



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

This newsletter is a celebration of the many exciting opportunities that have taken place so far this term. Week 3 saw Nelson Intermediate ākonga descend on the great outdoors for our Education Outside the Classroom programme. This year ākonga had the choice as to which camp they would like to participate in; from pottery to mountain biking, the choices were varied and each as exciting as the next! A special thank you to Loui Harvey our EOTC co-ordinator for all his hard work in supporting kaiako to be able to run these incredible programmes.

Week 4 Te Mana Kuratahi arrived in town with many ākonga from far and wide performing at the Trafalgar Centre for the Primary Kapa Haka Nationals. Nelson Intermediate's own Te Pītau Whakarei was exceptional, which reflected all of their hard work and dedication over the year. A special thanks to the Te Pītau Whakarei kaiako and Nicky Chalmers for all their mahi.

The Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards were held on Thursday the 9th of November in Parliament House. These awards see over 1800 applications each year for the various categories, and this year Nelson Intermediate took out the 'Sustainable Schools Award'. We are immensely proud of our Kaitiaki leaders for advocating and creating a more sustainable and resilient future for the planet. A special thanks to Sarah Johns for supporting these leaders of tomorrow.

Ngā mihi

Di Webb
Tumuaki





WHAKATAETAE KAPA HAKA Ā-MOTU
TE MANA KURATAHI
TE TAUIHU O TE WAKA

E te tī e te tā. E rere ana ngā tai o mihi ki a koutou katoa.

We are delighted to recognise, acknowledge and congratulate the amazing achievements and journey of our Nelson Intermediate School Kapa Haka - Te Pītau Whakarei. The National Primary School Kapa Haka Competition, consisting of 45 team from across Aotearoa, took place for the first time ever in Nelson in early November. Under the tutorship of Teaj Wilson, Bailee Hart-Tava and Wayne Hippolite, our team took the stage with great pride. Our kaihaka have represented themselves, their iwi, whānau, Te Taiuhu, Te Wai Pounamu, their class and school with pride and mana on the national stage. We are so proud! Te Pītau Whakarei, e tere nei i te moana whanui.

We would like to thank all of our many supporters who played an amazing role in supporting us in this campaign. To our sponsors - Ngāti Rārua and Ngāti Kuia, our many business fundraising contributors, our preparation team, our whānau support, our kaiako and many more... thank you! It is a massive feat and one we are dedicated to, for the survival and restoration of te reo Māori and Māori culture for future generations.





'Te Pītau Whakarei, e tere nei i te moanawhanui'

'Hoea te waka kia pītau whakareitanga'

MTB Camp

Nelson is fortunate enough to have access to world class mountain biking locations. During our camp week a group of ākonga completed 3 days of mountain biking at Gravity Nelson's Field of Dreams, Cable Bay Adventure Park and the Wairoa Gorge.

Day 1 saw ākonga receive specialist coaching from Gravity Nelson, they were then able to implement what they had learnt on the trails at Cable Bay Adventure Park. The day was broken up with a session of rock climbing - there were some extremely fast times set climbing the rock wall!

The visit to the Wairoa Gorge on Day 2 provided a lot of challenge, with a torrential downpour of rain for the last run down. Friday morning saw ākonga get on the tools to do some trail maintenance, and we saw 4 seasons in one day with some sleet, hail and at times snow!



The Wairoa Gorge is a \$20 million dollar bike park nestled on Nelson's doorstep in the Richmond Ranges with over 70km of hand built trails. We are really thankful to the Nelson Mountain Bike Club and the Wairoa Gorge for making this visit possible. A big thanks also to the whānau who supported the camp as well as Gravity Nelson and Cable Bay Adventure Park.



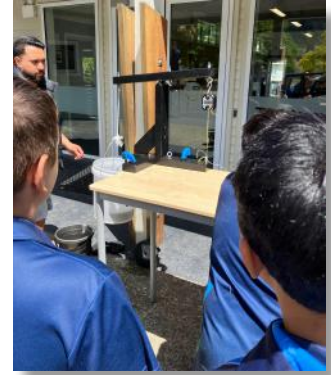
Te Pītau Whakareī

Last week we had two tōhunga, Te Wharau and Marijn from Otago Museum, come in to deliver a whole day's wānanga to our Tau 7 students. Their topic was Mātauranga Māori, how Māori knowledge was gained, and what lessons for today's climate crises might be contained within our traditional pūrākau (narratives/stories/myths). We explored these kaupapa through the lens of harakeke and muka, the strong fibres within flax.

Our first session included discussing what harakeke was used for (kete, kōkahu, pāraerae) and how such uses would have arisen out of a need, been tested and finally refined over generations.

Next, using kuku shells we peeled the muka from inside the flax and tested how much weight they could hold. Eva's muka held 14.5kg!

Finally, we shaved one cell off the harakeke and examined it under a microscope. Atahua, cosmic and special all at once! Ngā mihi mutunga kore ki ngā tōhunga and the Otago Museum.



Camp:

Monday, November 20th - Thursday, November 24th

Te Pītau Whakareī's camp is upon us! We are very excited to head over to Kaiteriteri for a few days of waka ama, team-building via pā wars, soaking up sun and many other fun activities.

Whānau are invited to attend a big shared dinner on the Wednesday evening of camp week, (Wednesday 23rd from 5pm). Bring some kai for the BBQ and meet us at Bethany Park. Ka rawe!

Please get in touch if you have any questions.



Te Whānau Wairepo and Athletics



The focus for physical education (P.E.) in Term 4 has been athletics. Throughout these sessions, the school has been practicing their running, jumping, throwing skills, and learning specific techniques for long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

Te Whānau Wairepo Athletics Afternoon was a buzz of excitement, participation and talent. Ākonga had the choice of what events to compete in and many stepped out of their comfort zones. This allowed us to establish a Wairepo Team that would represent us in each event against the other three whānau at Nelson Intermediate.



NISSA Athletics

Inter-school athletics will be held at Saxton Oval on Friday the 24th of November. This day also happens to be a Teacher Only Day at Nelson Intermediate. Students who are selected to represent Nelson Intermediate at the Inter-school athletics will need to decide whether they can commit to this event, knowing it is not a regular school day.

Permission slips will be sent out to all students who are selected to represent NIS.

Basketball Camp

Basketball camp provided an opportunity for all of our aspiring hoopers to put their skills and mental fortitude to the test, living the life of a professional basketballer for 3 days. Based down at Saxtons Stadium, we were extremely fortunate to get full access to the Nelson Giants Team Lounge and all of the resources it provided.



Day 1 was testing day. Our athletes were run through each of the fitness tests that the Nelson Giants do at the start of the season. These tests involved agility, vertical jump, upper body power and the dreaded Yoyo Fitness Test. We were extremely fortunate to have NIS old boy and current Nelson Giant, Tysxun Aiolupotea, helping run all of the sessions on the day, passing down his knowledge to our athletes. We finished the day with some skills, as well as some broken down game play, looking at how to utilise different advantages on the court.

Day 2 started with a 1 on 1 competition, in which all of the players got to put their abilities to the test. After a quick break to support the Nelson Giants 3x3 Team, we were lucky enough to have Nelson Giants Strength and Conditioning Coach, Fletcher Matthews, come down and run a fitness session with the boys. Fletcher also took some time to talk to the crew about the importance of recovery and correct nutrition when competing at a high level. We finished the day with some broken down game play.



With all of the hard work done in the first two days, **Day 3** was all about tournament play. Each of the players were put into teams and competed against each other. At the end of the tournament, awards and free Nelson Giants/Basketball New Zealand gear was given to each of the participants by Nic Trathen, another current Nelson Giant.

Overall, it was an absolute pleasure taking each of these boys through 3 days 'in the life' of a professional basketballer. Every person gave it 100% for every second they were out on the floor, making the whole experience a memorable one.



Nydia Bay Camp

We had a fantastic 3 days at Nydia Bay. On the first day we travelled in a mix of cars and buses to Havelock where half the group jumped on the Pelorus Sea Shuttle while the others went back to park at Kaiuma Bay before starting the trek into Nydia Bay. The group who travelled by boat arrived after an hours journey while those who tramped took around 4 hours. On our return trip, groups changed their method of transport - those who tramped on the first day boated out, and vice versa.

Throughout the 3 days students moved through a number of different activities including, fishing, team building games and swimming.

We would particularly like to highlight all our amazing parent helpers who made the camp possible and to all the ākongā for making it such a memorable experience.



School Based Camp Highlights

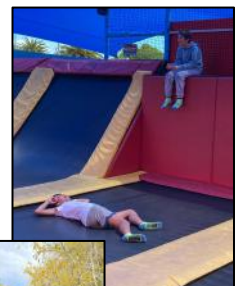
Day 1... To start our camp we walked from school to the Botanical Reserve. From there, 5 students walked up to The Centre of New Zealand with Whaea Katrina while the others played games. After that we went to Riverside Pool for a swim and a pizza party at the neighbouring Riverside Reserve.



Day 2... We caught a bus to The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary where we were met by their Educators Rick and Shani who took us on a guided walk around the sanctuary. We counted the birds in the outdoor classroom, some students tried the honeydew, and we learnt about trapping the pests they want to keep out. Finally, we walked up to the forks along the stream and had lunch in the bush.



Day 3... We took a bus to Tahunanui where we enjoyed a fun day on the hydroslide and the trampoline park. After playing games and walking along the beach we had a yummy barbeque lunch. An awesome few days of fun!





Abel Tasman Camp - Anchorage

22 students embarked on an unforgettable adventure with our camp to the Abel Tasman National Park.

Day 1 saw us trekking from Mārahau to Anchorage, surrounded by lush landscapes and pristine beaches, to then set up camp under the starry skies.

Day 2 brought further exploration as we hiked to Cleopatra Pools. Evenings were filled with camaraderie, as students shared stories by the campfire, accompanied by the classic delight of s'mores.

On Day 3, we bid farewell to paradise, taking a water taxi back to Kaiteriteri, leaving behind lasting memories and newfound friendships. This camp was a perfect blend of adventure, nature, and camaraderie, creating an experience that will resonate with our students for years to come.

A big thank you to our whānau helpers and everyone that donated gear to make this trip possible!



Masterchef Camp - Served up in Style!

Our school kitchen transformed into a hub of creativity, sizzling pans, and delectable aromas, as our budding chefs donned their aprons and unleashed their culinary prowess. The kitchen buzzed with laughter and excitement as each participant not only stirred pots but also stirred their passion for the art of cooking. Our sessions fostered teamwork, creativity, and a love for diverse flavours.



Throughout the MasterChef Camp, our students embraced challenges that tested their skills, turning simple ingredients into culinary masterpieces. Whether it was the perfect sear on a steak, the delicate art of plating, or the science behind baking, our young chefs soaked up knowledge faster than a sponge in a kitchen sink!

The kitchen was not only a place for learning but also a stage for friendly competition, taste tests, and a mystery ingredient challenge, which added an extra layer of excitement to the camp. These experiences pushed our participants to think on their feet to whip up extraordinary dishes under the clock. Bon appétit!



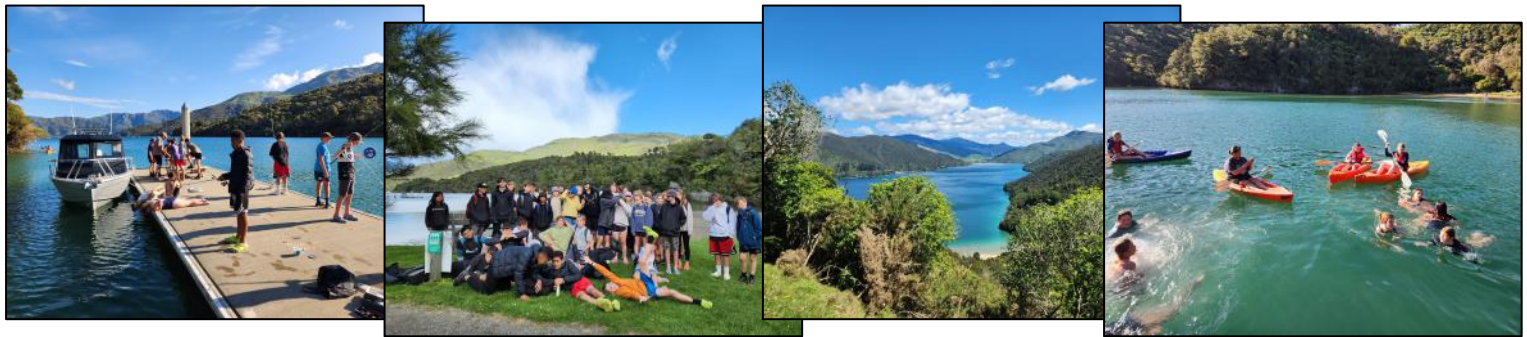
Mistletoe Bay Camp

43 ākonga embarked on a journey to Anakiwa. The picturesque Queen Charlotte Track welcomed our students, offering a breathtaking backdrop as they trekked into Mistletoe Bay.

Camp was set up upon arrival, and our students wasted no time plunging into an array of water activities. From kayaking and paddleboarding to swimming and leaping off the wharf.

Despite a minor setback with the weather on the second day, our group adapted ensuring that the spirit of adventure remained high. The ākonga cherished the opportunity to bond with their peers and form new friendships.

Coming out of Mistletoe Bay, we took the ferry across to Picton - which was a first for some. The camp was a memorable experience for kaiako and ākonga. We would like to thank the whānau that came along on our trip and made the whole experience possible.



Military Camp

Military camp started with a bus trip out to Kohatu, Quinney's Bush. Our first challenge was assembling tents and then Day One saw us begin rotations - marching (led by our parent volunteer Ian McComb), visiting the animals, and the waterslide. Throughout the day, soldiers earned team points for mini-challenges, which were all tallied up to find the 'Supreme Winner'. On our first evening, we had a game of Spotlight and then lights out.

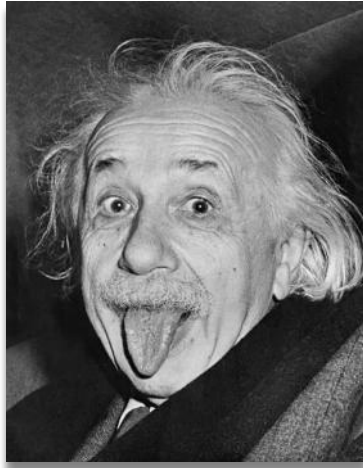
On Day Two, soldiers were awoken and required to quickly fall in. Tents were then checked and points were earned for tents that met the standard. On this day we had another set of rotations, this time; laser tag, flying fox and the obstacle course. We then went over to the forest and had a shelter-building competition. Soldiers were able to work together and utilise resources to create a shelter that could house one member. Following this, we made smores on an open fire, and that night we played Go Home Stay Home with the soldiers against the adults. Many soldiers worked together to get home without being caught and earned their squadrons more points... many did not!

Night two saw some pretty treacherous rain and wind, luckily our tents managed to stand up against the weather but unfortunately, we had to abort the mission early when the weather persisted. After tallying up all the scores, Navy Squadron (led by Jen Lang) were our overall winners. What an awesome camp experience!



Term 4 Enrichment Classes - Photography

Akonga in our two photography classes began by taking a brief look at the history of photography before learning all about how to take a good portrait. We looked at some famous photographic portraits and talked about why they were considered to be great portraits. Then we took turns to take portraits of each other inside and outside with different backgrounds. We considered light and shadows and our camera angle. We tried our hand at both posed and candid portraits and then we edited our shots down to our best ones.



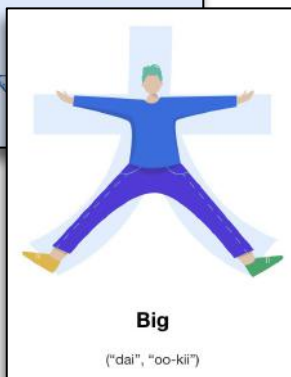
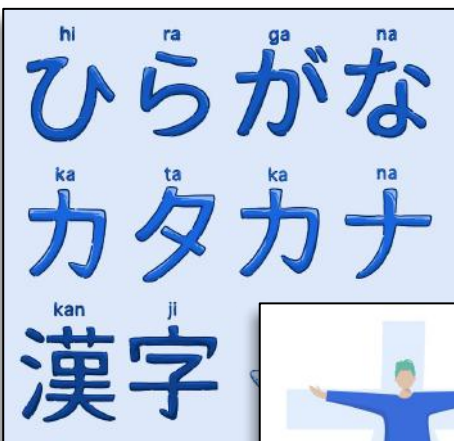
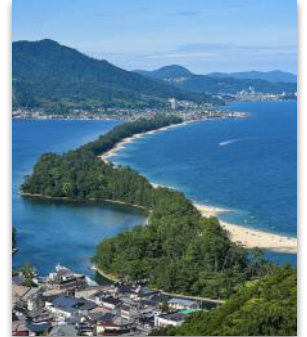
Next we learnt all about 'the rule of thirds' and how this can help us to compose a good photo. We took a look at the work of some famous nature and wildlife photographers in New Zealand and abroad, then we headed outside to take some of our own nature shots. Here are some of the best of them...





Term 4 Enrichment Classes - Japanese

Akonga in our 'Introduction to Japanese Language and Culture' class have been learning about the three writing systems used in Japan - hiragana, katakana and kanji. We have also looked at different ways to greet people in Japanese and practiced how to introduce ourselves. In our second class we found out some interesting facts about the capital city Tokyo. In our third class we looked at some famous Japanese landmarks such as Mount Fuji, the Golden Pavilion (Kinkakuji) and the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove in Kyoto, Himeiji Castle, Miyajima, Tokyo Tower, Todaiji Temple in Nara and Amanohashidate in Miyazu - Nelson's sister city! We have also practiced counting from 1 to 10 in Japanese and discovered how to write our names in katakana.



How to introduce yourself in Japanese:

Hajimemashite.

1. はじめまして。 Nice to meet you.

2. [your name] ^{desu.}です。 My name is ...
to moushimasu.
ともうします。
(more polite, formal)

Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

3. よろしくねがいします。
Lit. Please be good/nice/kind to me.

Hiragana and katakana characters represent the 46 primary sounds used in Japanese. Hiragana is usually used to write words that are originally Japanese. Katakana is used for words borrowed from other languages. Kanji are symbols that mean a whole word or idea. Many kanji were borrowed from Chinese characters at different times over the past several centuries.



Creatives in Schools' Mural Project

In Week 3 the spray paint for our mural finally arrived from Spain. So, on Monday in Week 4, we were able to have our final day adding the finer details and finishing off our mural with 'Creatives in Schools' Artist Nerys Ngaruhe. The sun shone, the gold paint sparkled and lots of fun was had by all who took part. Once it has had Graffiti Guard applied it will be ready to present to everyone!



Some of our spray can art is now on display in the trophy cabinet in front of the hall. Woodcut prints made by 4 students during our 'Creatives in Schools' project that represent our 4 whānau groups - Mocketapu, Maitahi, Te Wairepo, and Aorere, will soon be displayed too.





Internet for Homes

The Ministry of Education and Manaiakalani Education Trust are working together to provide free home internet for any household with school-age children and no current connection. This is fully funded by the Ministry of Education until 30 June 2024.

This initiative will mean every family:

- **Stay connected with whānau, friends and national services:** Everyone in the household can access the internet to connect and communicate.
- **Internet for learning at home:** For students in your household, learning and homework can continue.
- **Internet for information:** Keep your whānau up to date with current events, news, and changes in your community.
- **Digital Equality:** Your whānau can stay current in the changing digital world.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT sjohns@nelsonintermediate.school.nz

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YOUR FREE HOME INTERNET

Having access to the Internet is a critical part of life these days. We know that not everyone can currently access the Internet at home, and the Ministry of Education wants to change that.

If you are a household with a school-aged child and no Internet or know of a household like this, we can arrange everything needed to connect the household to the Internet.

Internet at no cost to you.

TECH SUPPORT

Our experienced team offers free technical support for your home devices. We are available to answer your questions, give guidance or help you fix any issues.

Get in touch between Monday to Friday 8am - 7pm.

☎ 0800 441 844
✉ SUPPORT@EDOS.KIWI

HOW IT WORKS

- 1.** The EDOS connection team will speak to you to organise your new internet connection.
- 2.** You will receive an internet modem at your house with instructions to get it up and running.
- 3.** The Ministry of Education will pay for your internet until the end of June 2024.
- 4.** Enjoy your Internet!
You can contact our tech support team for help connecting your internet or your devices on 0800 441 844.

INTERNET FOR HOME

A national programme providing **free** household Internet for whānau with children at school.

CONTACT US TODAY ON
0800 441 844

Installation and monthly costs paid for by the Ministry of Education until 30 June 2024.

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3 SIMPLE STEPS TO FREE INTERNET

<h1>1</h1> <p>A referral from the Ministry of Education or from your school will start the process</p>	<h1>2</h1> <p>The EDOS team will contact you. We will need your name, address and contact phone number to get you registered for a connection</p>	<h1>3</h1> <p>Once approved, a connection is ordered and an Internet modem is delivered to your household</p>
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UMBRELLA MARKET

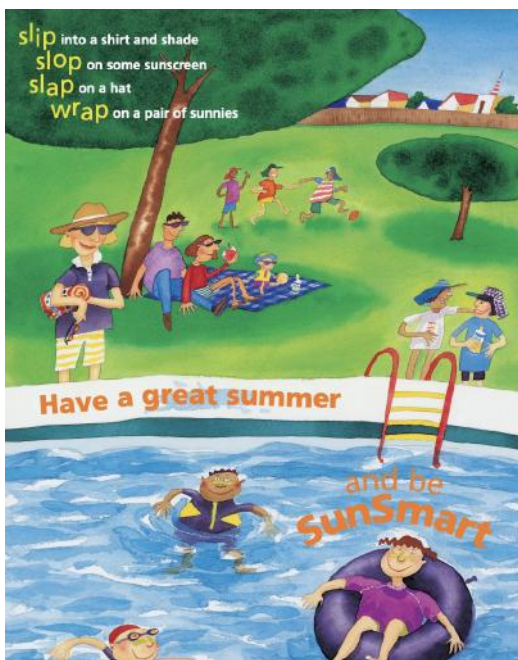
SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 1.30PM - 3.30PM

1903 SQUARE, TOP OF TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON

Register at umbrella.market.nelson@gmail.com

Children aged 8 – 16 years are invited to sell their goods in the lead-up to Christmas. Each child brings a standard rain umbrella which, upside down, becomes their “stall” in which to place the goods for sale.

Parents may attend, but the children do the selling to learn about the value of money, negotiating skills, appreciation of what others can afford to pay, gain confidence in interactions and discover the joy of passing on as item they've finished with! (Rain day is Saturday 9th of December)



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.