



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 15 May, 2015



This term is always a busy one and it is widely accepted by staff and students, to be the most important in terms of class attendance and developing good study habits and, in the case of senior students, the prime time to accumulate credits as part of the assessment cycle.

This term promises to be action packed, with the Biology Camp at Rotoiti for Year 12's, the Formal on 6th June, and a fundraising dinner to be held on Saturday, May 23rd for the Europe trip. Tickets are available at the office, for this dinner/auction. Ex pupil and winner of New Zealand's Got Talent 2013, Renee Maurice is our special guest entertainer and ex pupil, Craig Philpott, Head Coach of the Hawkes Bay Magpies will be our guest speaker.

Every week our students achieve in their chosen sport. As Principal, I take great pride in hearing of these achievements and at Monday morning assembly, in sharing these achievements with the school as a whole. Should the weekend's sport provide some excellent individual performances, please feel free to contact Sandi on 5736558 before 10am, prior to assembly.

**Staff** As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we welcome two new teachers, Tammi Downing and Simon Williams.

Simon is the new English teacher. Simon came to New Zealand in 2006 from Cwmbran, South Wales. He taught at Waitaki Boy's High School in Oamaru before taking up his position at Queen Charlotte College. He is very happy

## IMPORTANT DATES...

12 Bio Rotoiti Camp	Monday 24th May – Thursday 28th May
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1st June (NO School)
ICAS Science	Wednesday 3rd June
Formal	Saturday 6th June
Garin Sports Exchange	Tuesday 9th June
Victoria University Visit	Wednesday 10th June
ICAS Writing	Monday 15th June
Reports Posted Home	Thursday 2nd July
Term 2 Ends	Friday 3rd July
Europe Trip departs	Saturday 4th July
Term 3 Begins	Monday 20th July

### Term Dates 2015

Term Two	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term Three	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Term Four	Monday 12th October – Friday 11th December

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to be living in our beautiful town and enjoys the positive vibe he has encountered when out and about around town. Simon says his transition to QCC has been seamless with students and staff willing to help wherever needed. Simon coaches Rugby and Cricket and is keen to get involved next year. Simon also has a love of theatre and has backstage experience in lighting and sound in school productions.



Tammi is on a Long Term Relieving contract until the end of this year and is teaching History, Social Studies and Science. Tammi hails from a small town in Ontario, Canada. She studied for her Diploma of Teaching at Christchurch College of Education as an International Student, 10 years ago. It was there, she met her husband, Edwin and they now have a 5 year old son David. Tammi enjoys teaching at QCC and said staff and students were very welcoming. Tammi will return to Oamaru at the end of the year, where her husband teaches at Waitaki Boy's High.

## A Message from Ex Student Tamsin Woolf

From: Tamsin Woolf  
Date: 6 May 2015 10:49:43 pm NZST  
To: Principal

### Subject: There is a Point

Hi Mr Parsons

I had the sudden urge to e-mail you to pass on to the students that there is a point to what they are doing- to what they are learning!

I know in the Senior school it can be easy to grumble and wonder what the point of everything is-

Why do I have to know that Samoa gained Independence in 1962- or that in algebra you multiply everything on the inside of the bracket by what is outside the bracket?

I'm sure that there are some skills I have learnt that I may never have to use.

Some people say that about their degrees.

Today you never know where you're going to end up or what skills you will need.

However, it is not the skills you learn but the habits you develop and the attitude you have towards study and work that are imperative for absolutely EVERYTHING!

I'm not pretending to be some wise old cracker- I know I've only been wearing my 'Life Outside of Picton' badge for 5 months.

I'm just glad I was encouraged to put the effort in at school to achieve my personal best and I think other students should be encouraged as well.

Best of luck for all your endeavours,

Tamsin :)

## **NCEA**

Please see the attached Financial Assistance Application.

## **ANZ Olympic Schools Programme**

QCC has registered to become an ANZ Olympic School. The school receives a range of materials and resources to inspire our children through the magic of the Olympics. QCC can also benefit through an awards system every time a parent or teacher network (i.e. friends and family who nominate QCC) choose to take out their next home loan from ANZ. Visit [www.anzolympicschools.co.nz](http://www.anzolympicschools.co.nz) for further information.

## **Garin Sports Exchange**

This Exchange will now take place on Tuesday 9th June at Queen Charlotte College. Come along and support our students in their many codes.

## **Term 1 Mufti Day**

The Term 1 mufti day was a huge success. A whopping \$425 was donated to the Student Council's charity of choice - Ronald McDonald House. This was followed up that evening by the highly successful QCC Rave with the theme Wacky and Tacky. The glow sticks were very popular, as were the dance offs.

## **Formal**

Get set for a night to remember with the 2015 Queen Charlotte College Formal on Saturday 6th June. The theme is James Bond's Casino Royale. Invitations are on their way to the lucky Year 12 and 13 students who have signed up for the latest mission. Dance lessons are underway, thanks to Agent Nicholson. MI6 (AKA the Formal Committee), are holding secretive meetings on the weekends leading up to the Formal to ensure the finer details are dialled and no classified information is leaked prior to the event.

## **Europe Trip**

The 2015 Queen Charlotte College Europe trip departs on the 4th July for a whirlwind, four week trip around Europe with 22 students, one mum, and teachers Mrs Vining and Mr Hill. Trip highlights include visiting the following countries: Italy, Vatican City, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates. Students have been busy fundraising for the past 18 months for the trip selling bread, holding a garage sale, picking grapes, labelling bottles and hosting ambassadors from America. The final fundraiser is a dinner and auction evening on Saturday 23rd May, at the College, with guest speaker Craig Phillipot (ex-QCC student and Magpies Coach and winner of the Ranfurly Shield), and singer Renee Maurice (NZ's Got Talent 2013 winner). Tickets are \$49pp (a table of 10 is \$450), with a complimentary glass of wine on arrival, and are available from the school office. As at the time of print, there were only 20 tickets remaining, so get in quickly!

## Gemma O'Rourke - Rotary Exchange

I'm just over half way through my International Youth Rotary Exchange in Australia and I'm having a blast! I am super grateful for this experience and the support I have had from Picton Rotary Club and my family.

I am living in the town of Inverell, in New South Wales. The town is about the size of Blenheim and is a five hour drive inland north of Sydney. I attend a co-ed school, Inverell High School, which is a big school and so different to Queen Charlotte College.

I live with the Fowke family. My host sister Olivia's parents both work at schools. Olivia Fowke will be coming back to stay with my family for three months when I come home. Olivia will come to Queen Charlotte College and be in Year 11.

I recently trialled for the Year 12 basketball team and was selected. We attended a tournament on Monday 11th May at Tamworth. We may not have come first but it was so much fun! So far I've been with my host family to Dreamworld, Australia Zoo, Skypoint and so many other cool places! At the end of May, I go on a week-long Safari to Sydney, Canberra and the Blue Mountains. This trip is for all New Zealand Exchange students who have come over to Australia.

If anyone is thinking about doing this kind of Exchange, I would say "go for it". It is a huge challenge and one I am really enjoying. You meet new people and see new places but you also miss your family and friends. The Exchange is only three months and for me it's gone super-fast. See you all at the end of June!

### Footnote from Gemma's mum

The cost of this Exchange has been approximately \$3,000.00 which we had to pay in roughly \$100 instalments. The spending money is really the only expense after that. The children go to school as they would if they were at home. We are hosting Olivia when she comes home with Gemma.

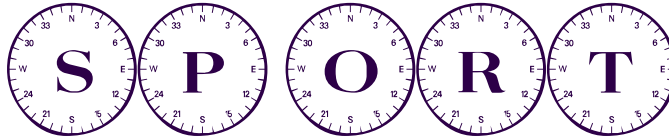
Our son Bradley attended Holy Trinity School on the same Exchange 10 years ago and really enjoyed it.



**Gemma in school uniform**



**A weekend camp for Exchange students and their Exchange buddies. Gemma's host sister, Olivia is in the front wearing the Ake Tonu green shirt.**



## Cross Country Championships 2015

Aramoana 381	Rangatira 514	Tamahine 457
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### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

<p><b>Yr 7 Girls</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Poppy Carter 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Lane 3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin Guest</p>	<p><b>Yr 7 Boys</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Connor Hillgrove 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyren Taumoefolau 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Somerville-Smith</p>
<p><b>Yr 8 Girls</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Grace Morton 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Overend 3<sup>rd</sup> Beth Grey</p>	<p><b>Yr 8 Boys</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Ollie Morton 2<sup>nd</sup> Callum Nicholson 3<sup>rd</sup> Aaron Riach</p>
<p><b>Under 14 Girls</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Bendell 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgie Lightfoot 3<sup>rd</sup>= Laura Woolf 3<sup>rd</sup>= Lucy Bendell</p>	<p><b>Under 14 Boys</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Aron Radzik 2<sup>nd</sup> Andre Hebbard 3<sup>rd</sup> Keelan Murrell</p>
<p><b>Under 16 Girls</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Jessica Cameron 2<sup>nd</sup> Brylee Stammers 3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Riach</p>	<p><b>Under 16 Boys</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Dakota Jones-McGough 2<sup>nd</sup> Ollie Overend 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyst Hertoghs</p>
<p><b>Over 16 Girls</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Kate Overend 2<sup>nd</sup> Akane Kamiyama 3<sup>rd</sup> Nadia Procter</p>	<p><b>Over 16 Boys</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Lachi Woolf 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamish Westwater 3<sup>rd</sup> George Bradley</p>

<b>COMPETITION RACE</b>	<b>2013 -154</b>	<b>2014 - 208</b>	<b>2015 - 162</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION RACE</b>			
<b>2015</b>	A 93      R 91	T 96	280/ 344
<b>2014</b>	A 96      R 107	T 112	315/325
<b>2013</b>	A 86      R 69	T 87	

## Spring Creek/Tuamarina/Havelock Buses

# notices

Bus payment for Term 2 is \$159.00 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.

## School Photos

For those still wishing to purchase school photos, please have orders to Sandi in the Main Office by end of Tuesday 19th. Orders will be sent on Wednesday 20th May.

## Updated Student Details

A reminder to please contact the school if you have any change in caregiver details, such as, address, telephone number, email address or any other important detail about your student. At times, it is necessary to contact you urgently, and it is imperative that we have up to date information at all times.

## Overdue Sports Uniforms

There are still uniforms in the following codes that need to be returned to Mrs Gardiner in the Library. These uniforms are needed for other sports.

Rugby 7's; 1st X1 Cricket; Athletics; Sailing; Volleyball Year 7, 8 and 9; Tennis and Touch Rugby.

If your student still has his/her uniform, please have them return to the school immediately.

## Lost Property

Our Lost Property is overflowing! Students have checked several times and yet we still have numerous items of non-school uniform. Parents are more than welcome to come in to the school to check for lost items. If not claimed by May 29th, we will donate to charity.

## ICAS Competitions



If you want to do any of the ICAS competitions listed below please talk to your subject teacher and pay the fee to Mrs Severne before the closing date.

	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
Science	Wed 3 June	Friday 1 May	\$8.50
Writing	Tue 16 June	Thursday 14 May	\$19.50
English	Tue 28 July	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50
Mathematics	Tue 11 August	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50



Fundraiser for senior trip to International Competition in Singapore 2015

## Tumble Track and Fun Days

### Dates:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 12 noon  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 12 to 3pm  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9am to 12 noon

Cost: \$5.00 entry

Venue: Blenheim Gymnastics Club, Opawa Street off Park Terrace, Blenheim

There will be drinks, lollies, etc available for purchase.

Full supervision provided by qualified coaches. Caregivers required to stay with children under 5.

For more information phone Erica on 021 129 1983

★ STAR DANCE ACADEMY DREAM IT • DANCE IT • DO IT!

# STAR PICTON Winter Special

## 50% off for All New Students for your first Term

All Age Classes in Blenheim & Picton  
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 Email: stardanceacademy@gmail.com

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Proudly sponsored by

**Junior Class** Age 5-9  
 Thursday Afternoon 3:40pm - 4:40pm

**Senior Class** Age 10-16  
 Thursday Afternoon 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Star Dance Academy - State Highway One - Grovetown  
[www.stardanceacademy.co.nz](http://www.stardanceacademy.co.nz)

# SPORT START FUNDING

SportStart is a grant scheme that has been made available through Sport Tasman through various funders in our community. The purpose of the scheme is to help young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

### THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANTS SCHEME:

- Financial hardship is a barrier to participation
- Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 - \$50 per application (see our website)
- Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Tasman, Nelson or Marlborough
- Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two SportStart applications per year

### PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Sports clubs and school must be register as a provider with Sport Tasman (All SportStart forms can be found at our website below)
- Applicants are to complete the top half of the application form and then the sports club or school are to complete the bottom half and return to Sport Tasman.
- Both applicant and provider will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact Lynette Lloyd by phone or email [finance@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:finance@sporttasman.org.nz)

Thanks to our current funders that make this scheme possible .



Is funding a barrier for your child to participate in club/school sport?



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more people, more active, more often

[www.sporttasman.org.nz/sportstart](http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/sportstart)



SPORT TASMAN

Telephone 03 923 2320

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
For National Secondary School Qualifications**



<b>Section A: APPLICANT DETAILS (Parent or Caregiver)</b>	<b>Application number – Office use only</b>			
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**Section B: CANDIDATE DETAILS**  
Complete this section for all members of your family<sup>1</sup> for whom you are applying for financial assistance. Note: Financial assistance is not available for international foreign fee paying students.

First Name	Surname	School	Date of Birth	NSN <sup>2</sup>

**Complete only one of the following sections, sign the declaration and send to the first school listed above:**

**Section C: BENEFIT BASED APPLICATION**  
Complete this section if you are applying for financial assistance on the basis that you receive a Work and Income or StudyLink benefit as your main source of income, or you have a Community Services Card<sup>3</sup>. Note that an administration fee of \$20.00 per candidate or \$30.00 per family is still payable.

Write your benefit number or Community Services Card<sup>3</sup> number here      ⇒     

**Section D: INCOME BASED APPLICATION**  
Complete this section if you are not receiving a benefit, or you do not currently have a Community Services Card<sup>3</sup>, but you are applying for financial assistance on the basis that your family income is within the levels set for receiving the Community Services Card<sup>3</sup>. Note that an administration fee of \$20.00 per candidate or \$30.00 per family is still payable.

If your family income would qualify you to receive a Community Services Card<sup>3</sup> then indicate here      ⇒       (✓)

**Section E: MULTIPLE CANDIDATE/FAMILY BASED APPLICATION**  
Complete this section if you do not qualify for benefit or income based financial assistance but you are applying on the basis that you have more than one candidate undertaking senior secondary school qualifications, and would otherwise be paying more than \$200 in fees.

Indicate here if you wish to apply for multiple candidate assistance      ⇒       (✓)

**DECLARATION:**  
I declare that the information provided above is correct and that I am eligible to apply for financial assistance. I further agree to provide NZQA evidence of my income if requested and agree to advise NZQA in writing of any change in circumstance that would make this application invalid.

Signed		Date	
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<sup>1</sup> "Family" is defined as parents, including sole parents or legal guardians, and their children living together.  
<sup>2</sup> You must provide the National Student Number (NSN) for each candidate before financial assistance can be approved. Refer to [www.nzqa.govt.nz/financialassistance](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/financialassistance) for more information regarding financial assistance including how to obtain candidate NSNs.  
<sup>3</sup> For information regarding Community Service Card entitlements and income thresholds visit Work and Income's website [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz) or go directly to [community services card brochure](#).