



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

As I write this blurb Nelson Intermediate Camps are well underway. It was so nice to see the excitement and anticipation on ākonga and whānau faces at drop off on Wednesday morning. A special thanks to all of our camp parents, volunteers and staff who have spent countless hours planning, preparing and organising these experiences for our young people.

Alongside camp prep Te Pītau Whakareī have been immersed in preparations for the upcoming Mana Kuratahi. These tamariki and their tutors have worked extremely hard to train and prepare for this event. Again, behind this intensive campaign the thought and organisation has been incredible. A special thanks to Whaea Nicky for her efforts behind the scenes to ensure ākonga are fully prepared to showcase their hard work. Please keep an eye out for photos and videos of these two amazing events in the coming weeks.

At this time of the year planning for 2024 has begun, and with this we have some exciting changes ahead at Nelson Intermediate. Firstly, we have new staff to welcome into our whānau; in the Technology area Morgan Tomlin joins the hard materials space and Alvaro Moreno will be our performing arts specialist, (We will also be announcing some changes to our STEAM programme soon). Additionally, we welcome Laine Hobson and Frances Tilly (Tilly) to our teaching staff for 2024, and again we are pleased to have these two practitioners join the team. Unfortunately, at the end of the year we are farewelling two kaiako - Jaimee Wattie and Rachel Woods. Jaimee is moving to Waimea Intermediate to be closer to her whānau and Rachel's long-term relieving position has come to an end. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

Along with changes in staffing you may have also noticed the large amount of building going on around the school at the moment. We are currently in the process of upgrading the South Block corridors with new double glazed windows and wall coverings, painting internal walls and painting the outside of the building. In the admin area new toilets are being installed for ākonga so we can begin the process of upgrading the well overdue Technology Block toilets and changing rooms. The pool is also undergoing a makeover with a complete repaint and repair. We hope to have this work and changing room upgrades complete just in time for the warmer weather.

There are a lot of things happening at NIS towards the end of the year so please ensure that you keep on top of notices and follow our Facebook page for further updates.

We are also seeking help with stock taking school resources - if you are able to support us with this please let Stacey know.

Ngā mihi

Di Webb  
Tumuaki



Te Pītau Whakarei Kapa Haka represents Te Kura Tūwaenga o Whakatū - Nelson Intermediate School, and was established in 1999.

The name of this kapa was bestowed upon them by Arana Tamepō and he explained that waves curl creating pītau forms as our waka cuts through the water. These waves represent Te Pītau Whakareitanga; being at the cutting edge, the forefront, and leading the way. It exemplifies personal excellence. (nā Aaron Tamepo)

The pītau motif on the taurapa also represents our name: As the sun falls on the tauihu, shadows of the pītau shape adorn the waters. This is true of our mokopuna also, they are the pītau of our iwi and just as the pītau adorns the water, so too do our mokopuna adorn the hāpori.

The pītau form represents growth - our mokopuna are growing in their ability to stand as Māori and as a global citizen of the world, guided by their tūpuna.



Performance: Wednesday 31st October  
For more information and tickets:  
<https://www.temanakuratahi.nz/>

We acknowledge the 8 iwi of Te Tauihu Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Tama and Te Āti Awa.

Our tutors Wayne Hippolite, Bailee Hart-Tava and Teaj Wilson have given so much to ensure the growth of our kaihaaka, some of whom are embarking on competitive Kapa Haka for the first time.

'Te Pītau Whakarei - e tere nei i te moana whānui'

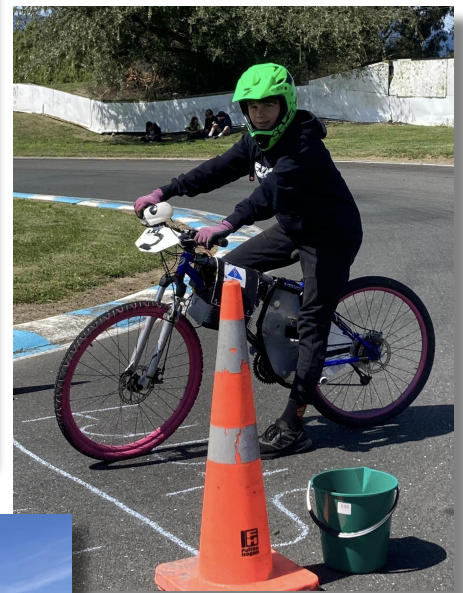




## EVelocity Dragsters were all hot under their helmets last week!

Over the past 9 months our EVelocity students have engaged in a hands-on engineering experience. They were challenged to create an innovative electric vehicle! Each team has designed, sourced parts, worked through challenges and built something reasonably complex. They have strengthened friendships, made new friends and built ever-lasting connections with their mentors. You can tell from their smiles that there is a sense of accomplishment from this awesome engineering adventure.

A big warm thank you to EVelocity for this unique opportunity. To our mentors and the whānau who gave up hours of your time to coach and provide technical support - Andy, Gustavo, Jim and Heath - we are absolutely grateful!





## Bandquest

In Bandquest news, Nelson Intermediate presented two bands in the performance at the end of August. It was an awesome night - both bands showcased their unique musical expression with 'Hi-Vizz' delivering a moving singer-songwriter performance, while 'Triple S' wove their way through two hard-hitting funk tunes.



Two members of Triple S won awards for their impressive quality: Seiji Ito was awarded 'Top Bass Player' of the night, and a special 'Musicianship' Award was created to recognise Sam Turner's slick saxophone skills. Kei te poho kererū mātou - we are proud - of the way both bands represented Nelson Intermediate.

These two bands, with the addition of the 'Emojis', will next be performing in Rockfest at Broadgreen Intermediate on Tuesday the 24th of October.



### Music Lessons

Many of our awesome music tutors also offer private lessons. These can take place in their studios or homes.

For piano and singing lessons please contact [buchanan.liz201@gmail.com](mailto:buchanan.liz201@gmail.com).

Reagan Poynter offers tuition in a variety of instruments including drums, trumpet, and studio recording. [reaganjpoynter@gmail.com](mailto:reaganjpoynter@gmail.com).



Te Ahu o  
te Reo Māori

This year kaiako at NIS have been putting in some hard mahi by studying Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori. The Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori course is designed and facilitated by Iwi. Learning has not only focussed on Te Reo Māori, but also the history and stories of the 8 iwi for Whakatū.

Kaiako have been able to take some of the learning and share it with ākonga within their classroom.

Recently kaiako completed the Level 1 course and we are looking forward to continuing this learning in 2024. We thank our facilitators who made the learning fun and engaging.

## The Suter Art Gallery - Kanohi Kitea (The Seen Face)

This term, The Suter Art Gallery has an exhibition called Kanohi Kitea (The Seen Face), between the 16<sup>th</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> November. Nelson Intermediate was fortunate to visit the gallery and participate in a workshop based around the exhibition.

Moko kanohi (facial markings) have always been worn proudly by Māori and this continues today as seen in the iwi-led exhibition at The Suter. Brought together by Louisa Paul (Ngāti Koata), this exhibition, shares images and objects that tell the story of Moko Kanohi in Te Taihu (the top of the South Island). The exhibition celebrates this cultural rite, which was at risk of being lost. Fortunately, Te Taihu has experienced a resurgence of this art form. Kanohi Kitea (The Seen Face) aims to inspire and educate. In doing so, it honours our cultural ambassadors as they continue to revitalise and reclaim connections to self, place, and culture.

During our visit ākonga got to see and make connections with local Nelsonians who have direct links to the iwi of Te Taihu. Later, ākonga had the opportunity to learn in greater depth about the pou in the gallery which held carvings significant to the iwi within our region. We identified Ngāti Rōrua on one of the pou which is the one that we also have on the uniform at our kura.

Before departing, Whaea Esther from the Suter Art Gallery took the groups into the classroom where ākonga were tasked with planning out an art piece linked to the exhibition.





## NIS Haka Challenge

After learning the Nelson Intermediate School haka for most of Term 3, our four whānau groups went head to head and performed their haka in the Haka Challenge. Each whānau put their own spin on the haka, but on the day, Wairepo won the challenge.

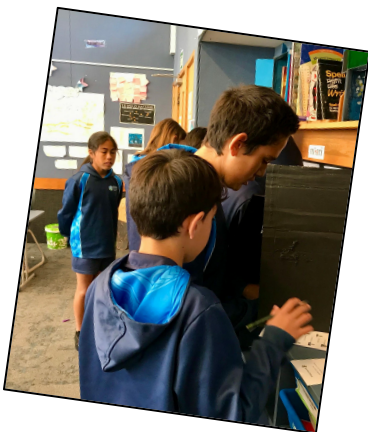
The judges (Di Webb, Ben Johnson and Whaea Bailee) scored each whānau against four categories; Te Mauri (performance/goosebumps), Te Reo (correct pronunciation and clarity of words), Te Tū (actions) and Te Kaha (volume).

Moketapu came in second place, Aorere came in third place and Maitahi came fourth. A huge congratulations to Wairepo!

A big thank you also to the whānau who came and supported this competition on the day and throughout the journey of learning our school haka.



## Elections



Following our learning in class about the election process, and in the lead up to the Aotearoa General Election, we held a mock election at our kura in which tamariki also got to have their say. Alongside casting their vote, ākonga also got to share what matters to them most.





## Te Whānau Mocketapu and The NIS Masked Parade Challenge

With our school camps unfortunately overlapping with the Nelson Mask Parade. Nelson Intermediate have decided to incorporate it into our Whānau Challenge in Week 4. Students within Mocketapu have been working hard to create their masks and we look forward to these being showcased next week.

The event, scheduled for Friday of Week 4, has generated a buzz of excitement throughout Mocketapu and the wider kura. Students and teachers have been busy working on their mask creations, each one a unique expression of their creativity. With a focus on art and storytelling, the Mask Parade Challenge promises to be a colorful spectacle.

Whānau are invited to come and join in on the afternoon, with more info to come next week.



## NIS KEY UPCOMING DATES...

**October 29 - November 2:** Te Mana Kuratahi. The National Primary School Kapa Haka Competition. Our team have been practising hard and we wish them all the best for this event.

**17 November:** Transition Day - Year 8s going to Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls will spend time in an orientation programme at the colleges. Year 6 students will come to NIS and meet their Year 7 peers and teacher for 2024.

**24 November:** Teacher Only Day - Kaiako will be working with the MOE on the curriculum refresh.

**7 December:** Year 8 End of Year Celebration - More details about this exciting event will follow.

**10 December:** Reports sent home via the Caregiver App.

**13 December:** Prize Giving Assembly and last day of school - School finishes at 12.30pm.

**1 February 2024:** First day of school!



## Chromebooks and Stationery 2024

In order to support the use of digital technologies within the classroom we strongly encourage the purchase of a Chromebook, (this Chromebook can also be used for your student's initial years at college).

We acknowledge that the purchase of a Chromebook may place a financial burden on some whānau. If this is the case we encourage you to speak with WINZ as there are programmes available to support whānau with stationery expenses. For students whose whānau have been unable to purchase a Chromebook we will continue to have a supply of devices for students to use in the classroom.

While we recommend a Chromebook as a learning device, we will also be able to support students who have a laptop or Macbook. **Please note that iPads and tablets are not to be used as part of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION for supporting your child to bring their device to school:

- For new Chromebooks use a parent gmail address, or create a personal gmail account for your child. Although this account wont be used at school it is important to have, as at the end of your child's time at Nelson Intermediate, their school email will be closed down. If you set the device up with your child's school email address - when the school accounts are deleted you will no longer be able to use the device if that was the first email address you used to sign into the computer. Once you have it set up, the student will be able to add their school email address when the accounts are available at the start of the school year.
- Ensure that devices are fully charged and taken out of all packaging. **Do not bring unopened, unboxed devices in, that have not been set up.** The devices need Wi-Fi to be set up. Connect the device to your home network before the first day of school. This will enable speedy connection at NIS.
- Clearly label your child's device with their name.
- Ensure that there are no shortcuts or access to social media platforms such as TikTok, Discord, Snapchat Facebook, Instagram etc. These are blocked on the school network and can be a distraction for the students if they spend a lot of time on them.
- Students should travel to and from school with their device and charge it at home.



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**Te Kura Tūwaenga  
o Whakatū**

We are also in the process of finalising our stationery packs for 2024. This will be done in the coming weeks and sent to whānau. Stationary packs will be available from the school in the week leading up to the beginning of school in 2024.



Notices...



This is the first year of the Codgers Kids Enduro, for all kids under the age of 15.

When: Saturday 4th November 2023.

Course

- Stage 1: Koata Whetu (to middle road)
- Stage 2: P51
- Stage 3: Tu Meke

Kids will need to pedal up to each stage, but parents, if you're willing to tow up your little one, by all means!

Categories

- Under 10
- Under 11
- Under 13
- Under 15

Any kid with a bike can enter this race! We just ask, if your child is under 10 that an adult (over 15) follows behind them for the course.

**Register here:**

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=331012>



## LET'S BE SUN SMART

We are a sun smart school and we aim to:

- Protect our students and staff from excessive exposure to the sun's UVR while they are at school, or involved with off-site school activities.
- We recommend that students wear sunscreen on sunny days (teachers have a generic sunscreen available in the classroom and at reception).
- Hats must be worn in the playground during the summer terms.

Please encourage and support your child to be sun smart as we head into summer.



**TE ARA O HINE RĒHIA**  
A journey into the world of kapa haka

BY PHOTOGRAPHER  
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