

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Last week we hosted 25 principals from all over New Zealand as part of the Rural and Teaching Principals Conference that was held here in Nelson for three days last week.

The principals chose from eight schools who offered to host around Nelson. We shared with them our teaching and learning approach and they enjoyed looking around our school.

One Principal who also visited us in 2012, when Nelson last hosted the conference, came back to visit us again. He wrote this in his school newsletter last week...

"I travelled on to Upper Moutere where we were welcomed with an 'in house' powhiri. Great to see that local kawa prevails across NZ and something we are also invested in. Upper Moutere has recently had its learning spaces upgraded, similar to what is scheduled to happen in our Matai Block starting in the next holidays. The school has student agency at its centre. There is a level of 'ownership by students' that I have not seen in any other school and it was intriguing. Student led curriculum, similar to our 'Tinker Time' and 'Play', was also a strong feature of each student's day. Being confident, active and creative are central to this school's ethos."

It is always empowering to share our school. The positive comments from our visitors about the way they were greeted by our students and their ability to talk about their learning was heart-warming. Oh, and the Band who put on an impromptu performance on repeat.... Very proud!

One of the keynote speakers at the conference, Sir John Jones, a highly-regarded, internationally recognized, educationalist from Liverpool received a standing ovation from the delegates after his

three-hour, non-stop, no notes presentation. A lot of what he shared we have been developing within our school setting and curriculum for a number of years. He left us with tremendous inspiration to continue.

A large number of our Year 6 participated in the local Rippa Rugby tournament on Tuesday. Lauren was most impressed with their determination and attitude. Great to hear they wore our school t-shirts with pride.

Today the Board of Trustees election closed, I hope you have taken the opportunity to vote. I admire Mel, Nathan, Fuji, Jane, Monique, Elaine and Sam for putting their name forward for this role and look forward to working with any one of them in the Governance role. Results will be known next Friday.

Monday 17 June we will have our annual visit from the New Zealand Playhouse. This year's performance is The Tortoise and the Hare... we always enjoy them. A separate notice will come home soon. This is subsidised by the school, however there is a charge of \$4 per student.

Noho ora mai

Grant & the team at Upper Moutere School



Te Wairua o ngā Mahi Toi (The Spirit of the Arts) at Garin College.

This year we are celebrating the success of our annual Mahi Toi Festival with a Showcase Concert which will be hosted by our Arts Leaders; Jade Alborn and Theo Gabites. This showcase will be held at Garin College in the Gymnasium on Friday 21 June at 7pm. The Showcase will display performances and presentations from a variety of the Arts disciplines including Music, Dance, Fashion Design, Media and Drama.

If members of the community would like to purchase tickets the cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. They can be purchased from Garin College reception.

Door sales will be limited.



Supporting Waimea Te Totara Y10 Girls to Queensland Schools Cup, August 2019



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FUN 'game-based' development camp



Intermediate
Years 7 & 8
16 - 18 July 2019
9am - 12 pm
\$25/day or \$60/3days



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Email: nelson@tasmanvolley.org.nz

Collect registration forms from the Richmond Mall Info desk.

24th-30th June

Our Town Motueka
Let's get your town hot!

Motueka Matariki Festival

A huge week of celebrations, education, music, sports and much more...
For the 'calendar of events' go to <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Our-Town-Motueka/events>

- Māori games Ki-o-Rahi at Decks Reserve
- Glow in the dark
- Friday Night Food Stalls
- Matariki doco at Parklands School
- Star Stories on the Sea Performances outside Museum
- Iwi Stories at Te Awhina Marae
- Star Gazing with Nelson Astronomical Society
- Matiu Te Huki, live music, at Huia Club Rooms

Rātā Foundation

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Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

This Winter, here at Bridge Valley, we have our Medieval Madness themed children's camp from 8th - 12th July. Our children's camp are a fun and safe place for children to grow in all areas. We have many exciting activities at Bridge Valley, such as laser tag, rock climbing, archery, air rifles, zipline, and more!

Overnight Combined Camp: Ages 8-13

Blast Day Camps: Ages 7-13

We would love to see you here. Register on our website or contact us for more details.

www.bridgevalley.co.nz

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Nelson College for Girls

Friday 26th July 2019 (12.30 - 3.00pm) - Experience NCG

All interested students are invited to come into the school and "Experience NCG". Students will spend the time in classes participating in a range of activities that are of interest to them, from PE to Art, Music to Technology, so they begin to get familiar with the school, get the opportunity to meet the Deans and to see options that are available for them to pursue at secondary school.

Wednesday 31st July 2019 (7pm onwards) - NCG Open Evening

Our school will be open to all interested parties for them to get a sneak peek at what happens behind the school gates and to show that we are MUCH more than just reading, writing and arithmetic.



WILD RABBIT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

The Workshop of Play

THEATRE AND MOVEMENT
CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION

2 CLASSES WEEKLY
AGE 10-13 MONDAYS 4:30-5:30
AGE 7-10 WEDNESDAYS 3:30-4:30

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
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RSVP to wildrabbitproductions@outlook.com
Include child's name, age and a contact number
Find us on facebook [wilderabbitproductions](https://www.facebook.com/wildrabbitproductions)

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Ramaroa iti

Riley for being a friendly and caring buddy to others in our room. Thank you for being so kind Riley.

Mino for using his ACTIVE and THINKER light while planning a relay to be used at Fitness time. Mino, we loved the way you rose to the challenge of being a leader in the team, how you listened carefully to your team members ideas and how you thought carefully about how your relay would look. We are all super proud of you!

Turama

William: What a fantastic team player you are in your Antarctic group. You have great ideas and manage the people in your team very well, staying focused and on task while researching Emperor Penguins.

Mosty and Leam: Your focus and determination to improve your ability in reading is paying off. This is making your Literate Light shine even brighter. Keep up the effort!

Amira: Your Active Light has been on fire this week! Your whole research team was sick and yet you persevered with researching information on Antarctica by yourself and used your time well.

Ruby H: We have been so impressed with you in your Maths group with Fractions. Your math's book is so neat and well set out, showing you take great pride in your learning. This is fantastic.

Riley: You consistently show us how determined and ambitious you are with your learning. Every one of your 'Lights' are ablaze as you apply yourself, finishing your tasks with pride!

Thomas: You have impressed us with your listening skills in Health, learning about germs, and also our Antarctic study. You listen to learn and have asked some very good questions which shows us your deep thinking. Well done Thomas!

Ramaroa nui

Isaiah – I was so proud of your sportsmanship at Rippa Rugby. You were a fantastic leader and supporter to your team. You set up success for a lot of your team mates by helping them score their very first tries. So awesome!

Emma – For not letting time away stop you from achieving at school. You slotted straight back into our programme and strived to achieve your goals by catching up on your math strategies, dance moves and drama script. Way to go Emma.

Dyln: For your energetic and thoughtful nature. Yesterday I listened in on one of your conversations with a visiting principal and was so proud of the way you articulated your learning and expressed your ideas with such enthusiasm. Awesome effort Dyln!

Amelia: For always offering to help me in the classroom and support your peers when they need it. You make everyone in the class smile, and we love your abundance of energy.

Gus - For committing to new learning in history and space subjects and using thinking and logical skills to research in these areas and share learning.

Madison - For moving forward in engagement, thinking and independent learning skills to advance her learning in maths, literacy inquiry and space. Solid progression in self agency.

Marama

Camden and Gabi – thank you for the positive way you interact with and encourage your buddies, not just during buddy time. You are friendly and supportive role models who look for opportunities to be supportive! Tino pai to rangatira! You are modelling our leadership and school values.

Grace: Another great buddy! You think ahead and take the time to prepare for your buddies each week. They are so lucky to have you. Your thinker and creative lights are shining bright as you model our school values. Nga mihi mahana Grace!

Baillie: You are such an awesome big buddy! You are caring and thoughtful, and always making sure your buddy is having fun.

Nina: Great to see you asking deep questions to further your understanding when supporting your peers during Circle Time. You always notice when others need support and do something about it. Ka pai tō whakaaro Nina!

Shayla: You bring happiness to others as you are always smiling, laughing and finding the humour in every situation. Thanks for making us all feel happy!



Principal Awards

Chosen by Heidi last week, but certainly endorsed by me... Ada ... her leadership, her mature approach to everything, her reliability and positivity...she could be a weekly recipient.

This week...

The Band.... Last week when our guests were here the band had a 'practice' in the Sarau Room that just drew the principals to them... without any adult supervision they performed and presented themselves brilliantly...another highlight that was re-lived on the bus back to Nelson!



Dates for your Diary

7 June	BOT Election closes
7 June	40 Hour Famine
9 June	Oral Health Bus Arrives
13 June	Election Results announced
14 June	New Board takes Office
14 June	Rabbit Island Cross Country
17 June	NZ Playhouse at UMO
20 June	Junior Gymnastics
21 June	Senior Gymnastics
5 July	Term 2 Ends
22 July	Term 3 Begins

