



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 2 July, 2015



I am very fortunate to be the recipient of a scholarship to study during a sabbatical in Term 3 this year. The subject being Secondary School Leadership is of keen interest to the Secretary of Education and indeed of major interest to National education going forward. I must confess to being excited at the thought of rekindling my academic thirst.

During my Term 3 absence, it will be business as usual, with Mrs Betty Whyte as Acting Principal.

I wish you all a happy holiday and encourage our senior students to plan their time wisely with regard to study.

Queen Charlotte College 50th Reunion October 30th to November 1st, 2015

2015 marks a very special milestone for Queen Charlotte College. We will celebrate our 50th Reunion during Marlborough Anniversary Weekend.

We are anticipating around 400 past pupils and staff, plus anyone else (BOT, PTA, etc.) who has ever had a close connection with the school, to attend.

The festivities will start on Friday afternoon with a powhiri, followed by current student vs ex student games- maybe Touch and Netball. There will be a cocktail evening on Friday night, where we will be entertained by some of our very talented students and this will be a chance to catch up with old friends.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Term 2 Ends	Friday 3rd July
Europe Trip departs	Saturday 4th July
Term 3 Begins	Monday 20th July
ICAS English	Tuesday 28th July
Festival Week	Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August
ICAS Mathematics	Tuesday 11th August
MAP 2 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews	Thursday 20th August

Term Dates 2015

Term Two	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term Three	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Term Four	Monday 12th October – Thursday

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Saturday morning has been set aside for photographs and mingling. The committee has organised trips in the afternoon for anyone who may be interested. Options include fishing trips, winery tours, Marlborough Sounds cruises, a trip to the Omaka Aviation Centre and tours of our old town of Picton.

The formal dinner, including some very special presentations, are scheduled for Saturday night, followed by a party! We have organised a great band and festivities are expected to continue until the small hours.

Sunday will probably be bitter sweet. We will meet for brunch, a Marlborough Feast and then say haere ra to our re-acquainted friends once more.

Please pass this information onto anyone you think may be interested. Registration forms are available through the website: www.qcc.school.nz or by phoning our Registration Secretary, Kay Severne at the school on 03 5736558. We hope to see you there!



MAP 2

The second major MAP conference of the 2015 academic year is set for Thursday 20th of August. The conference represents an important opportunity for whānau, students and teachers to sit around the table and discuss the progress your child has made over the last two terms and come up with a plan to further improve outcomes over the last part of the year.

You will receive a MAP form to be completed and returned to the Main School Office by Friday 31 July. If it is more convenient, you may send your response by email to dreeves@qcc.school.nz or contact Dawn Reeves on 5736558. Students MUST attend their interview time only, on that day. Parents/caregivers are strongly recommended to attend with their student as this makes the conference much more powerful.

Students must be in full school uniform.

Key features of the conference include:

A scheduled 20-minute conference with the Form Teacher or associated teachers (this may include Deans or Senior Leadership).

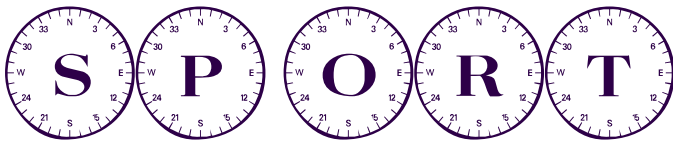
An opportunity to discuss:

- Your child's mid year report.

- Your child's progress towards the goals established on their MAP (My Action Plan), created at the first conference in Term 1.
- NCEA results for senior students. An NCEA summary tracking sheet will be available to parents.
- Attendance Data.
- Other important Sporting, Curriculum, Cultural and Pastoral information.
- An opportunity to identify steps to be taken and support that is needed to ensure that student goals are reached.

Educational Research has reinforced the idea that students perform significantly better when whānau, students and teachers are all collectively engaged in goal setting, including the monitoring of progress made towards these goals. A letter with the set times and information needed for the conference, will be posted to you by Monday 17th August.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference and working together as a team to ensure that your child maximises their success and achieves their personal best at Queen Charlotte College.



Badminton

The Queen Charlotte College Boys and Girls Badminton teams as follows travelled to Motueka to compete in the Tasman Secondary Schools Team Badminton Championships on Wednesday 17th June. Both our girls and boys teams emerged from this tournament as victors winning the coveted Tasman title and bringing home the silverware.

Girls: Zoya Timms, Alice Overend, Akane Kamiyama, Laura Woolf

Boys: Lachlan Woolf, Keita Maxwell, Dominic Lim, Aron Radzik



Netball

On Thursday 18th June, two Queen Charlotte College Netball teams, Manaaki and Pounamu, travelled to Motueka to compete in the Tasman Year 9 and 10 Netball Tournament.

QCC Manaaki: Ashleigh Rossiter, Emma McMillian, Tiara Parr, Kennedy Stevenson, Olivia Scaife, Laura Woolf, Siobhan Hall, Leana de Joux, Emily Overend

QCC Pounamu: Gabby Tait, Liberty Forbes, Niav Darry, Sarah Barlow, Rosie Arias, Georgie Lightfoot, Georgia Kate Brydon, Larissa Guest, Hannah Miskell, Shannon McManaway, Michaela Moorehead



Basketball

Congratulations to Anzac Risetto who was named in the Tasman U15 Basketball team which came 3rd in the South Island Quadrangular Tournament. He will travel to Wellington to compete in the

National Championships during the July school holidays.

Toastmasters

On Thursday 18th June, we had our Toastmasters Finale for 2015 at Queen Charlotte College. Friends and whānau were invited to come and watch the speeches. The seven Speechcrafters have worked very hard over the past nine weeks improving their public speaking skills. They have improved immensely and should be very proud of themselves. The course could not have gone ahead without the support from the 2014

Graduates. The Graduates ran the 2015 course with guidance from Teachers in Charge, Claire Vining and Jacqui Tyrrell. It has been an absolute pleasure watching the Speechcrafters and Graduates develop into exceptional young men and women with superb public speaking skills. The 2015 graduates will now return in 2016 to help run the next Toastmasters course at Queen Charlotte College.

Speechcrafters: Dylan Drabsch, Nicholas Meiklejohn, Lachlan Woolf, Georgia Bagge, Emma Ward, Alex Ryde and Christopher Cameron.

Graduates: Tyler Sintes, Jack Foley, Metisse Wilson, Bailey Gardner, Akane Kamiyama, Alan Harvey and Lachlan McGuire.

Well done to all!



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Sick Bay

While we are concerned about student attendance, if your child is sick it is best for them to remain at home. If a student becomes sick at school, we will be contacting home for parents / caregivers to collect them.

Picton Sea Scouts

"Are you or your children interested in Scouts? Scouts offer a program which is exciting and provides an excellent life experience for children of all ages. Picton Sea Scouts will be starting again in the third term (20 July 2015). The Picton Sea Scout Group invite you and your family members to a meeting on Tuesday, 21 July from 6-9pm. We need more Leaders, as well as Parent Helpers, who can be part of a roster and help out from time to time. To be a Leader you have to be of good character and pass a Police screening. Please come along and meet us or call John Welch 5737901 (be sure to leave a message)."

Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenge and everyday adventure to 15,000 girls and boys across New Zealand. We have a positive impact on young people, our 5,000 adult volunteers and the communities in which we live. Scouts develop wide-ranging technical, practical, life and social skills with over 200 different activities from abseiling and caving to drama, learning to fly and kayaking. Scouting helps 6-26 year olds grow in confidence, achieve their full potential and become active members of their communities.

ADVENTURE PLUS!

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0800 SCOUTS scouts.org.nz

NCEA

The free NCEA Student App has been developed to help students track their NCEA credit progress and set goals for their NCEA achievement. Although there are other apps available to students, the NCEA Student App provides an officially maintained database of standards and a goal-setting function. We encourage students to look at all the apps available and to use the one that suits them best.



List of other available apps in either the Apple or Google Play stores as at 20 April 2015:

NCEA Pal
NCEA Credit Tracker
Credit Watcher
Credit Counter
NCEA Stats
NCEA Credits
NCEA Hub

Text Absences to this NEW Phone

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.

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.

	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
English	Tue 28 July	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50
Mathematics	Tue 11 August	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50