

BRIGHTWATER SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

16th February 2026



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LEARN FRENCH in Nelson!

Classes for Kids and Adults

For information on fees, registration and course outlines, see our website.
www.afnelsonstasman.org

[2026 Ballet at NCMA](#)

We would like to remind you that NCMA's 2026 dance program begins the week of February 16th, and enrolments are now open.

We're delighted to be welcoming **Leonora Voightländer** as our dance teacher. Born in Santa Fe and trained in ballet from the age of three, Leonora has enjoyed an international career spanning New Mexico, Chicago, Miami, St. Louis, and eight inspiring years with the **Royal New Zealand Ballet**. Since returning to Nelson in 2021, she has been passionate about sharing her love of dance through strong technique, thoughtful conditioning, and artistry—supporting young dancers to grow in skill, confidence, and creative expression.

Our classes combine **ballet foundations with creative movement**, making them ideal for students who love to move, imagine, and express themselves through dance.

Places are limited, so we encourage you to secure your spot for 2026 by clicking the link below:

https://ncma.nz/search/?_tuition_search=Ballet

MINI FOOTBALL – Term 1 2026 at SAXTON FIELD

- **Starts on Thursday 19 February and finishes on Thursday 26 March 2026**
- The games are played on THURSDAYS at either 4.00, 4.30 or 5.00 pm
- The cost is **\$100 per team**
- The games are 5 aside (maximum of 7 players) with rolling subs
- 20 min games (one way, no breaks)
- All teams must have a manager (contact name, email, phone details need to be provided)
- Team managers organise their teams/ref on the day and look after the POD certificates
- Each team must have a team name
- The grades available are – All Girls (Mixed Years), Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 5/6

Teams should be blended with a mix of those that have played before and those that are new to the sport. Please be mindful of this when putting your teams together. The focus is about the players supporting one another and having some fun along the way.

You can find more information regarding the rules of mini football on our website

www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz.

PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR TEAMS (team name and grade) with contact details of the team managers (name, phone and email) by FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 at the latest. Late entries will not be accepted. I will register each team myself and then contact you again to confirm the registrations and advise you of the draw.

If you are unsure about anything please contact me.

Sandy Hamson

Nelson Suburbs FC

0275525668

SAVE THE DATE

NELSON PROVINCIAL MUSEUM PRESENTS



GALA ROYALE

A BLACK-TIE FUNDRAISING GALA SUPPORTING THE ARC FACILITY

Saturday, 13 June, 2026, 5:30pm

The Rutherford Hotel, Nelson

3-COURSE DINNER • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • EXCLUSIVE AUCTIONS



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL EVENTS@MUSEUMNP.ORG.NZ

SCOUTS
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**BRIGHTWATER
SCOUT GROUP**

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR
**5-8 YEAR OLDS
KEAS!**



MONDAYS 4.30 - 5.30PM
Charlotte Lane, Brightwater

Contact: 021 208 9991
Brightwater@group.scouts.nz

EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE!



JOIN US AT

CATCHBALL



- Tuesday 6.30pm:** Nelson College for Girls Upper Gym -12 Bronte St, Nelson
- Friday 6pm:** Badminton Hall - 20b Gladstone Road, Richmond



- First TWO sessions are FREE
- \$60/term, youth \$35/term, \$10/session casual rate.
- Women's sport for teenagers to 60+




@NelsonBaysCatchball



**TASMAN
TAPPERS DANCE
STUDIO**

BOOKINGS OPEN FOR
TERM 1



GET YOUR FEET MOVING AND DISCOVER THE JOY OF RHYTHM!
TAP DANCING CLASSES OPEN TO ALL AGES AND ABILITIES, BEGINNERS TO ADULT TAPPERS.
JOIN A FUN, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
EXAMS, COMPETITIONS AND SHOWS OFFERED.

**COME TAP AND MAKE SOME NOISE
WITH US!**

CONTACT - TASMANTAPPERS@HOTMAIL.COM
021 046 6601

UNITED SOFTBALL NELSON



The focus is on FUN and participation!
Don't have a school team to play for... contact us and we will help get you sorted.

Give T-Ball & Softball a go!

The Nelson United Softball Club invite you to give t-ball and softball a go this summer.

When: Season starts Mon 16th February (5 weeks)

Game Time: 4:30pm

Where: Saxton Field Softball Park

Cost: FREE

Gear: Basic gear supplied

TEE SOX T-Ball: 5-8 YEARS

ROOKIE SOX SOFTBALL: 9-11 YEARS

Want to enter a team or need more information,
contact us at; nelsonunitedsoftball@gmail.com



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/nelsonunitedsoftball/>

THE DANCE CLUB IS READY FOR 2026!!

The Dance Club is a fun, friendly space where young dancers can move, learn, and build confidence. We welcome children aged 3 to 13 of all abilities. Classes take place in Richmond every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:20, offering an energetic and supportive environment to explore dance, make friends, and have fun.

Enroll now via
Facebook messenger: The Dance Club
or
email:
dancers.at.the.dance.club@gmail.com



The Ark
PRESCHOOL

Quality Early Childhood Education
for children 2 -5 years old.
7.30am-4.30pm Monday - Friday



Phone:
Office 03 544 2951
Manager 027 299 2433
Email:
office@thearkpreschool.co.nz
Address:
123 Salisbury Road,
Richmond 7020



Robotic Camps 2026



WHAT?

The **newest generation** of robotics for the next generation of thinkers! Learn the mechanics and electronics **used in Tesla cars**. **Build and code** a variety of different **robots** during the year. **Compete** at the end of each camp with your robot to **win prizes**.

COACHES?

Dr. Des Duthie (teacher and physicist)
Ben Thomas (student with competition success and experience).



WHO?

Any girl or boy (minimum age 9), with or without robotic experience, **living in the Tasman region**.

WHEN?

A regular camp (4 hours) **every fortnight** on a **Saturday afternoon** from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
First camp on the 14th of February.

COSTS?

Term 1: Four 4-hour camps - \$320 (\$20 per hour) – payable by 28th February.

NATIONAL VEX IQ KIWIBOTS COMPETITION (<https://www.kiwibots.co.nz/>)?

A team of 4 or more students may consider sharing the cost of a kit (~\$234 per student) and compete in this exciting competition held in early December in Palmerston North. The **advantage** of doing this is that the student may take the **full kit home during the holidays**.



Should students not wish to continue at any time, they may sell their kits to other students or donate it to the school.

CAMP NUMBERS

Numbers of students (without kits) are limited to 10 for each camp to provide a meaningful experience.
Numbers of students (with kits) are limited to 8 (2 teams of 4) for each camp.

REGISTRATION

Contact Des for an application form

- email: desduthie@gmail.com
- text/phone: 022 695 4835

Closing date for **return of application forms** - **Tuesday 10th February**.

Regards

Richard Nott

Head Teacher Nelson College Preparatory School.

EVERY DROP COUNTS
#lovetoswim

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

VALENTINE'S DAY DOUBLE DIP

Sat 14 Feb | 5-9pm
Motueka Saltwater Baths

Come for a swim and picnic at our styled zones with loved ones this Valentine's Day and show your support for an aquatic centre in Motueka!



MOTUEKA AQUATIC CENTRE.NZ/VALENTINE

This is an alcohol-free event | Kōwhiri welcome | Swimmers participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

GIRLS SMASH & YEAH GIRLS 💖🌟

Do you have a daughter who's interested in giving cricket a go? Term 1 cricket is the place to be! This week marks the start of both our Yeah Girls and Girls Smash programmes, and there's still a chance to get amongst.

We have all the equipment and guidance provided for fun and inclusive cricket sessions... just for girls. And best of all? **IT'S COMPLETELY FREEEEEE!**

- ◆ Years 1-3: Mondays 4:00pm - 4:45pm
- ◆ Years 4-6: Mondays 4:45pm - 5:30pm
- ◆ Years 6-8: Wednesdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm
- ◆ Years 9-13: Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Location: Aerial Field, Saxton.

All sessions will be run by current Nelson Nyxons Player Caitlin Whiting.

➡ Register your child for free online:

<https://www.playhq.com/.../nelson.../4c09abcd/register>

For more information, please contact Dustin at dustin@nelsoncricket.org.nz

CLUB WAIMEA SQUASH

STARTS 15TH FEB

JUNIORS SQUASH HIT

AGES: 5-18

COST: GOLD COIN DONATION

Open to all juniors to come down and have a go at squash.
Balls, rackets & glasses available

SUNDAYS 1-2PM
SCHOOL TERM ONLY

CLUB WAIMEA SQUASH
345 LOWER QUEEN STREET, RICHMOND

OPEN DAY
FEB 22

WILLOW BANK
HERITAGE VILLAGE

ENTRY FEE:
\$7 PER ADULT (AGES 18+)
\$3 PER CHILD

WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE IS A FUN AND INTERACTIVE LIVING MUSEUM 1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD, NELSON. WE HAVE 20+ SHOP DISPLAYS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, FOOD AND DRINK AND LOTS MORE.

**SUNDAY 10AM-3PM
FEBRUARY 22**

1970'S MILK BAR / VICTORIAN STYLE CAFE / SECRET GARDEN
1950S BURGER BAR / LAUNDRY / DRESS SHOP / PUPPET THEATRE
CHILDREN'S SUITCASE MARKET / WORKING BAKELITE PHONES
PLAYHOUSE / LIBRARY / DOLL MUSEUM / SCHOOL HOUSE
GROCERY STORE / CINEMA / PRINTING PRESS - MORE

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WILLOWBANKWAKEFIELD.CO.NZ

79 WAKEFIELD-KOHATU HIGHWAY, WAKEFIELD



The Big Heart Appeal street collection is just a few short weeks away and we urgently need kind-hearted people like you to join us again!

It's simple: as little as two hours of your time on **Friday 27 or Saturday 28 February** can have a profound impact in the fight against heart disease. When every 90 minutes, a New Zealander dies from heart disease, it's no secret that we need to make a change!

Register to volunteer by 17 February to play your part in the fight against New Zealand's single biggest killer.

Register to volunteer

The efforts of our Big Heart Appeal street collection volunteers are so sincerely appreciated

We know how valuable your time is, and that's why we're so grateful for everyone who chooses to join the cause and show their big heart.

It's because of our amazing supporters, including our Big Heart Appeal street collection volunteers, that we could invest funds into groundbreaking heart research in 2025. It's simply life-saving work – and we need your kind-hearted help to make it possible.

We still need to fill 58 shifts in your local area of Tasman and we hope that you can spare just two hours on Friday 27 or Saturday 28 February to help us raise life-saving funds.

Register to volunteer

If you have any questions about the Big Heart Appeal street collection, you can email our friendly team at bigheartappeal@heartfoundation.org.nz.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Warm wishes,

The Big Heart Appeal team

**List and sell with me
and I will donate \$500
to Brightwater School**

Steph x

Stephanie Lay
027 478 3339

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