



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 4 December, 2015



On Friday 27th November, the Minister of Education, the Honorable Hekia Parata visited Queen Charlotte College where she took the opportunity to officially farewell the Principal in front of several invited guests. The Minister was then taken on a tour of the school, first to look at some Senior Art Folios, then to the Wet Lab before stopping for a photo with Year 11 student Miguel Tanongon in front of the swing seat Miguel designed and manufactured himself as part of an Achievement Standard where the brief was to build something for the community. Miguel chose to make this item of outdoor furniture for the school.



The Minister and invited guests were then treated to morning tea prepared and served by the Hospitality students in the Food Technology suite before departing once more for Blenheim.

I would like to wish all students a super holiday and as I will be back in Term 1 until the end of the fourth week, I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Stay safe and in the busyness of the festival season, please ensure you make every endeavour to savour the quality time you have set aside for you and yours. Merry Christmas.

**2015 PRIZEGIVING  
WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 7PM  
ALL INVITED**

## IMPORTANT DATES...

### Leadership Camp at Rotoiti

Tuesday 1st December – Friday 4th December

### Tabloid Sports (weather permitting)

Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th December

### Junior Prizegiving

Wednesday 9th December – 11.30am

### Prizegiving - whole school

Wednesday 9th December – 7pm

**Start Term 1 2016 Wednesday 3rd February**

(For new students and Council members)

**Start Term 1 2016 Thursday 4th February**

(for whole school)

**Waitangi Day** No school Monday 8th February

**Term One** Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 15th April

**Term Two** Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July

**Term Three** Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September

**Term Four** Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

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## Important Dates

**Prizegiving** – compulsory for all students, will be at 7pm on Wednesday 9th of December. You are most cordially invited to attend. Guests are to be seated by 6.45pm.

**Junior Prizegiving** will be held in the school hall from 11.30am on Wednesday 9th December.

**End of Term 4** - School will close for the year on Thursday 10th December. For most students the final day of attendance is Wednesday 9 December after Prizegiving.

**New Enrolments** – Staff will be available 9.30am-12.30pm the week of the 25th-29th January for new enrolments in 2016.

**Start of Term 1, 2016** – For new students and Council members only, school will begin again in February 2016 on Wednesday 3rd February. New students should assemble at the front of the school at 8.45am ready to be welcomed with a Powhiri. The full school will start on Thursday 4th February 2016. Students should be in full school uniform for Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of February.

## QCC CHRISTMAS EXPRESS

The QCC Christmas Express journeyed to Blenheim for a festive time on December 2, 2015. First stop in Santa's sleigh was the 10 Pin Bowling Alley. Next was a turbulence free flight on Argosey's SAFE AIR aeroplane with a joyful landing at Pollard Park for a special picnic. The elves did fundraising for their trip by making lemonade concentrate.



# Departing Staff Members



## Miss Emma Bracken

I have enjoyed my all too brief stay of two years here at QCC, working with a fantastic bunch of dedicated professionals and a cast of colourful characters, some definitely more 'colourful' than others. I have had some wonderful opportunities to get out and explore the surrounds; a highlight would definitely be visiting Ship's Cove and Collin's Hill with the Noho Marae trip last year. I'll be moving down to Christchurch to take advantage of an opportunity that has presented itself to continue my growth as a teacher in a larger department and school.



## Ms Tammi Downing

I have really enjoyed working at Queen Charlotte College. I am thankful that Mr Parsons gave me the opportunity to work in a school which demonstrates such collegiality and a willingness to learn new teaching methods. I am not exaggerating when I say that this has been the best staff that I have ever worked with. I have never felt this welcome and as much of a part of the team in a school. Working here has allowed me to foster new friendships and develop my skills as a teacher. Meeting the students here has also allowed me to educate many bright young minds and meet a variety of personalities. I hope that in the future our paths may cross again as I will indeed miss working at QCC.

# Social Sciences Department

## Year 8 Cookie Market

Last week, the Year 8 students were able to showcase their entrepreneurial skills by setting up a Cookie Market for the school. In Social Studies, the Year 8's were given a task to form a company and research, market, produce and distribute a simple product, a cookie. The students were all given access to the same supplies, but the challenge was to make their product different than the rest of the classmates. Some of the students decided to choose the tried and true, traditional cookies, such as chocolate chip, while others thought outside the square and created cookie pies or used nutella as their topping.

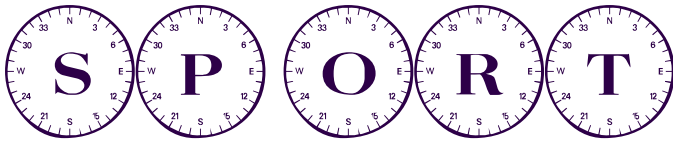
Not only were the students being assessed on their business skills they were also taking part in a competition. The students were being judged on the Look and Taste of the cookie, as well as their Market Stall. The competition was close and all of the students sold out during Market Day! But the overall winners were:

**Judge's Award:** Gorilla Cookies (Emily Overend, Abbey Sullivan and Kelly Prangley)

**Runners Up:** Minions (Grace Morton, Beth Gray and Courtney Vile)

**People's Choice Award:** Lava Cookies (Donje Jamieson, Zoe Kilgour, Charlotte Ward and Trinity Forbes)





## Athletics

The Marlborough Primary School Athletics was held at Athletic Park recently and it was a successful day for the QCC team of Soraya Timms, Emily Overend, Abbey Moody, Maggie Lane, Naia Lawrence, Jay-Don Huntley, Liam Bhandal and Dre Fale-Solofa.

Liam was 1st in the 100m and 200m, the fastest sprinter in his age group in Marlborough!

Jay-Don was 2nd in the High jump

Emily was 2nd in High jump and 3rd in shotput and discus

Maggie was 3rd in the 200m

Our Year 7 relay team comprised of Maggie, Abbey, Jay-Don and Liam came 1st.

Everyone had an awesome day.  
Congratulations to all the QCC team.

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## Uniform Orders

The distributor for our senior blazers has informed us that any late orders will come with an additional cost of \$43.00. This is to cover the cost of the embroidery.

The order for next year's blazers has already been placed, but we are able to add to that order until November 27th, without incurring this additional cost.

Please phone Kay Severne with any queries.

## Senior Uniform for 2016

Senior students will need blazers and skirts for 2016. These can be ordered through the school at a cost of approximately \$210.00 for a blazer and \$70.00 for a senior skirt. Alternatively, students may be able to arrange to purchase second-hand uniforms from a current Year 13 student or from Feebies in High Street, Picton.

## 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.

## Picton Library Summer Reading Programme

Read Books - Win Prizes - Fun Activities - And A Finale Party!!

Join us for a high-flying summer of reading.

Open to children 5-13 years.

Registration starts from Monday 7th December at Picton Library.

Pick up your 'Get Carried Away With Books' folder from the above date and let reading take you up, up and away these holidays.

Be quick as places are limited.

Programme runs from Monday 7th December 2015- Friday 22nd January 2016.

See our staff for more details or phone 5207493.

## Library Books

All QCC Library books needed to be returned before the end of the year. Stock take is now on. Your assistance in the return of these books will be greatly appreciated.



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# 2016

**Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai ki Kuini Harata.  
Welcome to Queen Charlotte College**

**Monday, January 25 to Wednesday January 29, 2016**

**9am-12.30pm**

The school will be open for enrolments and the discussion of course changes for returning students.

## **Pōwhiri/traditional welcome for new students and staff**

**Wednesday 3rd February, 2016**

**8.45am**

**for New Students and Council members. All students are to be in full uniform.**

**Thursday 4th February, 2016**

**8.45am**

**Whole school. All students are to be in full uniform.**

The tikanga/protocol of the pōwhiri is that any students or staff who have not received a pōwhiri to the College shall assemble at the front of the school by 8.40am. All whānau/family are welcome.

**2016 Enrolments** If you have not yet completed or returned your enrolment form please do so by *Wednesday 9 December*. Enrolments can be picked up at the College office. For more information, please phone 5736558 or email [principal@qcc.school.nz](mailto:principal@qcc.school.nz)

## **Stationery**

Stationery packs will be issued to all students. Caregivers will be invoiced for the cost of stationery and other fees by the end of February. There is no mark up on any stationery pack provided by QCC. We provide stationery to enable ALL students to start school with the required, standardised value pack of stationery at the start of the year. Being prepared for class with the "right" tools from the get go, assists in ensuring your student is both prepared and ready, to commence the academic year.

## **Uniform**

We recommend that you buy/order the College uniform at The Warehouse Blenheim, well before the start of the 2016 school year

