



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 19 August, 2016

Information from the Ministry of Education

Making sure your child attends school every day

In New Zealand school is so important that the law says parents and carers must make sure their child between 6 and 16 years old attends every day.

Does my child have to go to school every day?

Yes, your child must go to school every day. Under the Education Act 1989, parents and carers of children between 6 and 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason.

Why do they need to go every day?

Going to school every day really is the key to getting the best out of school because:

- it sets up good habits for going to school right from day one
- learning to read, write and do maths takes a lot of practice and is easier to master if your child goes to school regularly
- each day is a chance to learn something new
- school offers your child regular, dedicated help to master the many skills they need
- school teaches your child life skills like commitment, being reliable, having a good work ethic and sticking with things when they get hard.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAP 2 – Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 13 Careers Trip
Japan Trip Fundraising Dinner

Thursday August 18th and Friday August 19th
Thursday August 25th and Friday August 26th
Saturday August 27th

Term Dates 2016

Term Three Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September

Term Four Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

What if my child needs to be away from school?

Your child should go to school every day. But sometimes your child might need to be away from school because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral.

If your child is going to be away from school you should let the school know as soon as possible. You can phone the school on 5736558 or utilize our QCC phone app under attendance, or email admin@qcc.school.nz. You will need to let them know that they will be away, why and for how long.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is a priority for the school. If your child doesn't turn up to school they need to know that your child is safely at home with you, or their carer. If the school doesn't hear from you, they will get in touch with you to make sure your child is okay.

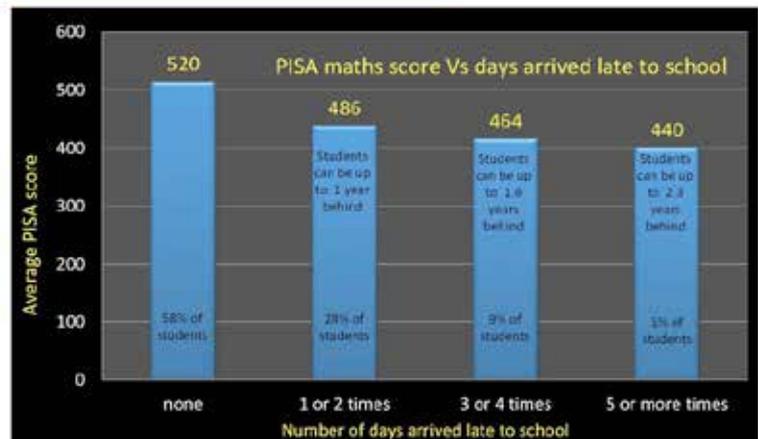
Can I take my child out of school during term time to go on holiday?

No, a holiday is not a good enough reason to take your child out of school, so holidays should be planned outside of term time.

Events like a birthday or a special day's shopping aren't considered valid reasons for being away from school either.

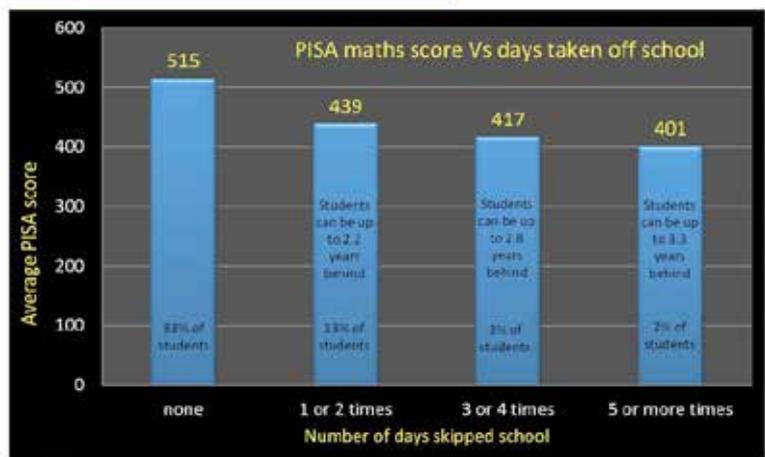
Student Achievement is closely linked to attendance and punctuality as shown in the graphs.

Late to school



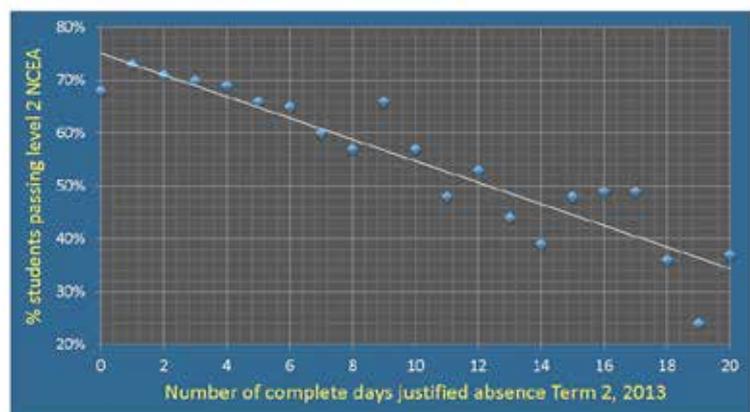
Note: The number of times students arrived late to school is taken during the two weeks immediately before the test

Taking days off school



Note: The number of times students missed days of school is taken during the two weeks immediately before the test

NCEA and Justified absence



Based on a sample of 20,000 students, born in 1995, in year level 12 in 2013

Social Sciences Department

QCC EnviroClub gets off to a great start



The newly created QCC student environmental club got off to a great start this term. In the first week back we created forty five tasting stations and installed them amongst the pines at the back of the school. Thirty nine of those tasting stations (consisting of plastic card and peanut butter) were nibbled on by a range of rodents, mostly rats, mice and possums. Last week some of the EnviroClub students learnt about a range of traps, and installed seven rat/mouse traps at the back of the school. Peanut butter was the lure. A quick check this Monday revealed no trapped rodents! Levels of peanut butter were checked and traps reset!

Riley setting a rat/mouse trap with tasty peanut butter!

Level 2 Geography Fieldtrip to Wellington Studies Urban Form

In Week 2 of this term, 10 intrepid geographers and their teacher Ms Tyrrell (supported by Ann Wood), visited Wellington for three days to study the changing urban form of Wellington City.

The information and data collected is being used by the students as evidence for an internal achievement standard.

In particular the group was interested in describing how town planning design varies within Wellington and explaining why. Furthermore we looked at how street design changed over time, and also the reasons for this. The itinerary included the National Library/New Zealand Archives, Wellington Museum (formerly the Museum of City and Sea), the Te Aro pa site, Mt Victoria and the Petone Settlers Museum.

Well done to all of the students, it was an awesome learning experience. Special thanks to Kate Potter at the National Library for organising a stimulating itinerary, and the University of Victoria for supplying the tailor-made achievement standard assessment.



Manaaki Tapoi Level 3 Graduates at Waikawa Marae



QCC Musical Production

On **September 9th and 10th**, QCC is putting on a home-grown musical called Mai Tohi. We would love whanau and community support so if you would like more information about the musical and to register your support then please follow this link:

tinyurl.com/qcc-production

Languages Department

Trip to Japan Dinner Auction

Saturday 27 August

With only five weeks to go until departure, the prospect of living within a foreign culture and finally exercising the communication skills learnt over several years is becoming much more real for the eleven students traveling to Japan.

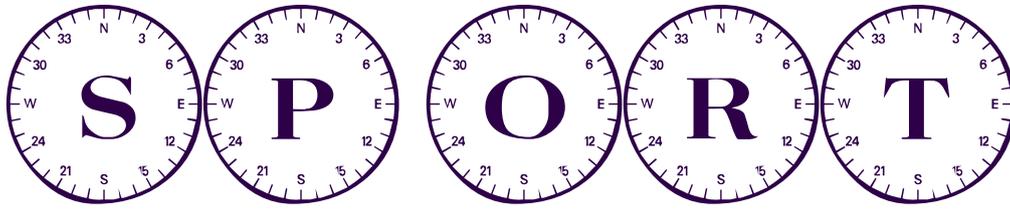
The 'over a year' of hard work raising funds is all but over. The final major fundraiser is a dinner/auction to be held at the college on the 27th of August.

With all of our fundraising to date we have provided goods or a service. This is the one occasion when we reluctantly go hand out to our community for support. As always we are humbled by the response from individuals and organisations.

If you wish to support the students' efforts, and are able to contribute an item to be auctioned, it will be gratefully received. There are also tickets available to the dinner.

Please contact David Collins at the school, or by email: dcollins@qcc.school.nz





Basketball

Having a Ball on the West Coast

Recently a team of our senior Basketball girls travelled to Greymouth to play in a weekend mini-tournament. The girls acquitted themselves admirably, winning their first game on the Saturday but losing the next two games the following day by narrow margins.

Rosie Buchanan-Brown orchestrated the play execution, usually one-handed. Emily Overend and Jessica Cameron made a formidable pair under the basket at both ends. Gemma O'Rourke and Nikita McGrannachan-Maru worked tirelessly and with good humour. Brylee Stammers displayed great stamina and was on point with her three point shots. Laura Woolf asserted herself with controlled aggression. Kavana Love provided subbing support when the girls flagged.

The girls left a good impression, enjoying the opportunities to make new acquaintances, especially Gemma.

We are grateful to Nan Buchanan-Brown for her effortless control of the logistics and her positive encouragement.



Marlborough Primary Schools X Country.

QCC's best results came from Hunter Bendell 4th in the Year 7 Boys race and Lea Polleti 8th in the Year 7 Girls cross country.

Connor Hillgrove, Ryley Thom-Parker, Mario Moody, Abbey Moody and Mikah Lawrence also represented the College well and enjoyed their day.



Paid Union Meeting

Please see the letter attached to the newsletter regarding the Paid Union Meeting to be held on the morning of Tuesday 13 September. Teachers are required by law to attend these meetings. Students are not required to attend school that morning, however there will be sufficient staff remaining to run a programme for those students whose parents need them to attend. The normal school programme will resume in the afternoon. For those who wish their student to attend school that morning, please complete the tear-off portion and return to school by Wednesday 7 September. Buses will operate at normal times.

Important

Mrs Dew's Year 11 Maths class are required to attend that morning for their NCEA Examination.

NZQA

Parents please open the link below for information regarding NZQA.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/mobile-app/>

NCEA revision

There are many online resources to assist revision.

One of them is Studyit and another is Learn Coach.

Click on the links below to explore their resources.

<http://www.studyit.org.nz/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LearnCoach/playlists>

As mentioned above, all NCEA students should follow this link for excellent information and communication on passing NCEA subjects.

<http://www.studyit.org.nz/>

notices

School Uniforms

Donations of College Uniforms would be much appreciated!

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.



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15 August 2016

To All Parents/Caregivers

Paid Union Meeting Notification

Most staff will be attending a "Paid Union Meeting" in Blenheim on the morning of **Tuesday 13th September**.

The Employment Relations Act 2000 allows all members of the Post Primary Teachers Association to attend up to two union meetings per year, and as a consequence the College will not be able to offer normal scheduled classes. For those students who do attend school in the morning, a modified programme will be provided.

Students will be required to attend school for the normal afternoon programme, (i.e. the end of lunchtime). The school operated buses will run at normal times. The Ritchies Bus will operate at the usual times.

Please complete the tear-off slip and return to the school office **before Wednesday 7 September**, if you wish your child to attend school in the morning.

Note: Mrs Dew's Year 11 Maths class are required to attend that morning for their NCEA Examination.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Betty Whyte
Principal

PPTA Paid Union Meeting Return Notice before Wednesday 7 September 2016

My child _____ (Name) _____ (Form) _____

will be attending school during the morning of 13 September and will require supervision.

Parent Name

Parent Signature