



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, mingālabā and warm greetings to you all.

At Nelson Intermediate we strive to provide a nurturing, caring and inclusive environment. We aim to do this by proactively teaching our school values, and ensuring that the needs of each ākonga are catered to.

As the year has progressed we are starting to notice an increase in antisocial behavior, particularly amongst some of our female ākonga. Beyond the immediate disruption it causes, antisocial behaviour can have profound implications on the well-being of ākonga and the entire school community.

Antisocial behavior, whether it's bullying, exclusion, or harassment, can lead to emotional distress, anxiety, and a decline in mental health. It creates an atmosphere where ākonga may feel unsafe and unwelcome, hindering their ability to thrive academically and socially. We must recognise that the consequences of antisocial behaviour extend far beyond the surface. It erodes trust, fractures relationships, and damages the sense of belonging that every student should feel within our school and community.

Our school takes a proactive stance against antisocial behaviour. We encourage open communication between ākonga, whānau and kaiako. If your tamaiti witnesses or experiences any form of antisocial behaviour, please don't hesitate to contact us. We have support systems in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all and can offer advice and support for behaviour that happens outside of the school day.

By addressing antisocial behaviour head-on and promoting a culture of respect and empathy, we not only improve the overall atmosphere but also safeguard the mental and emotional well-being of our students. Let's stand together against antisocial behaviour, working collaboratively to create a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone can flourish.

Ngā mihi

Di Webb  
Tumuaki





## Māori Language Week 2023

E te kāhui o te Kura Tūwaenga o Whakatū, tēnā koutou.

Ko tēnei wiki te tīmatanga o “Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori” nō reira e tika ana kia mihi atu ki ngā tōtara haemata, i waenga i ngā tau 1900s, i tahutahu ake i te ahi popō ana, arā ko te Reo Māori. E mihi ana ki ngā kuia, ngā koroua, ngā kaumātua, ngā rangatahi hoki i āta poi poi i āta tutungi i tā tātou taonga. Ko te Reo Māori ko te manawa o ngā tini mata o te ao Māori. Ki te kore te Reo Māori, he rite ki he rākau pakiaka kore. Ko Aotearoa te rākau.

This week marks the beginning of “Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori”, a week in which the Māori language is celebrated across the country. If you are looking for another reason to support the growth of the Māori language, there are plenty; perhaps you are proud of the cultural heritage that is unique to Aotearoa New Zealand alone or maybe you’re excited by the many benefits of dipping your brain in two languages. It could, instead, be that you’re inspired by the intimate, poetic relationship the language has with our natural world or you just reckon you’d look great in some of that sweet “kia kaha te Reo Māori” merch. Whatever the reason, now is the best time to keep building on your reo Māori, whether it be budding, burgeoning or blossoming already.

Across the school, we will be supporting te Reo Māori because it is a treasure that helps empower our students to be richer citizens of the world.



We are extremely proud of our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and being good Treaty partners. Part of this partnership is giving honour to te reo Māori and naturalising it in our kura. Here are some commonly used Māori words used in our communications. By doing this, we hope that our community will also be able to naturalise these words as we have in the kura.

Kura	School
Kaiako	Teacher
Tumuaki	Principal
Whānau	Family / family groupings / class syndicates
Ākonga	Learner/s
Hapori	Community
Pānui	Notice / newsletter
Te Pītau Whakarei	Māori medium pathway at our kura
Kaupapa	Topic, policy, matter for discussion, purpose
Whanaungatanga	Enacting whānau like relationships
Mihi	Greeting / regards
Kaiāwhina	Learning assistant / teacher aide
Manaakitanga	Hospitality / kinship / care of others
Kaitiakitanga	Custodianship / enacting care for the environment

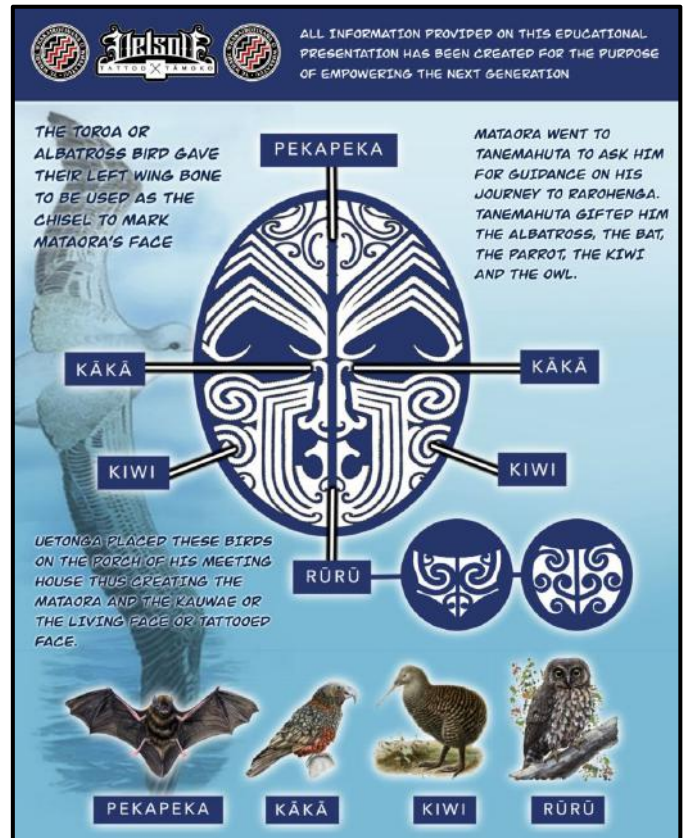
## Te Pītau Whakareī

Tēnā koutou,

Ka puāwai ngā kōwhai he tohu tēnā kua aroaromahana! Nau mai hoki mai, spring time.

Term 3 has flown by with days being consumed almost as quickly as fried bread at a hui. However, you won't catch Te Pītau Whakareī floating idly at the kai table this term... Our days have been populated with many fun, educational and inspirational activities, some of which we share below.

Earlier in the term, we had Matua Charles, a tā moko expert from Whakatū, come in to share his knowledge with the ākonga. We explored the whakapapa of Māori tattooing and created our own designs, drawing from traditional motifs to represent important things, like whānau and interests. Big thanks to Matua Charles for spending some time with us.



Three of our students also spent three days at Waikawa Marae in Picton, exploring the relationship between science, mātauranga Māori and our lives. They were able to do some cool, hands-on, experiments and got to immerse themselves in the culture of Waikawa Marae.

Finally, kapa haka, in various forms, has taken centre stage in Te Pītau this term. Alongside helping teach the school haka to the rest of the classes, we have been training every day for Mana Kuratahi Nationals which will be held in Nelson in Term 4. On top of this, we were privileged to perform at the opening of Melissa Bank's special, and beautiful, exhibition on Kapa Haka at the Nelson Provincial Museum. This exhibition will be on until the middle of November. Head along!







## Te Whānau Aorere

With the end of the term nearing, Te Whānau Aorere have been fully immersed in a variety of different activities. It has been exciting to learn our school haka, under the guidance of some Te Pītau Whakarei students. The progress been fantastic, and we are looking forward to competing against the other whānau at the end of the term.



We have also been in full swing with designing and constructing our kaitiaki masks. With each class having a different theme, it has been great to see ākonga take this and develop a mask that shows their personal understanding of the theme, and different pūrakau that sit alongside it. Ākonga are excited to showcase their final product at the beginning of Term 4.



## Te Whānau Maitahi

In Week 7, Maitahi hosted the Kura Fortnightly Challenge. 'The H<sub>2</sub>O Challenge' involved passing water along a line of ākonga to fill a bucket.

Tamariki were challenged by having to perform various handovers. Everyone who participated had fun, and the spectators were well entertained.

We look forward to this week's kura assembly to find out who has won the termly Whānau Award.







## Te Whānau Mocketapu

As we move closer to the end of term students in Te Whānau Mocketapu have been gearing up for the Haka Challenge. It has been a great chance to come together as a whānau more frequently to learn the action of our school haka “Whāia te ara tika.”

In the beginning, many were unsure about the significance of our haka, but as we delved deeper into its history and meaning, they have understood the importance and strength of the school wide connection. The competition adds an extra layer of excitement, as the upcoming event looms on the last day of this term.



During these times we have also celebrated achievement through class awards and values badges which ākonga continue to collect and earn.



## Te Whānau Wairepo

What does Whānau Sport look like in Wairepo?

Every Thursday afternoon, Te Whānau Wairepo meet under the trees for a hui. We celebrate ākonga achievements - and then we head into sport.

For the first 6 or 7 weeks of the Term, ākonga stay in their own class groups but rotate each week to a different Wairepo kaiako for a new sport. Then, for the last few weeks of the term, ākonga are given 3-5 sports they can choose from.



We have noticed that our ākonga are really excelling in the way they participate in Whānau Sport. They work well together in teams and many ākonga are able to organise and referee games themselves - agreeing on rules and making sure the games are played fairly. These skills are not just great for sports but also help create a friendly and cohesive whānau environment. If you have any skills involving sports and would like to come along to share one Thursday afternoon, please get in touch!



## Student Attendance

You may have recently heard the discussion in the media regarding attendance rates of ākonga in Aotearoa New Zealand. In response to the falling attendance rates across the country, the Ministry of Education has invested heavily in services to support students to come to school regularly. They have also set some attendance targets for schools to meet.

The MOE defines regular attendance to be attendance which is greater than 90%. National data indicates that fewer than 60% of ākonga attend school regularly. This means in 10 years of school over 40% of ākonga in Aotearoa will miss more than one year of schooling.

Please get in touch with your child's kaiako if you feel that it is becoming challenging to get your child to school. We are more than happy to discuss how we can put some supports in place to ensure regular attendance occurs.

### Class List 2024

We are working on placing current Year 6 students in their classes for 2024. We intend to keep current Year 7 students with their 2023 kaiako. However, we do understand that sometimes a change may be beneficial for a student.

If you would like to discuss your child's class placement for 2024 please get in touch with Associate Principal Ben Johnson -

[bjohnson@nelsonintermediate.school.nz](mailto:bjohnson@nelsonintermediate.school.nz)

## CYBERSAFETY

As ākonga move through Intermediate many look to engage with one another through social media platforms.

It is not unusual for children to need support to keep themselves safe while online. Some key pieces of advice that we have heard from experts in the field include:

- Not allowing devices in bedrooms and limiting time spent online
- Setting up the account together
- Using your email instead of your child's
- Entering their actual birthday so they're less likely to see inappropriate content.

Netsafe has some wonderful resources, including a parent toolkit, that can help parents support their children to stay safe online and interact with others positively.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Online-Safety-Parent-Toolkit-0622English-WE B.pdf>





## Nelson Intermediate School Board Elections

### Parent Election Notice – Midterm Elections

Nominations are open for the election of 2 *midterm* parent representatives to the school board for a term of 3 years.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on *Wednesday 11th of October 2023*. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on *Wednesday 15th of November 2023*.

Signed, Stacey Gribble  
Returning Officer



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Te Kura Tūwaenga  
o Whakatū

## Keep New Zealand Beautiful Most Sustainable School Recipient!

The judges of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards have selected Nelson Intermediate School as one of three recipients for the Sustainable Schools Award!

Beautiful Awards are New Zealand's longest-running sustainability awards and provide a benchmark for environmental excellence. Run annually since 1972, the Awards inspire, recognise and acknowledge those individuals, schools, community groups, towns and cities working passionately to Keep New Zealand Beautiful.

There were over 500 strong entries for the Beautiful Awards this year so we are humbled by the recognition. It is all down to the amazing mahi and sustainable initiatives activated by our students and supported by our community.





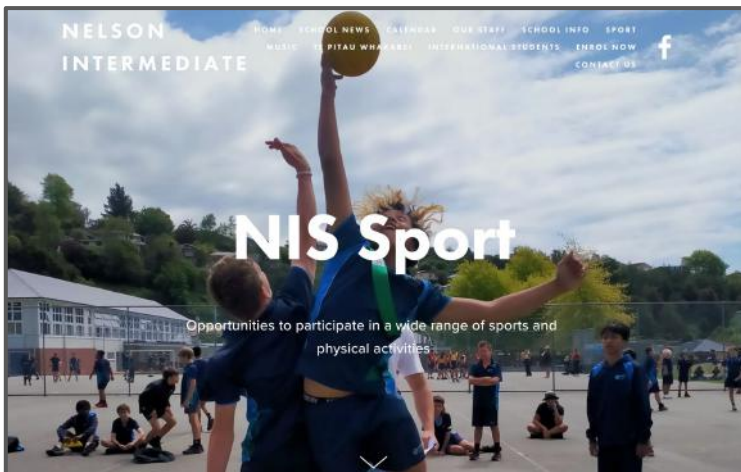


## Winter Tournament - Rugby

Winter Tournament was a great time for all who participated, including the rugby team. These ākonga played hard and fair, scoring tries all over the park.

A big thank you goes out to all whānau who turned up to support the team and their child.

It was a great two days out, and the Year 7s are looking forward to next year's tournament.



## Term 4 Sport Registrations Are Now Live!

You can register your child for these and find information about other club run codes on the 'Sport' page of the NIS website.

IMPORTANT: There will be no in person registrations so if you have a child wanting to play volleyball, touch or 3x3 basketball make sure you sign up before the end of term to secure a place.

## Gravity Nelson Junior Course Nomination

As part of the club's sponsorship with Gravity Nelson, NMTBC is able to give two club members the opportunity to participate in their Junior Coaching Course. This is a perfect opportunity for a young rider (9-15 year old) to develop the foundation skills they already have.

The course is for riders wanting to learn about skills and techniques that will help them ride faster and climb positions at races.

If you know of someone who would be an ideal candidate for this course, please nominate them before September 21st and Gravity will do a random selection from the list of candidates appropriate for the course.

Nomination Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScj1-chBqSvpgiac\\_a5pslPZ0E00YCCn6xpzQQRCnlxc-TkECQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScj1-chBqSvpgiac_a5pslPZ0E00YCCn6xpzQQRCnlxc-TkECQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)

We encourage you to nominate students that otherwise might not be financially able to access the course, but have a love for mountain biking, as well as a bike and safety gear in good condition.





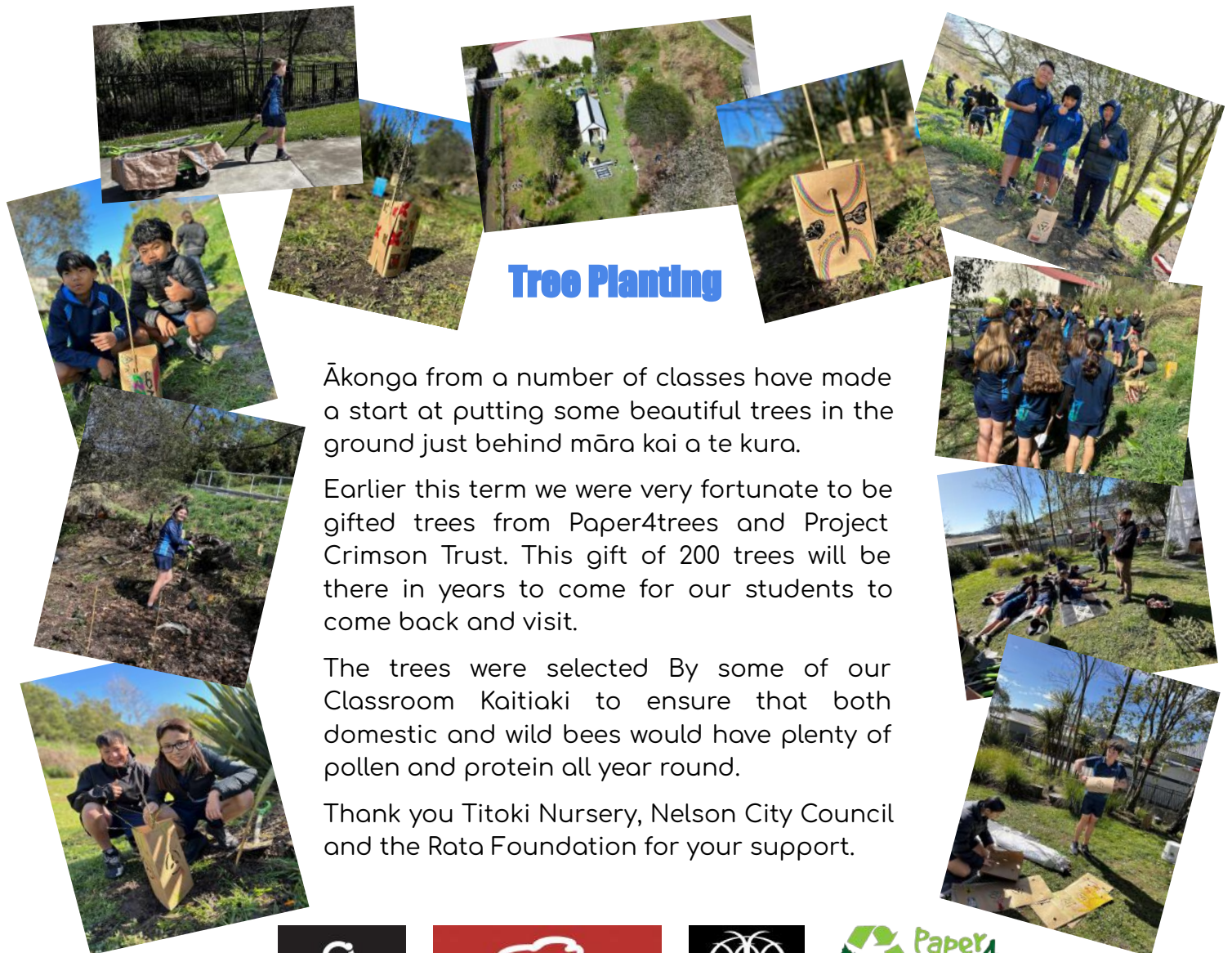


## SUPPORTING ALL RANGATAHI TO GO CAMPING

In an outdoors community like ours, we wondered if there was any camping equipment in good condition that could be spared or were no longer wanted? We are hoping to support as many of our rangatahi as possible to go camping next term by collecting the following things: sleeping bags, tents, sleep mats, 12 YO fleeces, polypropylene and packs.

It is hoped we can create a 'Share Store' that will eventually stock items for other outdoor activities and adventures! This will mean all rangatahi are safe, comfortable and well equipped to enjoy the outdoor environment. Using recycled items and creating a lending initiative is a great way to use gear that is updated regularly or is parked up in the garage.

If you would like to donate an item - feel free to drop it in to reception or connect with whaea Sarah to pick the items up. Ngā mihi [sjohns@nelsonintermediate.school.nz](mailto:sjohns@nelsonintermediate.school.nz)



### Tree Planting

Ākonga from a number of classes have made a start at putting some beautiful trees in the ground just behind māra kai a te kura.

Earlier this term we were very fortunate to be gifted trees from Paper4trees and Project Crimson Trust. This gift of 200 trees will be there in years to come for our students to come back and visit.

The trees were selected By some of our Classroom Kaitiaki to ensure that both domestic and wild bees would have plenty of pollen and protein all year round.

Thank you Titoki Nursery, Nelson City Council and the Rata Foundation for your support.





## ‘Creatives in Schools’ Mural Project

In Week 6 Hamuera Manihera Robb, an Educator from the Nelson Provincial Museum, came to kōrero with our ‘Creatives in Schools’ Artist Nerys Ngaruhe and ākonga to add to our knowledge of iwi pūrākau related to the important places in our school pepeha: Mocketapu, Maitahi, Te Wairepo, and Aorere. These 4 important local geographical features are also the names of our school whānau groups and make up our ‘Creatives in Schools’ mural design.

In Week 7 our mural project students investigated traditional Toi Māori designs and used carving tools to make their own printing blocks.



In Week 8 we started spray painting our mural. In the mural, Mocketapu (our mountain) is represented by the colour yellow, Maitahi (our river) is represented by the colour green, Te Wairepo (the stream that runs through our kura) is represented by the colour purple, and Aorere (our sea) is represented by the colour orange.

The sun was out and students enjoyed working on the mural all day with Nerys, with some whanau joining us after school too. Ka pai tō mahi everyone. We look forward to seeing the finished artwork soon!








### Community Notices and Upcoming...

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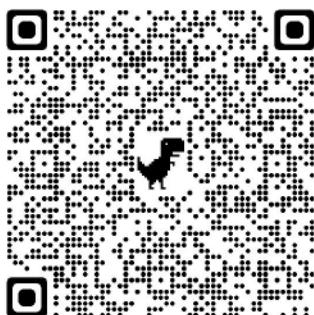
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The National Primary School Kapa Haka Nationals are being held in Nelson this November, and one of the 3 representing teams from Te Taihū o te Waka a Maui is Te Pītau Whakareī - Nelson Intermediate School! **DON'T MISS OUT!**



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For more information go to:  
[www.athleticsnelson.co.nz](http://www.athleticsnelson.co.nz) or email:  
[athleticsnelson.children@gmail.com](mailto:athleticsnelson.children@gmail.com) (see our Facebook page)





# TE ARA O HINE RĒHIA

A journey into the world of kapa haka

BY PHOTOGRAPHER

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Nelson Youth Theatre Company's production of

## Disney THE Aristocats KIDS

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman, Al Rinker, Floyd Huddleston and Terry Gibbons  
 Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music by Bryan Lousselle  
 Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Michael Bernard  
 Based on the 1970 Disney film "The Aristocats"  
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 Book and Additional Lyrics by Cheryl Davis  
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## Holiday Programmes Nelson

Nelson, Monday-Wednesday, Thursday-Friday, 25-29 September at Nelson Intermediate School.

The theme for this week's programme is either ART and ENGINEERING or COOKING and SCIENCE.

Courses are designed for tamariki aged 7-13. Course is presented by MOI educators and college student leaders.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/holiday-programmes-sept-2023-nelson-tickets-716586408237?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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