



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 27 March, 2015



Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2014 Deputy Head Girl and Proxime Accessit Dani Gibbs, who was awarded the 2015 Hokonui Runaka Scholarship which pays for Dani's fees while studying at University! This is a marvellous coup for Dani and a wonderful opportunity for her to excel in her chosen field without the pressure of money worries. Well done Dani!

Farewell to Deputy Principal - Jack Saxon

Jack Saxon is off to lead Kaitaia High School.

It is with mixed feelings we farewell Jack as he embarks on the next chapter of his life. We are very proud of what Jack has been able to achieve in his 10th year at Queen Charlotte College and believe he will go on to great things. He has been a huge contributor to the success of the College and has expended a large amount of his time and energy ensuring that our students have been given every opportunity to excel, not only on the academic front, but also on a variety of sports fields. Jack will be missed in so many ways and our loss, is Kaitaia's gain.



We wish Jack and his family all the best and look forward to hearing of the improvements he brings about in the far north.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Rave Dance and Muffi Day	April 1st (Wednesday)
End Term 1	April 2nd (Thursday)
Easter	April 3rd (Friday – in school holidays)
Term 2	April 20th (Monday)
Anzac Assembly	April 24th
Anzac Day – No School	April 27th (Monday)

Term Dates 2015

Term One	Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
Term Two	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term Three	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Term Four	Monday 12th October – Friday 11th December

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Farewell to 'Sax'

Unfortunately, the end of Term 1 signifies the leaving of valued teacher and Deputy Principal, Jack Saxon. The time has come for Mr Saxon, having taught at Queen Charlotte College for 10 years, to leave us. Mr Saxon is stepping into a Principal role at Kaitaia College, leaving a legacy of greatness and veteran leadership in his wake.

'Sax' as many of the seniors came to know him as, had a significant impact on the students that passed through QCC, and was a teacher highly respected and revered by many; a position earned through years of investing a personal interest in developing great relationships with the students.

'Sax' was always one to 'teach beyond the classroom' and personally, I know he provided me guidance and advice during my time at Queen Charlotte.

Known for his highly competitive and resilient nature, 'Sax' was an enthusiastic teacher in and out of the classroom, who never failed to intensify the environment with his superabundant gesticulations and his highly captivating movements around the room. Mr Saxon worked exceptionally well in his senior management role and was able to make good decisions quickly and act on them. Mr Saxon was renowned for his proactive approach to everything he committed himself to, and



Anzac Assembly

From a population of barely one million, more than 18,000 New Zealanders were killed in 1914-1918.

Queen Charlotte College will be joining other communities throughout New Zealand to create a Field of Remembrance to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing and other major battles of WW1. Personalised white crosses commemorate the service and sacrifice of

was the man you could always count on to diligently, 'get it done'.

Not only did Mr Saxon have a prodigious influence on academia at Queen Charlotte, he also had an unprecedented impact on the sporting culture at QCC. 'Sax' embedded an inclusive environment of brotherhood within Queen Charlotte College Rugby and undoubtedly, his veteran leadership and playing skills, recently guided the school's Touch team to success. It goes without saying, that 'Sax' has left a sporting legacy that will continue to expand long after he has gone.



Mr Saxon, you have definitely left your stamp on Queen Charlotte College and we wish you the best of luck with your ambitions and whatever ventures the future has in store for you and your Whanau. Make sure you keep spreading those fictitious illusions and go forward knowing the strength of Kuini Harata is behind you. Kia Kaha, 'Sax' and AKE TONU - Never Give Up!

Tyler Sintes
Head Boy



those who died. Thirty white crosses will be placed by the hall at Queen Charlotte College to serve as a silent reminder of New Zealand's major contribution to freedom and the considerable sacrifice of what was then a very small nation. The crosses will bear the names of men and women who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Members of Picton and the wider community are invited to a special school wide assembly on Friday, 24th of April at 2:20pm in the hall. The assembly is a formal occasion and all students will be required to be in school uniform on the day. If you have any questions, please contact the office at QCC.

Workday

Workday 2015, was successfully undertaken last Friday. The majority of our students secured work placements in the Picton or wider community. Thank you to all those individuals and businesses who supported Queen Charlotte College in this our only school wide, fundraising endeavour. Workday packs and money must now be brought back to the College and given to Mrs Gardiner in the Library.

Solomon Green worked for Jasmine Court Motels.

Maia van Beek worked hard at Picton Village Bakery

Ethan Usher-Somers had an early start working for Rob Goulter, helping muster 1000 sheep on Five Hills Valley Farm.



MAP Day

On March 19th Queen Charlotte College completed its sixth full day of My Action Plan (MAP). MAP is unique to QCC where Form teachers spend allocated time with all members of the Form and whanau, setting goals and next steps with the students to get them even closer to their goals. This year we saw 90% of whanau indicating the success of the day. Please also remember that individual teachers can be contacted through the school or via email, addresses of which are updated on our website under the About Us tab. All feedback is useful from the day and needs to be returned to the main office before the end of the term.

Language Department

Māori Performing Arts

Members of the Kapa Haka have had a couple of wonderful weekends this month. The first was a trip to Christchurch to see the finals of the National Kapa Haka competition; Te Matatini. The teams performing at this huge event are the crème de la crème of Māori performing arts. The competition is held bi-annually and teams travel from all over the country to compete. Huge crowds attend and this year the whole event was live streamed on television throughout the day. Queen Charlotte College took a select group of senior Kapa Haka members, and some supporting family, to this wonderful event. In Christchurch, we were kindly billeted with ex-QCC teachers Chris McLaren and Carla Gibson. Mrs Gibson was amazing, putting on a huge spread for us at dinnertime on the evening we arrived! We spent all of Sunday enraptured by the awe inspiring performances, the ihi, the wehi and the wana – the charisma and power and presence of the performers. The students were all wonderful too!



The following weekend, QCC Kapa Haka opened the **Havelock Mussel Festival**, as they have done every year for the last few years. We were honoured with a performance in support of the Mayor's Opening Speech. We had a large group of our most junior students on stage this year with the Year 7's introducing a cuteness factor hitherto unseen in our performances! As always all our students did us proud!

Arohanui taurira mā, nā Whaea Jan.



Science Department

Level 2 Biology Camp

As a part of the Level 2 Biology course, we will be going to Rotoiti Lodge in St Arnaud from Sunday 24th May- Thursday 28th May. The total cost for the camp is \$230 and will need to have been paid prior to departure. Please contact Kay Severne with payment options. While we are there, the Biology students will cover and complete 3 achievement standards, totalling 11 credits for NCEA level 2.

- AS91153: Carry out a practical investigation in a biology context, with supervision
- AS91154: Analyse the biological validity of information presented to the public
- AS 91158: Investigate a pattern in an ecological community, with supervision

More information will be sent home with the students before the end of Term 1.

Ms Falvey / Mrs Morton
Science Teachers

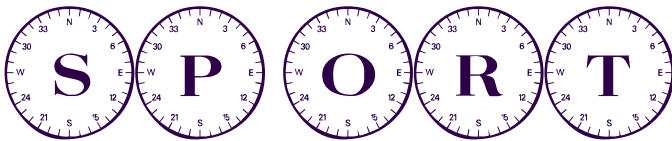
ICAS Competitions

If you want to do any of the ICAS competitions listed below please talk to your subject teacher and pay the fee to Mrs Severne before the closing date.

2015
ICAS
International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools



	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
Digital Technology	Tue 19 May	Wed 1 April	\$8.50
Science	Wed 3 June	Friday 1 May	\$8.50
Writing	Tue 16 June	Thursday 14 May	\$19.50
English	Tue 28 July	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50
Mathematics	Tue 11 August	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50



Results of the Year 7 and 8 Championship Swimming Sports

This championship was held at Stadium 2000 and Queen Charlotte College had eight students representing the school. These students were Jaden Eathorne, Grace Morton, Beth Gray, Connor Hilgrove, Connor Schmidt, Soraya Timms, Abbey Moody and Jasper Hopkins. Results are as follows.

Freestyle

Year 8 Boys 50m Freestyle
3rd Jaden Eathorne – QCC

Breaststroke

Year 8 Girls 50m Breaststroke
3rd Grace Morton – QCC

Backstroke

Year 8 Girls 50m Backstroke
3rd Beth Gray – QCC

Relays

YEAR 7 Freestyle
3rd Queen Charlotte College

Netball Trials

All Netball trials will be held next Tuesday, 31st March. If you have not signed up already, you must let Mrs Morton know. Please come prepared and with correct footwear.

Rugby 7's Trials

These trials will be held next Tuesday, 31st March and Tuesday, 2nd April.

Touch Rugby

Best of luck to the QCC Touch team travelling to South Island Championships this weekend.

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Uniforms

As the weather starts to cool down, please make sure your children have Bottle Green jersey's which are available from the Warehouse. The Warehouse may not have some items in stock at the time but please place an order rather than waiting until items in stock, as this will ensure delivery. If there are any problems with purchasing, please e-mail me bwhyte@qcc.school.nz and this will be forwarded directly to Schooltex distributors. Existing polo-fleeces may still be worn but are no longer being sold by our outlets.

There has still been no suitable jacket established so the preference is for a plain black jacket. Other jackets may be worn to and from school but NO jackets are to be worn in class. Please also check your child has suitable waterproof school shoes.