



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

4 AUGUST 2017



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Term 3 is rapidly filling up with lots of happenings.

Many of our staff had a very enjoyable night at Waikawa Marae celebrating Matariki last week. Thank you to all those at the marae who helped make it informative and very enjoyable. Special thanks to Rita Powick, Marama Burgess and their helpers.

We have been enjoying the company of students from Kozu High School in Japan. Thank you to all those who have provided home stay and support for these students. It is supremely beneficial for our students to share experiences and cultures with others. We are also fortunate to have Matilde, an exchange student from Italy, currently studying at QCC.

We are very proud to have one of our students Nicholas Meiklejohn, representing us in the Marlborough Combined Colleges production of Evita. We wish Nicholas and the cast all the best for the show.

I trust all caregivers were able to read the student reports released at the end of Term 2 and that you will be keen to catch up with Form teachers to discuss your student's progress and future plans during the upcoming MAP day. Having parents involved with students' education is seen as one of the most significant factors in student success, we look forward to seeing you again.

MEMORIAL PARK TRUST

Queen Charlotte College would like to acknowledge the support they receive from RSA Memorial Trust and Port Marlborough in developing outstanding leaders in our College. This trust annually gives money to Queen Charlotte College to help train our future leaders at camps and various activities planned by the college.

Our wonderful school council leaders take part in a number of community activities one being supporting the ANZAC Dawn parade in Picton. Students help out ushering at the RSA, marching, carrying the flag, laying wreaths and singing the national anthems as well as a number of students in the crowd.

The vision our students aspire to is AKE Tonu - to never give up

Awhina – compassion

Kaha – strength and leadership

Endeavour – to perform to their “personal best”

**Members of the public wishing to make donations to this worthy cause may do so at Picton Westpac Bank – “Memorial Park Trust”
0317100418369 00**

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Brian Jones

We welcome Brian, our new Deputy Principal Pastoral taking over from Frances Morton. Brian had been teaching at Motueka High School for several years but is originally from Picton and attended Queen Charlotte College as a student. Brian and his wife Amanda decided it was time to come home. Brian is looking forward to getting reacquainted with QCC and the students.

Brian is also a keen hunter and asks if anyone has or knows of a hunting block he can hunt, please let him know.

NEW STAFF



Taryn Beattie

After having lived in Dunedin, London and Fiji, I returned to Picton five years ago with my husband, Gavin, to work at Port Marlborough and for us to be closer to our families. Picton is a wonderful place to bring up our children, Adam, 10, and Erin, 6, who are at Waikawa Bay School. I like running and biking on our tracks, skiing at Rainbow and baking and quilting in my spare time. I am part way through studying Accountancy at the Open Polytechnic. I love being part of the Picton community and the Queen Charlotte College family. I am enjoying teaching again after being at home with my children and am looking forward to getting to know you and your families. Taryn is a Fixed Term position as Junior Science teacher.



Yuri Collins

Yuri is already part of the Queen Charlotte College family being wife of David and mother of Mana, one of our students. She formally joins the Administrative staff assisting with Finance and will be located in the Main Office with Sandi. Welcome Yuri!



Diane St Claire

Diane has worked in Education for many years and is joining QCC as the Fixed Term Te Reo Maori teacher. She was the Principal of a bilingual special character school and has worked in Maori Education for some time. Diane enjoys working with communities and whanau and loves reading and art design.



Paul Beckett

Paul and his wife Joanne have come to Picton from Manchester in the UK. It goes without saying that Paul is an avid Manchester United fan! Paul has a background in Mainstream, Special and Alternative Education and Social and Family work. He is enjoying his time thus far at QCC working with students who need additional support. Paul loves that Picton has “no” traffic and that he has a cruisy drive to work. Paul is currently the Strengthening Conditioning Coach for the Scottish Rugby League team and travels the world with the squad, recently hopping across the ditch to Australia for games.

IMPORTANT DATES

QCC Careers Week
Marlborough Schools' Cross Country
Level 2 GEO Wellington Trip
MAP 2 Parent Student Teacher Meetings
QCC Musical Extravaganza

July 31st – August 4th – Monday-Friday
August 9th – Wednesday
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August 17th/18th – Thursday/Friday
August 31st – Thursday

TERM DATES 2017

Term Three Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September
Term Four Monday 16th October – Thursday 14th December

PARENT PORTAL

Always wanting to keep in touch with parents and caregivers, you can now keep track of your young people by logging-in on our parent portal. So long as your email address is recorded in our system then follow the link below and you can view: attendance, NCEA progress and your finances.

The website is: <https://parent.musac.school.nz>

Caregiver login

Log in using your account with:

[g+](#) [YAHOO!](#) [facebook](#) [Windows Live](#)

Or, manually enter your login details

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Email:

Password:

[I don't know my edge password](#)

[Login](#)

[Privacy Statement](#)

Select **“manually enter your login details”**

Enter the same email address as you have given to the school. Press **“I don't know my edge password”** and you'll get an email that will allow you to login. When you login you can set a new password. Please phone the school to make sure we have the correct email address if needed.

This video may also help:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=35v9eYyj_p8

Don't worry if you do not have the Internet as we will continue to post hard copies of reports to those of you without emails.

KOZU VISIT

During the first two weeks of Term 3 we were lucky enough to welcome a party of staff and students from Kozu High School, Osaka in Japan. The students are here on an educational and cultural visit to New Zealand, staying with homestay families at Queen Charlotte College.

It has been a successful and enjoyable trip so far! Day One saw the group down at the foreshore, visiting the Edwin Fox and EcoWorld. We were welcomed onto Waikawa Marae with a pōwhiri and performed at the Matariki Celebration, last Thursday evening. Lochmara Lodge opened up for us and the group visited on Saturday - dolphins, seals and penguins galore! Marlborough Girls' College invited us to their Overseas Students Games Evening which was tremendous fun. This week we are mainly based in school. The students are attending classes with their homestay family students but we also hope to get out and about on the Sounds again with Wilderness Guides before a day trip over to Nelson on Saturday.

The group have a cruise across to Wellington on Monday morning before an early flight on Tuesday back home. It has been such a pleasure to have the group here. The students' performances in assembly were a real highlight.

Thank you to all those who have hosted the students and to all the staff and students at QCC who have made our Koza visitors welcome.



NCEA FEES

NCEA fees have been added to the accounts of all students from Year 11 to 13. The cost per student is \$76.70, however this is reduced to \$20.00 if the family is eligible for financial assistance.

This is the link for an application form. Please copy and paste into your browser.

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=3e9529ea5b&view=att&th=15cc2ec165c9437c&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=f_j44u7pti0&safe=1&zw

Fees must be paid to the school by August 31st.

MAP 2 PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

The second Parent-Teacher-Student MAP conference is on Thursday 17 August 2017. The 20 minute conference will provide Form Teachers with the opportunity to update whānau on the progress of the students, especially in regards to their “My Action Plan MAP”, since the last conference in Term 1. The conference will also allow all three parties to revise the action plan to ensure that student success is supported, and maximised, both in the short and long term. Remember that senior students, NCEA, only have 13 weeks of school remaining.

Appointments for Trade Students need to be after 3.10pm Thursday or set up a Friday appointment.

Both Thursday and Friday are classified as a school day and a MAP appointment must be booked and the student needs to come to school for their allocated conference time. Students must attend in their full school uniform.

There are some time slots available for MAP conferences on Friday 18 August but these can only be booked via the College office.

Additional 10 minute interviews can be set up for Subject Teachers between 10am and 2pm on Friday 18 August. If you would like to speak to your child/s Subject Teacher you can reply to this email with student and teachers names and meetings will be set up. Please note that a MAP meeting must be held prior to Subject Teacher meetings.

Once again, the way in which appointments are booked is via the “Book School Interviews Online” Application. Below, you will find Instructions on how to complete your bookings. The code is **fbztb**

If you need help, please phone the College office – 573 6558.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Important Note:

Students only attend school for their interview. There are no teaching classes Thursday and Friday. The school buses will not be running Thursday and Friday. The Trades bus will run as per usual.



Book School Interviews Online

Parent Teacher Student Interview

MAP # 2 Thursday August 17 2017

MAP # 2 Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held at the following times:

- 8.45am – 7.10pm Thursday August 17
- 8.45am – 3.50pm Friday August 18 – can only be booked via the College

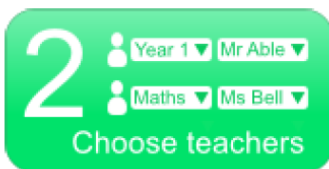
To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz in your browser, and enter the event code **fbztb**. Then follow these three simple steps:

Step 1: Enter your email address, your name, and your student's name(s).



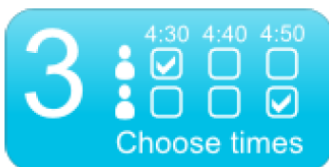
- Your email address is used to send you confirmation of your bookings
- Press the green “Go” button to go on to the next page.

Step 2: Choose a Teacher(s)



- Select a Subject (Form Teacher) from the first box, then select a teacher from the second box.
- Press the green “Go” button to go on to the next page.

Step 3: Choose the time(s) you want.



- Leave time to get from one booking to the next – *back-to-back bookings are not a good idea.*
- Missing checkboxes mean that time has already booked by someone else.
- Mouse over the teacher name to see more information.
- Press the green “Go” button to go on to the next page.

When you have finished, your interview information will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code **fbztb** again to change or cancel your interview.

If you don't have internet access, or need help, please phone the school office 573 6558 for a booking to be made.

The Principal, Deputy Principals, Assistant Principal and House Deans will be available to talk to on the day.

SPORTS AND CULTURE

SWIMMING



On the first Saturday of the school holidays, one of our International students, Yuna Ikeda, swam in the South Island Secondary Schools Swimming Champs held in Blenheim at Stadium 2000. Yuna made all four of her Finals. Her best result was in the Over 15 50m Backstroke where she placed 3rd. Well done on your achievements Yuna.

SCHOOL NOTICES

EXTRAVAGANZA: GENERATIONS

Mark in your diaries, Thursday 31st August at 7pm. You won't want to miss our Extravaganza: Generations. Go on a journey through the music you grew up listening to. Remember what it was to be a teenager and hear how different today's teens are (or not!), all the while watching and listening to our talented students as they sing, play, act and dance for you. Check the school app and the next newsletter for ticketing details.

CAMP FEES

Camp fees are due now. Please contact Kay Severne , Finance on 5736558 to arrange payment. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SOUTHERN JAM CONCERTS

On Wednesday 9th August from 11am to 12 noon, Southern Jam students will perform at QCC. Parents are invited to come along and watch.

The Finale Gala Performance will be held on Saturday 12th August, 7.30pm at the ASB Theatre in Blenheim. Please contact Marlborough 4 Fun on 03 5778935 or visit www.marlborough4fun.co.nz for details.

INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Contact 0800 991 991 or email sts@stsnz.co.nz for a brochure and start planning your STS experience now! We are looking for host families for students arriving in January 2018.