



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the first newsletter for 2023. We've had a busy first half of the year with several new staff, ākonga and tamariki joining us.

This year has seen a number of changes in staffing following the retirement of long-serving co-head teacher Philippa Trewavas. Philippa has given more than 37 years service to the education sector. In 2013 she helped to establish YPS in the format that it is today. Philippa held the Head Teacher position at YPS for 10 years – during that time over 150 young parents attended the school. Philippa's passion, creativity and commitment to creating a school that meets the needs of Nelson teen parents has been a true credit to her. We wish Philippa all the best for this next stage in her life. Ineke Reynolds, who was in a job share role with Philippa over the previous two years, has now stepped into the role as Head Teacher.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF



Danielle
Watson
TEACHER



Baukje
McCorkindale
SOCIAL WORKER



Felicity
Bradley
PŌTIKI TEACHER



Sylvia
Nevin
ESOL TEACHER

WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING WHĀNAU

During the first term we welcomed several new students and their tamariki. Kaitlyn and Amias joined us in February, followed by returning student Talon with her daughter Kailani. Princess also started in term one and has been on maternity leave this term. We're delighted to announce the arrival of her baby boy, Manaia Tevita Beri born on the 16th of May.

At the beginning of term two Rodeshar and her daughter Melah enrolled, and Raine returned from maternity leave with her son, Manaaki. Sam joined us halfway through the term – her son, Isiaih, attends an early learning centre in Richmond.



Kaitlyn & Amias

Raine & Manaaki

Pōtiki is buzzing with babies and we're really enjoying getting to know everyone as they work towards their academic and personal goals. In addition to welcoming our new students, we also farewelled India and her daughter Cora and Kayla and her daughter Avani, as well as April and her son Phoenix.

Rodeshar & Melah

Talon & Kailani



WHĀNAU MORNING

At the start of this term we were excited to host a Whānau morning in Pōtiki. This was a great chance for students to bring their friends and family in to the kura, show them where the babies sleep and play, where the parents work, celebrate their achievements and of course share kai. Staff always enjoy meeting whānau and being able to share the students' achievements of the year with those around them. We were delighted to have so many attend, including some past students and their tamariki – it is always great to see these familiar faces and we look forward to hosting more of these events in the future.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Students have been engaged in an interesting range of subjects at different levels of the curriculum this year. We have students making a start on NCEA Level 1, working towards achieving NCEA Level 2 and 3, and for the first time, two students who have been studying Level 4 courses. Here are some of the highlights so far:

Sam started halfway through term 2 with only 11 credits to achieve towards NCEA Level 1. She has achieved this goal as well as gaining her restricted driver licence.

Princess made a very positive start on her learning programme in the short time she was here before going on maternity leave.

Rodeshar has spent much of the term settling Melah in Pōtiki but has also found time to begin work in numeracy and literacy.

Sienna is working towards a Certificate in Pre-Health through Ara and has achieved two out of the four papers so far. She's juggling this with study towards NCEA L3 and UE.

Talon is really engaged in her learning, enjoying PE in particular and working towards achieving NCEA Level 2. She has also gained her learner driver licence.

Kaitlyn has made excellent progress towards her goals of achieving NCEA Level 1 and 2. She's gained 36 credits over the first two terms.

Since returning from maternity leave, **Raine** has been working hard to achieve all 10 literacy credits and has made a great start on numeracy as well.

Laura is studying a Certificate in Front Line Business Management through Open Polytechnic. She is achieving excellent results, maintaining an A average in her assessments.

Yulieth has continued to work on her English and Maths and prepare for exams in Spanish. She's also gained a part-time job at Kensington Court which is very exciting.

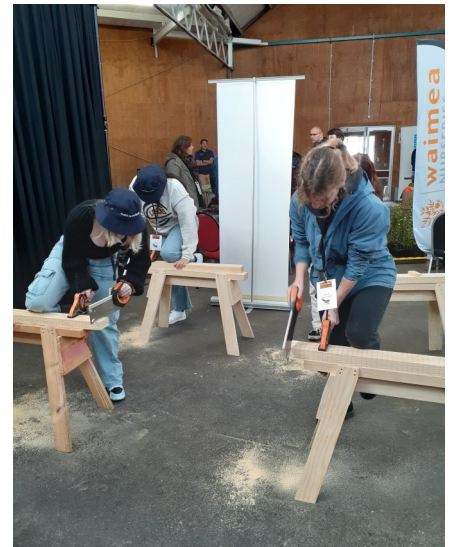
We would also like to congratulate past student **Lexi Jameson** who began studying towards a Bachelor of Counselling degree at NMIT this year. Lexi was awarded two scholarships – the NMIT degree scholarship and the Nelson Soroptimist Educational Trust scholarship – amazing achievement Lexi!

CAREERS

Every term we invite people in, or send students out, to explore potential career options. This year we have had visits from Blair from Ara/Te Pūkenga and Amie-Jo from NMIT/Te Pūkenga, who shared their knowledge on tertiary study options with our students. June has been a very busy month for us with two of our students taking the opportunity to participate in Te Whatu Ora day at Nelson Hospital, exploring career opportunities in health. We also attended a full day careers expo at Founders Park – ‘Fantastic Futures’ – where local businesses gave our students a taste of what the Nelson region has to offer in employment. The last week of term saw all of our students at NMIT trying their hand at making the perfect cup of coffee.

TAMARIKI

Our tamariki have a strong sense of belonging in Pōtiki and are busy each day taking full advantage of their varied play opportunities. Towards the end of term we farewelled Gianna who has made the transition to the Teina room in Auckland Point Kindergarten. She shared a celebratory morning tea in Pōtiki with some of her friends including new friends from Teina.



At the end of term one, ākonga, kaiako and tamariki took a trip to Riverside Pool. We walked along the river, spent time playing in the pool, then ended the experience with a picnic in the park outside.



ACTIVE LIVING

We've had a lot of fun exploring opportunities to be active in our region this year. Highlights have included orienteering at the Botanic, paddle boarding to Haulshore Island and boxing sessions at Victory Boxing.



VISITORS

It's been fantastic to have a steady stream of visitors this year, sharing their time, knowledge and expertise with us. Pōtiki have welcomed Wendy Logan from Nelson Soroptimists to share some of the history of our school with the students, Debbie Harvey from Plunket, and Valerie Shroder from Baby Focus. In the classroom we have hosted Vicki Steadman from the DHB who delivered a session on nutrition, Jay Blazek from NBPHO, Katelyn McManus from Community Law, Dave Harris from Christians Against Poverty to help us with our budgeting, and Bridget Dapples from Parenting on Purpose who delivered a highly engaging parenting course to our young mums. Thank you from all of us for your support this year.



Wendy Logan (Soroptimist) sharing history of the Nelson Young Parents' School with students in Pōtiki

DONATIONS

We continue to be blessed with kind donations from our community such as this wonderful knitting from Jenny Easton.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated several students birthdays and also Mother's Day with delicious cakes made by our kitchen coordinator Maegan.



Nelson Young Parents' School is a Teen Parent Unit servicing the Top of the South. Students can join any time throughout the year. Transport, food and childcare are all provided.

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