



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 12 February, 2016



Welcome to Term 1, 2016. I hope you all had a wonderful break and you are now ready to embrace the new school year. Our roll is currently 363 and still climbing, and we have three Year 7 classes again this year. There has been some rearrangement in staffing. Frances Morton and Simon Williams are our two Deputy Principals and Christine Dew is the new Assistant Principal. Dave Nicholson remains Dean of Aramoana, Richard Hill, Dean of Tamahine and Lisa Suthers, Dean of Rangatira with Claire Vining as a floating Dean to provide extra cover. In the office, Dawn Reeves can be found in the Executive Officer's office as Dawn will be assisting with financial matters as well as continuing with student data. Sandi Lock will be the sole person in the main office and will add front of house to her role. We welcome David Wratt to QCC as the Assistant Property Manager. Students will have become familiar with David already as he moves around the school

Curriculum focus this year

This year will see some exciting times in curriculum focus. We trialled the new 100 minute lessons with Year 9 during Term 4 last year. While we didn't get everything right, overall the feedback was very positive. The reason for running the extra time in a period is to allow for more student driven investigations and more time for the teachers to have valuable individual feedforward as to how the students' performance can be improved. This enquiry learning also starts to breakdown the compartmentalisation of subject areas and makes learning more relevant to real life situations. The staff at QCC have had this as their focus for Professional Development throughout 2015 and combined with all the Marlborough schools on 1st February to further investigate how to improve on learning for all students. This new focus allows for more individual work well suited to students working on their own devices. It will not be compulsory for students to have their own device as school computers are still maintained for student use. If students have a device they are welcome to bring it and use it in the classrooms. I look forward to helping our students become "Life long, self-motivated learners actively participating in their community".

Term Dates 2016

Term One	Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 15th April
Term Two	Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July
Term Three	Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September
Term Four	Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

Lachi Woolf



Becoming the Head Boy of Queen Charlotte College was always a big dream of mine and after hearing my name called at the end of year prize giving in 2015 I was both honoured and excited. By forming a solid partnership with Kate I hope that we can become steadfast leaders of the student council and steer it in a direction so that it can become productive and driven. In doing this, I believe the school culture can be altered and many events/activities can be organised for the students in their free time. With this being my main goal for the year, there is also the obvious need for public speaking, where I hope to represent the school well during powhiris and various other functions. Amongst all the responsibilities the role of Head Boy encompasses, it is the shared belief by Kate and myself that we must remain approachable to students of all ages. By doing this, Kate and myself will be able to provide an accurate representation of the student body and ultimately the school as whole.

Kate Overend



When my name was announced at prize giving as head girl for 2016 I was both ecstatic and humbled. Head girl is a huge responsibility and I am eager to step up and become a leader with Lachi. Together we would both like to leave a legacy consisting of a dynamic council that can effectively organise events/activities so that no student is left without anything to do in their spare time. It is our combined opinion that we must remain approachable to students of any age. Therefore we will be able to convey the students concerns and have them resolved. I overall strive to be an inspiring role model who can influence others to achieve their personal best.

Deputy Head Boy & Head Girl



Hamish Westwater



Tori Aldridge

Important Dates

Kapa Haka Wananga
Swimming Sports
L1 Geo Trip to Marlborough Sounds
Year 8 Camp 1
Tasman Cricket
Peer Support Camp – Omaka Marae
Year 8 Camp 2
School Photos
Athletics Championships
Year 13 Geo Trip
Tasman Golf
Tasman Athletics
MAP 1 Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews
Workday
Good Friday – No School
Easter Monday – No School
Easter Tuesday – No School

Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th February
Tuesday 16th/Wednesday 17th February
Thursday 18th February
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February
Thursday 25th/Friday 26th February
Friday 26th – Monday 29th February
Monday 29th February – Friday 4th March
Monday 7th March
Wednesday 9th March
Thursday 10th/Friday 11th March
Monday 14th March
Wednesday 16th March
Thursday 17th March
Friday 18th March
Friday 25th March
Monday 28th March
Tuesday 29th March

New Student Transition Day

In 2016, we welcomed all new students to Queen Charlotte College to a transition day. This allowed students to receive the staff's undivided attention and ensure that they felt part of the whanau. This was also the first leadership day for our newly elected Student Council, who along with our Deans, organised team building activities for the day.



Year 7 BBQ

Tuesday 9th February was our annual Year 7 barbecue for whanau and staff. It was a fantastic turn out with over 200 Year 7 students, whanau, senior students and staff attending. At Queen Charlotte College, the Year 7 mentoring program is underway with all students undertaking a 9 week mentoring program with a senior student at school. The purpose of this program is to bridge the gap between primary and secondary, allowing for a seamless transition into college life. This is a great way for Year 7's to feel more comfortable in their new environment with the knowledge that there are always friendly seniors who will happily help and support them in any way they can. Kia Kaha Year 7's, and welcome to the whanau.





Computers in Homes

Rorohiko I roto ngā Kāinga

Our school has been chosen to host the Computers in Homes programme



- A year of subsidised UFB or Naked Broadband
- A Windows 7 computer with Microsoft Office 2010
- 20 hours of free computer training for a parent*
- 12 months of free technical support

*Classes may be held once a week for 2 hours with a maximum class size of 8-10

This is your chance to own a high-spec quality refurbished computer & learn new digital skills.

Criteria to be involved:

- The family does not already have a computer in the home
- There is a school aged child living in the home

To register your interest
visit or phone the school office

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Communications Trust

NZQA Update

Make sure you login and check your results. Then you should order your certificates.

Talk to your subject teachers if you think your External results are incorrect. The deadline for Reconsiderations is the end of this month.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>

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Have a Go Sailing

All welcome at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club on Saturday 13th February for the Have a Go Sailing day. Here you can sail at Optimist yacht by yourself or be part of a team sailing the Omega yacht with experienced sailors. Share a sausage from the BBQ and if you are keen, find out how to join the club. It is all FREE so give sailing a go at Shelley Beach this Saturday from 11am onwards.

Library Books

All QCC Library books need to be returned before the end of the year.

School Uniforms

Feebies (Fee Busch) at 68a Upper High Street, Picton, is looking for school uniforms to sell. Uniforms can be in any condition as they will repair. They will also sell uniforms on behalf of the seller, so if you have any part of the uniform for sale, give them a call on 5736816 or 0211110820.

Guitar Lessons

Rebekah Codlin is offering half hour guitar lessons for beginners and up to advanced players on Wednesdays during the first couple of periods at school. Rebekah has played guitar for 12 years and has been teaching for 7 years, private and group lessons. She is a patient and enthusiastic teacher, excited to help all her students improve, whatever level they are at. The materials she uses and gives to her students are informative and easy to read. Music taught include all time classics as well as some of the latest hits, including pieces by Ed Sheeran, Shawn Mendes, Sam Smith and other fingerstyle instrumentals of popular songs. Rebekah also teaches alternative ways to make your guitar sing, including tapping, harmonics, percussion and different fingerstyle techniques. Sign up with Mrs Vining to make sure you have a place in one of her classes. Spaces are limited. Classes are \$80 per 9 week term. This term is \$70 for an 8 week term.

Lessons start Week 4 (22 Feb). See Mrs Vining to sign up.

SUPPORT A SPORT Fun Day!

Saturday 5 March 2016

8.30am: Kids Breakfast

9am: Fun Sports Circuit!

10.30am: Club Registrations

Come along and have a go at different sports and meet the people behind the clubs

For ALL ages! Free entry!

The Tuck Shop will be Open

There will be a junior 7s tournament following registrations

The Port Marlborough Pavilion at Endeavour Park is next to Queen Charlotte College, 181 Waikawa Road, Picton.

For more information contact Dale Ashworth on 027 2236 900 or dale@endeavourparkpicton.co.nz



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