



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



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



21st Century learning, MLE, ILE or whatever title you like to put on it, education is changing. The concept we are continuing to develop is that while our students still need to achieve their qualifications it is essential they also build what is often referred to as the soft skills. I heard this many times while visiting the large industries in Nelson and Blenheim with fellow Principals from the Top of the South. The soft skills are those at the beginning of the curriculum document such as managing self, problem solving, communicating, working with others, thinking creatively and so on.

There is too much information out there to teach facts. The emphasis is on finding and using the facts to problem solve. How can you help? Encourage creativity and thinking outside the box. Get your child to come up with solutions to problems around home then question them on why they chose that solution. Encourage them to research widely on things they have a passion for. Consolidate communication and relating well to others of all ages races and abilities, as this will be their workforce in the future.

## Board of Trustees Election Year

There will be Elections held this year for the Board of Trustees. If any parents would like to know more about the role of a trustee, please feel free to contact Kay Severne on 5736558. Nominations open on the 6th of May and Election Day is June 3rd.

Good Friday	Friday 25th March
Easter Monday	Monday 28th March
Easter Tuesday – No School	Tuesday 29th March
Back to school	Wednesday 30th March
School Social	Thursday 31st March 7pm-9pm
Mufti Day	Friday 1st April
Year 7 Noho Marae	Wednesday 6th -8th April
End of Term 1	Friday 15th April
Start Term 2	Monday 2nd May
Golden Bay Sports Exchange	Wednesday 11th May

## Term Dates 2016

<b>Term One</b>	Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 15th April
<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

# Congratulations



Alice Overend has been selected to attend the Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum in Nelson in April.

50 delegates were selected from over 200 applicants. Alice will join the Sir Peter Blake Trust and the Ministry for the Environment for an 'expedition' through Nelson and the surrounding region, experiencing and learning about biodiversity, pest eradication and marine health. Delegates will also have opportunities to meet and engage with like-minded contemporaries, inspiring and informative speakers and experts, including Sir Peter Blake Trust alumni, local and national politicians, subject experts, business and community leaders. Alice may also be eligible for selection for future Young Blake Expeditions in 2016 to places like in 2012, the Kermadecs, in 2014, Southern Ocean and Sub-Antarctic. Very exciting Alice! Congratulations and well done.

## Workday 2016

Thank you to all those involved in Workday this year. We are very fortunate each year to have the backing and support of the community and Picton businesses. Without you, Workday would not be the success it is. I would also like to particularly thank Shane Neal from Westpac, Picton, Bill McGruddy from Access Control and Security, Roger Nicholls from SteamCleanz and Dale Ashworth from Seaport Scene, who for many years have sponsored the advertising for Workday. Your ongoing support in this area is very much appreciated. Money raised by Work Day is used for Cultural and Sporting activities at the school.

Stephanie Neal working hard and still smiling.



## Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 2016

The first Parent-Teacher-Student Conference of 2016 was held on Thursday the 17th of March. The conference provided a platform for students, whānau and staff to formulate goals in each of the schools major domains, also called My Action Plan (MAP), and to identify the key steps required to achieve the goals. This system has received notoriety in recent years and has been recognized by the Ministry of Education as an example of best practice. Again, we received fantastic whanau support with 92% attendance.

Please also remember that should you wish to have meetings with the subject teachers, you can contact the staff member directly via email (addresses are listed on the QCC website) or call the office 03-573-6558 to make an appointment.

## Top of the South Trades Academy



Above is a first day photo of the Trades Academy Infrastructure Works Programme based at Queen Charlotte College. This programme includes students from MBC and QCC.

Left to right:

Front row: Sarah Truscott, Rhiannon Hall, Nikita McGrannachan-Maru

Middle row: Connor Hammerich, Floyd Wilson, Jack McDonald

Back row: Brice Smith, Tutor; Dave Fowler, James Scott



# S P O R T



## Swimming

The Year 7/8 Swimming team consisting of Jarrah Timms, Bree Rossiter, Harry Edwards, Mario Moody, Riley Thom-Parker, Connor Schmidt, Abbey Moody and Abbey Vallender represented the school in Swimming at the Marlborough Schools Swimming Champs. All these students made finals with standout swimmers being Abbey Moody and Connor Schmidt.

The Year 7 Relay team managed two triads in the 4x50m medley and 4x50 Freestyle.

Thanks to Nik Meiklejohn and Grace Morton for coaching and Grace for being a timekeeper on the day.



## Golf

The QCC Golf team consisting of Lachi Woolf, Dominic Lee, Sam Morton, Ollie Morton and Regan Chappell travelled to the Tasman Secondary School Golf Tournament at Tahunanui, Nelson last week. The team performed well but were outclassed by the Nelson College boys' team who were all on low single figure handicaps.

However, the QCC boys totally enjoyed representing their college at this event. Some of the bunkers were extremely deep as Head Boy, Lachi Woolf found, when he tried to dig his way out of one particular hole.

Thank you to Tim Morton for coaching and managing this team.



## Rugby 7's

After winning their Pool games against Riverlands 14-0, Fairhall 9-0, Renwick 5-0 and the semifinal against Seddon 5-1, the QCC Year 7/8 Rugby 7's team won the final against Bohally 6-3.

Coached by Mr Timms and Waitohi Rugby Development Officer Tim Omelly, the team of Liam Bhandal, Jesse Brown, Connor Hillgrove, Jay Don Huntley, Jarmyn Lee, Toby McLeod, Thomas Sommerville-Smith, Kyren Taumoefalau, Bray Taumoefalau and Nikao Murrell won the Marlborough Year 7/8 Rugby 7's tournament. Well done boys!



# To Parents/Caregivers of Queen Charlotte College Bus Students on the Blenheim/Spring Creek/Tuamarina/Havelock Bus Runs

Bus Travel Code of Conduct forms have been handed to your student to bring home. Please fill out, sign and return to the Main Office at school. In the event it does not make it home, please see below.

## Bus Travel Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is between \_\_\_\_\_ (student),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (their caregiver), and Queen Charlotte College.

The caregiver and the student should ensure they have read and understood this document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the bus driver and all students travelling on the school bus. If a fee is required to travel on the bus this needs to be paid in advance of transport.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student), agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey and wear seatbelts if provided.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teacher/s responsible for bus duty at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

### IF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS BROKEN:

- The student will be placed on daily report for one week and the caregiver will be notified immediately
- If no improvement is evident after one week, an interview will be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school bus will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to get the student to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.

### AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the conditions of this contract and understand the consequences if I do not.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Student)      (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Caregiver)

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal)      (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus Operator)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# notices

## **Wanted – Coaches and Managers**

We are getting closer and closer to playing Winter sports.

Queen Charlotte College relies on a high level of parent support to coach and manage some of our sports teams.

This year we have eight netball teams alone, some of which are without a coach or manager at this stage. If your child's team does not have one or either, please think seriously about offering to help.

We appreciate the help that current coaches/managers have given in the past and we hope that you will still be willing this year.

Please contact Gary Timms or Frances Morton on 5736558.

## **Rose Bush 'Carers'**

We are seeking a person with a love of roses who would like to take on the job of ensuring our beautiful rose garden remains beautiful!! It seems our wonderful caretakers are afraid of getting pricked! If you are knowledgeable about pruning roses and would like the role of caring for the QCC roses, please contact Kay Severne on 5736558 for details and further information.

## **Relief Bus Drivers Sought**

On occasion the school requires extra bus drivers. If you have the necessary qualifications and might be interested in being on our relief list, please feel free to contact Kay Severne on 5736558 for further information.

## **Uniform for Sale**

1 school blazer - size 100cm for \$100  
Trousers (Colour Med Grey), size 84cm for \$15  
Trousers (Colour medium to dark grey)  
Brother brand, size 87cm for \$20  
White Shirt medium for \$10  
White Shirt 40cm for \$10

Please contact Paulette Baynes on 021558418

## **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.

## **Kiwi Ranch – Curious Cove April Junior Camp**

Monday 25th – Friday 29th April

Ages 8 – 11 years

Cost \$180

Enrolments now open at [www.curiouscove.org](http://www.curiouscove.org)

Don't miss out – enrol NOW!

## **Picton Dawn Chorus (PDC), Mon 11th April**

A newly established community conservation group, is holding their first public meeting to inspire

and bring together the community in the quest to make Picton/Waikawa a haven for native wildlife.

Guest speakers, Darren Peters (DOC) and Robbie van Dam (Goodnature) will be talking about the latest toxin-free technology for predator control, the vision of making Picton pest free and how everyone can contribute on Monday 11 April, at 7.30pm, Port Marlborough Pavilion, Endeavour Park, Picton. FREE. Light refreshments will be provided. (Opportunity to buy native plants, traps and become a member of PDC). Contact Siobain at [pictondawnchorus@gmail.com](mailto:pictondawnchorus@gmail.com) or phone James on 021 945589.

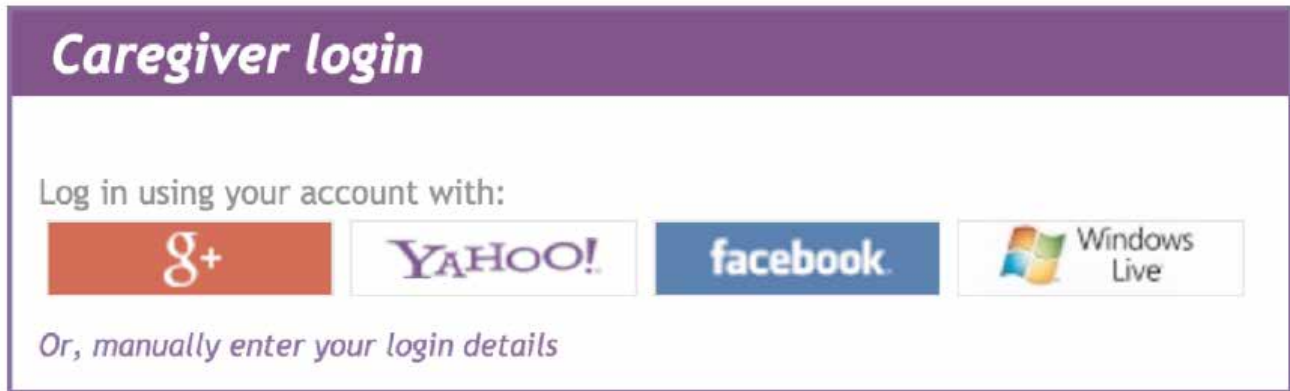


## Parent Portal

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, finances, NCEA progress. On 11 March the first report for the year: "Attitude to Learning" will be published for you to read. Don't worry about a few attendances with – instead of P so long as the percentage is what you expect.

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



**Caregiver login**

Log in using your account with:

*Or, manually enter your login details*

[Privacy Statement](#)

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.

Mrs Dew will be available on MAP Day (17 March) to help you with the login process if needed.

This video may also help:



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=35v9eYyj\\_p8](http://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. However, you may be interested in the Computers at Home Programme.



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Log in using your account with:

*Or, manually enter your login details*

Email:

Password:

[I don't know my edge password](#)

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Our school has been chosen to host the Computers in Homes programme



- A year of subsidised UFB or Naked Broadband
- A Windows 7 computer with Microsoft Office 2010
- 20 hours of free computer training for a parent\*
- 12 months of free technical support

\*Classes may be held once a week for 2 hours with a maximum class size of 8-10

This is your chance to own a high-spec quality refurbished computer & learn new digital skills.

Criteria to be involved:

- The family does not already have a computer in the home
- There is a school aged child living in the home

To register your interest visit or phone the school office

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Communications Trust



## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL PROGRAMME 2016

These school holidays we will be running holiday programmes for any interested Y1-8 netballers.

The allocated day will include:

- Ball skills, catching and passing.
- Correct shooting technique (for their age)
- Balance
- Defensive
- Take Off
- Pivoting
- Dodging and much more
- Plus mini games.

This will be ran like a circuit so will have allocated time slots at each session and then everyone will come together for game time where they will be split off into small teams.

Each participant will need to bring:

1. Suitable clothing and footwear.
2. Drink bottle and lunch
3. Possible change of clothes if for any reasons the weather changes.

All netball gear will be supplied by Marlborough netball.

Any queries contact:

Anna Archie – Marlborough Netball Development Officer

[ndo@marlboroughnetball.org.nz](mailto:ndo@marlboroughnetball.org.nz)

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REGISTRATION FORM:  
(DUE BACK BY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL)

Date: Please circle one. Y1-2 April 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday),  
10AM -1PM

Y3-4 April 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday)  
10AM -1PM

Y5-6 April 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Wednesday) 10AM -1PM

Y7-8 April 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
10AM -1PM

VENUE: Horton Park, Redwood St

NAME:

SCHOOL:

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (NAME AND NUMBER)

COST: \$15 PP

Payment can be made to: Marlborough Netball 03 1355 0779855 00 with surnameHP for reference.  
(example: archieHP)

Or you can pay cash on the day.