



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

**Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 31 July, 2015**



Welcome back to term three and welcome to a number of new students starting this term. I hope you have an enjoyable and successful time at Queen Charlotte College. Term 3 is the term for hard work, especially for senior students. Time is running out to gain credits from internal assessments and it is time to start ramping up the study for the external exams. A practise for these will be in the last week of this term. It is important you have put your efforts into revision before this so you get a good indication of areas you need to improve on in the last few weeks in Term 4. The results of these exams may also be used to calculate derived grades should something happen and you are unable to sit an exam at the end of the year. For this reason you want your exam mark to be the best possible.

It continues to worry me the amount of absences students have during the year. These absences impact greatly on the success of the students at school. We will be continuing to have a focus on attendance and uniform this term and I ask for caregivers to support us with this drive.

## IMPORTANT DATES...

Festival Week	Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August
ICAS English	Wednesday 5th August
Marlborough Cross Country	Friday 7th August
Year 13 Bio Trip	Monday 10th August
Maths Week	Monday 10th – Friday 14th August
ICAS Mathematics	Tuesday 11th August
Year 13 Geo Field Trip – Golden Bay	Wednesday 12th August
MAP 2 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews	Thursday 20th August

## Term Dates 2015

### Term Three

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

### Term Four

Monday 12th October – Thursday 10th December

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## Gate Programme Extension

Congratulations to Evan Vallender who completed and passed a Philosophy paper from University of Canterbury as part of the GATE extension programme. Evan will complete another paper for the second half of this year and we wish him well.



Course code Grade	Family Name	Given name	School
PHIL139 D College	Vallender B+	Evan	Queen Charlotte

### Former QCC Students

Congratulations to the following ex students of QCC who have recently graduated from Victoria University in Wellington. We celebrate in the success of all our past students who go on to achieve higher honours.

NAME	Degree
Boyer, Julie	MNS
Dalzell, Jeremy M.	BCOM
Jamison, Karen E.	PGCHC
McDonald, Alex T.	BA
McLaren-Brown, Tahirih A.	BTMHON
Riach, Robert G.	BA

## New Study Pass Online Site

Samples were recently sent to QCC of the NCEA Essentials Work Booklets for Mathematics and Science subjects.

Students can use this new online resource to get online help and answers to these Work Booklets by following the link below.

<https://studypass.com/introduction-to-studypass-online>

### 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
Mathematics	Tue 11 August	Thursday 25 June	\$8.50

## MAP 2 - Reminder

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 have received 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](mailto: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.



## QCC 50th Reunion

The QCC 50th Reunion is looming large on the horizon. The countdown is on with just over three months to go.

This is a timely reminder for all those interested in any of the events planned for the weekend, to register as soon as is possible, to help with planning and catering.

The planning committee requests your co-operation in encouraging your family and friends with ties to the College, to do the same.

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

For registrations or further information, check the QCC webpage, or QCC 50th Reunion on Facebook. You are also welcome to contact the College.

## Science Department

### Year 12 Biology Field Trip

About 2 months ago, a group of Year 12 Biology students from Queen Charlotte College joined by the Year 12 Biology students from Marlborough Boys College were sent on a trip to Lake Rotoiti to complete three NCEA Level 2 achievement standards worth 12 credits. The trip took place from the 24th to the 28th of May 2015.

Whilst work was the main focus of this trip, there was fun to be had. On the first night it snowed overnight and many snow fights ensued. Table tennis was a regular

occurrence, played by both colleges and eventually became a knock out tournament for both schools. On the first few days, both colleges went on the Honeydew walk and the Parachute Rock hike to gather the necessary information to complete the set assessments. The view was extraordinary from the top of the Parachute Rocks and during the walk, we forged many friendships with the Marlborough Boys students and got to know the instructors. After the tiring walk, we stopped along the way back to look and feed our leftovers from lunch to the eels. After having a rest from the walks, we got cracking on the assessments. While there was a lot of work to be done, it was not all boring as a lot of the assessments were outdoor hands-on activity. Even when we were exhausted from our work, we would go on a walk to relieve the stress and come back with a clear mind-set to resume work. All in all, the Year 12 students really enjoyed our time at Lake Rotoiti and would like to thank all the instructors and teachers for making it an enjoyable week out of school.



Written by Dominic Lim and Ben McDonald

### 2015 AMP Scholarships

The 2015 AMP Scholarships are now open for anybody to apply. If you know of someone who may be looking to extend themselves in their field of expertise, but needs some financial assistance, the AMP Scholarships programme is simply about helping passionate people realise their dreams. It is not limited by sports or grades. It's not even limited by age.

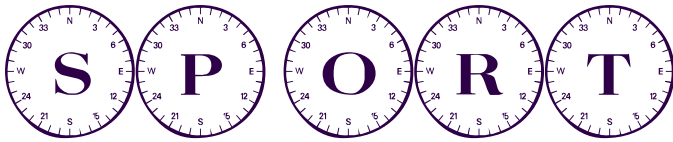
There are three main categories you can apply under and there are 12 AMP National Scholarships worth \$10,000 each, one AMP People's Choice Scholarship worth \$10,000 and one Study Start Scholarship for a Year 12 or 13 student, worth \$10,000.

For more information please visit [www.doyourthing.co.nz](http://www.doyourthing.co.nz)

The link below is to view the 2014 Study Start Scholarship recipients which students may find useful.

<https://www.doyourthing.co.nz/scholarships/amp-study-start-scholarship/2014-study-start-recipient/>





## Football

Congratulations to **Connor Endersby** and **Daniel Baxter** who were both selected for the Marlborough U14 Football Reps to play in the South Island tournament in Dunedin in October. Well done boys!



## Rugby

**Kyren Taumoefolau** and **Ryan McLeod** were two of only four boys from the Marlborough Representative team selected into the Seddon Shield U52 kg tournament team (a dream team picked by independent selectors) from the best of the best from Kaikoura to Hokitika. Well done Kyren and Ryan!



## Table Tennis

Mr Timms accompanied six boys to a Table Tennis tournament at Saxton Stadium in Nelson last term where 24 teams from the Tasman region participated.

Members of the QCC Team 1 were: Turoia Te Keeti, Harry Hutchinson-Durdy and Keelan Murrell.

QCC Team 2 members were: Lachi Woolf, Casey Hodgkinson and Ashish Yadav.

Team 2 had mixed results with two losses and two wins, and Team 1 won all four matches to make the Semifinals where they played Nelson Boys. QCC was beaten in some close games.

Playing off for 3rd and 4th against the Nayland College Number 2 side, QCC got the win, finishing 3rd overall in the tournament. Well done boys!

## Upcoming Sporting Events

- **Felsted College from England** will arrive at QCC on Monday 3rd August when they will play our Senior A and B Netball Teams. Games start at 12.40pm.
- The **Senior A Netball Team** will be attending the **Tasman Tournament in Motueka** on 15th August and the South Island Netball Tournament in Timaru on 31st August - 3rd September.
- The **Year 7/8 Cross-country team** will travel to Blenheim to compete in the Marlborough Primary Schools C-C Championships on 18th August.

## Sports Fundraiser

Spring is approaching, and it's time to start thinking about the garden. Less watering, better growth, fewer weeds and better, healthier soil, can all be enhanced by mulching.

One of our sports teams is fund-raising for a regional tournament, and is able to provide a service by delivering, and if required, spreading mulch. Please contact David Collins for further information by: [dcollins@qcc.school.nz](mailto:dcollins@qcc.school.nz), or through the school office.

# notices

## NCEA

NCEA fees are due by Friday 4th September 2015.

The cost is \$76.70, however in case of a family holding a Community Services card or if there is financial hardship, these fees are reduced to \$20.00.

Please contact Kay Severne on 5736558 for any further information.



## 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.

## Lawns and Leisure

Services we provide (but are not limited to):

- Lawn mowing
- Boat cleaning
- Landscaping
- Window cleaning
- Wood splitting
- Any other general labour

If interested in obtaining our services, please contact us via

Email: [lawnsandleisure@gmail.com](mailto:lawnsandleisure@gmail.com) or on cellphone: ring or txt Ryan at 0211700452 or Lachi at 02040812977

# Take a moment to connect

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## IHC Volunteering

*Volunteers supporting people with intellectual disability*

### **How can you volunteer with IHC?**

There are many ways that you can volunteer with IHC. We have volunteers throughout our organisation, from IHC Association volunteers who help us with local IHC activities, events and governance and local fundraising volunteers.

IHC also has a rewarding one-to-one volunteer programme that encourages friendship and learning in the community.

All IHC volunteers help to make a big difference to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

### **What is one-to-one volunteering with IHC?**

It is about one-to-one friendship. By taking a moment to connect with someone with an intellectual disability, volunteers make a positive difference in the life of another. The main emphasis of this role is volunteers including a person with them while doing something they usually do. This is what makes IHC Volunteering unique.

### **How does it work?**

We pair volunteers up with a person who has similar interests. It may be providing support to learn a new skill, achieve a personal goal or hanging out together to do something they both enjoy. The relationship is one-to-one and volunteers meet with their friend regularly. This means that volunteers spend time with only one person and they can get to know each other.

### **Why one-to-one?**

Because learning one-to-one works well. Group activities can sometimes be the only option available to a person with intellectual disability and we've found that some people work best one-to-one. We've found that volunteers bring their own unique skills and experience to the friendship which sustains learning in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

### **Who can volunteer?**

We welcome applicants from 17 years of age and from all walks of life. People with intellectual disabilities have diverse interests and backgrounds so the more varied volunteers we have the easier it is to match people. Having a genuine interest in developing a connection with someone with an intellectual disability is a prerequisite.

### **What support do I receive as a volunteer?**

The regional volunteer coordinator will provide a full orientation to IHC, along with relevant training to the person they are matched with. Initially volunteers meet frequently with the coordinator either in person or over the phone. There are regular scheduled reviews that will ensure the friendship is successful.

### **For more information**

Jane Peoples

Volunteer Coordinator

027 836 0342 / 03 538 1115 /jane.peoples@ihc.org.nz

Currently, I have an opening for a volunteer in the Picton area - call today!

[www.ihc.org.nz/volunteer](http://www.ihc.org.nz/volunteer)



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