Te Kura Tūwaenga o Whakatū Wāhanga 2 - Wiki 10 - 2023 Pānui ā-kura



Nelson Intermediate School Term 2 - Week 10 - 2023 School newsletter

Tēnā koutou, talofa lava, mālō e lelei, kia orāna, fakaalofa lahi atu, fakatalofa atu, malo ni, ni sa bula vinaka, namaste, hola, konichiwa, sawasdee, nī hāo, mingălaba and warm greetings to you all.

This newsletter sees us nearing the end of the term and with the days getting shorter winter is definitely upon us. A reminder to please ensure your tamaiti is wearing the correct school uniform. Navy track pants are available from The Warehouse, please support us with this. More information and photos can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Last newsletter, we spoke of the importance of monitoring social media and the impact this can have on friendships and interactions at school. We are starting to notice the dynamics of relationships changing as our young people begin to establish themselves, and the issue of 'Friendenemies' or 'Frenemies' has arisen.

'Friendenemies' is a term used to describe a complex dynamic where someone may have a friendship with another person, but there are also elements of rivalry, competition, or negative behaviour present. It typically involves a mix of friendly interactions and harmful or hurtful actions.

Navigating friendenemies can be challenging, especially for tamariki who are still developing their social skills and emotional intelligence. To support ākonga to work through this trying time we need to teach them to express their emotions assertively and honestly while also listening actively to the other person's perspective.

Help young people establish clear boundaries for what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in their relationships. Encourage them to prioritise their well-being and avoid tolerating negative actions or words from others. Fostering empathy can help them develop compassion and navigate conflicts with a more balanced approach. Encourage young people to seek out and cultivate positive friendships that are based on mutual respect, support, and kindness. Positive relationships can counterbalance the negative aspects of friendenemy dynamics.

Remember that navigating relationships can be emotionally draining for young people. It's essential to provide a safe and non-judgmental space for them to express their feelings, ask questions, and seek guidance as they navigate these challenges.

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Te Pītau Whakarei

Tēnā koutou,

Te Whakahoro of Ngāti Kahungunu once said, "Kia heke iho rā i ngā tūpuna, kātahi ka tika." "If handed down by the ancestors, then it would be correct." This whakatauākī captures well the essence of much of our learning during Term 2. While, indeed, we teach our students to be critical learners, questioning the world around them, we know the power of our ancestral knowledge. We have explored mātauranga Māori in various ways this term.

In the first few weeks of te wāhanga tuarua, Matua Bob Bickerton came in to share his knowledge of our taonga puoro. His presentation traversed the history of Māori instruments, using pūrakau as the vehicle that pulled his thread along. He brought in over 20 taonga and told their stories, showing our students how and when to play the various instruments. We're sure more than a few ākonga were inspired to play or make ngā taonga! The following day, we supplied some bamboo and had a go at whipping up our own kōauau.



We were also honoured to share our mātauranga Māori with some new friends in the United States. Teri Gragg is an Art teacher from New Jersey who Te Pītau Whakarei have become semi-pen-pals with. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Teri's art class was exploring Māori art, so we shared our understandings and experiences, including filming ourselves performing one waiata and two haka for them. This performance was shown at their annual art evening and from what we heard, the audience was blown away by the authenticity and passion of the Te Pītau Whakarei tauira. They also took us on a virtual tour of their school; our kids were JEALOUS of their 'e-sports gaming room' and cafeteria.

Another great experience this term was being invited to see The Nelson Provincial Museum's latest exhibition entitled 'Morimoritia: ngā taonga tuku iho/Treasured: objects of mana and significance'. This exhibition explores questions of treasuring and protection and showcases some pretty special taonga from throughout Aotearoa's history.

Upcoming kapa haka event - Te Pītau Whakarei will be performing with Victory students at their Matariki Show on the 21st of July.





Te Whānau Maitahi

We are excited to see the wonderful spirit of whānau sport within Maitahi. Ākonga have the opportunity to participate in netball, cricket, basketball or football. This programme allows our students to choose their preferred sport each week, which gives them an opportunity to explore different codes.

Having the flexibility to choose which sport they participate in allows students to try something that they may not have otherwise tried or been exposed to. Also allowing them to work with their peers across the four classes gives the ākonga a sense of camaraderie within the whānau. For many ākonga this was taken as an opportunity to practice, develop and refine their skills for out of school sporting events.

We are excited to change the options next term and continue whānau sports within the kura.

Here are some action shots of the tamariki:





NCG Music Showcose

During Week 8 a group of NIS musicians visited Nelson College for Girls to watch their music showcase. Ākonga enjoyed a range of performances from NCG's bands, choir and orchestra. It was especially great to see a number of our former ākonga performing so well. Many thanks to NCG for the invite!



Te Whānau Wairepo

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This Term, Te Whānau Wairepo have been absolutely dominating in the whānau challenges! We took out Pictionary and the Obstacle Course, where our creativity, teamwork, and quick thinking led us to success. It was neck and neck in the Paper Chain Challenge, leaving us in a controversial 2nd place, and we think the judges have a lot to answer for

But it's not just the winning we can brag about; it's about how we support each other and think outside the box. Te Whānau Wairepo have even been earning extra points for cheering on our teammates with enthusiasm and loud voices... very loud voices!







Besides our successes outside of the classroom, some of our students have taken on the challenge of doing science fair projects. These budding scientists are truly engaged in their chosen topics, doing experiments, research, or even art. We admire their commitment to curiosity and learning, and we're excited to see their interesting presentations.

Meanwhile, Te Pītau Whakarei have been working hard on their entry for the Te Ramaroa light festival. We can't wait to see their remarkable creation, and encourage you to have a look too.

Te Whānau Wairepo have also been learning about Matariki this term. We've been exploring the meanings of each of the nine stars. This exploration relates to our reading and writing lessons, helping us connect with our cultural heritage in a deep and meaningful way.



Te Whānau Aorere

Ākonga from Te Whānau Aorere showcased their determination and skill, competing valiantly against their peers in the recent Cross Country Event. It was great to see so many students stepping up and giving it a go, with a lot experiencing some success within the final placings of our kura. We are proud of everyone who participated!

A special congratulations to these Aorere ākonga, who placed in the top 10 in their year group:

- Sophie Vincent (1st Place, Year 7 Girls)
- Ryder McMeeken (2nd Place, Year 8 Boys)
- Abbi Jerram (2nd Place, Year 8 Girls)
- Keeley Redwood (3rd Place, Year 7 Boys)
- Elouise South (4th Place, Year 8 Girls)
- Ethan Hanrahan (4th Place, Year 8 Boys)
- Nova Williams (5th Place, Year 7 Girls)
- Cooper Watson (6th Place, Year 7 Boys)
- Juniper Nevin (6th Place, Year 8 Girls)
- Al Today (6th Place, Year 8 Boys)
- Lewis Jolly (9th Place, Year 7 Boys)
- Edwin Acland (10th Place, Year 7 Boys)
- Benjamin Burrows (10th Place, Year 8 Boys)



The science fair is well underway, with ākonga fully engaged in the scientific inquiry process. As they immerse themselves in their projects, the students diligently follow the steps of scientific investigation, from formulating research questions to designing experiments and collecting data. Ākonga may even choose to take their investigations home to further explore and refine their findings. With these being displayed next term, we are looking forward to celebrating the final presentations with our ākonga.

Stay tuned!

Ngā mihi nui, Tom Ingham



NIS Colour Run DATE SET - Friday 28 July

Our annual Colour Run event is coming up next term! This is a great day to encourage our ākonga to be active in and enjoying and social environment.

The Colour Run does require a lot of supervision and support. If you would like to help out on the day by being a sentry along the route, or helping the kaiako throw coloured powder at the runners/walkers, please contact

saribble@nelsonintermediate.school.nz



Te Whānau Moketapu

We are thrilled to announce that this year, the talented students of Moketapu 3 will again be participating in the renowned Te Ramaroa Light Festival. With tremendous dedication and hard work, these students have been busy crafting a mesmerizing display that promises to captivate audiences and add a touch of magic to the event.

The Moketapu 3 students have embraced the festival's theme of the collaborative nature of art, science, and technology. We can't wait to present their creation to the community at the festival - It's going to be a magical experience that will hopefully be something the students can be proud of.

This year the festival will run from June 30th until July 4th. We invite the you all to join us in supporting these ākonga and experience firsthand the magic of the light festival. Make sure to mark your calendars!







Lazy Sneakers Shoe Drop

Last Tuesday in Week 8, we held our 'sneaker drop'. All of our donated shoes were on the netball court for students to try on and take home if they found the right fit!

Lazy Sneakers is a donation and distribution service where we collect shoes from our community and redistribute them back into the community. A big thanks to Brett From the Shoe Clinic who donated 63 pairs of brand new shoes!

If you are still in need of some new shoes come and see Mr Jenkins in Aorere 5.

Can you help? If you have any shoes that are in good condition that you no longer wear or have grown out of and would like to donate, please bring them into the office or Aorere 5. When we build up our shoe numbers again we will have another drop and/or look to take the shoes out into the community for others.











Primary Science Week

Nelson Intermediate celebrated Primary Science Week with Dr Ruud Kleinpaste (Bug Man) and Dr Riley Elliott (Shark Man). They visited the school and talked to all the ākonga and kaiako about their adventures and work in the conservation and restoration of NZ's natural environment.







Classroom Kaitiaki

Every day we are amazed by the adaptability of our NIS ākonga. Many are taking on new challenges, stepping outside their comfort zones and actively participating in the enriching experiences we offer here at Nelson Intermediate.

We want to share with you the exciting innovations and entrepreneurial endeavours of our Kaitiaki ākonga who have embarked on a project to design and create Kawakawa balm. Their creativity and ingenuity have truly shone through.

These experiences teach invaluable skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity. It nurtures their ability to identify opportunities and grow, preparing them for the dynamic world they will encounter beyond the school gates.







Think. Create. Innovate.

Open to all students from Years 1-13 to enter Science Experiments, Research, Technology or Art projects. Specialist judges review entries, interview students and provide individual feedback. Cash prizes of up to \$500 to be won!













We are thrilled to witness the huge number of our ākonga passionately engaging in a wide range of exciting and innovative research, technology, scientific, and artistic projects. These are taking place not only within the confines of the classroom but also at kitchen tables and even in garages, with the invaluable guidance of our dedicated kaiako, community mentors, and supportive whānau.

The enthusiasm and drive our ākonga exhibit as they actively pursue their own passions and assert their agency is truly awe-inspiring. We can't wait to come together and revel these completed projects with you early in Term 3. The hope is that many will be entered into the Cawthron Institute SciTech Fair 2023 on the 22nd and 23rd of August.

Here is glimpse of some projects and the concentration on the faces of our ākonga!



Community Notices and Upcoming...

Jr Philosophy Conference for Years 7-10

Wednesday, 2 August from 9-3 pm at MOI Nelson, 173 Trafalgar St.

Group bookings please go here: <u>Junior Stretch and</u> <u>Challenge - Australasia 2023 - Thriving Minds</u>

For individual bookings please go here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philosophy-for-stude https://

Space is extremely limited.



Cawthron INSPIRE Festival

Years 3-8, 31 August to 1 September at Garin College.

A hands-on STEAMS Festival for youth! Programme available 28 July with sales opening 4 August.



Bridge Valley Day Camps

Children and youth aged 7-13 years are invited to our Farmyard Olympics Day Camp in July! The camp will be filled with fun outdoor activities, farm-style challenges like gumboot throwing and sheep herding, and great people. There will be a bus with stops from Nelson each day and lunch will be provided.

See more information or register at bridgevalley.co.nz or email holiday-camps@bridgevalley.co.nz













Are you between the ages of 12-24 and live in the Nelson/Tasman region?

What Nelson Youth Choir offers

The opportunity to perform across the region at a diverse range of events

A supportive and inclusive community of fellow music enthusiasts

The chance to explore various musical genres and styles

Lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories





Please scan the QR Code to complete the expression of interest form and we will get in touch shortly.



KIDS AIKIDO (8-12 YRS)

Every Wednesday and Friday 5pm to 6pm

during school term

Kids can be enrolled in the first 3 weeks of each Term.

Aikido is a Japanese martial art that uses strikes, locks, holds, throws and the opponent's momentum to fend off attacks.

Beginners learn how to safely fall and roll.

Aikido will help your child strengthen their body, mind and spirit.

Contact Callum: 021 069 4211 for details
First class is free
If fees are a barrier – do not hesitate to contact us
Uniform supplied for small cost

63 Tahunanui Drive (opposite McDonalds)







