



# NELSON COLLEGE

## Newsletter

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### 2010 Calendar Term 1 (Weeks 0-3)

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Jan 26</b>    | Deans' Day –by appointment only   |
| <b>Jan 27</b>    | Deans' Day –by appointment only   |
| <b>Jan 29</b>    | TEACHER ONLY DAY  |
| <b>Jan 31</b>    | Year 13 Boarders in after 2pm   |
| <b>Feb 1</b>     | NELSON ANNIVERSARY<br>All Boarders in after 10am and before 8pm   |
| <b>Feb 2</b>     | <b>School Timetable</b><br><u>Year 9 and Year 13</u><br>8.30am –Powhiri, Hall<br>10am–3pm Camps at Rabbit Island<br><u>International Orientation</u><br>9.30am -Sir Wallace Rowling Centre<br><u>Years 10, 11 and 12</u><br>No school on this day<br><u>Preparatory School begins</u> |
| <b>Feb 3</b>     | <b>Start Times –Hall</b><br><u>9am</u> Years 9 and 13<br><u>10am</u> Year 10<br><u>10.45am</u> Years 11 and 12<br><i>All students leave at 11.30am</i>  |
| <b>Feb 4</b>     | Year 13 Leadership Normal School for Years 9 to 12  |
| <b>Feb 6</b>     | WAITANGI DAY  |
| <b>Feb 8</b>     | Year 13 to Hall Period 1 Normal School for Year 9 to Year 12  |
| <b>Feb 8-11</b>  | Year 9 Parent/Syndicate Meetings, 7pm, Staffroom  |
| <b>Feb 12</b>    | Normal School Day   |
| <b>Feb 15-18</b> | Year 9 Parent/Syndicate Meetings, 7pm, Staffroom  |
| <b>Feb 16</b>    | Presentation of Leadership Badges Assembly, 11am, Hall  |
| <b>Feb 17</b>    | Class & Student ID photos   |

### Management Team Contacts

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### Headmaster's Message

*Dear Parents/Caregivers*

It has now been 3 years since I formally took over the reins as the 20th Headmaster of Nelson College. During this time the College has faced considerable challenges. These have included substantial changes to staff, particularly in senior and middle management and dropping numbers of boarding and international students which were all compounded by significant financial and property issues.

Throughout these last three years there was sometimes a disconcerting feeling that we were merely lurching from one crisis to another and struggling to find a light at the end of the tunnel. However, what has become very clear is that the core business of the College was not compromised during this time of uncertainty - young men enjoyed the benefits of a passionate and skilled teaching staff and a safe, secure and positive culture where each individual is valued. We have been successful in providing boys with the social and academic knowledge, skills and attitudes which will enable them to make considered and safe choices in their transition into adulthood and to prepare them for the next steps in their lives.

As we look forward to 2010 I can report roll increases in boarding, international and the day school and a 2010 budget which will enable us to continue the work from 2009 on property upgrading and maintenance.

Three core curriculum and professional development initiatives will continue in 2010 either partially or fully funded by the generosity of parents and Old Boys:

(a) The Secondary Literacy Initiative ... a cross curricula programme to lift literacy levels in the junior school

(b) Environmental studies / science courses supported by Professor Peter Lamb University of Oklahoma.

(c) Palmer Scholar series of whole staff professional development, promoting teaching excellence supported by Sir Geoffrey and John Palmer

One new initiative supported by a member of the community is the funding of an extra 12 hours of teacher staffing for the year specifically attached to Year 13 classes and students who have been identified as having the potential for success at the Scholarship level.

### The Parents Teachers Association

This organisation continues to grow from strength to strength and once again has contributed in many ways in supporting and improving the College. A strong link with the College's Management team has been maintained with the presence of Tim Tucker, our Deputy Principal, at the meetings.

The Association has and is contributing to a significant number of infrastructure projects and on behalf of the College community I would like to thank them for their support and passion.

To all of our students, parents, staff and to the wider community I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year

Regards

Gary O'Shea MEd(Admin)  
HEADMASTER

## Prizegiving Accolades



Nelson College Dux  
photo courtesy of The Nelson Mail

**Dux** -Colin Neale Memorial Trophy and Board of Trustees Medallion

### Liam Beaumont

-first in Biology, Chemistry, English and Mathematics (Statistics and Modelling). Liam was also the recipient of the William Edmund Atkinson Scholarship, the Atmore Memorial Scholarship and the Thompson Scholarship.

**JG McKay** (leadership, character and scholarship) Awarded to the 2010 Head Boy **Scott Kearney**

### Nelson Science Scholarship

(Studying for a BSc at Canterbury University)

**Yohei Mikawa**

### Year 13

Network Tasman Award

**Josh Bate**

### Year 12

Blick Cup (Best All-rounder)

**Oscar Barkle**

Network Tasman Award (Science, Electronics, Business)

**Oscar Barkle**

Richmond Scholarship (For General Excellence)

**Napameth Phantawesak**

### Year 11

Murray Fantham Memorial Award (Best All-rounder)

**Misha Sinner**

Network Tasman Award (Science, Electronics, Business)

**Henry Wallace**

Newcombe Scholarship (For General Excellence)

**Henry Wallace**

## Board of Trustees Medallions

Medallions are awarded for outstanding achievements in 2009. To receive a medallion a student must win a National Title or gain National Selection.

### Seung-Woo Hong

NZ Secondary Schools Short Video Competition

**Jasper Broad-Kolff**

NZ Culinary Competition - Gold

**Yohei Mikawa**

NZ Secondary Schools Brass Band

NZ Men's Black Belt Seido Karate Champion

**Michael Karena**

NZ U17 Basketball Team

**Adam Rainbird**

NZ U19 Basketball Team

**Scott Kearney**

NZ U18 Hockey Team

**James Burn**

NZ U14 Inline Hockey Team

**Callum Anderson**

NZ Junior Motorbike Trials

Champion

**Ryan Amlehn**

NZ Optimist Sailing Team

**Grant Lawrence**

NZ Rowing Gold, Cox Club Eight

**Douglas Hilson**

NZ Rowing Golds - Cox Open

Women's Eight & U21

Women's Eight

**Reuben Northover**

NZ U17 Rugby Team

**Matt O'Sullivan**

NZ U17 Rugby Team

**Jack Fletcher**

ISA NZ Softball Team in Canada

**Jay Wright**

NZ U17 Touch Team

**Alex Low**

NZ Volleyball Team

**Nicholas Bell**

NZ Volleyball Team

## 'Cleaner' Cleans Up Top Prize in Cut! Annual Wintec Film Awards

A reflective suspense film about a paranoid school cleaner has taken out the 'Best Film' prize in annual Wintec New Zealand Secondary Schools Short Video Competition - Cut!



'The Cleaner' was directed by **Seung-woo Hong** from Nelson College, who, after making a last minute call to travel to Hamilton to attend the ceremony, was delighted to learn that his carry-on luggage home would include an iMac, Final Cut Express, a Ricoh digital camera and a Wintec Bachelor of Media Arts first-year study grant.

The judges said that 'The Cleaner' stood out for its strong soundscape, suspenseful atmosphere and creative visual storytelling and construction.

Article and photo courtesy of Wintec

## Study Grant Awarded

Year 13 Barnicoat Boarder **Jesse Loughnan**, has been awarded a \$2000 study grant from a West Coast Corporation to assist with his tertiary studies next year. *Congratulations*

## Colours Term 4

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Level I and Level II Colours in Term 4 for outstanding achievement in performing arts and sports.

### LEVEL II

Hockey **Scott Kearney and Steffan Fastier**

Performing Arts **Paul Williams, Johnnie Cameron, Ben Chambers and Kenneth Gaffney**  
Softball **Jack Fletcher**  
Karate **Yohei Mikawa**

### LEVEL I

Cross Country **Ewoud Noordeloos, Dan Boyd, Claude Meffan, Mark Murphy, Isaac Johnston, Austen Dean, David Chamberlain and Will Stace**  
Hockey **Will Stace, Matt Stace, Peter Birzer, Joe Bywater, Nick**

## Student News

### Drama School Beckons



Photo courtesy of The Nelson Mail

Kenneth Gaffney is the only secondary school student from the Nelson region to have been accepted this year into Toi Whakaari, the New Zealand Drama School in Wellington. Kenneth was among 200 hopefuls who were whittled down to 20 students for next year's course. *Congratulations*

Williamson, James Hawtin, Kristian Doel, Sam Neame, Cam Preston, Michael Thorburn, Frederik de Haan, Greg Field, Henry Westenra, Ian Gurden, Adrian Riepen, Jacob Thomson-Laing, Cam Burton, Milne Riley, Scott Kearney and Steffan Fastier

Performing Arts Doug Colling, Miles Devine, Ramsey Gyde, Eddie Glossop, Oliver Neas, Owen Connors, Ross Inness-McLeish, Claude Meffan, John Dover, Hugo van Dyke, Bruno Simpson, Tom Pearson, Ed Palmer and Tom Ryan

Music Sam Bigwood, Kenneth Gaffney, Saxon Gordon, Yohei Mikawa, Ben Munro, Oliver Neas, Tom Norton, Bruno Simpson, Henry Westenra, Aleisha Cowie and Louise Moroney

Softball Tom Arps, Eli Carter, Kyle Casey, Sam Church, Ethen Cooper, Paul Grant, Tasman Norrness, David Orr, Jack Rennie, Matt Spear, Sam Thorn, Sam Miller, Daniel Mallabar and Jack Fletcher

Karate Shehaan Lamb, Sam Webber and Chris Hughes

Football 1st year Jason Macquet, George Kaukui, Philip Tunepa, Jonathan Ball and Andrew Staples; 2nd year Yannik Wouts, Elliot Stansfield, Jono Drew, Matt Macquet and Aiden Lawrence; 3rd year Adam Leckey and Brock Goodison; 4th year Angus Rooney

Rugby Steven Armstrong, Vaito Asomua, Daniel Baxter, Joel Broderson, Peter Brown, Luke Collier, Kodee Goldsworthy, Scott Green, Matthew Keyse, Jesse Loughnan, James Lowe, Dylan Monopoli, Reuben Northover, Matt O'Sullivan, Mitchell Scott, Willis Scott, Fletcher Smith, Logan Smith, Richard Swart, Mitchell Thwaites, Jiuta Tuni, Soroi Veri, Ben Wadsworth, George Westenra, Daniel Wilkes, Jay Wright, Tamu Mausi'i and Bevan Piper

## Department News

### Science



### New Zealand's Next Top Engineering Scientist

The competition was held on Saturday the 19th of September, with students working from 8am through to 5pm to produce a report that answered the

competition question - "Could New Zealanders save enough electricity via energy efficiency improvements in homes to avoid New Zealand requiring an additional power station being constructed?"

Oscar Barkle, David Chamberlain and Ellery Daines with the help of the World Wide Web and their own remarkable talent argued that New Zealand "would need" an additional power station. Their entry was judged runner-up out of the 98 teams (including 3 teams from Nelson College) that entered and for their efforts they received \$2500 - a great honour indeed!

### Awards from the Cawthron Science and Technology Fair

Science Gold Standard Award

Tobias Mueller

Judges Highly Commended Award

Oliver Coleman, Ellery Daines, Jack Upton, Adam Hill and Fraser Malpas

School Representative Award

Ross Green, Josh Stove, Blake Hornblow, Jordan MacMillan, Jasper O'Donnell, Patrick Davis, Luke Johnston, Michael Lowe, Finn O'Neill-Stevens and Fraser Neill

### Brightsparks Finalist

Liam Beale was one of the finalists in the 2009 national Bright Sparks electronics competition. His entry called "WRB 1 - World Record Beater" is an initial stage of an unmanned model aircraft. Liam's project can be viewed online: [www.brightsparksawards.org.nz/finalists/15-16-years/liam-beale/](http://www.brightsparksawards.org.nz/finalists/15-16-years/liam-beale/)

## Sports News

### Basketball

Congratulations to Finn Delany who has been selected in the NZ U16 Basketball (Koru) squad to play in Australia in January 2010.

### Cricket

The 1st XI cricket team recorded a win against St Stanislaus from Bathurst, Australia.

Nelson College, 205 (Ben Gully, 65 runs)

St Stanislaus, 85 (Johnny Skeggs, 3/9)

The 2nd XI also recorded a win over St Stanislaus

In club competition Willis Scott scored 104 against Royal Sport.

### Golf

Nelson Golf Club Junior Prizegiving

Ben Norrish -Donnelly Cup (most improved player)

Daniel Grimes -John Ross Cup and Cock Cup

Izaac Matz -runner-up John Ross Cup

### Hockey

Congratulations to Steffan Fastier who was part of the Nelson men's team that won the Men's Interprovincial B hockey title in Wellington.

A further congratulations to Scott Kearney who was voted Most Valuable Player in the New Zealand Tiger Turf U18 team. The team beat the Queensland U19 team 3-0 in the Tigerturf series.

### NZ Moto-Trials Champion



Callum Anderson (Year 10) recently won the 2009 NZ Moto-Trials Junior Championship. Callum finished the three days of competition unbeaten, earning maximum championship points to take out the title. Moto-Trials are a skill based form of motorcycle sport where the riders have to negotiate their motorcycles through a series of special sections set out over rugged terrain. If you are interested in Moto-Trials please contact the Nelson Coordinator, Gordon Anderson on email: [gordon\\_anderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gordon_anderson@xtra.co.nz).

### Underwater Hockey

The following students have been selected in the Top of the South U18 rep team for underwater hockey. Congratulations to Zachary Coombs-King, Elliot Harris, Tim Leighs, Lincoln Marshall, Rupert Oakeley, James Christian, Justin Sturrock, Greg Anderson, Matthew Horncastle and Phillip Staikopoulos

## PTA News

This year the PTA with the help of a dedicated group of parents has been able to support a record number of projects and individual endeavours. A large proportion of the PTA's revenue comes from uniform shop sales and our very special thanks go to Jill Heath and Helen Atkinson for their tireless work.

The recent PTA Quiz/Auction night raised over \$10,000 for the new Whare building project. Thank you to all those who supported this very successful evening; to Jeff Rackley for being a fantastic MC, the many parents who assisted with the organisation, the Whanau class students for their help on the night and the following community support.

We encourage new parents to join our enthusiastic group in 2010. The first meeting will be held on Monday 22 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Plus 4 Insurance Solutions  | Kate Gordon Physio    |
| Smiths Painting Contractors | Founders Brewery      |
| Nelmac                      | The Free House        |
| AA Driver Training          | Casa del Vino         |
| Hunt Building Consultants   | Brightwater Vineyards |
| Hay & Associates            | More FM               |
| Nelson Orthodontics         | King Salmon           |
| Victory Square Vets         | Lambrettas            |
| Brightwater Engineers       | Sturrock & Greenwood  |
| Zindel's Law                | Little India          |
| Nelson Dental Centre        | Zatori                |
| Planscape NZ                | Waimea Estate         |
| Gen-i                       | Guytons               |
| Richards Woodhouse          | When in Rome          |
| Hamish Fletcher Lawyers     | McCashins Brewery     |
| Haven Motors                | Vodka 26000           |
| Kimi Ora                    | Café Affair           |
| WHK West Yates              | Paper Plus            |
| Telfer Young                | Mayfair Pools         |
| C3 Cargo Care               | Global Soap           |
| Fuji Xerox                  | Kahurangi Estate      |
| anywHAIR Mobile             | Nelson Beauty         |
| Hairdressing                | Therapy               |
| Duncan Cotterell            | Willow Florist        |
| Pitt & Moore                | Orinoco Wines         |
| Helicopters NZ              | Equilibrium           |
| Fanselow Bell               | State Cinema          |
| Shuttersport                | Neudorf               |
| Lloyd Harwood               | Pomeroy's Coffee      |
| Jo Tyson                    | Stirling Sports       |
| Waimea Sawmillers           | Mac's Frute           |
| Leece Prince                | Rex Newey             |
| Kathryn Furniss             | Judy Crowe            |
| Stafford Lane Estate        | Body Shop             |
| Tim & Anne                  |                       |
| Goodyear                    |                       |

### OFFICE HOURS

The School Office will be closed from December 10 and will re-open on Wednesday 20 January, 2010. The Finance Office will be open until December 15 for payment of any outstanding accounts.

## Old Boys

### Old Boy Supports First Fifteen Gym Programme



Old Boy and ex Olympian, Jeff Rackley, has become the first major sponsor of the Nelson College 1st XV, strength and fitness programme. Jeff, pictured here with Ross Lienert, Head Coach of the 1st XV, has donated \$4000, to kick start this exciting development. The funds will be used to purchase additional weights and equipment for the College gym and his support is greatly appreciated by the students and the staff.

Ross added " The programme will be run by experienced sports' professional Pete Smith and we hope that in future years it can be extended to other age grade teams as funding and gym times allow. I would like to thank Pete for volunteering his time."

The fund raising effort has been led by Ray Hill. If any Old Boy, parent or supporter would like to make a donation, they are encouraged to contact Ray on ph: 545 1512 or cell: 027 782 1568.

## Notices

### NZ POST

Please note the different postal codes for postal deliveries to Nelson College

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Nelson College  
Private Bag 16  
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## PRIZEGIVING THANK YOU

*The Nelson College Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the Nelson College Prizegivings*

Also Nelson Laundry, Aon NZ, Bin Inn, Cleaning Technology, Dutch Rusk Ltd, Fulton Hogan Nelson, Gen-I Nelson, Hay and Associates, John and Liz Oldridge, Mitre 10 Mega, Nelson Coachlines, Neltech Communications Ltd, Network Tasman, Red Box Architects, Richmond Office Products, Rollos Outdoor Centre, School Supplies, Stewarts Avanti Plus, Stirling Sports Richmond, Taylor Timbers Ltd, Wadsworth Motors Ltd, Waimea Electrical Ltd, WHK and Westpac

## PTA UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

### December 2009

|             |    |       |
|-------------|----|-------|
| 10 December | 1  | - 7pm |
| 11 December | 12 | - 2pm |

### January/February 2010

|            |        |       |
|------------|--------|-------|
| 12 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 13 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 14 January | 1      | - 7pm |
| 18 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 19 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 20 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 21 January | 1      | - 7pm |
| 22 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 25 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 26 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 27 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 28 January | 1      | - 7pm |
| 29 January | 12     | - 4pm |
| 1 February | 12     | - 4pm |
| 2 February | 8.30am | - 4pm |

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**PLEASE NAME YOUR UNIFORM**

## 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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## **A PROPOSAL FOR A UNIFORM CHANGE FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS IN 2010**

The following is the rationale for a Nelson College uniform that was established for all Year levels. The resultant policy was adopted after a consultative process undertaken in 1997.

### **Overall Rationale**

*The Board of Trustees, staff, students and College Community have affirmed that Nelson College is a school that wants a uniform and that it should be worn well.*

*Uniform helps instil a sense of identity and purpose. Self-esteem is enhanced by wearing a uniform with pride. If students feel good about themselves, they are very likely to perform better at school.*

After this year's 'Prefects' photo I was approached by a number of Year 13 boys and asked whether I would consider changing the Year 13 uniform to the wearing of No 1's.

The Year 13 students are leaders in the school and I feel there is a clear need (and desire amongst the boys) to be differentiated from the Year 9-12 students in terms of their uniform. We have already conducted a survey of the 2009 Year 12 boys, the teaching staff, Board of Trustees, PTA executive and the Runanga Matua. The results of the survey show a high level of support for the change. We are aware of some concerns that some parents have expressed and will be taking those concerns seriously.

The result of this is that the College is now seeking feedback from the wider College community on whether there is support for such a change.

### **Proposed Year 13 uniform for 2010**

- White long sleeved shirt
- College tie (a Year 13 tie in College colours will be designed)
- Grey trousers
- Black leather lace up shoes or dress leather slip on shoes (no trainers)
- Jersey or College jacket (blazer optional)

In Term 1 2010, this would be optional given the summer weather and the need to ensure a smooth transition to a new uniform code; therefore Year 13 students would be permitted to wear:

- Polo shirt or white long sleeved shirt & tie
- Grey shorts
- Brown sandals

Please note that in 2010 the College will absorb the costs of a Year 13 tie for all boys.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or any comments to make on this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Gary O'Shea MEd (Admin), MEd (Tech)  
HEADMASTER

## 2010 Timetable – Nelson College (and Nelson College for Girls)

| <b>Monday/Friday</b> |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Homeroom</b>      | 8.45 – 9.05          |
| <b>Period 1</b>      | 9.05 – 10.00         |
| <b>Period 2</b>      | 10.00 – 11.00        |
| <b>Interval</b>      | 11.00 – 11.25        |
| <b>Period 3</b>      | 11.25 – 12.25        |
| <b>Period 4</b>      | 12.25 – 1.25         |
| <b>Lunch</b>         | 1.25 – 2.15 (50mins) |
| <b>Period 5</b>      | 2.15 – 3.15          |

| <b>Tuesday/Wednesday</b> |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Homeroom</b>          | 8.45 – 9.05   |
| <b>Period 1</b>          | 9.05 – 9.55   |
| <b>Period 2</b>          | 9.55 – 10.50  |
| <b>Interval</b>          | 10.50 – 11.15   |
| <b>Assembly</b>          | 11.15 – 11.35<br><b>Tuesday</b> Student Assembly/ House meetings/House activities<br><b>Wednesday</b> Formal Assembly |
| <b>Period 3</b>          | 11.40 – 12.35   |
| <b>Period 4</b>          | 12.35 – 1.30  |
| <b>Lunch</b>             | 1.30 – 2.20 (50mins)  |
| <b>Period 5</b>          | 2.20 – 3.15   |

| <b>Thursday (no homeroom)</b> |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
|                               | 8.25 – 9.05<br>Staff professional development |
| <b>Period 1</b>               | 9.05 – 10.00                                  |
| <b>Period 2</b>               | 10.00 – 11.00                                 |
| <b>Interval</b>               | 11.00 – 11.25                                 |
| <b>Period 3</b>               | 11.25 – 12.25                                 |
| <b>Period 4</b>               | 12.25 – 1.25                                  |
| <b>Lunch</b>                  | 1.25 – 2.15 (50mins)                          |
| <b>Period 5</b>               | 2.15 – 3.15                                   |