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Newsletter

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Calendar Term 3

July 21	1st Day Term 3
July 28	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, College Staffroom
July 28-30	Quad Tournament, Christchurch
July 31	Australian Maths Competition
Aug 4-7	Otaki Scholar Visit
Aug 4-8	Year 8 Orientation Week
Aug 7	Year 8 Orientation Evening Board of Trustees Meeting, 4.30pm, Scriptorium
Aug 9	Year 12 Ball
Aug 14	Mufti Day Parent Interviews 4-8pm
Aug 19	Junior Dance at Nelson College for Girls
Aug 20	Nelson/Marlborough Regional Mathix Competition, 7-9pm, Nelson College, Hall
Aug 25	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, College Staffroom
Aug 27	Co-curricular photos
Aug 28	Course Selection Evening
Aug 29	Winter Boarding Music Festival Concert, 7.30pm, Hall
Sept 1-5	Winter Sports Tournament Week
Sept 4	Teacher Only Day Board of Trustees Meeting, 4.30pm, Scriptorium
Sept 5	Mid-Term Break
Sept 10-17	Senior Exam Week
Sept 20	Nelson College Ball
Sept 22	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, College Staffroom
Sept 23-25	National Nga Manu Korero Competitions, Rotorua
Sept 23	Mufti Day
Sept 26	Last Day Term 3

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Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers

With winter well and truly here, the College's achievements in Term 2 have been exceptional and are celebrated throughout this newsletter.

Three particular highlights have been:



Taimatariki performing at the National Kapa Haka competitions

1. The College's participation in the National Kapa Haka competition in Wellington. Head of Department of Te Reo/MPA, Matua Wayne Hippolite, must be commended for his leadership of the Te Rourou Kura Group (Tasman regional schools). This co-educational group of 38 had a contingent of 19 boys from Nelson College. Their performance was stunning and a credit to all those involved including parents, teachers and community supporters.

2. Mr Gately and his boys once again pushed the boundaries of success in the Food and Hospitality

area with an avalanche of gold and silver medals in competitions. Three students and tutor Quinton Gately were selected to travel to Nationals in August and the College is once more a finalist in the Hospitality Standards Institute's School of the Year Award (the winner is to be named in the school holidays).

3. At this year's regional sports awards the 2007 senior Nelson College Cross Country Team of **Peter Meffan** and former students **Dominic Channon** and **Harrison Dean** received the award of Junior Sports Team of the Year for Tasman recognising their achievement of winning the 2007 National Cross Country Teams Title.

The Education of Boys

Continuing on my expansion of the 7 core propositions which I believe underpin the development and implementation of ongoing programmes to improve the education of boys:

Principle Two:

Cater for different learning styles preferred by boys

Boys learn in different ways to girls; they commonly respond more positively to learning experiences that:

- have a practical focus and physical or hands-on dimension
- they see as relevant and having a real world connection
- use thinking skills focused on actual problems
- challenge them by requiring higher order and conceptual thinking
- have clear instructions and structured sessions in manageable chunks
- provide for a range of ways in which work can be presented
- provide them with a degree of involvement in decisions that

content and opportunities to negotiate their learning as a valued stakeholder.

The strategies and initiatives at the College which seek to address this principle fall into two areas:

Firstly provision of a broad curriculum with a range of courses which have clear pathways and skills attached to them, for example, Trade Building, Engineering, Art Design, Food and Hospitality. This curriculum does not come at the expense of the more traditional core subjects but is designed to better meet the needs of all boys at the College.

Secondly school wide teaching practices which are structured, related to actual everyday problems and a classroom culture of active learning and interaction between student and teacher.

ERO Special Project Teams Visit

The ERO (Education Review Office) team spent two days at the College in June and were here to gather data on the programmes, initiatives and background to the College's continued success in educating boys.

ERO have not completed a national report on 'best practices in educating boys' since 1999. This latest report will be published in February next year and the College will be identified as a Decile 7 single sex boys' school.

The verbal feedback from the team was extremely positive with them complimenting us on the breadth and depth of our initiatives and providing us with useful reflections on the challenges which lie ahead of the College.

Physical and Emotional Safety of Staff and Boys

The College initiated an evacuation of the College buildings and a 'lockdown' of the boarding houses from 4.15 pm to 5.30 pm on Thursday 12 June.

This was a precautionary measure only and related to police advice that a potentially violent parent may come onto College grounds that afternoon to confront the Senior Management of the College. The procedure we followed had the full support of the police and was in no way alarmist. The boys who were on site behaved impeccably and responsibly, although a number of texts and phone calls around the region started a series of rumours all of which were not true. The parent in question did not make an appearance and the matter was handled effectively by the police.

The physical and emotional safety of your son is of paramount importance to us and if we have any doubts that

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they may be in harms way then we will put into action the procedures we have in place for such an eventuality.

Communication

Nelson College Website
www.nelcollege.nz

The College website is regularly updated and provides ready access to all the College's publications and information, including:

- Copies of all newsletters
- 2007 Charter & Annual Report
- 2008 Charter
- The Curriculum Booklet 2008 (2009 in August)

We will continue to improve the Website and hope to add other features to it before the end of 2008.

Regards

Gary O'Shea MEd(Admin)
Headmaster

Student News

2008 Regional Junior Hospitality Challenge



Tim and Sevrin won silver medals for their salmon dishes.

(Photo courtesy The Nelson Mail)

The competition, which involved students from Garin, Nayland and Nelson colleges, was held at NMIT and some of Nelson's most well known restaurateurs were on hand to judge the students' efforts.

It was not just cooking skills that students were grilled on; some also had their front-of-house skills tested with napkin-folding and table-setting.

Nelson College students **Jasper Broad-Kolff**, **Keegan Beal** and **Jacob Smiths** won a return trip for themselves and their tutor, **Quinton Gately**, to compete in the national final at the NZ Culinary Fare in Auckland in September.

The competition, which is in its second year, aims to stimulate and encourage students who are interested in the hospitality industry. It was formulated by the Hospitality Standards Institute, New Zealand Chefs Association and Southern Hospitality.

Gately, who in 2006 was the first secondary school teacher to win the Hospitality Standards Institute's Hospitality Tutor of the Year award, says teaching food technology has come a long way in recent years and the competition gave students invaluable experience and exposure to top chefs.

He said students spent many hours before and after school perfecting their techniques and their dishes.

(Article courtesy of The Nelson Mail)

Results:

Waiting section

This involved two table settings with napkin folds

Jacob Smiths (Year 11), 3 gold
Robert Van der Linde (Year 12), 2 gold, 1 silver

Eion Sammes (Year 11), 2 gold, 1 silver

Live Cooking Section

All students had to cook within the allocated time and were judged on their hygiene and cookery skills.

Omelettes -30 minutes

Jesse Salter (Year 11), Silver
Sam Lienert (Year 11), Silver

Salmon -30 minutes

Tim De Jong (Year 12), Bronze
Sevrin Noakes (Year 12), Silver

Pasta -45 minutes

Stirling Barrington (Year 12), Silver

Nicholas Secker (Year 12), Bronze

Lamb -60 minutes

Adrian Riepen (Year 12), Gold
Stirling Barrington (Year 12), Silver

School Challenge -90 minutes
Entree x 4, Mains x 4

Jasper Broad-Kolff (Year 12), Silver
Keegan Beal (Year 12), Silver

Static Section -Items that are already cooked and put on display.

Quiche

Callum Riordan (Year 12), bronze

Fruit Flan

Jarome Andrews (Year 12), bronze

Tim DeJong (Year 12), Bronze

Muffins

Nicholas Secker (Year 12), bronze

Matt Loach (Year 12), bronze

Desserts

Adrian Reipen (Year 12), silver

Stirling Barrington (Year 12), bronze

Medals scoring

Gold 91-100

Silver 81-90

Bronze 70-80

Colours Assembly

Level 1 Colours were awarded at assembly on June 17 to the following students for achievement in cultural and sports activities. Congratulations to the following:

Softball -Level 1

Thomas Arps, Hamish Atkinson, Eli Carter, Kyle Casey, Sam Church, Jack Fletcher, William Freeth, Paul Grant, Rere Pope, Ponlawat Popermhem, Matthew Spear, Masamune Tamura, Sam Thorn, Daniel Wilkes

Drama -Level 1

Corbin Andrews, Paul Williams

Rowing -Level 1

Daniel Alexander, Joe Bennion, Jayden Goodyer, Scott Green, Douglas Hilson, Mitchell Horner, Joshua Roughan, Eion Sammes, Charles Wytenburg

Writing Workshop

Year 12 students **Ross Inness-McLeish** and **Josh McLaughlin** attended a writing workshop run by renowned New Zealand writer Kate De Goldi. They said it was inspirational and it gave them many useful and relevant writing ideas. **Ross, Josh** and Nelson College wish to thank Altrusa for their support and sponsorship of this workshop.

Debating

Year 13 students, **Ben McLaughlin** and **Tom Beaumont**, represented Nelson/Marlborough in the National Debating Final held recently in Wellington. Competing against 36 of the nation's best debaters they argued topics such as the merits of 'first past the post' vs 'MMP' and 'women's rights in the work force'. This was a great learning experience for these students and they have come back determined to make debating a strong co-curricular activity in the school.

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Kapa Haka Competition



Shane in action at the Kapa Haka Nationals

Te Rourou Kura, the regional combined college's Kapa Haka team competed against 35 teams from throughout the country at the National Secondary Kapa Haka competitions held at the TSB Bank Arena in Wellington on June 17 to 19. It was the third time that Te Rourou Kura has performed at these competitions. Nelson College had the strongest representation in the team, with a total of 19 members in the final team of 38. To prepare for these competitions the students required dedication, commitment to many weekend rehearsals at the Whakatu Marae and a great deal of whanau support.

In 2008 we placed 13th overall, a huge improvement on our previous best of 27th overall. Highlights were a 2nd placing for costume, 4th placing in the choral section, 6th equal placing in the action song and the strong leadership from our senior boys. Te Rourou Kura was by far the best South Island team and we are now looking to build on this effort for the next National competitions in two years time in Rotorua.

It is pleasing to see some of the students who enjoyed this experience offering their services to support and tutor the next Te Rourou Kura team with Taimatariki Mihaere providing a good example of leadership for our future teams. Some are keen to continue performing to hone their skills and others are ready to jump on board this waka to see where it will lead them.

We would like to acknowledge the support we have received from the

Nelson College management and staff, the Nelson College PTA and our parent support group. Rock on to Rotorua 2010.

Wayne Hippolite
HOD Maori

Musical Notes



Nine choirs and over 200 singers took part in the NZ Choral Federation regional (Marlborough, Nelson and West Coast) Big Sing held in Blenheim recently.

Congratulations to our Collegians whose spirited singing of the Samoan folk song "Pusi Nofo" so impressed the adjudicator that he awarded them first place in the NZ composition/arrangement section.

Musicians to visit the College of late and hold performances and/or workshops have included The Brass Quintet from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and guitarist-folk-singer Paul Ubana-Jones.

Upcoming Events

House Choirs Competition

Friday August 8, 11am

Music Festival

Friday August 29, 7.30pm, Hall

New Student Rep to Board

Congratulations to **Bruno Simpson** who was elected as the new student representative to the Board of Trustees in the recent by-election.

Freemasons Big Science Adventures Film Competition

Congratulations to **Finn Lawrence, Cam Richards** and **Moss Bowering-Scott** for their entry "Where to next...?" which also made the finals (commended) in the Freemasons Big Science Adventures Film Competition. You can view this on www.hotscience.co.nz

Sports News



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Cross Country



Peter –placed 4th in the Senior Boys National Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the boys who competed at the National Cross Country Championships in New Plymouth in June. The competition was extremely strong this year with a total of over 1200 entrants from all around New Zealand. **Peter Meffan** placed 4th in the senior boys and the senior three man team of **Peter Meffan, Ewoud Noordeloos** and **Donald Hilson** won silver medals.

Nelson Marlborough Cross Country Championships at Rabbit Island

Nelson College won the team events (both 3 man and 6 man teams) in all 3 divisions.

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Hockey

Christoph Riedels was selected to represent Nelson in the under-16 Hockey team.

Nelson College Football 1st XI record highest score

Nelson College 1st XI 15
Suburbs 2nd XI 1

At first glance one might be forgiven for thinking the result was more in keeping with the College's reputation for success on the rugby field, but not so on this occasion, as the 1st XI Football Team moved into overdrive. A youthful squad of players supported by several senior students have been preparing for a Secondary Schools Competition which takes place later in the year at Napier. As part of its preparation the team plays in the Nelson Bays Men's 1st Division and has achieved a number of impressive results so far this season, but really turned on the style during Saturday June 21st away fixture against the Suburbs AFC team at Saxton Field.

The team looked to take advantage of the fast surface and maximize the power and speed of the pacey Solomon boys, **Joachim Rande** and **Andrew Abba** by adopting an attacking formation from the outset. The strategy clearly worked as **Andrew Abba** went close in the second minute with a near miss after a one on one with the Suburbs keeper. The tone was set and the goal frenzy commenced.

Moments later **Joachim Rande** powered through the defence and coolly placed a low shot past the keeper. Then a set piece from a free kick caught the Suburbs defence napping and **Loic Lassueur** arrived at the back post to head in from 5 yards. Next, for one of the goals of the match, a clinical counter attack started with a fine pass from **Mat Shaw** from central defence which found **Andrew Abba** in a wide position. A tricky jinking run from Andrew Abba quickly took him past two defenders to the Suburbs goal line before squaring the ball into the path of the oncoming Angus Rooney to side foot into the empty net. **Joachim Rande** then capitalized on some poor defensive play and made it 4-0 with a low shot. **Loic Lassueur** then added a 5th after lobbing the keeper from fifteen yards and some fine overlapping play from **James Le**

Brun was rewarded when the defender placed a fine low shot past the Suburbs keeper. It was only a matter of time before the pace of **Andrew Abba** was going to reap results and in a ten minute spell before half time the skilful forward blasted a fine hat trick, the pick of which included a superb volley from 20 yards.

Shortly after half time the Solomon boys were rested, but not before **Joachim Rande** was able to complete his hat trick to make the score 10-0. However, the scoring was far from complete and two of the College's youngest and brightest prospects then joined the action. **Jono Drew** and **Kip Colvey**, both still only 14 years old carried on where the others had left off, making some fine contributions. Further goals were added by **Mat Shaw, Angus Rooney** and **Loic Lassueur** (2) before **Kip Colvey** completed the rout to make the score 15-0. With only minutes remaining Suburbs earned a consolation goal to make the final score 15-1.

On reflection, the score line could have been even greater. However, the score is believed to be a record for the College team and possibly for the Nelson Bays Men's 1st Division. Congratulations go to the players for a memorable team performance.

Nelson College 1st XI Football Team:

Matthew Marquet, James Le Brun (1), **Adam Leckey, Elliot Stansfield, Matthew Shaw**(1), **Brock Goodson, Loic Lassueur** (4) **Joachim Rande** (3), **Aiden Lawrence, Angus Rooney** (2), **Andrew Abba** (captain)(3), Subs: **Kip Colvey** (1), **Jono Drew**

Underwater Hockey

Nelson teams performed beyond expectations with the Nelson College junior boys' team winning gold and the Nelson College senior team winning silver at the recent South Island Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey Championships in Christchurch.

Nelson College's junior boys' team won its seven matches, including a convincing 6-1 win over Invercargill's James Hargest College in the final. Captain **Harry Punt** and **Elliott Harris** were the most consistent performers.

Although falling just short of gold, Nelson College's senior team

produced an outstanding effort to bring home a silver medal against overwhelming odds.

Competing with just the bare minimum six-player squad - and with only captain **Callum Rutherford** and **Luke Hill** returning from the previous year's team - Nelson College displayed plenty of character to reach the final. Despite losing 3-6 to James Hargest, the team will join Nelson's three title-winning teams to contest the National Secondary Schools Championships in Henderson, Auckland in September.

(Article: Courtesy of The Nelson Mail)

Junior Team: **Elliot Harris, Harrison Punt, James Christian, Justin Sturrock, Nicholas McKenzie, Rupert Oakeley, Samuel Crabb, Scott Bailey, Tim Leighs and Zachary Coombs-King**
Senior Team: **Alexander Hinde, Angus Rooney, Bartholomew Lovering, Callum Rutherford, Frederik De Haan, Luke Hill**

Rugby

1st XV Results

29 May v Marlborough Boys'	18-20
7 June v St Andrew's College	43-19
14 June v West Coast Schools	99-12
24 June v Shirley Boys'	20-17
28 June v Burnside	21-5

Technology Materials

The Technology Department uses a range of materials (wood, metal, plastic etc) for student projects. If anyone has contacts for free, donated or recycled materials, please contact the technology teacher, Martin Love, on telephone (03) 548 3099 ext.831.

Mid Year Reports

Your son's Mid Year reports are enclosed with this newsletter. A blue presentation folder will be issued with End of Year Reports.

Please contact the Student Office with any queries about reports.

Leonie Keyse, ph (03) 5483099 ext 833 email: ks@nelcollege.school.nz

Library -Books Wanted

The Library Learning Centre is undergoing a review of its book stock. You may have books at home that you would like to donate -in particular any non-fiction items published between 2000 and 2008:

- Maori or Pacific Island focus
- Music and Art – popular NZ artists in particular
- Gadgets, computers (especially "For Dummies" series) and technology

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- Weapons and Warfare – especially the Korean and Vietnam wars
- Sport, fitness and sports training (including rules of the game)
- Hunting
- Engineering, Carpentry and other trades
- Politics
- Hospitality, cookbooks (especially with a NZ theme or traditional foods from other countries)
- International focus – ie Lonely planet guides etc
- Magazines – especially hunting and other sports

Plus any fiction books –novels, comics, senior and junior fiction.

For further information, please contact Vanessa our Librarian on telephone: (03) 548 3099 ext 841.

PTA News

The PTA group has become increasingly well supported this year by parents who meet monthly to share information and views with staff on a wide range of issues which affect student life. We continue to offer support to groups and individuals who reach representative status in sport and cultural events. Any students wishing to enquire about PTA funding should put their request in writing to the College Management Team.

A reminder to all parents/family and friends of the College that FRESH CHOICE supermarket give \$100 a week to local schools in a free draw. By just writing Nelson College on the back of your till receipt and placing in the box by the checkouts, we are in with more chances. The College wins an average \$400 a year, which is used by the Sports Department to run House competitions.

Our aim for Term 3 is to run a fund raising function and we will be having a 'brainstorming' session at our next meeting to be held on Monday 28th July at 7.30 p.m. in the College staffroom. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have a money making idea please contact Alison McLeish, PTA Secretary, by email: parinnessmcleish@xtra.co.nz

Term 3 Meetings: July 28, August 25 and September 22 at 7.30pm.

PTA Uniform Shop

Holiday Hours

Thursday 17 July 3– 6pm

Opening Hours –Term time

Terms 1 & 4

Thursday: 3pm - 7pm

Friday: 12pm - 1.30pm

Terms 2 & 3

Thursday: 3pm - 6.30pm

Friday: 12pm - 1.30pm

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Lost property can be returned to
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if it is named.**

Student Exchange Scholarships

Scholarships are on offer from the NZIIU (New Zealand Institute of International Understanding). They are for student exchanges to Japan, France, Spain and Argentina.

For further information about eligibility, the application and interview process please contact:

Ian Lambert

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Phone: 0800 924 264

Email: ian@nziiu.co.nz

www.student-exchange.co.nz

Important Notice

Please contact the school office if you are aware of any student who has contracted chicken pox.

This is very important and would be much appreciated.

Dave Tinker, Yr 9 Dean

Term Dates 2008

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Term 4: 13 October -17 December

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