

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th March 2025



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

TAKAHĒ SYNDICATE VISIT THE MUSEUM & CENTRE OF NEW ZEALAND

In Week 5 the Takahē syndicate visited the Nelson Provincial Museum and Centre of New Zealand as part of our Tūrangawaewae – where I stand, topic.

A visit to the museum always provides a rich and engaging learning opportunity for our tamariki to listen to pūrakau (stories) from our local area. We began our visit by looking at the gorgeous stained-glass window which was constructed by a local artist Robyn Hall. The design features flora and fauna from the Nelson region and is titled 'Weave'. We learned that the window is made up of over 8000 pieces of hand-crafted glass. The reef knot and lighthouse in the top left corner represent the European immigrants who settled in the Nelson region. We learned how to tie a reef knot and the significance of the reef knot in this piece of art. We also got to hold precious kauri snail shells and learn about these amazing creatures that slurp up worms like spaghetti!



Following that we went into the classroom where we listened to Whaea Kelly tell us a local pūrakau about Kaikaiāwaro, a pure white Taniwha in the shape of a dolphin. Kaikaiāwaro helped guide Matua Hautere and his iwi (Ngāti Kuia) through the seagrass that grows in Havelock and up the Pelorus river to settle and create a home on Tōtara Flat. We then created our own 'stained glass kowhaiwhai panel' using cellophane and black paper.

As part of our trip we also walked up to the Centre of New Zealand. This was a challenging yet rewarding experience for the tamariki. When we reached the top, we looked out at the spectacular view that we call home. We also spied important local landmarks in our region before beginning the trek back down to the bottom.

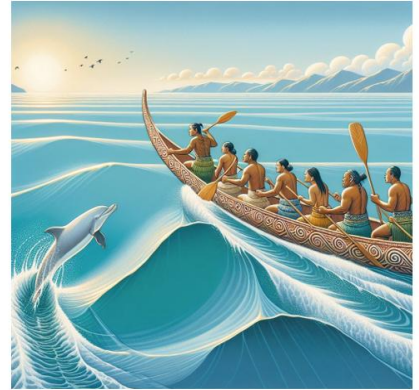
It was a fabulous trip full of fun and interesting learning experiences for all.



The story of Matua Hautere and Kaikaiāwaro

Long, long ago there was an iwi called Ngāti Kūia. The leader of the iwi was Matua Hautere. They set off on their waka to the Marlborough Sounds. In the middle of his journey Matua Hautere shouted “Kaitiaki Taniwha”, the guardian white dolphin. That dolphin was Kaikaiāwaro. He was guiding them to Motueka (Havelock). He led them to a heap of seagrass. He used his snout to make a path so the waka could go through. The iwi followed the dolphin up the beautiful river. They found land and made it their home and the dolphin disappeared. They named the river the ‘The Pelorus River’ after their waka.

By Bison Gaul – Room 6



WEETBIX TRYATHLETES

Well done to all our Weetbix TRYathletes who participated last weekend at Tahuna. Big thanks to Cherie Llewellyn (parent) for sorting the gazebo for the students to use.



CONGRATULATIONS SYBELLA

Sybella Etheridge recently competed at the Junior South Island Mako swim competition at Dunedin. She had personal best times in all her races, coming away with four 1st, three 2nds, a 3rd and a 4th. Fantastic Sybella, well done.

HELPFUL PHRASES IN TE REO MĀORI

Each week we will add to the newsletter a ‘Helpful Phrase’ we are promoting at school. These can also be used at home.

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SWIMMING POOL

Swimming finishes tomorrow. Last afternoon for pool holders to use the pool is today.

Please return all pool keys to the office. Thanks

GOAL-SETTING INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th March

Bookings close on Tuesday 18th March at 3pm

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our school code is zqntj

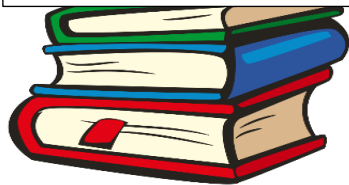
These interviews are for 10 minutes.

Please complete the attached information sheet prior to the interview
and return to your classroom teacher.

Rooms 19 & 20 organise separate settling to school interviews.

Please contact the office or your classroom teacher if you'd like us to do your
booking for you.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB
DUE 21st MARCH



Thank you for taking part in
this fundraising effort for
Richmond School.

More tickets are available
from the school office.

All sheets and money
are due back to school
by Monday 31st March.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7 to 12 year olds:
16th - 18th April 2025

13 to 16 year olds:
23rd - 25th April 2025

Saxton Field, Stoke
9.00am-12.00pm
\$35.00 per day

Our programmes are open to both boys & girls

Visit www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz to REGISTER

Categories: Kids | Youth | Open | Most Iconic Nelson

BE IN TO WIN FLIGHTS

2025 Nelson Airport Summer Photo Competition

Capture the Feeling of a Nelson Tasman Summer

Prizes include return flights for 2 to Wellington with Sounds Air + much more

Submit now at nelsonairport.co.nz

Entries close 31st March

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2025 Nelson Hockey Junior Program I

Thursday 20th February to 27th March 2025 - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz



MAY 5 - th ANNIVERSARY

Celebration Variety Show!
Fundraising for Glenna Armstrong School of Tap.

Where: Playhouse Theatre, Mapua.
Time: 7pm-9pm
Date: Friday 2nd May

Tickets just \$50-Entry, entertainment and finger food inclusive.

*Formal attire

** 50% discount dress rental at **Leilani & May Boutique**

Contact: May - 0210903 4378 or Glenna 021 293 5383 to book your ticket.



MATATU SATURDAY CONNECTION

9:00am - 10:00am
Saturday 15th March
Trafalgar Park, Nelson

100 People Max, Registration Required

A chance to connect with the Matatu squad.
Sign up & come join in the fun!

