



Kia ora koutou, welcome to our first newsletter for 2024! Term One always seems to fly by as students and their tamariki resettle into routines. Students have set goals and engaged in a variety of interesting learning programmes including certificates in Business Studies through Open Polytechnic, Te Reo Māori through Te Wānanga o Raukawa and Beauty Therapy through the Top of the South Trades Academy. During the term we hosted a whanau morning in Pōtiki so family and friends could see where all the mahi happens. Some of the highlights outside of the classroom have included trips to Small Time at our local library, a visit to Natureland and an amazing water-based active living programme which you'll read more about below.



Student News

It was lovely to have many of our 2023 cohort return in 2024. It's amazing how their tamariki grew up so much over the summer. We currently have a group of active toddlers in Pōtiki, ranging in ages from 12 to 22 months, who have been having a lot of fun together!

We welcomed one new student, Maraanea with her 18 month old daughter Te O Ataahurangi, at the beginning of the term. We also farewelled another at the end, Charlotte with her son Grayson, who is leaving to pursue further studies in Early Childhood Education.



First Aid

A big thank you to Brendon Turner from Abel Health for delivering an informative and engaging First Aid course to our students (and Danielle) at the end of term. Lots of practical, hands-on learning! It was great to see everyone engaged and asking lots of questions.

Easter Chocolate Making

Check out some of the amazing creations our students produced with the help of Sharon for Easter this year. Everyone had a great time working together to make some beautiful and delicious treats for themselves and their whānau.



New Staff

This term we welcomed our new tumuaki to Nelson College for Girls, Claire O'Fee, along with four new staff members to the YPS whanau. Sharon Norriss is our new kitchen coordinator delivering Ka Ora, Ka Ako, our healthy lunch programme, to students. Sharon brings years of cooking experience with her and is also the coordinator for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Ann and Roger, a husband and wife team, are sharing the role of van driver. We also have a new nurse this year, Amy Allan, from Whanake Youth, who is with us every Wednesday.



Whānau morning

We had a wonderful morning with our students and staff members bringing in their whānau, some meeting for the first time. Our new tumuaki Claire O'Fee also joined us. We shared kai and planted some vegetables in our garden, aligning with maramataka thanks to Maraanea's guidance. We will have another whānau morning in September so look out for your next invitation.

Active Living

At the beginning of term YPS received Tū Manawa funding through Sport Tasman for us to run a water based Active Living Programme. This funding has enabled our rangatahi to recreate in their local area, have fun with friends and try new things. They have learnt about their whakapapa, the whenua and local history. They have been inspired to get their tamariki active and into the outdoors. They have tried things they thought they wouldn't enjoy... and really loved it. Next term

we start our weekly pēpi swimming lessons. A big shout out to Sport Tasman, Moana Paddle Nelson, Waka Abel Tasman, Wilderness Canoe Trust and CLM Riverside Pool for making this happen.



Canoe

"I like how she (the instructor) opened with a karakia and closed with a karakia. I enjoyed how we had a chance to be present and do something for ourselves." Maraanea

Paddle Boarding

The people we did it with were really nice and encouraging and supportive which made me feel more comfortable and confident to be on the paddle board." Charlotte

Waka ama

"I really enjoyed learning about my whakapapa in Kaitehere (Kaiteheri) and being out on the water was really healing and it was just an enjoyable day. Like a really, really good day." Talon

Enrolling at YPS

Do you know a young parent who might benefit from enrolling at Nelson Young Parents' School? We welcome enrolments at any time during the year. The young person must be 20 or younger and can be hapū or already have one or more children. We have an onsite kindergarten so they can attend with their child.

We provide transport, morning tea and lunch each day, stationery and a positive and supportive learning environment. Our learning programme provides each student with a pathway to gain NCEA and other qualifications; it is individualised, personalised, responsive and flexible, based on students' goals and career plans.

We also provide: budgeting and financial education, a parenting course, careers education including work experience opportunities, access to health services, a First Aid Course, driver licencing support and an exciting active living programme.

We welcome visits from anyone interested in enrolling.

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