



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 12 August, 2015



A very entertaining Festival week is over to signal the end of winter. The sun is shining, grass is growing and hopefully our students are in the rapid learning curve necessary at this time of the year. MAP 2 is on its way and this is an important time for students and their Whanau to take stock of what gains they have made and what is left to achieve before the end of the year. This term is a vital term for seniors to really settle into the hard work necessary to achieve to their potential, while not letting opportunities slip past. University applications need to be made. Credit checks are important for those with a career planned out and for those that haven't a career path, it is important to start to look for one.

Kia Eke Panuku

Queen Charlotte College is part of the National initiative to raise Maori achievement. As part of this we are regularly required to survey students, staff and whanau. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey electronically. If you are unable to follow the link please feel free to request a paper copy of the survey and we can input your answers for you.

Here is the survey link

<http://tinyurl.com/QueenCharlotteWhanausurvey>

IMPORTANT DATES...

Year 7/8 Marlborough Cross Country
MAP 2 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
Teacher Only Day
Year 13 Careers trip to Wellington
Parent Info night re Orientation Day
Orientation Day

Tuesday 18th August
Thursday 20th August
Friday 21st August
Thursday 27th – Friday 28th
Thursday 3rd September at 7pm
Thursday 10th September

Term Dates 2015

Term Three

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October – Thursday 10th December

International Students

Two new International Students have joined us from Germany: Emile Eulitz from Berlin, and Josefa (Josie) Poschmann from Karlstruhe, South West Germany. Both have settled in well and are thoroughly enjoying their introduction to school life in New Zealand. Josie has immersed herself in the school's Kapa Haka group and Emile is "loving" his new subjects and enjoying making friends here at QCC!

Josie's favourite hobby is diving and she is hoping to do an advanced dive course here. She also enjoys athletics, rowing and drama. Emile's hobbies include singing, snowboarding, hiking and fishing. He also enjoys Chanbara (Samurai sports).

Welcome both! We hope you have a terrific stay!



Special Education

Invite to Special Education Update Forum

Special Education continues to be a major priority for the Ministry of Education. While much has been achieved in recent years in inclusive education, there is more to be done. You are invited to attend a Special Education Update Forum to learn about direction and discuss improvement ideas.

The Special Education Update is looking at the whole education system including the Ministry's responsibilities - from early childhood, through primary, secondary and tertiary education.

A range of views is needed to inform decisions about improvements. So far the Ministry of Education has worked with representative groups, professionals and some individuals (including parents) in forums to discuss priority improvements.

This extra forum will be held mainly for more parents to contribute, but others are also welcome.

Blenheim

Monday 17 August 7-9pm

Blenheim School 42 Alfred St, Blenheim

Please contact della.drummond@education.co.nz so numbers can be determined – along with any special requirements. If you are interested in attending, there is background information for this Forum available from the Main Office or you can ask for it when you RSVP.

The Ministry of Education wants all learners to achieve and succeed. Everyone's contribution to this work is important, no matter where you live or work – in schools, kura, early learning centres families/whānau and communities right around New Zealand.

QCC Orientation Day

Senior students will visit Picton and Waikawa Bay schools on Tuesday 25th August to deliver enrolment packs and to speak to prospective students for 2016. Mrs Whyte and Mrs Morton will follow up to collect enrolments forms and speak to any parents who may wish to ask questions, on Tuesday 1st September. They will be at Waikawa Bay School at 11.30am and Picton School at 1.30pm. For any parents unable to attend, there will be a meeting held in the QCC Library at 7pm on Thursday 3rd September where senior staff will answer questions relating to Orientation Day and the 2016 school year.

Life Skills Day

Due to student requests we have organised a day for seniors on 21st of August, the day after MAP 2, to help them with a number of skills needed in their transition from school to further study or work.

The day will include health sessions, financial sessions, basic car maintenance, cooking and a whole lot more.

It will be a fun student driven day and we expect a good turnout from our seniors. Please support the day as we have a number of outside agencies coming to help.

Remember the days around MAP are not days off they are student driven learning days.

New Study Pass Online Site

Samples were recently sent to QCC of the NCEA Essentials Work Booklets for Mathematics and Science subjects. Students can use this new online resource to get online help and answers to these Work Booklets by following the link below.

<https://studypass.com/introduction-to-studypass-online>

MAP 2 – Reminder and Teacher Only Day

The second major MAP conference of the 2015 academic year is set for next Thursday 20th of August. You will have received your appointment times in the mail. Please contact the school if you have not received.

The day after MAP 2 is a Teacher Only Day and thus students do not attend school. As mentioned above under Life Skills Day, it is expected that senior students will attend these very worthwhile sessions on this day.

NCEA

NCEA fees are due by Friday 4th September 2015.

The cost is \$76.70, however in case of a family holding a Community Services card or if there is financial hardship, these fees are reduced to \$20.00.

Please contact Kay Severne on 5736558 for any further information.

New Phone to Text Absences to

The School now has a mobile phone for texting absences to. The number is 0224584209. We still prefer a phone call but if you find this difficult, then you can text.



Old Photos

We are looking for any old pictures of the QCC buildings and classrooms to embed in a visual online tour of the school. If you have any please let Fairlie Atkinson know on fatkinson@qcc.school.nz

QCC 50th Reunion

The QCC 50th Reunion is looming large on the horizon. The countdown is on with just over three months to go.

This is a timely reminder for all those interested in any of the events planned for the weekend, to register as soon as is possible, to help with planning and catering.

The planning committee requests your co-operation in encouraging your family and friends with ties to the College, to do the same.

Make contact with your generation, and maximise this (possibly) once in a lifetime opportunity to gather, catch up and reminisce.

For registrations or further information, check the QCC webpage, or QCC 50th Reunion on Facebook. You are also welcome to contact the College.

Spring Creek/Tuamarina/Havelock Buses

Bus payment for Term 3 is \$150.00 and can be paid by contacting Ms Kay Severne, the Executive Officer, on 5736558. For automatic payments, the school bank account number is Westpac 030599 0208587 000.

2015 AMP Scholarships

The 2015 AMP Scholarships are now open for anybody to apply. If you know of someone who may be looking to extend themselves in their field of expertise, but needs some financial assistance, the AMP Scholarships programme is simply about helping passionate people realise their dreams. It is not limited by sports or grades. It's not even limited by age.

There are three main categories you can apply under and there are 12 AMP National Scholarships worth \$10,000 each, one AMP People's Choice Scholarship worth \$10,000 and one Study Start Scholarship for a Year 12 or 13 student, worth \$10,000.

For more information please visit www.doyourthing.co.nz

The link below is to view the 2014 Study Start Scholarship recipients which students may find useful.

<https://www.doyourthing.co.nz/scholarships/amp-study-start-scholarship/2014-study-start-recipient/>.

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Picton Scouts

Picton Sea Scouts are starting up again. If you are in School Years 6-10 and you would like to join us please phone John Welch – details below. If either of your parents are interested in helping or being a Leader please encourage them to phone me.

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