3		
Week 4	Wednesday 9 August	June accounts
Week 9	Wednesday 13 September	July, August accounts
Term 4		
Week 2	Wednesday 25 October	September accounts
Week 9	Wednesday 6 December	October, November (may not be final) accounts Shorter meeting followed by Christmas dinner

Pastoral News

Uniform

After considering student and staff voice, Senior Leadership have made some minor adjustments to the current NCG uniform rules, these changes are:

1. Students are now allowed to wear one ring, one bracelet, one necklace/taonga and one anklet concurrently. Previously, rings were not allowed, and students were only

allowed a necklace/taonga OR a bracelet.

2. Students are now allowed to wear a jacket and scarf in class if they are feeling cold. The exception to this is in classes where wearing a jacket and/or scarf is a health and safety issue, for example Science, Technology, PE and Art. We ask that students respect a teacher's direction to remove items when requested for health and safety reasons.

Natural or light coloured nail polish is acceptable. No acrylic nails please. Nail polish and acrylics do pose health and safety issues in practical classes such as Foods, PE, Science and Technology.

Students and parents/whānau are reminded that nose rings are not permitted for health and safety reasons, but a small nose stud is acceptable. As the weather cools, we do see a surge in the number of hoodies - a plain black warm jacket is the accepted alternative to a hoodie.

The majority of our students wear the uniform with pride, and we appreciate the effort parents and whanau make to ensure students are dressed in the correct uniform. Currently we are looking at more cost-effective options for the school jersey, blazer and skirt as we do understand that uniform items can cause economic stress for families. We are also looking at the option of a high-quality polar fleece for those who find the jersey or vest uncomfortable. Please get in touch with your child's dean if you need any support obtaining uniform items.





Pastoral News Continued

Attendance

Many will be aware that attendance and engagement at school is a nationwide priority for the government and schools across New Zealand after the impact that covid-19 has had upon our communities. The NCG Pastoral team of Deans, Learning Support and the Counselling Department has identified 2023 as a year to implement a new attendance strategy which means that we will be targeting students with 80% attendance rates and below and celebrating those whose attendance is 90% and above.

What you need to know:

Your child's kaiārahi teacher will be in contact with any unexplained absences,

consistent lateness or possible truancy.

• If a student has unexplained absences or truancy issues, their ability to participate in co-curricular activities may be affected. This means they may not be allowed to attend such things as the Junior Dance, Senior Ball, sporting and cultural representation, year 13s may lose their ability to go offsite for their study periods. Your child's Dean will be in touch if these losses of school privileges are looking like a possibility.

 You can look at your child's attendance on the whanau/akonga portal accessed through the school website. Log-in instructions have been sent previously. Sometimes teachers make mistakes, so we encourage students to check their

attendance weekly.

 Thank you for letting the Student Office know when your child is unwell or attending sporting, cultural or family/personal commitments – these are coded as explained or justified absences and are not counted in the 80% and below threshold.

Junior Dance

In collaboration with Nelson College, we are excited to announce the first Junior Dance to be held in two years. This will take place on Wednesday, March 15th 7 to 9pm in the NCG school hall. This is for year 9 and 10 students only. Tickets will be sold the week prior by the Social Committee and all whānau will be sent a letter with more details about this event.







It's not too late to join the NCG CHOIR!

School choir (Stella Nova) meets on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:30pm in the music room PA3.

This lovely group is fantastic for anyone who likes to sing and wants improve their voice in a safe, fun environment.

Rehearsals are weekly on Mondays and no audition is necessary. Anyone in year 9-13 is welcome.

I look forward to seeing everyone who wants to sing on Monday afternoon in PA3!

Zoe Dee, Choir Director









Sports News



Weightlifting:

Congratulations to Tia Nacagilevu, who has been selected to represent NZ at the upcoming world youth Weightlifting Championships in Albania! Tia is our current NCGOGA Rosebowl recipient (our highest sporting award), and it's amazing to continue to watch her journey to the top of the world!

Endurance Racing:

At the recent Coast to Coast race from Kumara to Christchurch, our own Freya High won the overall school category with an amazing time of 15 hours, 1 min and 44 seconds. That time was enough to place her 76th out of 334 individual racers across all age categories for both men and women. An incredible performance from one of our year 13 superstars!





Rowing:

Congratulations to our NCG rowing crews that represented Nelson Rowing at the recent Club Nationals event in Twizel. There were so many awesome performances and podium finishes; for a full run down visit our Nelson College for Girls Sport facebook page.

Tennis:

At the TSS Tennis championships in Richmond earlier this month our NCG A team won the Girls title, completing three tie wins against a strong field. Well done ladies!

Beach Volleyball:

A great performance from Lola King and Luseane Uia saw them finish 7th at the NZSS Beach Volleyball champs at Mt Maunganui over Waitangi weekend. Congratulations team!

Library News

Welcome to the NCG Library

We have really enjoyed meeting all the new Year 9 students during their orientations, where we show them how to use the Library. If you'd like to have a look at what the Library provides, please check out the Library website here: NCG Library

NCG Student Librarians

Student Librarians at NCG library are a dynamic, fun and hard-working team. This year we are very pleased to welcome 10 new junior and senior students who will help us look after our library. Their tasks will include making sure the shelves look the best they can and show off all our wonderful books; issuing and returning books to students; labelling and covering books ready to go out on the shelves and many other important jobs that enable to library to tick along smoothly.



Are you a Lego Master?

Stuck for something to do at lunch or interval? Make a Lego masterpiece or just have some fun. We have a great selection of Lego in the library for you to indulge your creative spirit.



Chess club?



Every Wednesday we have Chess Club in the Library at lunchtime. We sometimes play a variant called Bughouse chess, which is played as a team of 4.

All are welcome – including

Preparatory School



Deanery News

To contact your child's Dean:

Dun Dean Anna Keogan: anna.keogan@ncg.school.nz

Whangamoa Dean Rani de Smit Tobin: rani.desmit@ncg.school.nz

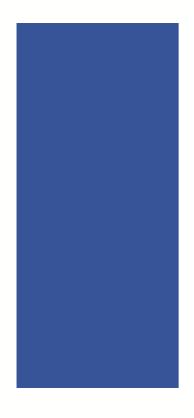
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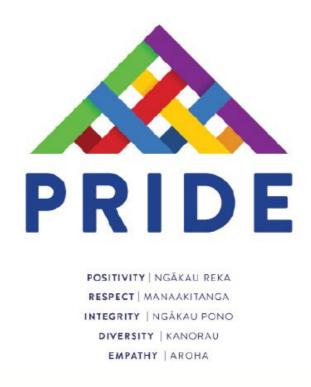
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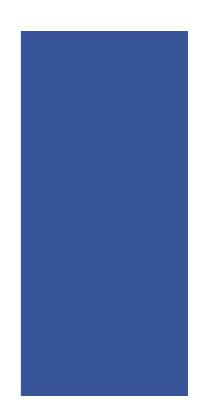
Waimea Dean Shelly Hulland: shelly.hulland@ncg.school.nz

Donations of uniform

The Deans would love any donations of clean uniform that is in good condition. We would like Jerseys, Summer skirts/Kilts and Blouses - short or long sleeves. We use these donations to help those in need. Thank you for thinking of others.







Social Services Committee

NCG Social Services Annual Report

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Thanks for your generosity! As an NCG community we gave nearly \$6000 to charities last year!

In 2022 Nelson College for Girls ākonga, kaiako and supporters gave nearly S6,000 to charities through the fundraising efforts of the student Social Services Committee, led by Isla Kennard. This is a massive achievement in what was a tough year for many, and a reflection of how passionate our students are about helping those in need.

We could not have done it without our wider NCG community, so thank you for your support. In particular, thank you to the many businesses and school whānau that made our major fundraiser, the October Pink Ribbon Breakfast possible. We hope we can count on you again this year, as we work towards Pink Ribbon Breakfast being held in May.

Thanks to the individual students, Ārahi classes and staff that participated in Relay Your Way, and raised money for the Cancer Society as part of Team NCG.

Thank you also to our students and whānau for our first charity day of this year, which raised money for the Auckland Mayoral Relief Fund. Our next Charity Day for this term is planned for Tuesday 28th February to raise funds to support one of our fellow schools affected by the cyclone in the Hawke's Bay. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Instead of feeling overwhelmed in the face of hardship, it helps us to take action in any small way that we can. Aroha mai, aroha atu. We give with PRIDE.

List of donations made by the Social Services Committee in 2022:

- Fifeshire Foundation Nelson \$500.00
- Alzheimer's NZ \$300.00
- Heart Kids \$400.00
- Autism NZ \$400.00
- Red Cross Tongan Tsunami Appeal \$697.80
- Mental Health Foundation \$710.10
- Diabetes NZ \$514.60
- Keeping Kids Warm Nelson \$704.20
- Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Fund \$690.00
- Brain Injury Trust Nelson \$316.20
- Nelson Community Foodbank \$316.20
- Breast Cancer Foundation \$2959.71



Relay Your Way for the Cancer Society was fundraised entirely online, not through the school. Team NCG supporters donated hundreds of dollars. If you would like to be involved in, or support, the work of the NCG Social Services Committee in 2023, please contact the student leader Saphron Carman, Saphron Carman saphron.carman@ncg.school.nz.

International Students

Civic Welcome for International Students

The Nelson College for Girls International students represent a number of countries including Hong Kong, Korea, China, Japan, Thailand, Germany, Switzerland, France and the United States.



Our International students had a Civic Welcome with the Mayor Nick Smith on the 23rd February 2023. This was a lovely evening and dinner, enjoyed by all.





Boarding at NCG



Some of the 2023 Boarding House girls getting ready for their first day of school

Boarding fun evenings in the school pool.



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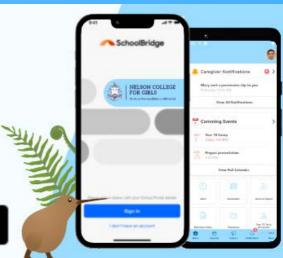
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NCG Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

Opportunity to join NCG Parents and Friends Association (PFA)

Come and meet like-minded, passionate people and get involved with supporting the school. The PFA typically runs events during the school year to raise funds, to promote diversity and inclusion and to link with the wider community. Previous successful events have included raffles, auctions, community speakers and working bees in the school grounds.

If you are able to lend a hand and have energy, enthusiasm and creative ideas, we are keen to hear from you! Our email address is ncgpfa@gmail.com. Meetings take place once a month; the next one is the AGM on Monday 13th March 7PM, held in the school staff room.



Thank you!

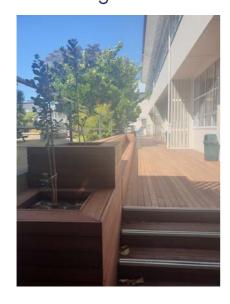


Thank you to the PFA for supporting our project to fill planters outside the Social Sciences block. These spaces are well used by large numbers of students in their break times, and we look forward to the trees growing and complementing other native planting around the canteen, as well as providing some shade in the future. We filled six planters adjacent to the deck with karo, and created a fernery in the courtyard area.

Jennifer, Pauline and I spent a full day at the end of the last school year shovelling gravel and top soil and planting the plants, and then the three of us, along with Drew, diligently came in and watered them regularly over the summer break.

They are now thriving. Please see some attached pictures, or pop down and have a look at them in situ. The students have also commented on the trees and how they make the area a lot nicer. We were also able to pass some unused top soil to the school groundsman, to use to top up other plantings around the school.

Long-term we are now planning how we can get creative and get students involved in completing the area – we have plans to mosaic the garden border of the fernery, and paint a bush scape mural on the concrete retaining wall in the patio area outside Room 5, and under the English deck.



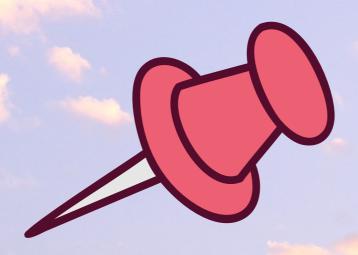


THANK YOU!

Glenn Bisdee in support of Keeping Kids Active fame kindly donated a range of excellent quality and very expensive photography equipment to the school Photography Department. It was received with much thanks and delight.



Thank you to Kristof and Contract Flooring Services for gifting pinboards to the School. We greatly appreciate you donation.



Canteen News

You will have noticed some new faces in your Tuckshop this year. We would like to introduce **Emma** – our new Team Leader and **Rachel** and **Karen** who you will see both of from time to time. We would also like to take the opportunity to say farewell to **Rebecca** who has taken great care of you all over the last 10 years. Rebecca has moved into caregiving, and we wish her well for her new career.

Please check out the specials board each day for what's on offer. We are happy to modify our offering to cater for any dietary requirements so please speak to one of the friendly staff in the canteen if you have any special requests.

Careers News

Careers Events 2023

MARCH



MONDAY 13th – Trades Collective Roadshow, 1.45 – 2.45pm, Venue TBC

MONDAY 20th - Otago University First Round Visit, 1.15pm, Careers Centre

WEDNESDAY 29TH – Civil Construction Careers Exploration Day, All day – various locations

TERTIARY OPEN DAYS 2023

Otago University - Sunday 7 and Monday 8 May
University of Auckland - TBC
Massey University - Wellington Friday 29 August
Victoria University - Friday 25 August
University of Canterbury - Friday 8 September
Lincoln University - Friday 29 September

Careers News-Opportunities

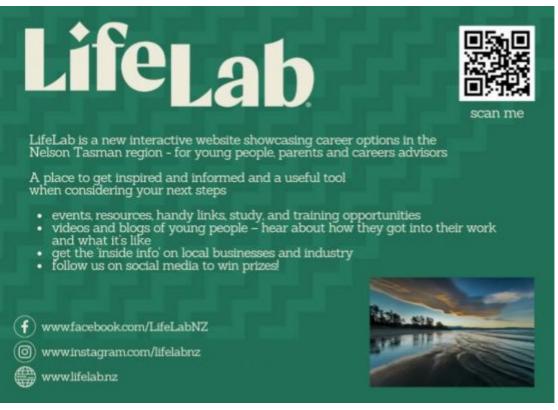
TRADES ACADEMY at NMIT POWHIRI

Today is the first day for NCG students at NMIT doing their chosen courses for Trades Academy 2023. Here students spend each Friday throughout the year learning about their Trade of interest. Trades that our students are doing at NMIT are Art and Design, Beauty, Hairdressing, Culinary Arts and Sports and Exercise.

Other students are doing block courses throughout year being held at Whenua iti, such as Adventure Tourism, Manaaki Tapoi, Uniform Services and Civil Defense & Emergency Services.

Congratulations to all of our students that have been selected for Trades Academy. We wish them all the best for the year.





Health & Safety

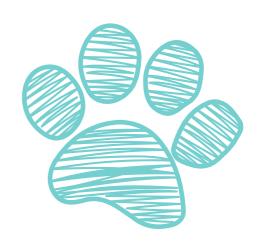
Spot our new drop-off zone at the end of Bronte Street!

We have put this in place for the safety of our students. Please use this rather than double parking on Trafalgar street where buses need space to pull in and out of the school





Just a reminder that for Health and Safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This includes being carried or on a lead. Thank you for keeping our students safe





If you are coming on site, please remember to sign in at the Main Reception Desk.

Community notices

Hireage at Clarice Johnstone Boarding House

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 be all 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 at boarding@ncg.school.nz and one of our lovely staff will be in touch to help plan a stay at the coolest accommodation



in town.













Come and try out Taekwon-Do, the Korean art of self-defence and the world's most popular martial art.

Taekwon-Do is fun for all ages and incorporates patterns, sparring, breaking, flying techniques, self-defence, and a whole lot more!

Classes are affordable, fun and a great way to learn something new.

Location: Old Gym, Nelson Boys College, Franklyn Street, Nelson

Class Times (School Term Time Only):

Kids: Tuesday 6pm-7pm

Adults/older kids: 7pm-8:30pm Tuesday

and Thursday

Contact:

itkdnelson@gmail.com

Visit:

https://www.facebook.com/nelsonitkd

Kids Shows! The New Tales of Quinn Help write the story! 25 Mar. Age 3-9yrs Jack & the Beanstalk Puppets! 26 Mar. Age 3-8yrs Ahoy Me Farties Captain Stinkpants! 1st April. Age 8-12yrs All tix \$10. All shows just less than an hour. Red Door Theatre, 95 Atawhai Drive, The Wood www.nelsonfringe.co.nz

REGISTER FOR NYDS '23

8 - 16 APRIL 2023

Sign up for eight days of being your fabulous self at NYDS '23. National Drama School (NYDS): Taiohi Whakaari-a-Motu returns with more mics, lights and performing arts action for 14yo to 19yos.

Don't miss out on your choice of over 20 classes as some workshops fill up fast. Classes are run by industry professional tutors from all over Aotearoa, including:

- · CIRCUS SKILLS
- · DRAG SCHOOL
- MAKEUP DESIGN
- · STREET ART
- + MORE

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FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with physical disabilities. We are now taking enrolments for the following 2023 courses:

LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver.

Fri 7 - Fri 14 April 2023

YOUTH ACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years.

Thur 20 - Thur 27 April 2023

Contact us for more information

Email: adapted@outwardbound.co.nz Freephone: 0800 688 927





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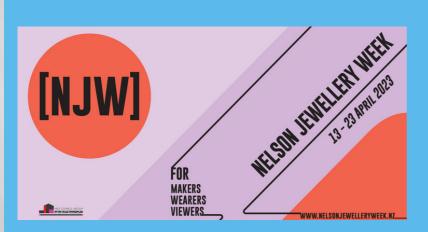


Does your child require further support, over and above what can be offered at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence? We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English and support, for primary, intermediate and college students. Visit www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.



Want to learn self-defence and become more confident? Do AIKIDO a Japanese Martial Art We have children's classe's from 8yrs -16yrs Wed & Fri 5pm - 6pm Check out our Facebook page, www.aikidonelson.nz or call Callum 0210694211



13 to 23 April this year, Nelson Jewellery Week returns for 10 days of exhibitions, workshops and events across town, celebrating contemporary jewellery as an art form and means of expression.

All our exhibitions, public events and floor talks are free to attend, and we are offering a special youth concession rate for some of our workshops that are appropriate for rangatahi who are interested in art and jewellery making.

- Introduction to Jewellery Making with Jen Laracy from The Jewel and The Jeweller
- Radical Acts of Transformation with artist, researcher and educator Gabby O'Connor
- Drop Spindle Cord Making with artist and
- weaver Annie Mackenzie

 Making Heirlooms for the Future, using objects you already have with Jacky
- Thing Thing String Thing with Sharon Fitness & Jack: jewellery and cowboy electronics - fun!!
- Resin Jewellery Workshop: make your own resin piece of jewellery with Maca Bernal

You can find all our events on our website, nelsonjewelleryweek.nz All our workshops can be booked via Eventfinda: https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/user/nelsonje <u>welleryweek</u>

Book Launch

Exciting news!

On Monday 13 March 5.30pm, illustrator Alistair Hughes and author Maria Gill are launching their book 'Ernest Rutherford: Just an Ordinary Boy' at the Nelson Provincial Museum, Corner Trafalgar Street & Hardy Street, Nelson. All teachers, parents, and children are invited! Maria will talk about writing the book, Alistair will show his illustrations, together they'll read

Maria will talk about writing the book, Alistair will show his illustrations, together they'll read aloud the story, and then demonstrate an exciting science experiment. Please spread the word!







Opportunity to take part in Research for Otago University



Later school start times research: have your say We'd like to hear your opinions about later starts for Year 12 and 13 students.

Click the link below to access short University of Otago research surveys for students (age 16+), parents, teachers and principals, and Board of Trustee members of NZ high schools.

The research is funded by CureKids and the study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee approval #22/105

https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/teensleep/