



# NELSON COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Te Kura Tamawāhine o Whakatū

NEWSLETTER Term 3 | Week 3 | 2018

## Dear parents, caregivers and whānau

### Open Evening

On Wednesday night our school was buzzing as we opened our doors to prospective families for 2019. What energy there was from our wonderful and talented students, who provided entertainment and acted as guides during the evening. The music of our jazz band had the audience tapping toes and set the scene for a fun night and the guides were amazing. I was so proud of them all.

Thank you to everyone who contributed on the night – staff, students, PTA – it was an awesome event.

### School exams

In recent days, there has finally been a feeling of spring in the air. The days are a little longer and there is greater warmth in the sun; daffodils too are coming out as the herald of warmer weather. This is the time of year that always reminds me of when I was at school and there were school exams to prepare for. I used to think that I could effectively study while sitting outside in the Oamaru spring sun. I learnt that this was not effective but I still have memories of that feeling of the beginning of warmth and growth.

This remains the time when school exams are approaching for our senior girls. No doubt they too will believe that they can multitask while studying! We wish our girls well for the upcoming school exams and the preparation for the term 4 external exams. Persistence in learning and having self-belief are both aspects we are emphasising in ārahi time to help keep anxiety levels down. A little study often works the best.

Positivity, confidence, and persistence are key in life, so never give up on yourself.

### NCEA review

Make sure that you have your say in the current review of NCEA as your views as parents are very important for the Minister to hear. You will know first hand the benefits and the struggles there can be for your daughter in the constancy of assessment in this system.

Here is the link to the consultation website. Consultation is open until 16 September 2018.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/>

Enjoy the longer days and warmer weather over the next month.

Nga mihi nui

Cathy Ewing



The Nelson College for Girls PTA Spring Fashion Fling will this year be held on Saturday, 1 September 2018.

Our PTA Committee is in full swing organising the 7th Annual Spring Fashion Fling - our only fundraising event for the year. We've worked hard to make this a community, not just a College, event – so we hope you'll come along and invite friends, colleagues and family to join you. This is a fantastic event that is fast becoming an annual Nelson 'thing'. It's all about friends, food, fashion and fun! So even if fashion isn't your 'thing' you are going to have a great night out.

We would love to have some helpers on the night so if you would like to come along to give us a hand, please contact Maryanne Little: Ph: 027 3106 352 or email: [Maryanne.little65@gmail.com](mailto:Maryanne.little65@gmail.com).

What's it all for? All proceeds raised by the event go back to the College for the benefit of the girls. Various resources and projects fall out of the Ministry of Education's funding scope and this year's Spring Fling proceeds go towards one such project, the Grounds Enhancement Plan.

You'll be greeted by the feeling of spring as you enter a hall filled with flowers and fresh greenery. Linen-covered tables with favours for guests await. Platters of delicious nibbles are provided at the tables, with drinks available at the bar. Live music, laughs and conversation fill the room... and all of this before the show even begins.

Join us! Buy a ticket for yourself, or organise a table and bring along your favourites. Tickets for the normally sell-out event are on sale now: cost \$35 per person (which includes delicious platters of yummy nibbles) or gallery seats are available for \$15 per person; purchased via email [bdgprep@ncg.school.nz](mailto:bdgprep@ncg.school.nz), phone 545 9606 or in person at the school's main office. Booking a table of 8 or 10 gives the option of selecting the table location.

Don't miss out!! Put the date in your diary now and buy your tickets early. We look forward to seeing you there!

Maryanne Little

PTA Chairperson



# Sport Report August 2018

What a month for NZ Student Athletes!

August is traditionally a pretty quiet month here, but our girls have been foot to the floor and producing some amazing results. Year 12 student Greta Clark has been selected in the New Zealand Under 18 Underwater Hockey team, a brilliant achievement for a dedicated athlete!

Saffron Wilson made the New Zealand Under 17 Indoor cricket side to compete in the junior World Cup in October in Christchurch, and 13-year-old year 9 student Lottie Fuller made the U17 development side for the same event. These three amazing young athletes are flying our flag proudly, congratulations!

It seems we can't go a month without mentioning Lizzie Neale. This time she has one upped herself, winning the New Zealand U19 ladies home links competition with the best net and gross score. This is an awesome result, beating all other U19 female golf club members from around the country for the year!

We had two girls represent Tasman in the National U15 basketball champs in Auckland recently. Mia Fletcher and Grace Meehan helped the team to 13th place overall, a massive improvement on last year where the team failed to win a game.

On the football field, year 9 student Nina Kondo has just returned from a scholarship in Japan with an elite club, and is looking forward to helping our 1st XI team at National Champs in Taupo during Tournament week. Locally the team are sitting in second place heading into the pointy end of the season.



Nina Kondo in her Japanese schools football uniform

Our Senior A Netballers had a very successful trip to Christchurch last weekend as a warm up to SISS champs. They started with a win over Christchurch Girls High 36-32, then followed it up with a very impressive win over Villa Maria 41-35. They then closed out Villa B 50-27. This puts the girls in great shape for Winter tournament, where they will be looking to qualify for Nationals later in the year.

Our swimming team competed at the SISS champs in Blenheim early last month, where Zara Aydon, Emily Bryant and Natalie Robinson all had top three finishes in various disciplines. Congratulations girls, just reward for all the hard work you put in! All our premier teams continue to work hard in the lead in to Winter Tournament in September, we wish them well and will have results to you as they come to hand.



Grace Meehan taking a shot at the 2018 U15 national Basketball Champs



Our SISS Swimming team

# Science Club

## TERM 2 Science Club: THE SCIENCE of SUPERHEROS

Big HOLLYWOOD films are about explosions, muscled men in tights fighting CGI creatures, and witty one liners from action heroes, not about scientific integrity. We have watched Thor bandy about phrases like "Einstein-Rosen bridge" and "wormhole." This astrophysicist character, played by Natalie Portman, was explaining how Thor's scientifically advanced alien race could instantaneously travel across interstellar distances. Is this explanation scientifically accurate? Do such phenomena as Einstein-Rosen bridges and wormholes actually exist? Does it matter?

As budding scientists, we decided to explore the depiction of science in Hollywood films. We watched films with our 'scientists hats' on and designed info-graphics that helped us to unpack and communicate how scientific ideas were being represented in these films.

To celebrate end of another fantastic term we enjoyed some 'herdy nummies' created by students!



### HOW HOLLYWOOD BETRAYS SCIENCE

**Sorry, but Hollywood has feed you false information - you can't**

Let's take a look at an example!

While radiation is something that can cause mutations, science proves that it is impossible for somebody to mutate that much.

**But all hope isn't lost!** IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HAVE HOLLYWOOD'S SUPER POWERS, THEN MAYBE YOU COULD CATCH SCIENCE UP WITH HOLLYWOOD!

### HOLLYWOOD SCIENCE

**WHAT IS IT?** 'Hollywood Science' is a common term given to misinterpreted science events in movies.

**WHERE IS IT?** Many classic science fiction movies have incorrect scientific information. Below are some popular examples.

- STAR WARS** The Force is a supernatural power that can be used to move objects, heal wounds, and even control the weather.
- IRON MAN** Iron Man's armor is made of a metal called vibranium, which is stronger than any other metal in the world.
- THE AVENGERS** The Hulk's strength is proportional to his anger.
- THE FLASH** The Flash can run faster than the speed of light.
- THE X-FILES** The X-Files' alien technology is based on quantum physics.

### The True and False science behind Star Wars

**False science**  
What the creators got wrong.

- Why light sabers stop at a certain point as if its light it must continue till it hits a solid.
- Momentum in space. They put on the boosters but to stop they will have to put boosters on the front (which they don't).
- Bright light cannot cut through metal.
- storm troopers always miss.
- Luke Skywalker survives over night inside a dead animal called a Tauntaun.

**True**  
What they got right.

- Luke Skywalker's robotic arm**  
When Luke got his arm cut off in the empire strikes back by Darth Vader he is made a prosthetic arm like some people in real life.
- Staying in space**  
In real life you can go to the ISS. The International Space Station where space men and women can stay for long periods of time. This is in orbit around earth.
- Freezing people**  
Cryonics is a technique of preserving someone is freezing cold temperatures.



# Brain Bee

The New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge is a competition for high school students in Year 11 to learn about the brain and its functions and to discover the latest discoveries in neuroscience research.

This year four of our Year 11 students made it into Round Two of the competition. They travelled to Dunedin late in Term 2 to take part in the South Island Final of the Brain Bee Challenge. They were Ella Taylor, Esther Walters, Erica Hardiman and Rosanna George.

The girls took part in individual and team challenges, visited the Medical School's Anatomy Museum and participated in a nerve stimulation lab.

To take part in this competition, the girls had to study a book on neuroscience and answer several rounds of questioning first online, and then in person in Dunedin.

Their dedication, hard work and perseverance paid off with excellent results. The team came 1st overall in the South Island and Ella Taylor was placed first in the Individual competition. Ella will travel to Australia to represent the South Island in the Australasian final in December.



# Learning Resource Hub

## Year 9 Readers Cup

On Tuesday 3rd July our five teams took part in a quiz competition in the library to find the top 2 teams. These 2 teams will represent Nelson College For Girls at the Top of the South inter-school competition at Nayland College on the 26th September. The 6 books they have to read for this event are : The Severed Land by Maurice Gee; Turtles All The Way Down by John Green; Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend; Road to Winter by Mark Smith; I am not Esther by Fleur Beale; and Gone by Michael Grant.

Congratulations to you all, and thanks to all the students who took part.  
Carolyn Roberts  
Library Manager



Winning Team

Lucy Reith, Rosie Armstrong, Yasmin Ismael, Cassandra Busby



Runners Up

Seren Holden, Leah Johnston, Grier Rollinson, Lucy Milligan

# Music



Estella Romagnoli and Xan Twissell recently performed at the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts lunchtime concert for outstanding singer/songwriter talent.

The girls beautifully performed two original songs, "Crown of Honey Gold" and "With You".

## Mid-Winter Concert

Monday 27 August: Our very first school concert in the new Nelson Centre Of Musical Arts will be a wonderful collection of choirs (Prep and Bel Canto), Orchestra, Pre-Orchestra, Musical Theatre and solos. Tickets (\$16 and \$8) are available through [Ticket Direct](#).



## Estella Romagnoli



Estella has also just had the wonderful news that she's made the top three for solo/duo acts in the SmokeFree RockQuest, so she will be going to the National Finals in Auckland this September. This is a fabulous achievement and we wish her the very best of luck.

To see Estella performing a range of her excellent original work, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJzjP57PCc0>

# Careers & Future Pathways

## Welcome

This term is already proving to be very busy with subject selection and Year 13 students preparing for tertiary study.

## Subject Selection 2019

Students were issued with Curriculum Handbooks in Week 2 of Term 3. Kaiarahi of students in Years 9-12 will explain the subject selection process during arahi times. Students will have the opportunity to make appointments with the Careers Department if they need help choosing their subjects. Subject choices need to be inputted into the portal by Monday 3 September. Students are to input their subjects into the portal and a printout of these subjects will be sent to parents and caregivers to sign. These printouts must be returned to Kaiarahi.

Parents/caregivers are invited to attend with their daughters the Course Selection Evening on Wednesday 22 August between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. This event will be held in the Hall.

## Seniors – Scholarship Applications and Limited Entry Courses

Seniors are advised that they must check closing dates for limited entry courses and scholarship applications, for both university and polytechnic courses of study. Many scholarships require a school reference. If your daughter requires a school reference, she needs to contact the Careers Administrator. Students can find information about Scholarships using databases such as givME and MoneyHub.

## Halls of Residence Application Process

Halls of Residence online applications opened on Monday 1 August. As part of the application process students are asked to request a Common Confidential Reference. These will be completed and then be forwarded to the University or Polytechnic. If you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to contact the HOD of Careers or the Careers Administrator. The link to request a Common Confidential Reference is below: <https://ccrf.dotnous.com/students/>

## StudyLink

Students thinking about further study after they leave school have many decisions to make. StudyLink's website is a great place to visit to get students thinking about what it will cost to live and study. StudyLink can help students work out if study is right for them and how they will support themselves. Once they have made the decision to study, it is a good idea to sign up to receive emails from StudyLink. This way students will not miss important information, like when to apply and documents they will need to send. We encourage students and parents to check out [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz).

<b>OPEN DAYS 2018</b>	<b>Saturday 11 August</b>
	Massey University Auckland
	<b>Saturday 25 August</b>
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	<b>Friday 31 August</b>
	Massey University Wellington
	<b>Friday 31 August</b>
	Victoria University

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	<b>Careers Administrator</b>
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AUGUST			
<b>CAREER EVENTS 2108</b>	Mon 13	Canterbury University Course Planning	1.30pm Careers Centre
	Thur 16	UC Nelson (Primary Teaching) Info Evening	4.30 - 7.00pm NMIT
	Mon 20	NMIT Visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
	Wed 22	Course Selection Evening	Hall
	Wed 22	Army Reserves Information Evening	7.30pm Army Office
SEPTEMBER			
	Mon 10	Otago University Course Planning	1.30pm Careers Centre
	Wed 26	Massey Course Planning	11.30am in C4
	Thu 27	Victoria University Course Planning	1.30pm Careers Centre

# Calendar

	DATE	EVENT
WEEK 4	Tuesday 14th August	School Closes 12.30pm - Teacher Only Half Day
	Saturday 18th August	Year 13 Ball
WEEK 5	Monday 20 August	Year 9 Speech Competition
	Tuesday 21 August	Year 10 Speech Competition / Formal Assembly
	Wednesday 22 August	Course Selection Evening
	Friday 24 August	Year 11 Speech Competition
WEEK 6	Monday 27 August	Mid Winter Concert
	Tuesday 28 August	Year 12 & 13 Speech Competition
	Friday 31 August	Mufti Day
	Saturday 1 September	Spring Fashion Fling

## Preparatory School



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Preparatory School  
**OPEN MORNING**  
Thursday 16 August 2018

9:00 am  
Welcome  
& Information

9:15 - 10 am  
Tour



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As part of the Ray White partnership with Nelson College for Girls, when Grant Chaney completes a sale for a school family or referral, he will donate

# \$1000 TO THE SCHOOL

What's more, \$250 of this will go to the class, college team or group you nominate.

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