



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



**Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 17 February, 2015**



As parents, I am sure you are all keen to ensure that your child receives the best education Queen Charlotte College can provide. A "good" school is measured upon different criteria depending upon our priorities.

- a. NCEA results
- b. Property; how smart the school is looking;
- c. Finance; how rich the school is and what amenities it provides;
- d. How balanced and or wide ranging the curriculum / options for students.
- e. The quality of the teachers and how easy they are to relate to and whether or not the teachers "know" their student.
- f. How safe the school is, caters for all ethnicities, is inclusive.
- g. And of course how "happy" a student is attending school.

Staff and parents have a major part to play in making Queen Charlotte College a "good" school. Engaging our students and nurturing them in their pursuit of their PERSONAL BEST, RESPECTING self and others and our environment, and when the going gets tough AKE TONU not giving up.

**Roll** Our roll has reached 401 and climbing! We have three Year 7 classes and three Year 9 classes as a result.

## IMPORTANT DATES...

QCC Swimming Sports	February 18th (Wednesday)
Year 8 Camp	March 2nd -6th (Monday-Friday)
Peer Supporter Camp (Marae)	March 6th -8th (Friday-Sunday)
School Photos	March 9th (Monday)
MAP 1 Parent Teacher Interviews	March 19th (Thursday)
Workday	March 20th (Friday)
Ugly Shakespeare	March 24th (Tuesday)
End Term 1	April 2nd (Thursday)
Easter	April 3rd (Friday – in school holidays)
Term 2	April 20th (Monday)
Anzac Day – No School	April 27th (Monday)

### Term Dates 2015

Term One	Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
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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## NCEA Results

Great results! Better than National, better than decile, better by far from last year. Well done to our students, and thank you to you as parents and to all QCC staff.

- a. 87% L1
- b. 92% L2
- c. 73% L3

## Staff

Welcome to our new staff for 2015! We look forward to the contribution each of you will make to our students and to Queen Charlotte College

### Jacqui Tyrrell



Kia ora, hello. My name is Jacqui Tyrrell. I am the new Geography and Social Studies Teacher at Queen Charlotte College. My husband and I have moved down from Northland, along with Monty our miniature fox terrier. I am looking forward to meeting you as

the year progresses.

When not at school, I enjoy sea kayaking, tramping, and walking Monty. On a rainy day in the holidays I can also be found behind the sewing machine making some new clothes. Take care, and if I teach your child, or are their Form teacher, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Fairlie Atkinson



My name is Fairlie Atkinson, and I am originally from Pukekohe, South Auckland. I left New Zealand twenty years ago and have been studying, and working in France, Australia, South Korea, and for the last ten years in the United Arab Emirates. I worked as a

high school teacher in Australia, and then as a university lecturer and appeared part time on a variety of English language and Korean TV programmes in South Korea.

In August of last year, while working in Iraq as an English language examiner, the province I was examining in had to be evacuated as

ISIS descended. It was then that I applied in earnest for a job at Queen Charlotte College in Picton, where my mother has lived for the last 15 years. Nothing calls you home more strongly than the desire to live in a beautiful, safe, friendly community, and of course family. And when Tom interviewed me, I knew that I wanted the opportunity to be a part of the QCC whanau. He spoke of it with such warmth and commitment, that I was inspired.

And every day that I have walked along the track to QCC I have been grateful for the chance to be part of a family again.

### Claire Falvey



Claire is not entirely new to QCC, relieving over the past two years. Claire is the Long Term Relieving Science teacher while Ms Heares-Farry is on maternity leave. Claire resides in Blenheim with her white cat Grizz. In her spare time, Claire plays netball and is interested

in face painting which she practices at the Artisan Market in Blenheim on a Saturday.

### Paul Suthers



Due to the increased roll in 2015, we have started the year with three Year 7 Homeroom classes. Paul is our Long Term Relieving Homeroom Teacher for 7Su. Paul and wife Lisa (Ms Suthers) have two sons who currently attend Waikawa Bay School. Paul is a keen soccer player and coach.

### Wayne Miskell



Many of you will already be familiar with Wayne who has been relieving at Queen Charlotte College throughout 2014. Wayne will be the new Long Term Relieving Year 7 Homeroom Teacher for 7WM while Ms Beullens is on maternity leave. Wayne and wife Gillian (Mrs Miskell) have two children who currently

attend QCC.

## Kate Grant



Kate is our relieving English teacher. Welcome Kate.

## Tamsin Woolf



Ex 2014 Head Girl, Tamsin Woolf has jumped the divide between student and staff. For the next 3 weeks, prior to leaving for University, Tamsin will be assigned to assist one of our students with their transition to College life.

During the holidays, our Deputy Principal, **Jack Saxon** applied for, was offered and accepted the Principal's position at Kaitaia High School. Mr Saxon will start his new role at the beginning of Term 2. Congratulations Jack.

In the interim, we congratulate **Frances Morton** who has accepted the role of Assistant Principal for Term 1, to assist with the changeover.

**Mr Hill** will replace Mr Saxon on the Europe trip departing later this year.

**Ms Winter**, HOD Technology also won a position at Samuel Marsden College which she began at the start of Term 1. Fairlie Atkinson will assume the role of Acting HOD Technology until an appointment is made for the start of Term 2.

**Property** We are currently re-roofing Rooms 1-5 which means classes in these rooms have been re-routed to other areas of the school. Rooms 6-10 will follow on after July. This will cause some inconvenience until completed. However, all is not negative:

- a. We have upgraded the mezzanine floor of the gym to OSH standard
- b. We have completely refurbished the community room
- c. We have installed Projectors and an additional interactive whiteboard
- d. The stairs to the balcony area outside the

community room have been rebuilt and the pool is operating superbly and is well patronised.

e. The QCC 50th Reunion is to be held on Marlborough Anniversary Day (November 2nd)

We cannot ask students to do their personal best, respect each other and not give up without personally role modelling that in all we do.

I wish students, staff and parents every success in your endeavours in 2015.

Thank you all in anticipation.

## Student Leaders



**Tyler Sintes and Zoya Timms** who were named **Head Boy and Head Girl for 2015** at the 2014 Prizegiving will be ably supported by their deputies, **Metisse Wilson and Jack Foley**.



Congratulations and we look forward to an exceptional year from these students.

## Year 7 BBQ

Adding to the very positive start our rangatahi have made to their time at QCC, was the Year 7 barbeque enjoyed by all on Tuesday evening. Large numbers of Year 7's and their senior student mentors splashed and swam, or stood around the side of the pool. Introductions were made and the mentors, parents and teachers made conversation and shared observations.

Mr Macann fulfilled the high expectations of those who have sampled his skills, and sated the hunger and thirst of a crowd well exceeding 200.

A great turnout has further strengthened the links between school and community, and helped consolidate the support our Year 7's have and will continue to receive.

A special thanks to Mrs Frances Morton for her organisational efforts.

## Homestay required

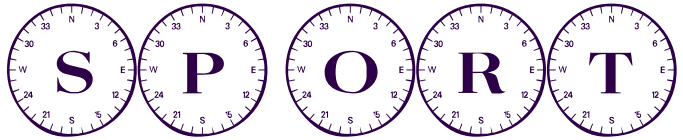


**Hi, my name is Emile. I am a 15 year old boy from Berlin.** I am going to be studying in Year 12 at QCC from July 2015 until June 2016. I have many hobbies, some of which are music, hiking, fishing and all sports.



**Hi, my name is Josefa. I am a 15 year of girl from Germany.** I am going to be studying in Year 12 at QCC from July 2015 until June 2016. I really enjoy diving and would to live by the sea. I have my open water dive certificate.

**If you are interested in Homestayng either Emile or Josefa, please contact Ray Fitzgerald at QCC by email: [rfitzgerald@qcc.school.nz](mailto:rfitzgerald@qcc.school.nz) for more information and details of remuneration.**



## QCC Tabloid Swimming

The Tabloid Swimming sports day was a huge success. The weather was kind with sunscreen needing to be liberally applied. Results will be published in the next newsletter but the final House points were:

**Tamahine 473; Rangatira 462; Aramoana 386**



## Sailing

### South Island Age Groups

A total of thirteen Queen Charlotte Yacht Club sailors along with their parents travelled to Lyttleton to sail in the South Island Age Groups at Charteris Bay the last weekend of January. The weather on the Saturday was windy with about 20knots, while Sunday was a little calmer, about 12knots. The four QCC students in the team all competed well, with the following results.

### Optimist Open Fleet (28 Entries)

**Emily Overend** 1st Overall,  
(1st 11-12 year old, 1st girl.)

**Jasper Hopkins** 6th Overall,  
(2nd 11-12year old.)

### Optimist Green Fleet (29 Entries)

**Maggie Lane** (this was Maggie's first regatta)  
(6th Overall, 2nd 10 year old and Under)

### Starling Fleet (25 Entries)

**Alice Overend** 10th Overall

### Auckland Championships and Pre Nationals



Jasper Hopkins is having a big year with his sailing. He attended the Auckland Champs 2 weeks ago and again qualified to the Gold Fleet finishing 38th out of 110 of New Zealand's best sailors. Jasper also sailed in the South Island Age Group Champs recently coming 2nd

in his age group after Emily Overend.

He will sail in the pre-Nationals the first weekend of February in Wellington at Worsler Bay and attend the Interislander Optimist Regatta on February 20th. Well done Jasper.

## Dance

At the **Salsa Solo Australia and International Festival at the end of 2014 held in Brisbane, Australia**, five Queen Charlotte College students placed highly in their respective sections.

### RESULTS

#### Youth Latin Soloist

**1st Place Champion - Sophia Bendell** - Sophia acquired the highest score of the Salsa Solo Australia and International Festival with a score of 92. Sophia received a standing Ovation.

#### Youth Salsa Solo Duets

**1st Place Champion – Sophia Bendell and Lucy Bendell**

**2nd Place Champion - Gemma Lewis and Hannah Braddick**

**3rd Place Champion – Kristina Gibbs and Tian Woodley**

#### Youth Latin Team

**1st Place Champion – Sophia Bendell, Lucy Bendell, Kristina Gibbs and Abbey Sullivan.** They were part of a team of 11 kids.

Sophia Bendell choreographed her Youth Latin Solo and Youth Latin Team routines. Well done to all girls.



# notices

## Spring Creek/Tuamarina/ Havelock Buses

Bus payments for Term 1 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.

## Stationery Packs

Packs have been handed out to all students for the start of the year. Invoices will be issued in due course.

## Updated Student Details

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.

## Athletics and Swimming Trophies

Please return all 2014 Swimming and Athletics trophies to Mrs Vining in Room 13 ASAP.

## Clothing Name Tapes

\$18 per 3 metres  
\$20 per 3 metres with phone numbers  
Approximately 50 name tags

No charge for postage

Phone/Fax Roger or Judy Newick  
27 Ayers Street  
Rangiora 7400  
(03)3136741

## Speech and Drama Lessons

Lessons available in 2015!

Who: children aged 5 –13yrs  
When: 3:30pm – 4:30pm (5-8yrs)  
4:30pm – 5:30pm (9-13yrs)

Monday to Friday  
Days will be finalised depending on numbers

Cost: \$150 per term (10 lessons)

Speech and Drama Lessons are not only a fantastic way to introduce your child to acting and theatre, they are also a marvellous way to develop your child's communication skills, public speaking, build self esteem, learn leadership skills, increase the ability to adapt and improvise, overcome shyness, become more assertive, build awareness of social skills, make friends and understand people. Above all else, these classes are fun and exciting.

For any further information, or to enrol, please contact Anna Kent ATCL, ASB on 022 06 123 12

