

Tēnā koe e te whanau

As we complete our final days here in 2023 and bid farewell to yet another fantastic year, I find myself both honored and humbled to have worked with such a brilliant group of rangatahi. Our time together this year has been filled with laughter, learning, challenges, and triumphs. As a final farewell, I would like to share an inspiring story that encapsulates the power of determination, innovation, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge...

In the files of history, there is a tale of a man named Alfred Nobel. He was a luminary, an inventor, and a visionary whose curiosity knew no bounds. His life was a testament to the potential that lies within each and everyone of us - the potential to create, to revolutionise, and to leave our mark on the world.

Alfred Nobel's story is not just about his numerous inventions and contributions to science but also about a profound realisation that transformed his legacy. He was the inventor of dynamite, a substance that brought great advancements in construction and mining. However, Nobel was struck by the paradox that while his invention contributed to the betterment of society, it also had the potential for immense destruction.

The turning point in Nobel's life came when he read his own obituary. In a newspaper's mistake, they published his obituary prematurely, describing him as the "merchant of death" due to his invention of dynamite. This shook Nobel to his core, forcing him to contemplate the legacy he would leave behind. Determined to redefine his impact on the world, he used his fortune to establish the Nobel Prizes - awards honoring those who make significant contributions to humanity in fields such as physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, peace, and economics.

The essence of Alfred Nobel's story lies in the transformative power of self-reflection, the courage to acknowledge one's impact, and the determination to change for the better. It's a reminder that each of us holds the pen to write our own stories, to shape our legacies, and to make a difference in this world.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, I urge you to reflect on your journey. Celebrate your triumphs, embrace your challenges as opportunities for growth, and let the spirit of Alfred Nobel's story guide you. Let it inspire you to be agents of positive change, to dream big, and to strive for excellence not just for personal gain but for the betterment of our world.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the incredible kaiako who have tirelessly nurtured and mentored our ākonga. Their dedication and passion are the cornerstones of our success. And to the Board of Trustees, whose unwavering support, efforts and commitment to fostering an environment where teaching and learning flourish, have not gone unnoticed. Through their foresight, our school is continuing to evolve into a nurturing haven where Mauri ora thrives and aspirations take flight.

Finally to the tamariki, as you step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that the end of one journey heralds the beginning of another. May you continue to learn, grow, and shine brightly.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for an unforgettable year filled with memories we shall cherish forever. Ka kite and Whāia te ara tika.

Ngā mihi

Di Webb  
Tumuaki

Merivale  
Kirihimete



## Art Technology



We have been busy getting our pottery creations fired and glazed in Art Technology for the end of the year. It has been magical seeing ākongā express themselves through the medium of clay and making precious eye-catching pieces. The art room has been a peaceful safe space for many students this year.

Our Year 8s have created wall hangings that will be displayed around our kura in the new year. Our Year 7s have been creative with coils, making bowls, cups, platters and plates.



## Tuakana Teina Pottery

This term we were lucky enough to spend some time with our little friends at Healthy Kids Kindergarten. We took some clay with us and had fun being creative. They had been learning about Matua Hautere and Kaikaiawaro's journey up Te Hoeire awa, so we decided to make some elements of it out of clay. We loved spending time chatting, connecting and sharing our knowledge of local history in an artistic way. We can't wait to be able to do more of this next year!







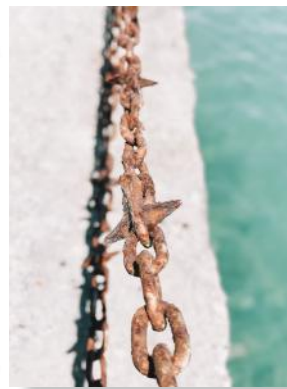
## Term 4 Enrichment Classes - Photography

In Week 8 our Photography Enrichment Class focused on outdoor, landscape and close up photography. We looked at some photos taken by famous landscape photographers and talked about how they used 'leading lines' in their photos.

Leading lines are lines that lead the viewer's eye from one part of a composition to another. Usually, these lines start at the bottom of the frame and guide the eye upward, from the foreground of the image to the background.

After looking at some examples, Whaea Abbe explained that NIS has been asked to collaborate with other schools in our community to take part in an exhibition over the summer where some of our photos will be displayed alongside old photographs of the same location and some poems written by students.

During our Monday lesson some of our photography students got to go on location with Whaea Katrina and Whaea Abbe to take photos of well known locations in and around Whakatū that linked to the Māori history we have been learning about. Check out our Facebook page for more of the photographs captured.





## Term 4 Enrichment Classes - Japanese

In Week 8 our 'Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture' class learnt all about some famous Japanese traditions and celebrations. We watched a video on what to do when you visit a Shinto Shrine or a Buddhist Temple. *Did you know that people wash their hands and mouth in a special water basin before entering?* We found out that people celebrate 'Oshōgatsu' - the Japanese New Year, by ringing a temple bell 108 times. We also learnt about 'Setsubun' - the Bean Throwing Festival that is held in February to drive away evil spirits at the start of spring in Japan.



Next we looked at 'Hinamatsuri' - the Dolls Festival that is held in March. We made some origami (paper folded) dolls like those that girls make for this festival. After that we talked about 'Kodomo no Hi' - the Children's Day Festival held in May when 'koinobori' (carp shaped streamers) are flown, and special rice cakes called 'kashiwa mochi' and rice dumplings called 'chimaki' are eaten.



We looked at the 'Obon' Festival which is held mid summer. Japanese believe the spirits of those who have died return to their homes during this time. In Nelson's sister city Miyazu, a famous Floating Lantern Festival is held at this time. We learnt about the 'Shichi-Go-San' (7-5-3) Festival that takes place in November and celebrates children who are turning these ages. Finally, we learnt about the 'senbazuru' tradition of making 1000 paper cranes and we had a go at folding one ourselves.







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Tabloid Sports

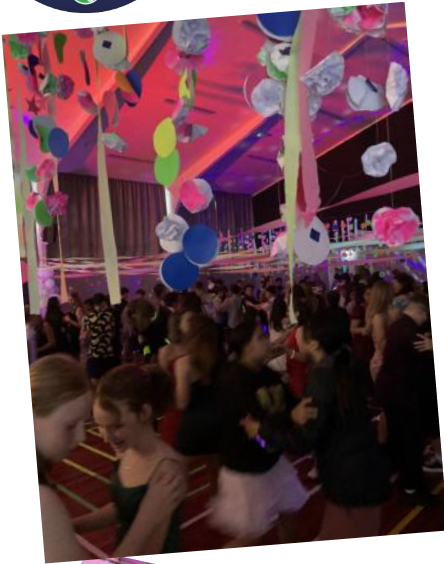






## Year 8 Celebration

After a brief hiatus, we were thrilled to host the Year 8 Celebration (formally the Year 8 Formal) this year! It was an absolutely incredible night filled with vibrant energy as our students danced their hearts out to a live band and to DJ Harvey's playlist. This event marked an important moment, commemorating two years of incredible growth, the formation of lasting friendships, and participation in a range of awesome learning opportunities.



## Environmental Youth Leadership Camp

In Week 8, fifty of our students travelled to Whenua Iki Outdoors Centre to attend an Environmental Leadership Camp. The aim of this camp was to provide a fun camping experience for ākonga while increasing their knowledge and connection to the natural world, through knowledge streams of both Mātauranga Māori and Western understanding. Ākonga had opportunities to also think about ways they might lead positive action to address environmental challenges and live more sustainably in harmony with Papatūānuku. This was an outstanding opportunity for our rangatahi to forge new friendships and take up challenges.







## Te Pītau Whakarei Camp

After a successful Te Mana Kuratahi stand, camp was a great success! We had the beauty of being in our own rohe and learning about the rich history of our places and people. The photos speak for themselves. Meri Kirihimete.

Ngā mihi to our many sponsors around the community for their support of our journey:

Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kuia, Greydoor Clothing Alterations, Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori ki Te Taihū, Kahi Collective, Mitre 10 Mega Nelson, Nicola Galloway Homegrown Kitchen, JR Construct, Eurotech Automotive, Timezone New Zealand, Backdoor Surf and Skate Nelson, The Beauty Spot by Emily, Mane Hair Studio - Hair by Ashley Green, Katherine Soper Hair and Beauty, iCutHair - Ruth French, Heavenly Hands Massage, Skin Institute Richmond, The Barbers on Nile Street, CrossFit 7010 Nelson, Tohu Wines, Kono Wines, Whakatū Marae Waka Ama Club, Irie Art, Willowgrove Nursery, Volume Bookshop, Burger Culture, Cheapskates Nelson, Sealord, Whitcoulls Nelson, Paper Plus Nelson, Rebel Sport Nelson



***“Te Pītau Whakarei - e tere nei i te moana whānui”***



## Code Club 2023

This year, we had a lot of fun at Code Club. Making games, making friends... Code Club is truly a place with many activities.



*Why might one want to join Code Club? Well, There are many reasons to join this club:*

1st of all, it's a great place to learn about coding (obviously). With many highly experienced students at Code Club, there's always someone to help you make your amazing games.

2nd of all, It's a great place to make new friends,. Even if you don't like coding you can still go down to Code Club and hang out, it's open to everyone. Maybe you'll find someone with similar interests and make a new friend.

3rd, Code Club is a great place to spend your lunchtime. If you're walking around on a Thursday, lonely with no friends, come to Code Club and find some like minded individuals to talk with.

We look forward to building the club and seeing where next year leads us in our coding pursuits and lunchtime fun!

## Te Whānau Aorere

What a 2023 for Te Whānau Aorere! It has been so epic to see each and every ākonga step up to the plate for different events, challenges and just in their general day to day lives at our kura.

Term 4 has been a busy, but successful one for us. A big highlight was seeing Aorere 13 and 15 flying the NIS flag at the Nelson Mask Parade, then coming back and leading us to 1st place at the NIS Mask Parade.

We have had 22 different Year 8 ākonga receive their Whāia te ara tika badge, with every other Year 8 ākonga having at least 2 of the 4 value badges. This speaks to the quality of our Year 8s, who will be hugely missed next year. Our Year 7s have had great role models and will continue to fly the orange banner with mana.

As well as our current Year 8 ākonga, we also farewell Aorere 15 kaiako, Rachael Woods. Rachael has been a massive part of our whānau for the past two years, building strong relationships with ākonga and making massive contributions to the success of this whānau. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

2024 will bring Laine Hobson back into the fold. Laine (who is currently working at prep), has previously worked here at NIS, so we are fizzing to get him back down the hill and into the mix.



Te Whānau Aorere, signing off 🙌





## Te Whānau Mocketapu

As we reflect on the incredible year that we've had within Mocketapu, it's been great to witness the students embrace numerous opportunities. The enthusiasm and dedication they've shown, particularly in activities like sailing, have been truly commendable. Whether navigating the waters or learning valuable life skills, our students have embraced the challenges with passion and determination.

The participation in the Light Festival, was a highlight where creativity and community spirit shone brightly.

Furthermore, our students' engagement and positive attitudes towards camps were fantastic.

As we approach the holiday season, on behalf of the entire Mocketapu staff, we extend warm wishes for a safe and enjoyable break.



We would like to make a quick note of our appreciation for Merin, who has been an outstanding teacher within Mocketapu 1. Merin is taking a year of 'Refreshment Leave' and will be moving on to explore the realm of Food Technology at Garin College. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for her dedicated service. All the best Merin!



On that note, we welcome Jacob Furtak and his class into Te Whānau Mocketapu for 2024. We are stoked to have you on board Jacob.







## Te Whānau Wairepo

And that's a wrap! What a fantastic year it has been, aching the relationship building and collaborative efforts within Te Whānau Wairepo.

This term remained exceptionally busy with camps, and we were immensely proud of Te Pītau Whakarei for their outstanding performance in Te Mana Kuratahi.

Throughout this term, the whānau bonds within Wairepo were amplified. Te whānau Wairepo may not have won the Nelson Intermediate Mask Parade Challenge, however, they were an amazing team. Numerous Wairepo 6 and 7 ākonga graciously offered their masks to Te Pītau Whakarei ākonga who, amidst their Te Mana Kuratahi campaign, couldn't make masks. They wore the Wairepo masks with pride, eagerly representing their whānau in the parade.

In these past weeks, we've also celebrated a number of ākonga who received Whāia te aratika badges and certificates.

Recently, our Year 8 students had a memorable celebration at the formal. We extend our best wishes to them for their upcoming college years.



## Te Whānau Maitahi

*"And that's all she wrote"*... it has been a fantastic and busy term in Te Whānau Maitahi, with many ākonga participating in athletics, tabloid games, camps and various other activities across the kura.

As the year closes, we bid farewell to Jacob Furtak who is moving to Moketapu and Alyssa Lucas who will be leading the charge in Te Whānau Wairepo. With this we also welcome Frances Tilly and Liz Carpenter to our team.

From all kaiako in Te Whānau Maitahi we wish the departing ākonga the very best for next year.



## Get Ready for 2024...

### OFFICE HOURS

**Office Closes:** Wednesday 13th December 12.30pm

**Office Open:** Dec 14th - 19th, 9am - 1pm

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Dec 20th - Jan 7th

**Office Open:** Jan 8th - 21st, 9am - 1pm

**Normal Office Hours:** Monday 22nd, 8am - 4pm

### 2024 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** 1st February - 12th April

**Term 2:** 29th April - 5th July

**Term 3:** 22nd July - 27th September

**Term 4:** 14th October - 17th December





## Community Notices and Information...



### **STEAMS Holiday Programmes in January at Garin and Nelson Intermediate!**

MOI STEAMS Holiday Programmes are an integrated approach to experimenting and learning. Tamariki in these courses will be taught how to properly use appropriate equipment and be exposed to a variety of science and engineering topics.

Courses are designed for Tamariki aged 7+ (up to Year 8) except for jewellery making which is 12+ and Science which is 8+. Courses are Mon-Wed and/or Thurs-Fri. Please make sure you sign up for the right location and programme. Courses are designed by mentored college students and led by registered teachers.

All courses cost \$60 per day except jewellery making which is a bit more.

#### **Nelson Intermediate: 8-12 January**

**Course available: Art and Engineering, Cooking and Science, Jewellery Making.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/holiday-programmes-jan-2024-nelson-tickets-764877748937?aff=oddtcreator>

#### **Garin: 15-19 January**

**Courses available: Art and Engineering, Cooking and Science, Science and Engineering, and Harry Potter Day Trippers.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/holiday-programmes-jan-2024-garin-tickets-764976684857?aff=oddtcreator>

### YikesNelson Christmas Schedule (January Schedule online too) <https://www.yikesnelson.com/holidays>

<p><b>Pony Party</b></p> <p>Mon <b>18</b> Dec</p>  <p>Picnic with the ponies and grooming and washing.</p>	<p><b>Beach Party</b></p> <p>Tue <b>19</b> Dec</p>  <p>Petanque and Volleyball at Tahuna and dip in the shallows</p>	<p><b>Christmas Party</b></p> <p>Wed <b>20</b> Dec</p>  <p>Create decorations, visit Cathedral Christmas Trees, Christmas games</p>	<p><b>Bouncy Party</b></p> <p>Thu <b>21</b> Dec</p>  <p>Bouncy castle, bike ride along the trail</p>	<p><b>Giving Party</b></p> <p>Fri <b>22</b> Dec</p>  <p>Kriskindle, Christmas card making, bake onsite and give to locals</p>
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Book online or phone 022 543 8221 for more information

