



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



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

Paid Union Meeting

Dear Parents/Whanau of Marlborough Schools

School Funding and Decile System Under Review - You will no doubt have read or heard recently about this funding review.

As a result of this the teacher unions has planned (unprecedented) combined Paid Union Meetings for NZEI and PPTA members across the country. These, we are sorry to say, are taking place in school time which is going to cause some disruption. For Marlborough, our combined meeting is scheduled for 9am, Tuesday 13th September at Marlborough Boys College. Please note this decision was made by national office and we, principals and teachers, are disappointed that we are unable to change this time. (We are not in the habit of disrupting our students learning)

What is all the fuss about?

This is a serious matter as the outcome of this review will have far reaching implications for every school and early childhood centre in the country and therefore your children.

There are several issues at play and it is important to understand how these might impact on the long term operation of schools. One of the options under consideration



IMPORTANT DATES

'Mai Tohi' School Matinee and Production Night	September 9th – Friday
Paid Union Meeting	September 13th – Tuesday
Contributing School Visits	
Picton School	September 20th – Tuesday 1.30pm
Waikawa Bay School	September 20th – Tuesday 11.30am
St Joseph's School	September 20th – Tuesday 2.30pm
Orientation Day Parent Meeting	September 21st – Wednesday 7pm
NCEA Practice Exams for seniors	September 19th-23rd
Japan Trip departs	September 21st – Wednesday
End of Term 3	September 23rd – Friday
Start of Term 4	October 10th - Monday
Orientation Day at QCC	October 13th – Thursday
Year 9 Camp to Rotoiti	October 17th – 21st
Labour Day – school closed	October 24th - Monday

Term Dates 2016

Term Three Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September

Term Four Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

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that has given rise to the debate and brought urgency to the consultation is below;

Global Funding - where schools are fully funded for their teacher salaries and operations. This would mean that schools would have total control (as they do now) on how they allocate available funding - but with the addition of making decisions on the number of teachers that would be funded and employed. There may well be some flexibilities here, but there are also some significant fish hooks that could have a negative impact on students opportunities within school and therefore achievement outcomes. This Paid Union Meeting is to seek clarification, and advocate for our students and our schools funding future.

For more information please use this link

<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/CrossSectorForum26May-presentation.pdf>

Individual schools will do their best to look after students where there is no alternative care options for parents. Parents will need to make arrangements directly with their school.

Queen Charlotte College students are not required to attend school that morning, however there will be sufficient staff remaining to run a programme for those students whose parents need them to attend. The normal school programme will resume in the afternoon. For those who wish their student to attend school that morning, please complete the tear-off portion and return to school by Wednesday 7 September. Buses will operate at normal times.

Important

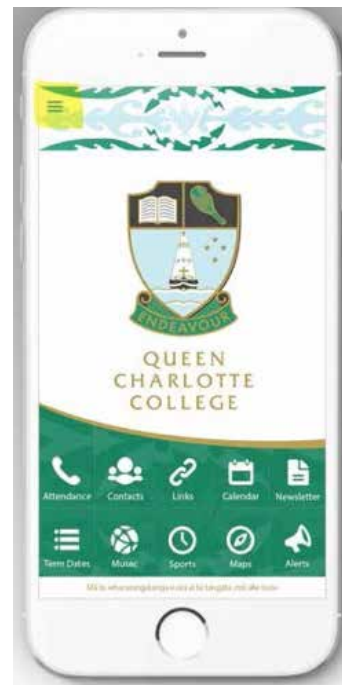
Mrs Dew's Year 11 Maths class are required to attend that morning for their NCEA Examination.

QCC School App

Have you seen our new Queen Charlotte College App? With the increasing use of smart phones, we have developed our very own app that will improve communication between the school and whanau. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/4v2b4a>

Setting up Alerts on the Queen Charlotte College Phone App

1. Open the app (as per instructions)
2. Click on the 3 vertical lines on the top left hand corner
3. Select Alert Subscriptions
4. Choose Whole School by tapping the button
5. Click onto the other listed alerts and select any that may be relevant to you



Got NZQA fees to pay?

The due date is 1 September

Did you know that many families can have their fee reduced by applying for Financial Assistance?

You can apply if you have:

- 3 or more children doing NCEA
- a community services card, or
- income below the limits below

Family Size Income Limits (before tax)

From 1 April 2016

Family of 2 \$49,447

Family of 3 \$59,743

Family of 4 \$67,932

Family of 5 \$75,952

Family of 6 \$84,915

Pick up a form, complete it and hand it in at the office.

If you need more information, talk to Mrs Severne or Mrs Dew.

NZQA

Parents please open the link below for information regarding NZQA.

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/mobile-app/>

NCEA revision

There are many online resources to assist revision.

One of them is Studyit and another is Learn Coach.

Click on the links below to explore their resources.

<http://www.studyit.org.nz/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LearnCoach/playlists>

As mentioned above, all NCEA students should follow this link for excellent information and communication on passing NCEA subjects.

<http://www.studyit.org.nz/>

Technology Department

We are so proud of Mr McCaffrey and his team of 10 who have designed and built the most amazing playhouse for a National competition. It's fantastic! The students involved are Miguel Tanongon, Tom Foley, James Moore, Carl Moorehead, Jack McDonald, Frank Schultz, Regan Chappell, Regan King, Justin McKnight and Josh Rowe. Thank you to Gary Knofflock, Picton ITM and FrameCad Picton for showing the boys how to make structural metal framing and supplying all the materials for the vessel. Without local support, many projects would not float.



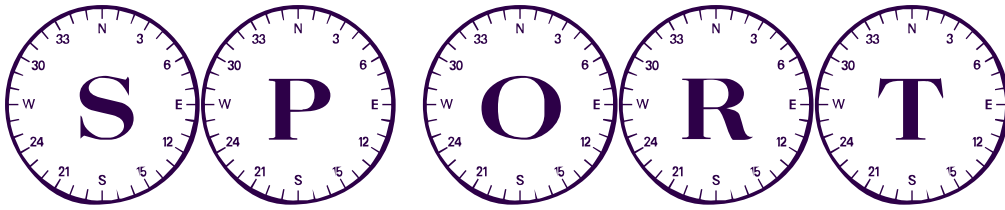
QCC Musical Production

On September 9th only at 7pm, QCC is putting on a home-grown musical called Mai Tohi. We would love whanau and community support. Tickets are on sale at Beyond the Fringe, Picton and the school office.

\$5 for children

\$10 for adults

\$25 for a family of two adults and three children



Motor Cross

Mitchell Payne is pictured here at the Tasman Secondary School MotoX Champs held in Nelson last week.

Jayde French and Jacob Whittaker also took part. All boys had an awesome time and learnt a lot from the experience of racing other riders.



Netball

The Queen Charlotte College Senior A Netball team travelled to Nelson this week for Secondary Schools Tournament Week. Results to follow.

Rugby

Congratulations to the Waitohi U13 Rugby team on winning the 2016 Marlborough Final. The score was 48/ 19 to Waitohi against Moutere. The team was unbeaten all season. **Jesse Brown** was named player of the day and **Ryan McLeod** won the player of the game and subsequently the Marlborough Rugby Union's award for best overall player of all the finals on the day (U11/13/14). Congratulations to Jesse and Ryan.

Waitohi has 14 boys selected to play representative rugby for Marlborough this season which is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to:

Under 11:

Wayden Page

Under 13:

Jarmyn Lee
Dre Falesolofa
Jesse Brown
Luke Coleman
Jaydon Huntley

Under 48kg:

Arlyn Bull
Connor Hillgrove
Liam Bhandal
Bray Taumoefolau
Kyren Taumoefolau
Thomas Somerville-Smith

Under 14:

Jayson Buckingham
Dylan McManaway
Alex Aldridge



Football

Picton Lions finished first in their grade and were named champions of the 12th Grade Marlborough Football League last weekend. Congratulations to the following players:

Billy McFadden
Jack Millington
Jack Clerke
Jasper Hopkins
Callum Nicholson
Maggie Lane
lhaka Namana
Lea Poletti
Ollie Morton
Leander Bahlsen
Innes Westwater
Blake Birss

Sailing



Harry Edwards will travel to Tauranga on the 4th to the 9th of September to represent the College at the Aims Games in Sailing. Best of luck Harry.



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

Please return any trophies that were awarded during the end of year Prizegiving in Term 4, 2015.

Auditions for Picton Little Theatre

Auditions for Picton Little Theatre's pantomime of Cinderella will be held at the Picton Little Theatre on Sunday the 28th August at 2pm.

If you would like to be involved but cannot make the auditions, please email the director on peaceprincessrose@gmail.com or phone/text her cell on 0276441513

Nigel Latta Documentary

The Nigel Latta documentary: "Screenagers" on TVNZ On Demand is worth watching regarding new technology, what the kids are actually watching, and also the risk of Cyberbullying.

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/ondemand/the-hard-stuff-with-nigel-latta/09-08-2016/series-2-episode-1>

Anxiety Presentation for Parents of Teens

How to assist teens handle their worries

What is anxiety?

How worries effect teenagers and tips for helping them

When to seek professional help

Marlborough Girls' College Staffroom

(through main gateway, someone will direct you to staffroom)

Monday 5th September

5.30-6.30pm

Presentation by Chris Hickson

CAMHS Community Liaison

For further information contact: helen.mclean@nmhs.govt.nz OR chris.hickson@nmhs.govt.nz

HELP US GET CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Just mention our school by name when you shop at Warehouse Stationery & 5%* goes back to our school.

See supportyourschool.co.nz for details.

*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



i-SITE Visitor Information Centre Customer Service Travel Consultant - Student Position

The Picton and Blenheim i-SITE Visitor Centre's are part of New Zealand's official Visitor Information Network providing information and bookings services to local, domestic and international visitors. The centres are open seven days a week 364 days a year.

Does everyone always say how much of a happy person you are?

Do you genuinely love helping people? Then come and work with us.

We are seeking college students to join our Customer Service Travel Consultant team with the following:

- Advanced knowledge of Microsoft office applications
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- A passion for the tourism industry and knowledge of Marlborough
- An outgoing, friendly personality and an 'up for it' attitude
- Foreign language skills would be an advantage

Hours of work are one permanent weekend day shift and extra hours to over Christmas school holidays.

The successful candidate must be available for a training during the September/October School Holidays.

To apply please send a covering letter together with your CV to Amy Swain amys@marlboroughnz.com or drop of CV to either Picton or Blenheim i-SITE Visitor Centre's. Applications close 5pm 9 September 2016.



Picton | Blenheim

Destination
Marlborough



Marlborough needs YOU! Become a Cruise Meet & Greet Volunteer.

Do you love Marlborough?

Are you proud of your region and enjoy meeting new people and would you like to help us welcome the tens of thousands of people that flock off cruise ships into our beautiful region over the cruise season?

YES...?

**Then why not become a Cruise Meet & Greet
Volunteer?!**

The Mission

To provide a friendly and informative service to all cruise passengers to Picton from October to May.

What will you do?

You will do a shift of approximately 4 hours at one of the various locations around Picton. These locations depend on which wharf the cruise ships berth at and include:

- Cruise Shuttle Bus Stop
- Picton i-SITE Area
- Foreshore Area
- CBD Area

We ask that you commit to a minimum of 5 shifts through the season as an ambassador.

What will we do for you?

We will provide you with uniform items and a roster managed by the Picton i-SITE contact.

A pre-season meeting will be held to further explain your role, our policies and procedures, our expectations, and any other resources that we can provide to you.

All 'first day' Cruise Meet and Greet Volunteers are met at the start of their shift by an i-SITE team member. We want to make sure you are comfortable in your work environment and role.

This sounds like me! Fantastic!

Please contact Amy Swain for more details by Phone 03 5775523 or amys@marlboroughnz.com

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15 August 2016

To All Parents/Caregivers

Paid Union Meeting Notification

Most staff will be attending a "Paid Union Meeting" in Blenheim on the morning of **Tuesday 13th September**.

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. For those students who do attend school in the morning, a modified programme will be provided.

Students will be required to attend school for the normal afternoon programme, (i.e. the end of lunchtime). The school operated buses will run at normal times. The Ritchies Bus will operate at the usual times.

Please complete the tear-off slip and return to the school office **before Wednesday 7 September**, if you wish your child to attend school in the morning.

Note: Mrs Dew's Year 11 Maths class are required to attend that morning for their NCEA Examination.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Betty Whyte
Principal

PPTA Paid Union Meeting Return Notice before Wednesday 7 September 2016

My child _____ (Name) _____ (Form)
will be attending school during the morning of 13 September and will require
supervision.

Parent Name

Parent Signature