



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 25 September, 2015



How time flies when you are having fun.

This has been a busy but very enjoyable time for me as Acting Principal, so much to learn and get right. It just proves the importance of lifelong learning. For those seniors that might be thinking they have nearly finished school and any more assessments, think again. I hope for the seniors with further assessments to come this year that they use their time wisely over the next two weeks to ensure they complete the year successfully. For the juniors, your time to step up is approaching. Make the most of opportunities and remember we want your "personal best" in all endeavours.

We will welcome Mr Parsons back from his study leave at the beginning of next term.

100 Minute Lessons This year, the staff have been doing a lot of research into improving learning and developing Modern Learning Environments. This involves individualising the learning to suit the learner, finding the best ways students learn and maximising achievement. One of the first steps in doing this is to move to 100 minute lessons next year. This means students will have 3 lessons a day instead of 6. By having twice as long in a subject at a time, the students will still have the same total amount of time in each subject, it will just be grouped together. The advantages of this include less disruption to learning, less time wasted moving between classes, more time for teachers to get around all students and create more meaningful learning experiences. The transition from Primary to Secondary is also more seamless as this is essentially the way Primary schools are working. These are exciting times and we look forward to improved learning outcomes for our students.

Paid Union Meeting Please see the letter attached to the newsletter regarding the Paid Union Meeting to be held in the afternoon of Friday 16th October. Students will be released at the end of Period 4 (12.40pm being the start of lunchtime) but for those who wish their student to remain at school, please complete the tear-off portion and return to school by Tuesday 13th October. Technology Department

IMPORTANT DATES...

End Term 3	Friday 25th September
Term 4 begins	Monday 12th October
7's Tournament in Motueka	Thursday 15th October
Paid Union Meeting for teachers	Friday 16th October
Year 9 Camp	Monday 19th -23rd October

Term Dates 2015

Term Four Monday 12th October – Thursday 10th December

Technology Department

On the 9th of September, four bright Technology warriors ventured into Blenheim to the Marlborough Technology Center for the Cuddon Technology Challenge.

Led by the fearless Grace Morton, the team of four had to complete three challenges. The first was to build a device that could propel an empty can as far as possible with just popsicle sticks, rubber bands, straws, cardboard and a sand-filled film canister. The team built an amazing device and sent the can flying. They were excited to find they had gotten into 2nd place, but then were devastated to find out they were disqualified on a technicality involving the film canister. Not to be discouraged, they moved onto the second challenge where they had to build a car from styrofoam, wheels, and not much else. They shaped their car, and sent it down a ramp and over the jump and finished in the middle of the field. However, Agost Radzik earned the team some bonus points for his contentious behaviour.



The last challenge was to build an electronic device that could send a Morse Code signal with a small light, a battery and some wires. They built a brilliant device and came in second for that challenge. They also managed to gain three more bonus points for their quick tidy up and team work. At the prize giving they were awarded 2nd place for best dressed, second place for the last challenge, and THIRD overall. There were twenty teams from all over the Marlborough region, and QCC's team of Grace Morton, Agost Radzik, Jayson Buckingham and Beth Gray did an outstanding job representing our school.

Orientation Day



This year, orientation day was held on Thursday the 10th of September. There were a lot of people who came, a mix of students, teachers and whānau. Most of the students were Year 6, getting to know the school before coming in next year as Year 7. There were also some Year 8s who had gone to a different intermediate school.

The day started with a Pōwhiri. All the Year 7s led it with the QCC Kapa Haka backing them up. Pokiki Bradley-Pope from 7DC, Tyler Sintes, the Head Boy, Mrs Whyte and Mr Collins all spoke. Mr McCosh, Picton School's Principal, spoke on behalf of the visitors.

After the Pōwhiri, Ms Morton gave the Year 7s their buddies. Most of the visiting students were Year 6s from Picton and Waikawa Bay School.

The Queen Charlotte College students showed their buddies around the school. They took them to try out certain subjects in workshops; science; social studies; and technology. The visiting students spent interval and lunch with their buddies, where they shared a sausage sizzle.

I think that Orientation Day this year was a great day for everyone. The students who visited now know the school and should be ready for next year. For the students already at Queen Charlotte, they've stepped up to leadership, and should have a new fan.

Hannah Morris
7WM

Shared lunch on Orientation Day





ICAS Writing 2015 Results

Congratulations to the following students who had excellent results in the recent ICAS Writing test.

Maxwell Thompson – Merit
Isis Harvey – Merit
Stacey Pope – Merit
Laura Woolf – Credit (Top 26%)
Hannah Miskell – Credit (Top 26%)
Sophie Overend – Distinction (Top 7%)



QCC 50th Reunion

The QCC 50th Reunion is nearly here.

October 30th – November 1st!!

Make contact with your generation, and maximise this (possibly) once in a lifetime opportunity to gather, catch up and reminisce.

Hurry and get your registrations in before close-off on **Wednesday 30th September**. For further information, check the QCC webpage, or QCC 50th Reunion on Facebook. You are also welcome to contact the College.

QCC Rave – **Black** and White



This was an extremely successful night enjoyed by all who attended.

Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Autism Spectrum - Do we have the right learning support for our tamariki? – Submit to Parliament's Inquiry

Kia ora

Parliament's Education and Science Select Committee is holding an inquiry into the identification and support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia, and autism spectrum disorders in primary and secondary schools. Whether you're a parent or caregiver, or a teacher, or just someone who wants to see all our tamariki thrive, we want to hear from you!

Please write a submission to our inquiry and also share this information with anyone else you think will be interested in submitting.



We want you to help us understand what attitudes or resources are barriers to helping kids with learning difficulties getting their needs met at school. We also want to know what negative impacts inequality has on helping every child reach their full potential.

Submissions close on Friday October 2nd, 2015. To submit go to action.greens.org.nz/education

notices

Trophies All trophies must be returned to QCC immediately as they are needed for a display for the 50th Jubilee Reunion. These include trophies from the 2014 Prizegiving, Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. Thank you to those who have already brought their trophies in.

Senior Uniform for 2016 Senior students will need to start thinking about blazers and skirts for 2016. These can be ordered through the school at a cost of approximately \$210.00 for a blazer and \$70.00 for a senior skirt. Alternatively, students may be able to arrange to purchase second-hand uniforms from a current Year 13 student or from Feebies in High Street, Picton.

New Phone to Text Absences to The School now has a mobile phone for texting absences to. The number is 0224584209. We still prefer a phone call but if you find this difficult, then you can text.

Spring Creek/Tuamarina/Havelock Buses

Bus payment for Term 3 is \$150.00 and 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.



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25 September 2015

To All Parents/Caregivers

Paid Union Meeting Notification

Most staff will be attending a "Paid Union Meeting" in Blenheim on the afternoon of **Friday 16th October**.

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.

Students will be able to finish schooling at the end of Period 4, (i.e. the start of lunchtime). The school operated buses will bring students home immediately after this time.

The Ritchies Bus will operate at the usual times. For those students who will be remaining at school, a modified programme will be provided.

Please complete the tear-off slip and return to the school office **before Tuesday 13th October**, if you wish your child to remain at school for the afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Betty Whyte
Acting Principal

PPTA Paid Union Meeting Return Notice before Tuesday 13th October 2015

My child _____ (Name) _____ (Form)

will be remaining at school during the afternoon of 16 October and will require supervision.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Team Sailing Muster Day

When: First Sunday of Term 4
Sunday 18th October 2015

Where: Shelley Beach, Picton

Meet in Queen Charlotte Yacht Club car park

Time: 1.00pm for new members

12.30pm for current team to set up boats

Bring: Warm clothes to sail in (that can get wet), dry warm clothes (for afterwards), lifejacket if you have one. Sunscreen, beanie, sunhat and drink bottle

New members welcome.

For more information contact: Kate Overend (Yr12) at school or Michelle Overend (Ph: 573 8959) evenings

Kids Gone Fishin

Introduction Kids Gone Fishin' is a series of national kids events based around fishing and outdoor activities. The aim is to give kids a day of fun, and to encourage parents to spend quality time with their kids in healthy outdoor activities.

The events are organised and run by the New Zealand Police Blue Light in association with local Blue Light Branches, local Community Sponsors, the Gone Fishin' Team, and their sponsors, with the format varied to suit local resource and requirements.

This year, the event is being held on Saturday 10th October at Waikawa Foreshore and Wharf at Waikawa Bay in Picton. The competition will run from 10am to 12:30pm with an ongoing sausage sizzle, and spot prizes throughout.

Objectives

- to encourage better relations between young people and their parents, the police and the community
- to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour by exposing young people to different experiences and a healthy socialisation process in a safe, supervised environment
- to raise self esteem amongst young people and to encourage appropriate life skills
- to promote "safe play"

We believe that:-

- If young people feel good about themselves, then they can shape a positive future for themselves. Building self-esteem is a dominant theme in all programmes, such as the "BLAST" programme run by Blue Light.
- Helping young people to set appropriate goals and providing positive re-enforcement of constructive behaviour have proved to be effective influences on improving the outlook for young people. Involving police and other positive role models, such as sporting heroes, is one way in which this is emphasised.

Involving families is absolutely crucial. Where possible, parents, caregivers and families are enabled through Blue Light activities, such as the Trade Zone Kids Gone Fishin' programme, to share quality time with their families.

TradeZone
KIDS
GONE FISHIN DAY

Bluelight would like to invite
you and your kids to
a fun filled day of fishing

When: Saturday 10 October 2015

Time: 10am - 12.30pm
(with prize giving at 12pm)

Where: Waikawa Bay Foreshore, Picton

**Meet TradeZone Fishing
Guru Graeme Sinclair.**



Great **FREE** day out
with your kids.

*Bring along your own rod,
(limited number of free handlines available)*



New Zealand
POLICE
www.police.govt.nz



the warehouse
www.thewarehouse.co.nz

School holidays Scuba diving for kids.



Bubble maker course for 8 years and older. A great opportunity for your child to put on diving gear and have a go in a controlled way. We have special sized dive gear for them. Individual tuition provided. Priced from \$70.00. Dates are **30th SEPT** and **7th OCT** (Pool based)

Discover Scuba Diving. Suited for 12 years and up. This 5 hour experience will get them into full diving equipment and a couple of dives. Full tuition throughout and a boat ride thrown in. Adults welcome to partake or observe. Priced at \$199.00. Certificate given at completion and counts towards further diver training. Dates are **1st OCT** and **8th OCT**



Contact
Waikawa Dive Centre
Ph 573 8243 or email waikawadive@xtra.co.nz
ask for Stuart or Kate.



Rātā Foundation

OUR IDENTITY IS EVOLVING

Rātā Foundation

We've changed our name and logo but our core purpose remains the same

THE CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW VISUAL IDENTITY AND NAME – RĀTĀ FOUNDATION.

This is the first major update to our identity since our inception in 1988. It is a historic move forward for us as an organisation and we want to make you aware of the drivers behind this recent evolution.

We hold in trust for the communities of Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and the Chatham Islands an endowment, or pūtea, of over half a billion dollars. This comes from the sale of the community's shares in what was previously known as the Canterbury Savings Bank. This endowment allows us to make millions of dollars worth of grants each year to community organisations in our four funding regions.

While our name has changed, our core purpose hasn't. We're still your organisation, working to connect, collaborate and transform the lives of those who live within our funding regions through our grant-making.

WHY WE'VE EVOLVED

All effective organisations evolve to keep pace with the changing needs of their stakeholders and the sector they serve.

We started our identity evolution process with a Perception Survey in April 2014, which told us that:

Our name, The Canterbury Community Trust, was confusing. Many of our Canterbury applicants and influencers believed our funds were only for Canterbury, while our other regions found the name 'isolating' and 'not

inclusive'.

Many respondents did not understand our history – 'where and who does the money come from'.

The word 'Trust' was misleading and confusing, leading people to ask 'what social services we provided'.

In developing our new name and visual identity – Rātā Foundation – we are addressing these concerns and taking a position of:

Leadership, collaboration and smart investment

Belonging to all our four funding regions

Guardianship and community

Fundamentally, we have refreshed our identity to better reflect our strategic vision and core beliefs.

WHAT'S CHANGED

Our new name, Rātā Foundation, is inspired by the Southern Rātā tree. This ancient species is well known for its brilliant red flowers that provide one of the most colourful displays in the New Zealand forest. This name positions us as an enduring foundation, or trunk, which supports an abundance of branches, leaves and flowers – the community we serve.

Our new name is supported by a positioning line, 'Connect, Collaborate, Transform'. This line speaks to the purpose of the organisation which is to be a catalyst for healthy, happy and prosperous communities. We always work in partnership and collaboration to ensure we are having a positive impact in the regions we serve.

For further information please go to <http://www.ratafoundation.org.nz/funding/help-us-help-you>