



# NELSON COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Te Kura Tamawāhine o Whakatū

NEWSLETTER Term 2 | Week 3 | 2018

## Dear parents, caregivers and whānau

### Reporting

In the next few weeks there are several opportunities for you to receive feedback about the progress of your daughter(s). We have listened to your feedback about the importance to many of you about both subject teacher conferences and written reports.

On May 22 and 31, we are looking forward to seeing many of you and your daughters at the subject conferences. It is important that your daughter comes with you to be involved in the discussions with staff. The interviews will take place between 2.30pm and 7.30pm, with a 45 minute dinner break for staff between 5.30pm and 6.15pm. The bookings for these two evenings are now open. Each interview is for 5 minutes and we advise putting a 5 minute time between each so that you can easily get from one staff member to another.

At the end of the term there will also be a written report at all year levels and publication of achievement information to that point in time. We hope that this will give you good opportunities to connect with teachers and share progress of your daughter(s).

### Mentoring

Our arahi sessions are continuing this term with an emphasis on wellbeing, resilience and health. The feedback from our students has been positive overall and the graphs from the survey carried out at the end of term 1 are given below. Staff are working really hard on making this time each week valuable and I would like to thank them for all their efforts. Increasingly students are also involving themselves with ideas and suggestions that would be meaningful to them and their wellbeing. This is wonderful to see.

### Student Activities

As is always the case, our young people are very involved in the wider life of the school as well as with their learning. There are so many student-led initiatives occurring at present and we are looking forward to our wider community supporting them. This Friday our now annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast is happening in the school hall at 7.30am. Come with your daughter and friends to support our leaders in this great initiative to raise funds for Breast Cancer Foundation. This is always an inspirational event.

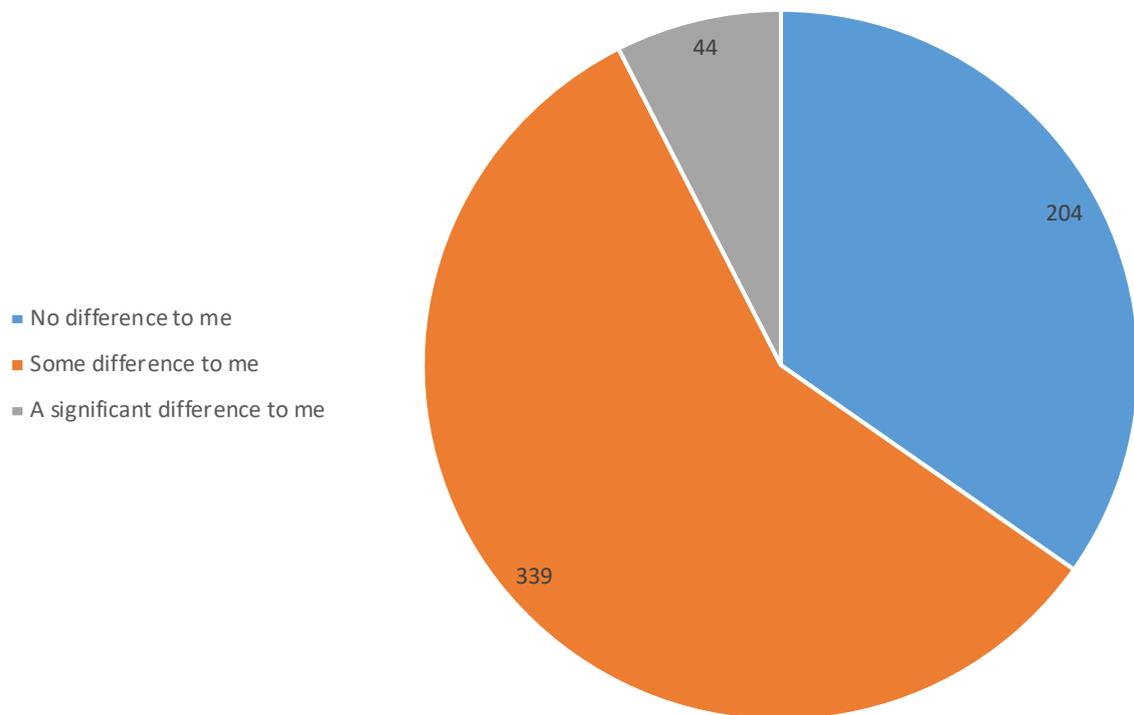
On Friday June 1, our annual HPAC is taking place. This is our student-led House Performing Arts Competition. The House Captains and all their helpers are hard at work on their productions. Make sure you get in quickly when tickets are on sale as the tickets always sell well. It is always great fun!!

Kind regards

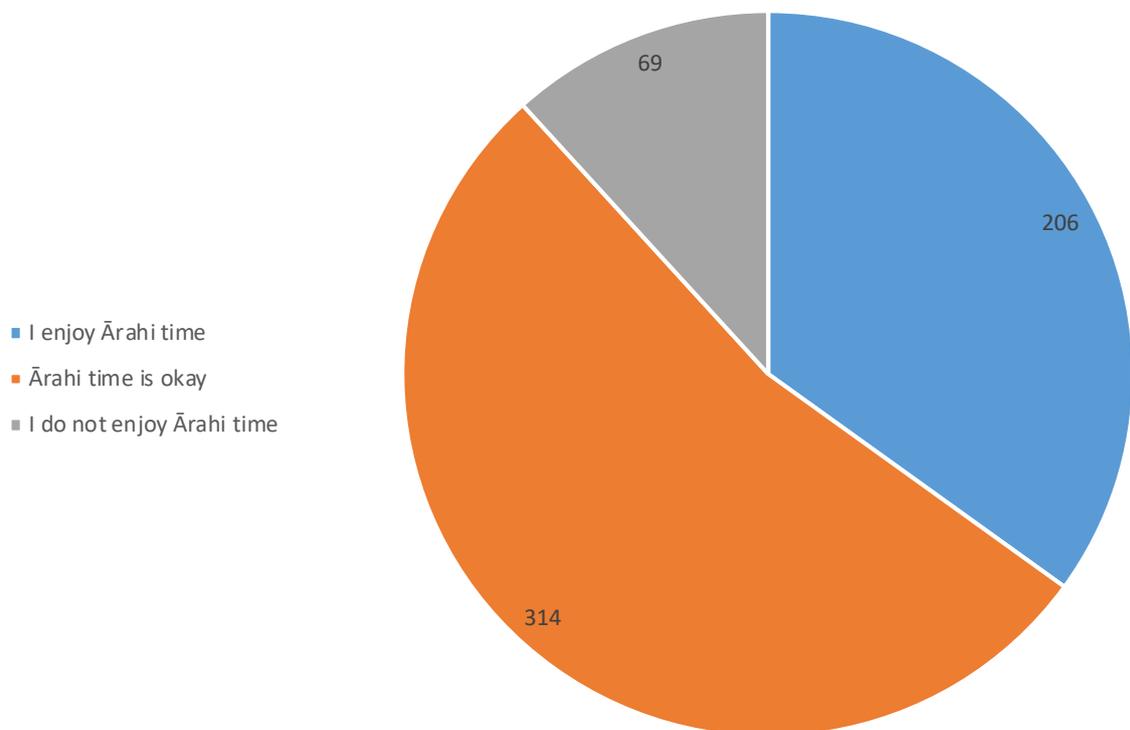
Cathy Ewing  
Principal



What difference has being with students in other year levels made to you?



How do you rate your overall experience in Ārahi time so far?



# Cable Bay - 12 Biology

The day was perfect, mild and reasonably warm for autumn, even though the sun wasn't shining. We took about 100 students out to Cable Bay to Investigate the Rocky Shore environment as part of their studies for L2 Biology.

The girls were investigating a range of different organisms in the sea and rocky shore environment. Each student was carrying out an individual study and gathering information and statistical data so they could write up investigations back at school over the coming week or so.

The day is a full-on day for students and allowed them to really stretch their investigation skills in an outdoor environment. This gives them a great insight into how real scientists do field work. Students learnt how to work with each other to gather data and were able to gain a wider appreciation of the New Zealand Rocky Shore environment. Lots of informal conversations were had about some of the threats to the marine ecosystem and many students gained insight into some of the issues surrounding global warming and its effect on marine life.

Overall a very successful day.



# The Cawthron Aquaculture Facility

"What an awesome experience!" – this was a comment made by a student following her 2 days at the Cawthron Aquaculture Facility. About 80 of our students are treated to a 2-day intense laboratory experience in the facility. We were privileged to have a guided tour of Spat NZ's operations to stimulate student thinking as a starter.

Students then spend 2 days carrying out an investigation of their choice into Green Shell Mussels. The girls design and then carry out their own experiments into these organisms.

We had a fantastic time with students doing some really intense scientific experimentation. The experience is one that enhances students understanding of real scientific research. They get exposed to real scientists and engage in very relevant and meaningful science.

It was great to have Richard de Hamel (Marine Studies Centre, Otago University) running the workshops. Cawthron kindly also provided an educator, Meagan Turner, and have facilitated the running of the programme. We are able to use the laboratories courtesy of NMIT who also support the programme. Many thanks to these people and their Institutions.



# Sports Report May 2018

After the madness of summer tournament week, the sports office has been right in the thick of getting winter codes ready. Netball and basketball had their first rounds at the start of May, with some excellent results for all our teams. There is a great vibe around the school with both codes this season, and it is great to see both our Junior and Senior A Basketball teams heading away to SISS tournaments later in the year, a first for many years. On the netball side, once again we had a myriad of girls making various Nelson Netball Rep sides, so congratulations to the following:

U14: Tiana Chaney, Ivy Barrell, Luisa Tafia

U14 Development: Rose Stephenson, Stella Benvin, Izzy Anderson, Charlotte Peacock, Sophie Miller

U15: Scarlet Powell, Sophie Fleming, Kimberley Curry

U15 Development: Izzy Lawson, Ameleah Thorn, Piper Horncastle, Macey Kappely

U17: Phoebe Neho, Chloe Webb, Emma Newson, Zoe Curtis and Sharda Herring

U19: Jess Williams, Tia Van Diepen, Jaime Archer and Alex Whitfield

During the term one holidays our sailing team competed at the NZSS nationals north of Auckland, and once again did the school proud, finishing third female team and qualifying for the 2018 Interdominions. This year the 'Interdoms' are being held in New Zealand, which gives the girls a massive headstart compared to last year, when they were held in Melbourne. We wish them the best of luck in their preparations for later in the year.



The Nelson contingent at the NZSS Sailing champs 2018

Following on from the Maadi Cup and our rowing successes, Maddi Robinson and Anna Wilson made the U18 South Island team to take on the North in the annual N v S challenge. They won both their races, and helped the South to overall victory!

The NCG Wings group continues to grow, and we have over 100 members now at school! If your daughter still wants to join they absolutely can, just contact the sports office for more information.



Lizzie Neale, winner of the TSS golf Champs 2018

Our Football 1st XI currently sit at the top of the NBF women's division one ladder, with three wins and no defeats. The team is looking very sharp this year and are keen to break back into the top ten at the national premier tournament in Taupo in September.

We had two pairs of NCG girls perform extremely well at the top of the south Golf Croquet Championships in late March, with Ellie Ross, Vienna Van Heeswyck, Ella Robertson and Ella Dickson all qualifying for nationals later in the year. This is an outstanding achievement, congratulations girls!

Lizzie Neale continues to dominate not just age grade golf but female golf in general in Nelson, winning the TSS Champs in a canter and also taking out various senior women's tournaments around the region. Lizzie is a superstar in the making, watch this space!

## PTA

There have been several new appointments and resignations at our AGM and we wish to thank past PTA members for their assistance.

New Chairperson is Maryanne Little.

We wish to announce that we will be holding the popular annual Spring Fling again on 1 September 2018.

Make sure you book your diary.

# Music

## SmokeFree RockQuest

Saturday 5 May saw a full house at the Theatre Royal for this year's regional heats of the SmokeFree RockQuest. Huge congratulations to the NCG acts selected to go on to the regional finals on Friday 18 May.



Solasta - Issy Anderson, Alice Dowse, Grace Friend and Ngawai Tia  
Judges: "Cool unique sound with awesome audience engagement"



Odd Socks - Georgia Bailey, Emily Clifford, Serene Jang, Tegan Ure, Kameta Waharoa, Molly Wilkin plus Max Schneider (Garin College)  
Also winners of the Tangata Beats award  
Judges: "Looked and sounded at home up on the stage with great connection and grooving"



Equinox - Grace Elzenheimer, Estella Romagnoli, Kaylie Toma, Xan Twissell and Tessa Wotton  
Judges: "Excellent girl rockers; a skilled group of musos"



The People's Jury - Brooklyn Hardiman plus Nelson College band members  
Judges: "Great use of dynamics for some magical moments"

A huge congratulations to 'Odd Socks' winning the Tangata Beats award. The prize was \$300 as well as a chance to go straight to the National Finals.

Also entered were the unique year 10 band, Infinity (Tiana Cheney, Catherine Courtney, Jasmine Cuff, Harriet Gale, Holly Goulter, Isabella Kennedy and Poppy MacMillan), as well as a captivating solo performance from Leah Nicholls.

A big thank you to Mr Jared Altmerts for all his hard work, encouragement and amazing help for all the bands throughout the year, even in the holidays! You're a star, Mr A!

## NCMA

Several of our music teachers are performing in the NCMA (Nelson Centre of Musical Arts) lunchtime concert series at 12:30pm every Thursday:

Lissa Cowie (cello teacher and parent) gave a stunning performance on 10 May, with a large group of girls from Prep in the audience!

Lissa will play again with the Aphra Trio on 17 May.

Nelson Bays Harmony run fabulous workshops on Monday lunchtimes at NCG and will perform on 31 May



Paul Gilmour (Double Bass teacher) and Christine Foote (Violin teacher) will perform in the Schubert Quintet on 14 June

Tickets are only \$10 and it's a chance to check out the wonderfully restored former Nelson School of Music.

# The Nelson ARK

At its core, the ARK is Youth Charity. We bring people together, young and old, as participants and/or volunteers. There are groups working together to improve quality of life.

## Programmes:

The ARK offers two main programmes: APART (Animals-People and Rehabilitative Training) an eight week programme based on site at The ARK and Healing Species, a term long programme delivered in school classrooms.

APART is a youth character education and dog training programme. It provides opportunities to develop empathy, compassion, respect and responsibility, not just for themselves, but for others and animals too. Dogs are selected for the course from the pound or SPCA or other circumstances where they are not thriving and will be taught basic obedience and fun tricks. Healing Species is a compassion education and violence intervention programme. It aims to reawaken trust and empathy in young people going through tough times. Many ARK dogs have also suffered very tough times. They're either unwanted, possibly abandoned, or even abused.

## Fostering ARK Dogs:

ARK dogs need kind, caring foster parents for about 12 weeks, while they go through the eight week APART programme, this gives the dog chance to settle and relax into their family environment and some time to find a forever home at the end of programme if you decide they're not your forever dog. The ARK provides dogs with everything they need during this time, dog crate, Kong for you to stuff with food and treats, dog lead, collar, walking harness, seat belt harness. The ARK will cover vet costs and provide all food for FREE.

## Adopting ARK Dogs:

At the end of the APART programme the dogs are put up for adoption for \$240. The cost covers microchipping, vaccinations, neutering, de-flea, de-worming, emergency care.

Our 10 year anniversary's coming up in September! If you'd like more information, want to volunteer, or want to contact the ARK, feel free to go on our website - [www.thenelsonark.co.nz](http://www.thenelsonark.co.nz). Call us on 03 5423866. We have a Facebook page: [The Nelson ARK](#)

# Welcome New International Students



We are delighted to welcome our four new international girls from Japan this term.  
We wish them much success and happiness at Nelson College for Girls.

# Careers & Future Pathways

## NMIT Tertiary Pathways (STAR) Courses

There are a range of Tertiary Pathway (STAR) courses available at NMIT in Terms 2, 3 and 4 for students in Years 11 to 13. Students should see Mrs Hall in the Careers Centre for further information and enrolment forms.

## Student for a Day

Senior students may spend a day at NMIT participating in a programme/course to see if this is an option for them for tertiary study in the future. Students get to meet tutors, talk to current students and experience life as a tertiary student. For more details about this opportunity, please contact the Careers Adviser or Careers Administrator.

## Careers Road Show

A successful Careers Road Show was held at Nelson College on 15 May. Year 12 and 13 students were given the opportunity to attend during the school day. On 29 May, the Trades Road Show will be held at the Saxtons Field Netball Pavilion and information has recently been emailed to parents about this, including how to register to attend. At this event, representatives from Industry Training Organisations will be available to speak to students about apprenticeships and training opportunities.

## Scholarships for Tertiary Study

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2019. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship](#) page

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CAREERS EVENTS 2018	Tue 29	Trades Roadshow	
	JUNE		
	Wed 6	Massey Design Evening	4.30pm Suter Art Gallery
	Wed 13	Otago Law Function	1.00 - 3.00pm
	Wed 13	University of Canterbury Info Evening	6.00pm Rutherford Hotel
	AUGUST		
	Mon 13	Canterbury University Course Planning	1.30pm Careers Centre
	Wed 22	Course Selection Evening	Hall
	SEPTEMBER		
	Fri 21	Victoria University Course Planning	1.30pm Careers Centre

OPEN DAYS 2018	Thursday 12 July	University of Canterbury
	Friday 20 July	Lincoln University
	Wednesday 1 August	Massey University Manawatu
	Saturday 11 August	Massey University Auckland
	Friday 31 August	Massey University Wellington
		Victoria University
	TBC	
		Auckland University

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# Calendar

	DATE	EVENT
WEEK 4	Tuesday 22 May	Subject Conferences - 2.30pm - 7.30pm
	Wednesday 23 May	TSS Cross Country
	Saturday 26 May	Nelson School Cross Country League
WEEK 5	Tuesday 29 May	Formal Assembly
	Wednesday 30 May	PPTA Union Meeting - School finishes at 12.30pm
	Thursday 31 May	Subject Conferences - 2.30pm - 7.30pm
	Friday 1 June	HPAC
WEEK 6	Monday 4 June	Queens Birthday
	Tuesday 5 June	BOT Meeting

## The Learning Resource Hub



### Happy Mothers Day

Hope lots of Mums received cards, flowers or bookmarks made at our Mother's Day craft activities



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7 day, 5 day & short term options are available



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