



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



**Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 2 December, 2016**



What a year it has been culminating in a few extremely busy weeks. The teaching staff have had a very unsettling time but it has been humbling to see them rally around and support each other and the students through some trying times. I hope the senior students get the results they deserve in their final exams and I look forward to seeing some very good NCEA results in January. There are two camps left to occur and I am sure both will give different students opportunities to shine as future leaders. To the parents, caregivers and community that have supported the college this year, thank you very much. This support is really appreciated as we do have an excellent school that works very hard to get the best for your children. Of course you are

all welcome to join us on the evening of 15 December, 7pm at the Prize-giving to celebrate the achievements of our students.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and summer break and look forward to working with you all again next year.

## Staffing 2017

There will be several staffing changes in 2017. At the end of this year we will farewell Mrs Lisa Suthers and Mr Paul Suthers while they take a break from teaching while contemplating their next move. We also say goodbye to Ms Caroline Weaver who is moving to the North Island to take up a position as HOD Hospitality.

With a smaller than normal Year 7 intake from our contributing schools and the departure of a large Year 13 cohort, we are expecting a smaller start of year roll. This has required us to reduce

## IMPORTANT DATES

Leadership Camp	December 5th –December 12th
Junior Prizegiving Assembly	11.30am December 15th - Thursday
Prizegiving and final day for students	December 15th – Thursday
End of Year Reports	December 15th - Thursday
Last day Term 4 (Teacher only day)	December 16th - Friday

### Term Dates 2016

Term Four Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

### Term Dates 2017

<b>Term One</b>	Wednesday 1st February – New students and Council members only/ Thursday 2nd February – Whole school till Thursday 13th April
<b>Term Two</b>	Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July
<b>Term Three</b>	Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September
<b>Term Four</b>	Monday 16th October – Thursday 14th December

our staffing. There is a process that we have followed to achieve this and as a result we will also be losing Mrs Emma Chilton, Technology teacher and Ms Jan Worrall, Maori Language teacher.

I wish all of these staff members the best of luck in their future endeavours and thank them for their efforts on behalf of Queen Charlotte College.

## School Accounts

This is a reminder to ensure that school accounts are paid and up to date before the end of the year. If you need any further information of an up to date balance, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Kay Severne on 5736558.

## NZQA Response to Issues re 14 November Earthquake

NZQA is working closely with schools to ensure an effective response to meet the needs of both students and schools who have been affected by the recent earthquakes.

NZQA will aim to ensure the measures we implement are workable for schools, fair to all students and maintain the credibility of the NCEA.

Initiatives for students being implemented by NZQA

For external examinations a separate emergency bulk derived grade process has been established based on the procedures used successfully for Christchurch students after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

The emergency bulk derived grade process allows teachers to provide NZQA with a grade based on evidence produced by the student for the standard during the year. NZQA's key goal is to minimise disadvantage to students as a result of the earthquakes. While emergency derived grades can be based on school practice examinations, the school may use any evidence about the specific standard, where is the student's own work and a second person could agree the result. Students results notices and the Record of Achievement will record the awarded grade as normal.

## Queen Charlotte College Community Pool Opens



**Pool Supervisor: Tonya Cowlshaw**

On December 1st the Queen Charlotte College Community Pool opens to the public for the summer. This offers an excellent opportunity for friends, families and visitors to the area to cool off and enjoy the water over the summer time at no personal cost.

Until school finishes on December 16th the pool will be operational from 3.30pm - 5.30pm weekdays and from 12.30m - 5.30pm during the weekends. From December the 16th the pool will operate from 12.30pm - 5.30pm everyday apart from Christmas Day.

Your team of lifeguards for the summer, have been working hard both on their lifeguard training and their First Aid over the last week to ensure an enjoyable opportunity for the community. You are all welcome to come and have some fun in the water, following the pool procedures to ensure a safe, fun environment for all.





**QCC Lfeguards; Nicholas Meiklejohn,  
Jordan Hika, Jess White and  
Shannon McManaway.**



# Theme Week



“What a few days! Students at Queen Charlotte have thrown themselves into Theme Week and if we were not prepared for the impending Zombie Apocalypse by the end of the week, we never would be!

Projects based around four topics - Sustainability, Picton in 100 Years, What do YOU want for the Sounds and, of course, Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse - were devised, researched, produced and perfected. Groups worked on ideas ranging from modifying the school barge to making it an electric powered vehicle to recreate a version of Michael Jackson's Zombie-rific Thriller. From the sublime, to the sublimely

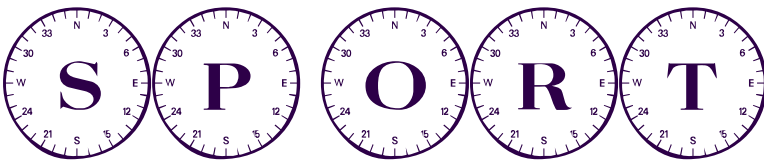
different!

Beyond the projects, the clubs proved a great success too! Rounders, script writing, mapping with drones, board-gaming, go-karts, mask-making, singing. The list goes on and the choices were many - so much so that some of our students got carried



away and signed themselves up for three clubs on the same day! Now, I know we're a special bunch at Queen Charlotte College but even we couldn't be in three places at once!

A great week was had by all and the students work was showcased in the hall Friday afternoon.



## Sailing

Best of luck to Emily Overend and Harry Edwards who are currently competing in the Sir Peter Blake Regatta at Torbay Yacht Club in Auckland. This regatta is the largest centreboard regatta held in New Zealand with around 400 competing in a large number of classes. Harry is competing in the P Class and Emily in the Starling Class. We look forward to hearing of their success.



# notices

**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.

## QCC Trophies

Any trophies not returned are now needed immediately. Please bring to the main office.



## Bunnings Blenheim Christmas Family Night Wednesday 7th December 6-8pm

Bring the whole family for free  
Christmas fun, games and crafts.

Bouncy Castle, Candy Floss,  
Mr Whippy, Coffee Cart,  
Complementary X-mas Food

Santa Appearance

**Marlborough Youth Trust Presents:**  
A Special Screening for Marlborough Youth 13-19yrs  
Venue: Blenheim Skating Rink, 34 Stephenson St  
Entry: Gold Coin Donation goes to the Blenheim Skating Rink  
Hot food, Snacks & Drinks For Sale. Bring Beanbags, Couches  
Fold-out Seats & Blankets or you will be Sitting on Concrete  
**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**  
Saturday 10th December 7.30 - 10.30pm

