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Fell House Newsletter Term 2

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Dear Fell Parents

Comings and Goings

During this term we have welcomed three new members to Fell House, **Luke Buddhichewin, Mitchell Schwass** and **Tamati Matene**. Next term we will welcome a number of new boys who come from both New Zealand and overseas.

We also welcomed **Jackie Newport** at the end of this term to the staff at Fell House. Jackie has been appointed to the position of matron. Jackie is already employed as one of the support staff at college.

Soon after accepting the position as Matron at Fell House, Donna Barlow's husband decided to retire early. Donna has now decided to join Rick in early retirement although she was very sad to be leaving us. I would like to thank Donna for all her efforts in caring for the boys and the house over the last two terms and wish her and Rick all the very best for the future.

Reports

Included in this mail out are boarding reports for all boys and school reports for seniors; junior reports are due to come out August 6th next term. Homeroom teachers will also look at boys' reports to identify anywhere we are able to assist them. If you would like to discuss any issues raised by reports, please don't hesitate to contact me next term. I am happy to talk to teachers on your behalf, or ask them to contact you directly.

Boarding Houses Quiz Night

On 4 June senior boarders from both Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls organised a quiz. Teams were mixed, with a range of boarders from all four houses and age groups. This evening proved to be one of the more successful social occasions we've held and was a good chance for everyone to mix. We were pleased to have George, Joey and Kodee in the team that tied for first but lost on the sudden death round naming soup flavours.

We hope to continue with other organised activities between the houses next term.

Grease

The combined Nelson College production of Grease was staged in week 9 of this term. Although we had no on stage actors this year we did provide vital back stage and technical support with important contributions by **Mick van Wijk** and **Borys Chabior**.

Interhouse Competitions

Congratulations to all the boys who have given their best representing Fell House in the many competitions this term. Our junior boys went easily through to the final of Touch. The team consisted of **Jimmy Peter, Sam Tiueti, Ethan Bartle, Ethan Blackadder, Kyle Borlase, Shaughn McNabb, Jake Moore, Jack Westenra**.

The senior team had more success with 7's. Classy performances saw the team (**Ethan Bartle, Peter Brown, Reuben Northover, Kodee Goldsworthy, Jason Kipalan, Matt O'Sullivan, Jack Rowe, Kent Strange, Phil Trvelyn, George Westenra**) through to the finals.

The House showed good commitment in the Cross Country. Our participation rate was first equal, with a couple of hardy members competing with a cast on their arms including **George Westenra** who managed 8th in the seniors, along with **Ian Gurden** 4th and **Henry Westenra**, 3rd. Special mention must also be made of our Year 9 boys who were the only group in the entire school to have 100% participation.

Visits to Blenheim, Golden Bay, West Coast

Thank you to those who were able to get together with us during the trips this term to meet current and prospective parents. It was great to be able to show our appreciation of your support in your home town. If you have any feedback and suggestions for future trips please don't hesitate to contact me.

Success for Fell Boys

Congratulations to the following boys who have achieved a variety of honours.

Ben Curnow who is the Nelson Regional Junior Clay bird shooter. It is great to see the large number of junior boys that are interested in taking up this sport. We look forward to house shooting.

Fell boys have also continued to achieve representative honours in basketball with **Michael Karena** making the U17 New Zealand Basketball team, **Adam Rainbird** and **Brad MacLaughlin** making the Nelson U19 team.

Henry Westenra made the U16 Nelson Hockey team and **Ian Gurden** made the Nelson U18 team.

Grant Lawrence won Gold at the National Rowing Competition earlier in the year.

A number of boys have made Nelson Bays training squads for rugby. Congratulations to **Sam Tiueti, Jake Moore, Mitchell Schwass, Peter Brown, Kodee Goldsworthy, Reuben Northover, Matt O'Sullivan** and **George Westenra**.

Weekend Leave

A reminder that boys need to indicate their weekend leave plans on Wednesday night so that the dining room can be informed of numbers. Leave is then confirmed Thursday night with the boys. I would really appreciate hearing from parents and hosts by this time, my contact details are at top of this newsletter. Unfortunately, I do not receive messages left on my phone after 8am Friday morning in time to confirm with the boys.

Looking Forward

Next term we look forward to the Haka Competition. This is a new competition for 2009 and is building towards a whole school haka for the Annual Quadrangular Tournament that Nelson College will host in the second week of term 3.

Another big focus for next term is House Singing. This year we have a new format with every house singing a compulsory song, (this year it is Build Me Up Buttercup) and a song of choice.

Important Dates

26-29 July	Quad Tournament (hosted by Nelson)
6 August	Junior school reports posted
9 August	Year 12 Ball
14 August	House Singing Competition
20 August	Junior Dance
28 August	Winter Boarding Music Festival
Week7	Tournament Week
3 September	Teacher Only Day
4 September	Mid Term Break
9 – 16 September	Senior Exams
19 September	Nelson College Ball

The house is closed from 4pm on Friday 3 July. We look forward to seeing the boys back next term, Sunday 19 July. The house will be open from lunchtime onwards.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday.

Michelle

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Fell Staff