



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Our first three weeks back at school have simply raced by! The school has settled well and lots of great learning has begun. Tabloid Swimming and Swimming Champs were great days. The student involvement and obvious enjoyment made for another sporting occasion. With many new students at Queen Charlotte College, we see the sports days as being a great venue for the school culture to be enjoyed and built upon as all students join in and participate.

New Staff



We welcome Kan Wessels to QCC. Kan is on a Fixed Term contract for 2017 to teach Te Reo to Year 9 and 10 students.

Kan moved to Marlborough in 2015 where she taught at Marlborough Girls College. When not at QCC she works in Blenheim at

Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Kan grew up in

Huntley where she attended Te Wharekua o Rakaumanga School. She enjoys Kapa Haka, theatre and music.

New Student Barbeque

This was a hugely successful occasion, well attended by whanau. New students had a wonderful time in the gymnasium as the weather was unsuitable to be around the pool. Many caregivers took advantage of the offer of support for logging into the school portal. Congratulations to our student council members who were organised, and prepared a great meal enjoyed by all who attended.



Parental Involvement in Education

Research shows parental involvement in education has a significant impact on student

Important Dates

- Life Education Bus Visit
- Year 8 Camp 1
- Year 8 Camp 2
- School Photos
- Athletics Day
- L3 Geography Camp – Golden Bay
- L2 Geography – Mt Stokes
- MAP 1 Parent Teacher Student Interviews Workday
- Year 9 Camp
- NCEA Parent Information Evening – 6pm

- February 16th-21st - Thursday/Tuesday
- February 21st-24th - Tuesday-Friday
- February 27th –March 2nd – Monday-Thursday
- March 6th - Monday
- March 7th – Tuesday
- March 15th-18th – Wednesday-Saturday
- March 21st – Tuesday
- March 23rd – Thursday
- March 24th – Friday
- March 27th-31st - Monday – Friday
- March 29th - Wednesday

Term Dates 2017

Term One	2nd February – Thursday 13th April	Term Three	Monday 24th July – Friday 29th Sept
Term Two	Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July	Term Four	Monday 16th October – Thursday 14th December

achievement. Everything from supporting homework to coaching sports teams, shows students you are interested and helpful. Possibly, the biggest impact on student learning is when the parents are interested and informed about what their child is learning and can have genuine discussion with them about school work. QCC staff have been urged to send information home to parents on topics being taught in all levels and subjects. This information may be pasted inside exercise books or emailed to you. If you are not receiving any feedback, please contact your child's teachers. Education works best if we all work together.

and reaped the benefits. Well done to you all.

MAP 1 -Parent Teacher Interviews and Workday

A separate newsletter will be emailed shortly regarding these two events.

NCEA Awards Assembly

On Monday QCC held a special assemblé to acknowledge the students who received a Merit or Excellence Endorsement in Level 1, 2 or 3 NCEA in 2016. These students worked hard

Parents and grandparents of these students attended this assembly and there was an afternoon tea to complete the occasion. Ashish Yadav, Head Boy and Rosie Buchanan-Brown, Head Girl are missing from the photo below.



Parent Portal

Always wanting to keep in touch with parents and caregivers, QCC is proud to announce that you can now keep track of your young people by logging-in on our parent portal.

So long as your email address is recorded in our system then follow the link below and you can view: attendance, NCEA progress and your finances. Reminder: this is also where you can view your invoices for money owed as we no longer send out a paper copy to those without an email address.

On 16 March the first report for the year: "Attitude to Learning" will be published for you to read. Don't worry about a few attendances that do not have a P so long as the percentage is what you expect.

The website is: <https://parent.musac.school.nz>

Select "manually enter your login details"

Enter the same email address as you have given to the school. Press "I don't know my edge password" and you'll get an email that will allow you to login. When you login you can set a new password. Please phone the school to make sure we have the correct email address if needed.

Caregiver login

Log in using your account with:

[g+](#) [YAHOO!](#) [facebook](#) [Windows Live](#)

Or, manually enter your login details

[Privacy Statement](#)

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Mrs Dew will be available on MAP Day (23 March) to help you with the login process if needed.

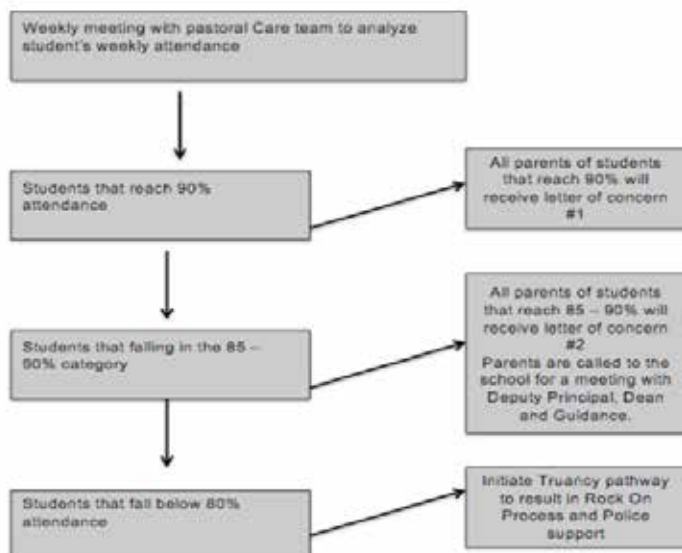
This video may also help:

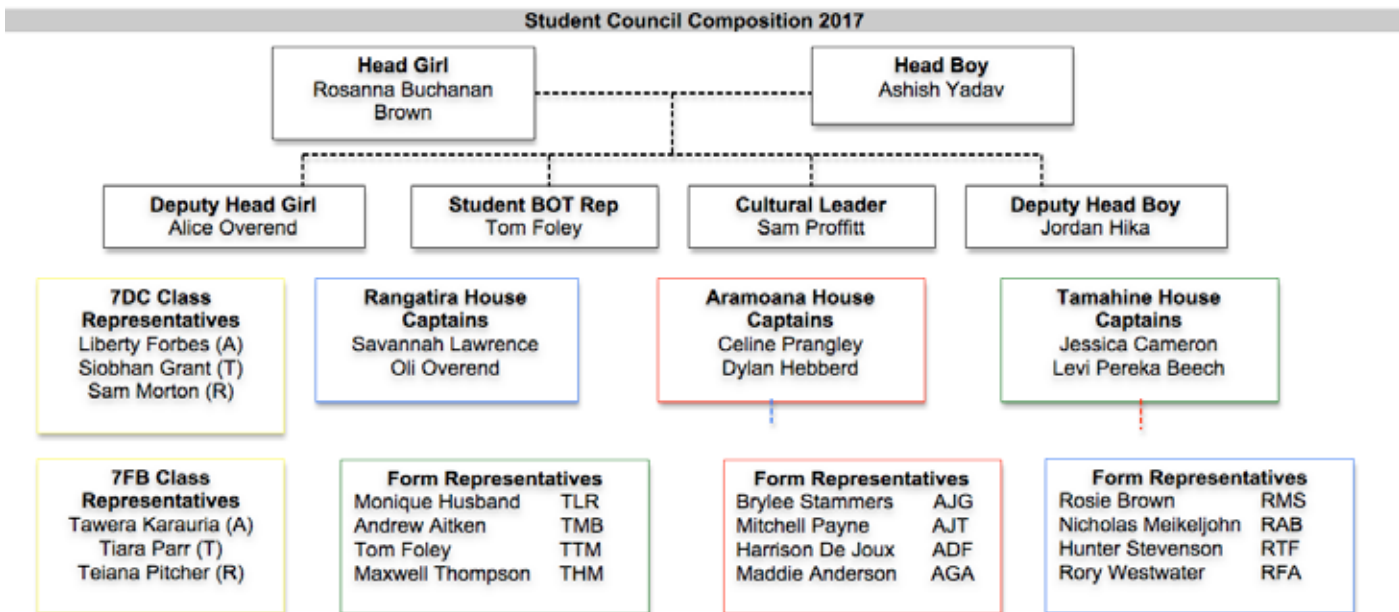
www.youtube.com/watch?v=35v9eYyj_p8

Don't worry if you do not have the Internet as we will continue to post hard copies of reports to those of you without emails.

Attendance

A reminder, that our goal this year is 100% attendance. Please support us in ensuring your child attends school every day. If there is a medical reason for an absence, please phone the school so that this is noted. Attendance is essential to get the best academic results possible.





Ashish Yadav – Head Boy

It was perhaps the biggest moment of my schooling years, when my name was announced for Head Boy of Queen Charlotte College. I was absolutely thrilled, perhaps even that is an understatement. I'm sure the year ahead will hold many challenges for Rosie and me, and certainly the Student Council too. Utilising our free time at school to enhance the experience for younger students, is our main goal, while maintaining a safe and welcoming studying environment around the school. One of my personal goals is to be a role model who motivates others to do their best, while remaining open to input from others at all times. Ultimately however, the concept of Ake Tonu is the backbone of all our goals, it underpins our values and our ethics. Every member of the school should aim to display Awhina, Kaha and Endeavour whenever possible, as this can only refine Queen Charlotte College's already exceptional reputation.



Rosie Buchanan-Brown – Head Girl

Throughout 2016, becoming Head Girl was one of my dreams and when the honour was bestowed on me, I couldn't believe it, but the excitement has never left. To be working alongside Ashish and leading Queen Charlotte College is such a privilege. Together, I hope we can overcome any obstacles that we encounter and continue to uphold the great reputation of our school. Ultimately Ashish and I aim to keep and use the unique culture of the school to make our younger students feel welcome, safe, and part of our whanau. From my position I hope to inspire, motivate, and encourage our pupils to be the best they can, be it sporting or academic. Above all, I hope to ensure that QCC is a fun place to be in 2017.



These students are ably supported by **Jordan Hika – Deputy Head Boy** and **Alice Overend – Deputy Head Girl**.

Jack Checkley Charitable Trust

During the holidays, Ashish and Rosie took part in the Otago University Hands on Science Week at Otago University. **Ashish and Rosie** were thrilled to each receive a grant from the Trustees of the Jack Checkley Charitable Trust for \$1,000 towards costs incurred for this course. This grant was very much appreciated by both students.



Year 9 Camp

A reminder, that the Year 9 camp will also be early this year, held during the last week of March. Fees for the Year 8 and 9 camps are to be paid prior to attending camp and automatic payments may be set up with Mrs Kay Severne, the Executive Officer. You may contact her on 5736558, extension 861 for further information. Mr Hill, HOD Outdoor Education will be sending an information newsletter with details regarding these camps

Waitangi Day Celebrations at Waikawa Marae



7DC students' thoughts on first days at QCC

Hi my name is Kaleb Pook. When I first entered QCC, I was nervous but now I'm good, but my buddy looked after me the last two weeks I've been here. Kaleb Pook

Hi my name is Mana Collins. My first impression was exciting and nervous at the same time but my buddy Rory, cheered me up and made me much happier. Mana Collins

I was scared when I started but it was OK. 7DC rocks! Bailey Livingston

When I started at QCC I felt very nervous at the start and embarrassed because I turned up late but luckily my friends were there to support me. Roimata Hunia

Starting at Queen Charlotte College was exciting and nerve wracking at the same time but it was a comfort that the seniors were all so kind to me. Taya Flame-Sparrow

Wow this is huge and awesome and I like my class. Holden Quigley

I love it here at QCC. My Form teacher DC, is the best teacher ever. QCC rocks!!
Sam Millington

When I came to QCC, I was nervous and excited. I was more excited than nervous because I had all my awesome friends.
Harley Huntley

My first impression of QCC was excited and nervous. It is cool going to a new school for once. Jamie Cunningham

PE Department

Junior Physical Education/Health (Year 7-10)

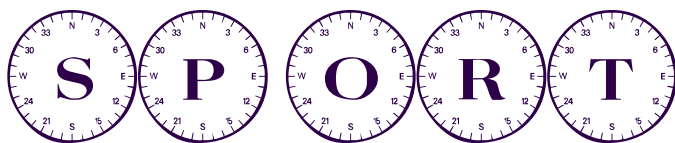
Parents please check your emails for the community consultation on the health syllabus at QCC.

Interpreting NCEA Results

To support parents and their teens with next steps after receiving NCEA results we have launched a NCEA resource page on the Careers New Zealand website. The page features a video starring former All Black Michael Jones sharing his experience of supporting his children through NCEA, plus a range of helpful articles and an eBook.

The page helps parents understand NCEA and how to interpret their kids' results. Teens and parents can find practical advice and information on next steps they can take no matter what their teen's results.

Visit the page at careers.govt.nz/ncea



Sailing

QCYC sailors are gearing up for the Interislander Optimist Regatta and Starling Championship 2017

An extra training was held today with quite a few of the 22 sailors participating in the Interislander and Starling regatta turning up. Conditions were windy, heading out past Mabel Island, but dropped during the training.

The Interislander Optimist Challenger and Port Marlborough Starling regatta will be held on Feb 17-19, 2017. It is the biggest annual centre board regatta south of Auckland. So far we have 110 entries in the Open Optimist fleet. We



From left to right: Harry Edwards, Moss Hopkins, Emily Overend, Suede Cowley, Maggie Lane, Alexandra Thom-Parker, Ryley Thom-Parker (back), Loui Poletti, Fin Stichbury and River Hopkins

also have 50 sailors in the combined Green and Rainbow fleet and 37 in the starling fleet. Numerous volunteers are helping to make sure this will again be a well organised event: club members, ex club members, junior sailors out of optimist and several others will all chip in together with a lot of sponsors.

The event kicks off on Friday morning with a big bang from the old canon. The Open Optimist fleet and Starlings will head out to the outer Harbour. Back on land the rest of the crew will start getting ready for the Hosting event "Taste of Marlborough" showcasing the best Marlborough has to offer: Seafood, salmon, fresh fish, clams, local wines, olive oils a feast



Filling the marker weights for the weekend.
Back to the sandpit (Emily, Harry and River)

for everyone.

Let's hope our sailors will make the best of this. We should see Suede Cowley and Harry Edwards well up into Gold fleet with hopefully Loui Poletti, brother's River and Moss Hopkins not too far behind. Fin Stichbury should make his mark on the Green fleet. In the Starlings, both Oliver Cowley and Emily Overend will rank highly.

Some of them got back to sandpit days today ... filling containers to act as marker weights during the regatta.

From left to right: Harry Edwards, Moss Hopkins, Emily Overend, Suede Cowley, Maggie Lane, Alexandra Thom-Parker, Ryley Thom-Parker (back), Loui Poletti, Fin Stichbury and River Hopkins Filling the marker weights for the weekend.

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Tabloid Swimming

A brisk day dawned on February 9th but that did not deter Queen Charlotte College staff and students from participating with enthusiasm in the 2017 Tabloid Swimming.

One of the most highly anticipated days of the school year, Tabloids was full of noise, colour and fun. The participation levels were high and the atmosphere up at the pool was positive. Many senior students ably stepped up into leadership roles and were supportive of the younger ones. The Year 7 students' enthusiasm to get stuck in was admirable, despite being able to hear their teeth chattering from across the pool.

Event highlights were certainly the Bottle Bombs, which were timed to perfection, and the Belly Flops, which proved that QCC students are not afraid to fully commit themselves to some pain in service to their House. Their efforts were greatly admired and appreciated by everyone.

Traditional events remained, such as Over the Rope, Paua Diving, Biggest Splash and Drowned Rats and Mr Collins oversaw proceedings smoothly on the microphone. Overall, it was a great day and fun preparation

for the competitive swimming coming up.

Winners on the day were Rangatira, followed by Tamahine and Aramoana.

QCC Athletics Day

Athletics Day will be held on Tuesday 7th March at QCC. We are still seeking parents willing to help supervise events on the day. Please contact Mr Timms on 5736558.





Notices

Wanted: School Bus Driver

Expressions of Interest sought for a school bus driver to drive one of the QCC buses before and after school.

Please email Kay Severne on kserverne@qcc.school.nz. Applicant must have a current P Licence to drive a passenger vehicle. Training will be provided.

Nia Dance

Want to be fit without pain and with fun? Come and experience the pleasure and joy of dancing NIA.

It empowers people of all shapes, size and level of fitness. Every experience can be adapted to individual needs and abilities. Step into NIA and positively shape the way you feel, look, think and live.

**Every Tuesdays 6-7pm at
Redwoodtown Community
Hall**

**Every Wednesdays
5.30pm-6.30pm at 207
Oakwood Lane, Blenheim**

For more info contact
Corinne: 035781756 /
0273245757

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.

Donations of College Uniforms would be much appreciated!



NZHL XRACE

Enter your family for XRACE

XRACE is the perfect experience to strengthen your child's self-esteem and empower them to be the best kids they can be. Best of all, you get to be their team mate, racing together, side-by-side to the best finish-line ever!

**Wednesday, 8th March 2017
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Taylor River Amphitheatre, Blenheim**

Enter now at www.xrace.co.nz