



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 24 June, 2016



I would like to remind all parents that students will only be actively supervised on the school grounds from 8.30am till 3.20pm. Outside those hours, students are on the grounds at their own risk. We will endeavour to support them as best we can but staff are often involved in other activities outside of these hours and are unable to be responsible for them.

Student Achievement Reports are being written by teachers at the moment and these will be uploaded and available to parents by July 7th.

We are half way through the teaching year and it is important to ensure students are on track to succeed at this stage. MAP 2 will be held in August for meeting with Form teachers but if you have specific inquiries you are always welcome to e-mail staff concerned.

## Mā te whanaungatanga e ora ai te tangata mō ake tonu.

Positive relationships are essential in lifelong learning.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Festival Week	Monday 4th – 8th July
School Social (Rave)	Thursday 7th July
Last Day Term 2	Friday 8th July
First Day Term 3	Monday 25th July

### Term Dates 2016

<b>Term Two</b>	Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July
<b>Term Three</b>	Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September
<b>Term Four</b>	Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

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## Congratulations

### Nicholas Meiklejohn

completed the YES Program last weekend and attended the graduation night with all the volunteer and community services groups that they worked with (Police, Rural \Fire, Rarangi Surf Life Saving Club, Civil Defence etc...). Nicholas was the only participant from Picton representing QCC. Well done Nicholas.

### What is the Youth in Emergency Services (YES) programme?

This programme is run collaboratively with the Volunteer Fire Services and local community-based volunteer emergency service partners.

The YES programme is designed to strengthen and encourage young people's connection to their community by encouraging them to engage with a range of volunteer emergency services by way of a hands-on introduction to the work of these services.



## School Formal

### A Night at the Oscars – an elegant Formal very much treasured at Queen Charlotte College

The Formal 'season' has arrived for the debutantes of Queen Charlotte College, as Saturday night was abuzz with dazzling young women accompanied by their debonair beaus. Alighting the red carpet in full finery, a scene akin to that of Jane Austen's regency, began to play out for an evening of Formal entertainment demarking a rite-of-passage for Year 12 and 13. The Flourishes of brocade, chiffon, damask, velvet, taffeta and tulle only mildly out shone the besuited figures of the young men sporting bow ties, cravats and Windsor knots executed with careful precision.

To accompany the young men and women, Ken Ham and Janet's Old Time Band, played the tunes of yesteryear. The senior students took to the floor with confidence and vigour, tripping happily to the Veleta Waltz, the Quick - Step and the Gay Gordon. The delightful throngs of young people bustling on the dance floor, eager boys politely interrupting one another to take the hand of unsuspecting girls could only be described as fortifying. Fortifying for their parents, teachers and our community to see that our young men and women can effortlessly conduct themselves with poise and equanimity.

The prestigious event was organised by the Formal committee, led by Jasmine Parr. The hall was transformed for the evening in the Hollywood style of the 'Oscars' reminiscent of the subtle glamour of the 1950's. The boys and girls danced the night away, dined with one another and handed out prizes culminating in the final award being presented to Brylee Stammers and Hamish Westwater. Both walked away as the 'belle and beau' of the ball – Hamish in







traditional Scottish costume and Brylee shimmering in crystal white.

Occasions such as these stand the test of time because they ceremonially serve to mark the passage whereby our young men and women can take their first steps into the world of adulthood supported by the adults who have nurtured them thus. Formals such as these celebrate the coming of age, and the optimism of a bold future whilst concomitantly holding on to the strong moral values of the past.

Prizes on the night were awarded to: Billie Coleman and Dominic Lim for 'Best hair', Rhiannon Hall and Dakoda Jones for 'Best dressed', Oli Overend and Teiana Pitcher for Oscar and Oscarette , Rosie Buchanan- Brown and Frank Schultz for 'Best dancers' and Lachie Buchanan-Brown and Rosie Brown as 'Best couple' in matching sapphire blue.

The students would like to thank Mr Dave Nicholson, Mrs Claire Vining, Ms Fairlie Atkinson, Mrs Louise Rogers, Mr Dave Collins, Mrs Morton and Mrs Whyte for supporting the making of a great night.

Observations of a proud teacher – Mrs Lisa Suthers, Dean of Rangatira



## International Students

Ms Pickles took four of our five German students to the German restaurant in Blenheim on Wednesday 25th May: Finn, Emile, Lara and Josie (Helena was ill and couldn't come). Everybody chatted in German and played silly games. Emile played the piano and a good time was had by all. Ms Pickles thoroughly enjoyed the evening and commented on how lovely these students are.



## The Big Sing

The Big Sing, the New Zealand Choral Federation's festival for secondary school choirs, has been held annually for nearly 30 years. With some 10,000 singers from around 150 schools and 260 choirs entering the regional festivals each year, it is New Zealand's largest choral event.

This is the first year that Queen Charlotte College has entered the Choral Festival. Other schools from the Nelson / Marlborough region also performed.



Congratulations to the Choir on a wonderful achievement.

## Term 2 School Social

The Social for this term is being held on Thursday 7th July and will run from 7.00pm until 9.30pm. Admission is \$3.00 and refreshments will be available for purchase on the night.

Please ensure that if you are picking up your children from the Social you arrive no later than 9.30pm. The normal codes of behaviour will apply. As with all Socials, students who are absent during the day are not eligible for entry unless they have obtained permission from Mrs Morton or Mr Williams. All students are most welcome

## Festival Week

Festival week is fast approaching. This year it will be held in the last week of Term Two (4th - 8th July).

Monday - Pyjama day and Wacky Hair day

Tuesday - Celebrity Look Alike and QCC Idol

Wednesday - Vice Versa day and QCC Idol

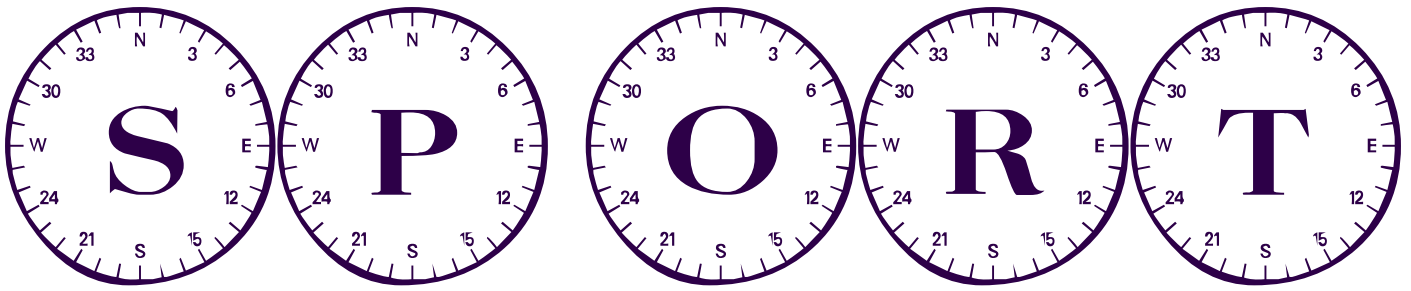
Thursday - Squad Day (dress up with your mates), activities in the quad and QCC Rave at night

Friday - Mufti (gold coin donation) and slave auction at lunch time

## QCC Musical Production

This year 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](http://tinyurl.com/qcc-production)



## Sailing

Below is an article by Michelle Overend on Emily Overend and Harry Edwards' sailing experience in Sri Lanka recently while representing New Zealand.

### **IODA Asian & Optimist Championship 2016**

#### **Trincomalee, Sri Lanka**

**28th May – 5th June**

At the end of an exhausting 48 hours of travel, (three flights and a six hour drive from the east to the west coast of Sri Lanka), Harry and Emily arrived with the NZ team at Trincomalee on the NE coast. All teams stayed together in one hotel on the beach, the venue for the regatta.

The first few days were spent acclimatising to 36 degrees celcius, setting up boats, training in local conditions, measuring sails, registering for the regatta and cooling off in the pool. The Opening Ceremony was a very colourful affair with all 15 teams (Australia, Singapore, USA, Thailand, India,



NZ Team ready to leave Auckland



Opening Ceremony



Emily 4454 on the finish line



China, Japan, NZ, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Turkey, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Macau and Sri Lanka) in their patriotic colours with flags. Traditional Sri Lankan dancers and the Sri Lankan Navy welcomed the sailors. Sadly, only half of the NZ team attended the ceremony due to a widespread case of food poisoning affecting a large number of teams.

A qualifying series of five races were held over the first two days of racing to enable the 112 competitors to be split into a Gold and Silver fleet for the final series. Weather conditions were hot with short choppy seas and winds up to 15 knots on Day 1, 18-20 knots on Day 2. Due to sickness, three NZ sailors did not sail on Day 1. Sadly Harry was one of these and he spent the day in an ambulance on an IV drip accompanied by his worried parents. He managed to venture onto the water on Day 2, but was still weak, a very tough start to his racing. Emily had a great second day managing a 7th and 8th place. At the end of Day 2, five New Zealanders including Emily were in Gold and five including Harry, in Silver.

Day 3 was a Team Racing Competition, each team consisting of 4 sailors. NZ selected their top four from Day 1 and 2. Emily was part of this team. The windy conditions created some challenges for team racing tactics. NZ finished a very credible 6th equal with USA, they were the only team to beat the final winners Malaysia. The top three were Malaysia, Singapore and Turkey. Team racing was followed by a lay day to rest and enjoy a little sightseeing around Trincomalee.

The final series of five races were sailed over two days, Day 4 was lighter conditions. Harry was feeling much better, but Emily was now feeling unwell instead, although she still managed to race. Day 5 was windy again and a great day for both Picton sailors. Harry achieved a great best result of 8th in Silver fleet and Emily of 14th in Gold fleet on the day. The day ended with a prize giving, flamboyant closing ceremony and official dinner on the beach.

Their final regatta results were:

Emily Overend	31st in Gold (and overall)	(2nd New Zealander and 10th girl overall)
Harry Edwards	36th in Silver	(93rd overall)

First and second place was won by Singapore sailors Muhammad Yazid and Daniel Toh, followed by Justin Callahan from USA in third. The first New Zealander Robbie MaCutcheon was 13th, Emily was the second New Zealander in 31st place overall.



## Sport Tasman Funding Assistance for Families

### SportStart 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:

- ① Financial hardship is a barrier to participation
- ① Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 - \$50 per application (see our website)
- ① Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Tasman, Nelson or Marlborough
- ① Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two SportStart applications per year

#### PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- ① Sports clubs and school must be registered as a provider with Sport Tasman

(All SportStart forms can be found at our website [www.sporttasman.org.nz/sportstart](http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/sportstart))

- ① 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.
- ① 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)

# Matariki – Te Tohu o te Tau Hou

*June 2016 is the beginning of the celebration for Matariki.*  
Waikawa Marae will be having a fun, celebratory day and evening.  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Ko Matariki te whetū tino nui o tēnei kāhui.  
Anei ngā wāhanga o tōna ingoa; ko te "Mata"  
ko ōna whatu, ko te "Ariki" ko te atua.

- Powhiri onto the marae noon (gather at the waharoa – gateway)
- Korero about Matariki and the signs for the coming year. Te Atiawa korero about Puanga
- Matariki in other cultures.
- Weaving stars. Making Matariki wishes/resolutions. Matariki cards. Whakatauki whetū.
- Kapa haka performances.
- Raffles, kai, crafts and arts for sale.





- Music workshop and jamming session with "Beneath the Words" traditional and contemporary instruments. Bring your musical instrument for a jamming session.
- Matariki concert 6.30pm onwards in the Whareniui – entry by koha.

# notices

## NCEA

Parents please open the link below for information regarding NZQA.

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

NZQA fees are in the process of being added to all senior students. The domestic student fee is \$76.70 with an extra \$30 for every Scholarship subject to be added as required. The deadline for payment through Queen Charlotte College is Thursday 1st September. Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications (i.e. NCEA). To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/assessment-matters/fees-and-financial-assistance-for-2016/>

## School Uniforms

Donations of College Uniforms would be much appreciated!

### 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.