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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

A very warm welcome to the 2010 academic year. We have been delighted to welcome our new students to the school and of course, to welcome back our students from last year.

We also welcome new staff – Mrs Pam Redpath (Deputy Principal – Senior Pastoral Care), Miss Fiona Boodée (Japanese and Social Studies), Mrs Shelly Hulland (Physical Education and Mathematics) and Mr Doug Hill (Junior French).

The beginning of the year has already proved to be extremely busy. We were privileged to be able to welcome our new staff and students with a very impressive Mihi Whakatau on Wednesday 3 February. We were particularly pleased to have Kim Hippolite and Sonny Alesana as our representatives. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Sonny gave an excellent outline of the meaning of the ceremony and of what the speakers had said. This helped us all appreciate the importance of this occasion.

At our first school assembly on Friday 5 February we presented our Senior Leaders with their badges and congratulated the girls on their selection as School Leaders. Our Head Girl, Sophie Brown, and Deputy Head Girl, Jane Hawkins, then spoke to the school. They were both most articulate and impressive. It was particularly pleasing to have 50 parents and grandparents present to support these young women as they begin their journey as leaders at Nelson College for Girls during 2010.

For the past three days all Year 13 have gathered at Teapot Valley for a Leadership Course. While some girls do receive a badge it is important that all Year 13 realise that they are leaders and role models for the entire school. I was privileged to spend some time with the girls and found them delightful, very ready to learn, listen, reflect and able to work together in a variety of challenging activities. I am sure that they will be an outstanding year group to lead this College during the coming academic year.

Preparations for our Athletics Sports and our Swimming Sports are well underway and our House Captains are busy, not only encouraging members of their Houses to participate in the sports, but developing House Spirit. This is a really important aspect of the school, one that is part of our history and tradition and it is great to see the girls enthusiastically participate and support their House in such activities. I am looking forward to seeing them dressed in their House colours.

As you begin the school year with your children it is most important that you are there to support, encourage and oversee their academic progress and their participation in school activities. Building resilience in young people is extremely important and particularly important today when parents are sometimes inclined to do too much for their

children. Recently I read an article from Lance King, in "The Art of Learning". He talked about things that parents can do to help build resilience in their children. I share these with you.

1. Encourage learning for understanding rather than for performance or outcome.
2. Encourage the right action to achieve the right feeling.
3. Encourage them to take on new challenges and to see failures as mistakes they can learn from.
4. Reward them for effort rather than for outcome.
5. If they have difficulty in understanding or learning something new help them to focus on the process, the strategies they are using as the best source of improvement.
6. Help develop belief in flexibility in intelligence - and most importantly –
7. Allow them to fail.

It is also important that each student has a place to do school work, which suits them physically. At least a good table and chair, the right height with good light is really important. Please give your children's learning the highest priority in the home for a period of time every evening. A time when TV is off, the stereo is playing quiet music and other children or distractions are not allowed to interfere so that the girls feel totally supported in getting this school work done. This is important for all of our girls, but particularly those who are facing NCEA examinations at the end of the year. To remember what they learn at school, every night girls need to read over the notes that they take during the day. Let them teach you what they are learning.

It is really important that there is a partnership between the home and the school and that your daughter's experience your interest in their learning and what is happening at school and in what their goals are. Have you discussed with your daughter her goals for 2010? This is a really good way of helping her focus, of your sharing in what she wishes to achieve and then being able to act as a sounding board and a reviewer of the progress that is being made.

The school is particularly pleased with its NCEA results, which appear in this Newsletter.

We warmly congratulate all students on their success, especially those of last year's Year 13, who achieved Scholarships and Deirdre Anderson, who gained a top National Subject Scholarship in Science. It is a huge achievement to gain the highest result in the country in a Scholarship subject.

I have been very pleased with the way in which the girls have settled into the school, with the standard that they are showing wearing their uniform and with their general friendliness and good manners. I ask you, as parents, to ensure that your children have the correct uniform, that they are wearing it appropriately and that you support the school in its requirements. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Family /

Whanau Guide. This information is to help you know exactly what the school's expectations are. I ask you to read it and keep it for reference so that our standards and the way in which we are training your daughter is supported by you.

I draw your attention to the Parent Information Evening being held at the College on 9 March. Ian Grant is an excellent speaker and has years of wisdom and experience to share with you. This is a "not to be missed" occasion.

I look forward to being in touch with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

Claudia M Wysocki
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Calendar of Events 2010	
Term 1	2 February – 1 April
24 February	Athletics Sports Day
2 March	Year 9 Parents Evening 7pm in NCG Hall
9 March	Commemoration Service 11 am
9 March	Parents Evening with Ian Grant
12 March	Swimming Sports
15 March	Progress reports posted home - Yr 9 – 13
25 March	Parent Interviews
18 March	NCEA Parent Information Evening for Year 11 parents
23 March	RYDA – for all Year 11 students
31 March	Parent Interviews
2 April	Easter Friday
Term 2	19 April – 2 July
7 June	Queens Birthday
TERM 3	19 July – 24 September
TERM 4	11 October – 10 December
25 October	Labour Weekend

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS Friday 7 May 2010

The election of five Parent Representatives to the Nelson College for Girls Board of Trustees will be held on Friday 7 May 2010.

Key dates:
Call for nominations: 15 March 2010
Nominations close: noon 23 April 2010
Polls close: noon 7 May 2010
Results declared: 13 May 2010

Parents who are passionate about Nelson College for Girls and want to contribute to its development are encouraged to seek nomination. Nomination forms and information will be posted to all eligible candidates or available from the College Reception during school business hours.

The first Board Meeting of 2010 is scheduled for 1 March 2010 at 8.45am in the College Meeting Room. You are warmly invited to attend. If you wish to do so, please advise the Board Secretary on 545 9602.

If you wish to speak to a Trustee concerning the role of Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees, please contact Judy Fanselow on 546 8649 or give your name and contact details to the Board Secretary on 545 9602.

Judy Fanselow
Chairperson – Board of Trustees

Betty Eggers
Returning Officer

Guidance

Absences

Please phone 548 3104 and follow instructions
Press 1 to record an absence or
Email: absences@ncg.school.nz

Planned Absences for Family Holidays and Non-School Activities

Please send a letter to the College detailing dates and the reason for your daughter's absence if you are taking her out of school for family holidays/trips or other non-school related activities. In addition to this letter students must also complete an Intended Absence Form available from outside the Student Office.

At times parents ask for guidance when they feel that their daughter is having a difficulty in their development whether it is social, academic, physical or emotional.

While Nelson College for Girls has very good support systems in place there are times when other help is needed. Outside agencies often send their advertised services to us, which we keep on file. We may be able to point you in a direction that could be of benefit.

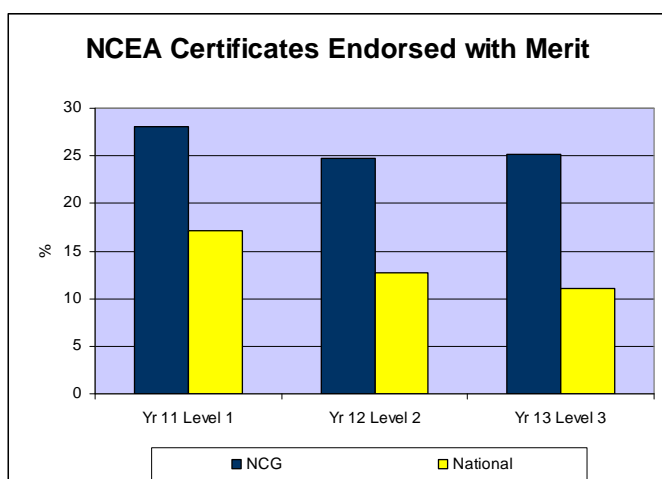
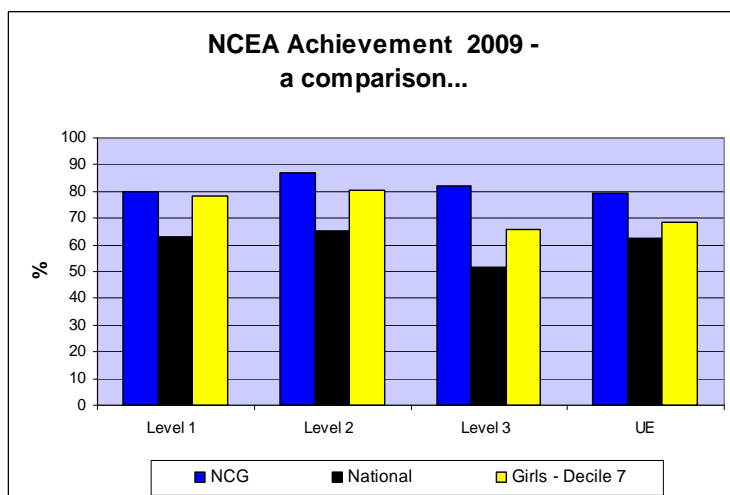
You are welcome to contact us about your concerns.

Julie Briggs
Learning Support Co-ordinator (Acting)

NCEA SUCCESS – CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR STUDENTS

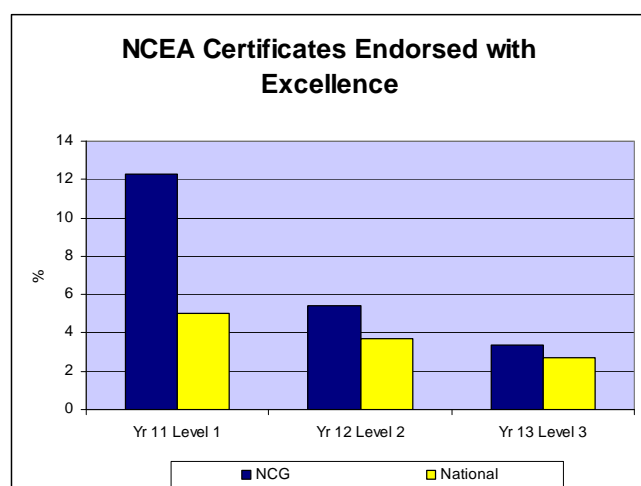
We are celebrating another year of excellent NCEA results and are very proud of our students' successes.

The following graphs illustrate the performance of Nelson College for Girls students compared with students nationally and girls in similar decile schools in NCEA 2009.



Not only are our students achieving NCEA, they are achieving at a high level, gaining their certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence.

Endorsed with Merit = 50 or more credits at Merit and/or Excellence level.



Endorsed with Excellence = 50 or more credits at Excellence level.

2010 DONATIONS AND FEES

Fees will be invoiced to your daughter's account
Student Accounts/Statements will be issued each month

Funding received from parents is a significant income component for the College. This enables the College to deliver the curriculum effectively with a range of subject choices.

We are grateful for your contribution towards your daughter's education. The funding shortfall between what we receive from the government and what it costs to deliver a quality education is also met by a range of other sources such as International students, bequests, trusts, fundraising and community grants and sponsorships.

School Donation

The School Donation for 2010 remains set at \$254 for the first child and \$390 for two or more children, reduced to \$220 and \$320 respectively if paid before 31 May.

Some subjects have 'take home' components including workbooks, materials and / or class trips which will incur some additional charges.

Tax Rebate

By completing the IR526, obtainable from the IRD website (www.ird.govt.nz/forms-guides/keyword/rebates) or by phoning their office, a tax rebate may be claimed on the donation paid. For most families this is approximately 33% and this is approximately \$73.00 for a single student each year. The Finance Office will issue "Donations Paid" receipts in December.

Payments of Donations and Fees

We fully understand that the costs and donations associated with educating your daughter may be a drain on personal finances. Increasing numbers of families have elected to make small automatic weekly payments towards costs and the donation. This is proving very successful. Any positive balances can be used to pay for future school costs – or even next year's cost.

The Finance Office will issue a statement towards the end of each month listing any outstanding cost and the balance of your daughter's account. Please contact the Finance Office, or email finance@ncg.school.nz regarding payment options or account queries.

Christie Trust – For parents / caregivers in difficult financial circumstances, an application can be made for assistance. Contact Heather McEwen (Deputy Principal) for details.

"Adolescent Dental Care"

Free dental care is available for all adolescents aged Year 9 up to 18 years old.

Did you know there is now a dentist employed by Nelson Marlborough DHB, located at Nayland Primary School Dental Clinic each Thursday?

**If you would like to know more about the dentists who provide this free service
phone 0800 825 583 or (03) 546 1536.**



Nelson College for Girls Old Girls' Association

At the AGM of the Old Girls' Association we reassessed the Life membership fee for the Association to be applicable as from 1 January 2010.

As an incentive / concession to College leavers their Life membership fee has been set at \$20.00.

Life membership entitlement

1. An Old Girl may join any branch / group (of which there are nine) within New Zealand.
2. They will receive a Life membership name badge.
3. A Gold membership badge can be purchased for an additional \$20.00.
4. Their name is marked on the College database as being a life member.

In return we ask that the member notify the College of any name or address change so that our records can be kept up to date.

There is work in progress on our archive website which when completed, will together with the College web, keep members up to date with College news.

Judy Mumm
(Secretary N.C.G.O.G. Association)

In & Out Art Auction

**The Fifth Annual In & Out Auction
is on Friday 14 May, 6 – 10 pm
in the Assembly Hall**

Art works for indoors, outdoors and garden settings are included in the amazing variety and we urge you all to attend to support your daughters.

The funds raised are administered through the NCG Foundation Trust and support ongoing projects including the library, Bronte House and specialist staffing.

We welcome enquiries from artists so please contact Julie at the Development Office for details. If you would like to help with planning this event, please also contact Julie.

Telephone: 548 3104 ext 891
Email: julie.carpinter@ncg.school.nz

Term 1 Physical Education

For Junior Physical Education in Term 1 your daughter will require togs and regulation PE gear of navy blue shorts and a sky blue polo shirt.

Please find below a table which shows when your daughter is timetabled for Physical Education and what the unit of work is. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your daughter brings the correct gear so that she is able to gain the most from her Physical Education lessons.

If you have any queries about the content of these units please feel free to contact any member of the PE Department on 545 9604.

<i>Tutor Group</i>	<i>Aquatics</i>	<i>Adventure Based Learning Old Gym</i>
9JH	Wednesday P3	Thursday P2
9MK	Monday P5	Friday P1
9LD	Tuesday P3	Monday P2
9DK	Tuesday P3	Friday P2
9RA	Friday P5	Tuesday P4
9HD	Monday P4	Tuesday P2
9SL	Friday P5	Tuesday P1

Tutor Group	Aquatics	Athletics Old Gym (unless told otherwise)
10GB	Wednesday P5	Monday P1
10BI	Wednesday P4	Friday P2
10LM	Friday P4	Monday P4
10SU	Thursday P5	Wednesday P5
10TS	Tuesday P5	Friday P4
10BD	Tuesday P5	Wednesday P2
10HZ	Monday P3	Thursday P5
10 BR	Friday P3	Wednesday P2

Music Dates 2010

NCEA Recitals	29 April 22 June 28 July 2 September 19 October
Music Camp	1 - 2 May
Combined NC and NCG concert at the Cathedral	7 May
In and Out Art Auction	14 May
Chamber Music Competition	8 June
Rockquest Heats	22 May
Rockquest Finals	26 June
Big Sing	14 June
Southern Jam	4 - 7 August

In Term 4 last year the Jazz Band spent a lunchtime busking in Trafalgar Street during which they raised a commendable \$551.40 for Canteen - the NZ organisation supporting young people living with cancer.

The Music Department is preparing for another busy year. Many students have signed up to take instrumental lessons in school, and the teachers should be contacting you soon to arrange lesson times.

Please put the music performance dates in your diary.

Music basement practice rooms

Please make sure that you have a music pass if you want to use these facilities. They are available from your music teacher or the music office. Please sign in the Music basement visitors' book whilst practising.

Over the holiday, three of our students, Holly Dunn, Georgia Thomson Laing and Fenella Deans, attended a music summer school at Otago University. We will hopefully hear more about their experiences in the next newsletter.

We love to hear of our students' successes, so please e-mail the arts administrator if there are any which you would like included in the newsletter.

lesley.schafer@ncg.school.nz



We are very proud of our student, Nicola Hew, for gaining distinction in her ATCL diploma for piano performance. Congratulations also to her teacher Anne Shearer for this great success.

Drama and Dance

Ugly Shakespeare

The hilarious trio from "Ugly Shakespeare Company" will visit NCG on 24 March to perform two shows and a workshop. The Prep Girls and Boys combined with Year 9 and 10 Drama students will see *The Scottish Play*, then Year 11,12 and 13 Drama students will see *Othello*. Year 13 Drama students are in for some professional training and fun when they attend a workshop run by the actors.

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival: 27 March at Nayland College

Students are already rehearsing for this year's SWSF. Senior music students are standing by to rehearse traditional and original compositions to accompany the actors. We hope you can make it to the festival to support our Girls.

Stage Challenge 18 May

It's Stage Challenge year! A committee of students from the combined colleges are joining forces to create an inspiring and entertaining theme for the Senior Stage Challenge.

The Junior Stage Challenge is open to Prep, Year 9 and 10 students. Auditions will be in Week Four this term. This spectacular will be choreographed and organised by a talented group of seniors.

Remind your daughter to listen out for the audition notices, and encourage her to get involved.

Other Dates for your diary

18 June	House Drama
29 and 30 June	Year 13 Production

Congratulations!!!



Millie Besley Year 13

Millie has achieved impressive results in her Trinity College Speech and Drama Exams.

She received "Distinction" in the Musical Theatre Grade 8 Exam, and a Speech and Drama Diploma in her ATCL exam. A great success!

Nicki Glover Year 13 2009

Nicki was awarded a Drama Scholarship in the 2009 examination. This is an outstanding achievement.

Library News

The Library is open from 8.15 am to 4.15 pm every day. Students are welcome to come in before and after school, at interval and lunchtime as well as for booked classes during the school day.

We have a very wide range of fiction suitable for older children, teenagers and adults. We also have a comprehensive non-fiction section to support assignment work. We have a range of DVDs, including classics & book-related titles. Magazines are also available but must be used in the library.

“The Library Code”

- Treat all books, magazines and equipment with care.
- No bags, food or drinks (except water bottles) inside the library.
- Quiet voices please, others may be reading or studying.
- No music loud enough for others to hear and not at all during class time.
- All students to follow the school's Internet Use Policy.
- Juniors may issue up to seven items at one time, Seniors up to 10.
- Books are issued for two weeks, DVDs and graphic novels are issued for three days
- Overdue notices are given to the students when an item is one week overdue, another when it's two weeks overdue, then a letter is sent home when it's three weeks overdue. After that the parents will be charged the replacement cost, and the student will not be allowed to take any more items out until the item is returned or paid for.

The Library Team is – Carolyn Roberts – Manager
Rosie-Anne Pinney
Kath Wilkin-Slaney

Careers Department

The Careers department is focusing on assisting girls to be in a more informed position to make career pathway decisions.

During Term 1 this year every Year 13 student will have the opportunity to discuss their future plans with the Careers Advisor. Any students identified as needing

further assistance in considering the options available to them will then be guided through the process and may choose to use resources available to them in the Careers Department which can assist in identifying occupations they are suited to.

Year 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in this process in term 2.

All Year 11 students are currently engaged in a one hour weekly programme which allows them to gain self awareness in areas such as interests, talents and personality and use tools which suggest possible occupational matches they could consider.



Years 11 and 12 EQUIP class get off to a team building start for 2010

For Year 13 students intending to go to university next year, university liaison staff from Canterbury, Massey and Victoria universities will be giving presentations at our school during Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2. Topics they will cover include transition to university, degrees, accommodation and time frames and it is also an opportunity for the girls to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

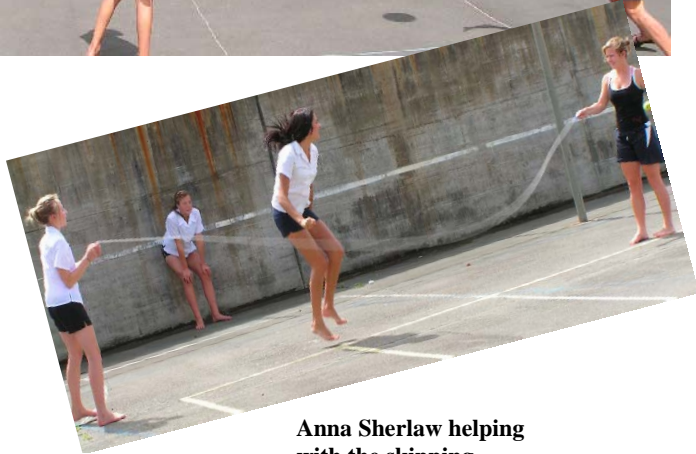
Tuesday 2 March	Canterbury University Bernadette Sharland
Monday 8 March	Massey University Jon Rousseau
Wednesday 28 April	Victoria University Colin Kennedy

The Royal New Zealand Air Force is holding an Air Force Challenge during the July school holidays for Year 12 and 13 students who are keen on an Air Force career. Numbers are limited and the final selection will be made by the Air Force. The venue is at Ohakea RNZAF base and transport, accommodation and meals are covered. Application forms can be obtained from the Student Centre and further information can be accessed from the Careers section on First Class.

Linda Newton
Future Pathways (Careers)

Old School Sport was held for three days giving the new Year 9 students a lunch time activity option. While not hugely supported the Year 9 students that came along had a load of fun.

Deputy Games Captain Ellen Sharland playing 4-Square with Year 9 students



Anna Sherlaw helping with the skipping

Term 1 2010 New International Students

Canada	
Layla Blake	Yr 9
Chile	
Simone Chavez Cabrera	Yr 12
Finland	
Emmi Harvenpaa	Yr 12
Germany	
Charlotte Jodocy	Yr 11
Julia Hirt	Yr 11
Philine Walter	Yr 12
Laura Brauckmann	Yr 12
Holland	
Danique van Wijk	Yr 9
Hong Kong	
Natalie Chan	Yr 9
Wing Yan Chan	Yr 11
Lai Wa Lee (Stella)	Yr 12
Japan	
Rie Kurohara	Yr 12
Moe Nakakoji	Yr 12
Mayu Goda	Yr 12
Kanako Masukura	Yr 12
Korea	
Se Hyun Kim	Yr 10
Ye Jin Bae	Yr 10
Yeji Hwang	Yr 10
Thailand	
Naruethai Pongsakornvanich (Natty)	Yr 9
Nattanit Eurviput (Natt)	Yr 12

Parent Interviews and School Reports

Interim reports will be posted to you on March 15th. They will outline how well your daughter has settled into her classes this year and whether she has made an effective start to her academic year.

Communication between home and school is important to us and we hope that you will be able to meet your daughter's teachers at Parent Interviews to discuss her academic progress.

Parent Interview dates in Term 1, 2010 are:

Thursday 25 March – 3.30 to 7.30pm

Wednesday 7 April. – 3.30 to 7.30pm

Further information about these evenings will be posted home with the Interim reports. This year you will be able to make booking times on-line. You can do this from home but if you do not have access to a computer you can ring the College and we will make the bookings for you. As usual, your daughter can also make bookings with her classroom teachers. Details will be posted home with your daughter's Interim report.

Didn't They Do Well?

Scholarship Results

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Scholarships in the 2009 exams.

Deirdre Anderson	- Outstanding Scholarship Science
Lizzie Frawley	- Physical Education
Nicky Glover	- Drama
Lauren Gibbs	- Accounting
Rachel Hay	- Science
Amy Hill	- Biology
Caitlin Hills	- Science
Natasha Ironside	- English
Rachael Narbey	- Biology
Holly Norton	- English
Chloe Roberts	- Media Studies
Shihana Shahabdeen	- Media Studies
Sarah Stones	- Painting & Science
Emma Williams	- Printmaking

Special Congratulations to Deirdre Anderson who also gained the NZ Top Subject Scholar award in Science. Deidre, accompanied by Jenny Pollock her Science teacher, will be presented this prestigious award by the Governor General.

Sports Results

From late last year and over the holiday period we have achieved some great results in the sporting arena and also some girls have gained National recognition in their chosen sport.

The following girls were selected in December for the NZ U18 Underwater Hockey Team.

Zoey Coombs-King
Annabel Eberlein
Maddy Pears
Sarah Preston
Christie Whitehead

Also selected for New Zealand were Shannon Perrett and Jesse Bygate (Y13 student last year) who have both been selected for the U19 Tall Ferns Basketball Team.

Ashleigh Trainor competed for New Zealand Air Rifle team late last year in an Oceania Tournament gaining a Gold medal in the Open 3-Person event and finishing 4th overall in the individual standing.

Ashleigh also gained a Silver Medal in a Youth Olympic Qualifying match.

At the NZSS Athletics Championships held late last year Josie Wilcox came 3rd in the Senior Road Race while Games Captain Hazel Bowering-Scott, Hannah Taylor, Emma Dallison and Lara Malcolm all finished with creditable results.

Our Senior A Touch team competed at the NZSS Touch Champs in December, well done for finishing a very creditable 11th after a ten year absence from National competition.

Six of our Touch girls have made age group South island teams, well done to

Rosa Edwards
Rebecca Kersten
Nicole Drummond
Naomi Paenga
Tash Kara
Shevaun Collier

Veronique Sandler has been competing in the National Mountain Bike series and came 3rd in the South Island leg in the Women's Downhill Division.

This follows on from her fantastic results in the NZSS Championships where Veronique won Gold in the Downhill and Cross Country events and Silver in the Hill Climb.

To all of you that have been playing sport and keeping active over the holiday, well done.....

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Achieving Potential Seminars

Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland
7 – 9 April 2010
www.holidayseminars.co.nz

Holiday workshop for:

- High ability students between 8 and 15 years of age.
- Creative thinkers who consistently think outside the square.
- Obviously gifted and talented students whose writing and spelling abilities lag behind their thinking skills.

PTA NEWS

AGM and Ordinary Meeting

Parents and caregivers are warmly welcome to come along to the AGM of the PTA.

On: Tuesday 16 March 2010
At: 7.00pm
In: The staff lounge (upstairs past the hall)
Guest Speaker: Pam Repath – new Deputy Principal- Pastoral Care.

Pam will talk about pastoral care at NCG followed by questions and answers.

This meeting will be followed by a short ordinary meeting. Supper provided.

If you would like more information please phone one of the following:

Stephanie Trevena	548 0536
Christine Hansen	546 9310
Jo Sherlaw	548 2863

June Raffle

Once again we will be running a fundraising raffle through the month of June. Anyone interested in helping to organise the raffle is welcome to attend a meeting as follows:

On: Monday 1 March
At: 4.00 to 5.00pm
In: The Boardroom (close to the main reception)

If you have any queries, or would like to donate a prize for the raffle then please phone:

Julie Carpinter	548 3104 ext 891
Stephanie Trevena	548 0536
Christine Hansen	546 9310

hot tips on Raising Teenage Girls

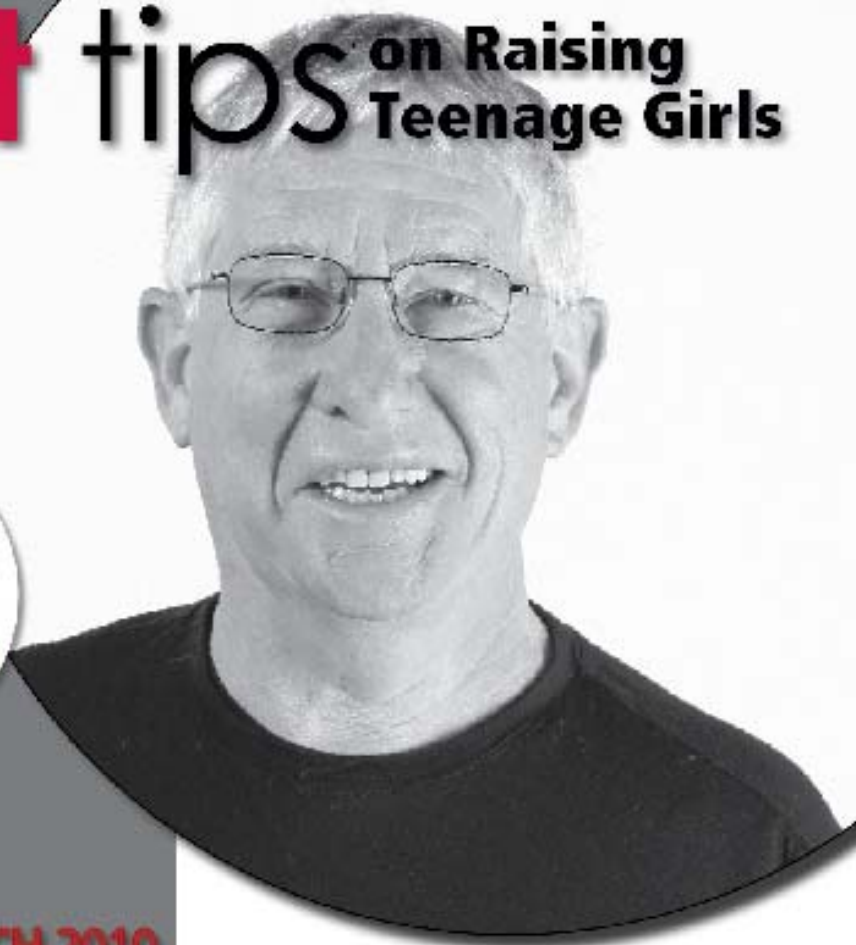
**GOLD
COIN
DONATION**

TUES 9 MARCH 2010
7:30PM - 9:45PM

Nelson College for Girls
Assembly Hall
Trafalgar Street South
Nelson

For more details phone:
College Reception 03 548 3104

This is a free event proudly brought
to you by Nelson College for Girls



Join **Ian Grant** for an
inspirational and entertaining evening

Learn about:

- supporting your daughter through change
- balancing responsibilities and privileges
- safety with technology and the internet
- listening to and communicating with your daughter

Parents with children aged 11 - 18 will love this event

principal supporter



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