



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 18 November, 2016



Laptops As the end of the year approaches some parents/ caregivers may be thinking about Christmas presents for their children and an internet capable device just may be your answer.

Education is definitely moving towards high use of ICT. While we have many computers in the school, we are finding that many students are now bringing and using their own devices. This is of course more convenient for them as they are familiar with them and can use them without needing to leave class and go to computer rooms.

Noel Leeming is offering some very good deals on a variety of devices suitable to use at school. There may well be many other places starting to tout trade as well.

Queen Charlotte College does not require any particular type of device but should you like to know of recommendations, Fairlie Atkinson and Paula Somers our IT teachers, may be good contact points. The only requirement would be that the device can connect to the Internet and students can access Google Drive, Google Docs, and their school email. We are hoping that by 2018 all students who are able will be bringing along their own device to use.

Beehives A group of very enthusiastic students are undertaking a project to protect bees. They have asked if the school is willing to house a beehive to help maintain the bee population and that the bees may pollinate the fruit trees at the back of the school. We have a beehive provider and a group of students willing to undertake this project. We will ensure we have adequate first aid requirements for bee stings kept at school. The beehive is expected to

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 10 Camp	November 28th –December 2nd
Year 7-9 Theme Week	November 28th-December 2nd
Leadership Camp	December 5th –December 12th
Junior Prizegiving Assembly	11.30am December 15th - Thursday
Prizegiving and final day for students	December 15th – Thursday
End of Year Reports	December 15th - Thursday
Last day Term 4 (Teacher only day)	December 16th - Friday

Term Dates 2016

Term Four Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December

Term Dates 2017

Term One Wednesday 1st February – New students and Council members only/
Thursday 2nd February – Whole school
till Thursday 13th April

Term Two Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July

Term Three Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September

Term Four Monday 16th October – Thursday 14th December

generate honey which the school will benefit from.

It is envisaged that the hive will be placed at the back of the school in an area which is out of bounds for students during school time. I would like to hear of any concerns parents/caregivers may have about setting up this hive in the school grounds. Any students who have allergies to bee stings should have it registered on their enrolment form.

Earthquake After all the quakes this week and then the severe weather I hope all in our community are well and have not sustained too much damage.

I would like to reiterate the reason for opening the school on Monday. The NCEA exams were going ahead. If our school was closed, all students would have to accept the derived grades from their mock exams earlier this year. For many of our students this was not the best indicator of their ability. Students had not had as long to prepare and study for the mock exams compared to the final exams. Even after sitting the final exam, if they believe their performance had been hindered by the previous night, they can still choose to have a derived grade. Any student with queries, needs to contact the school about this process. If students chose not to attend the NCEA exam that was their call and they would be given a grade that reflected how they got on in the mock exams earlier this year. I felt it was important to give them the choice knowing that the school was safe. The Property Manager and I had inspected the school earlier in the morning and no damage was evident. Our school has no two story buildings needing structural checking. As the school was safe to use, I made the decision to open. Obviously, parents would make the call as to whether they were comfortable sending their children to school.

In events such as this, communication is always difficult and many sweeping statements are made. We did our best to send out official notices on our App and Facebook pages as well as a message on our phone systems and by email.

Message from the Principal's Nominee in Charge of NCEA Exams

Monday night was a traumatic time for all those who live in Marlborough and across the Sounds. For some of our students, however, the trauma of the evening was added to by the pressure of the following morning. From all around the region, students made their way to Queen Charlotte College to sit their Level 1 Science NCEA exam.

Following advice from the MoE, Mrs Whyte, having first helped with the checks on the college's structural integrity herself, made the decision to open the school and allow her students the chance to sit their exam. They came and shared in the normality of the morning - although, one of their number did turn up in his Civil Defence Uniform, after spending the night helping at the Rarangi diversion! (Ka pai, Dion!)

From as far as Canvastown through to Rarangi, Queen Charlotte students arrived ready and prepared for the morning's test. It is testimony to the students and staff at the college that the exam went ahead as planned. The opportunity of a derived grade is still open to students who either did not sit the exam or who feel their performance may have been inhibited by the night's events. That Queen Charlotte College students turned up in their numbers speaks volumes about their character and spirit. They encapsulated the school's motto - Ake Tonu.

Some tips we thought we would share with you:

1. Always do the dishes before you go to bed - picking up dirty broken plates isn't as much fun as picking up clean ones
2. Always screw/put the lid back on properly when putting something away - if it goes flying in the night it is less likely to make a mess - cocoa, green food colouring, condensed milk and many other things is no fun at all
3. Have a torch beside your bed - you need to be able to find it quickly in mess
4. Never run your car low on fuel - if nothing else you will need it to charge your cell phone multiple times

5. Have a car charger for your phone - a life saver (have multiple chargers around in your car, in your office - you will need them)

6. Make sure you have a pile of clothes beside your bed - trying to find something to put on in the dark when your house is continually moving, everything is everywhere and you can't think straight is challenging. Shoes and underwear need to be in this pile!!

7. Being a minimalist is good - less things to fly everywhere and clean up

Otago University Hands on Science 2017 Scholarships

Rosie Buchanan-Brown and Ashish Yadav have been selected to attend the prestigious Hands on Science at Otago University out of thousands of applicants. The goal of Hands-On at Otago is to demonstrate, in a friendly and interactive environment, some of the activities that researchers are involved in and to encourage talented young New Zealanders to consider further study as a step in their career pathway. Congratulations to these two outstanding young people and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.



Blumine Island Leadership Scholarships

Jessica Cameron and Frank Schultz have both received full scholarships to attend a seven day leadership opportunity at Blumine Island. They will get the opportunity to mix with a select group of students from all over the South Island contributing to conservation decision making. The goal of the program is to develop local and national environmental leaders. What an exciting opportunity and well done to both!



Year 10 Camp

Year 10 Camp will be 28th November until the 2nd December.

All camps for Year 10 are going ahead. Camp fees must be paid or payment systems put in place. If you have any questions please call Mr Hill about camp or Ms Severne about finances.

Theme Week

This year, we are revisiting Theme Week for the remainder of the college whilst the Year 10's are on camp. As in years past, we will be examining an over-arching theme and then allowing the students to drive their learning with regards to this. All staff and students will be engaged in conceiving, devising, planning, drafting, constructing and producing product! It is a chance for students to take advantage of the staff's expertise and see where their learning journeys can take them.

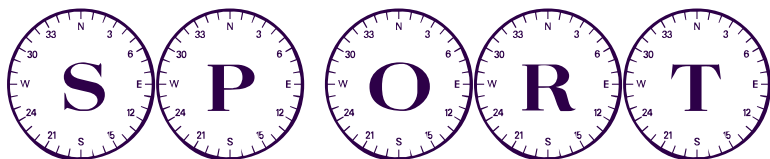
As part of the Theme Week we are also running "afternoon clubs" where students will be able to tap into some of the interests and ideas staff have for running afternoon lessons. From something as simple as a cricket skills development, through arts and crafts, to boardgames - students will be able to test and stretch their brains and thinking in all manner of ways!

Spring Creek-Havelock Bus Students

A reminder, that bus costs for Term 4 are now due. The cost for the term is \$235.00 or \$100.00 for seniors who finished on November 8th. If you are a senior with younger brothers or sisters on the bus, the cost will remain at \$235.00. This amount can be paid in full or in part, by automatic payment, cash or cheque, to Mrs Kay Severne, the Executive Officer. Mrs Severne can be contacted on 5736558. For automatic payments, the school bank account number is Westpac 030599 0208587 000.

School Accounts

The end of the year is approaching fast! This is a reminder to ensure that school accounts are paid and up to date. If you need any further information or an up to date balance, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Kay Severne on 5736558.



Sailing

The Optimist and Starling North Island Championship held in New Plymouth last week was too windy on the Friday for racing but four races were completed on Saturday. Sunday presented a huge swell and very windy conditions but both Emily and Harry coped well.

Final placings for this first NZ ranking regatta of the season, was Emily 9th overall in the Starling and Harry 19th overall in the Optimist. A fantastic effort from both.



notices

Wanted Donations of fabric, buttons, ribbons, wool and thread and other sewing items that may be used for Soft Materials Technology classes to make applique and other fabric projects with Years 7-10. If you have any of these items surplus to your requirement and would be happy to donate to a good cause could these items be dropped into the school office. Thank you.

For Sale 1 Senior Boy's blazer and tie in excellent condition. Size 92 cm. \$120.00. Phone Kay Severne at school for more details.

Donations of College Uniforms would be much appreciated!

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.

Tuamarina School Fair –Sunday 20 November 10 am to 2pm

power up for school

Malborough Schools
Available Monday 7 November - Friday 24 December 2016, only while stocks last



\$339.99 Incl GST

- Model: N6R26AA Sku: 142249
HP 11.6" Black & Silver Chromebook
- 2150Hz Intel Celeron N3050 dual core processor
 - 2GB RAM
 - 16GB solid state drive
 - Internal graphics
 - Google Chrome OS

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- Model: 60SFD000MU Sku: 139302
Lenovo Chromebook 11.6" Celeron N22-20
- 2300Hz Intel Celeron N2250
 - 2GB RAM
 - 16GB SSD
 - Internal graphics
 - Google Chrome OS



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- Model: C730E2GB Sku: 144900
Acer 11.6" C730E2GB Chromebook
- 2300Hz Intel Celeron N2840 dual core processor
 - 2GB RAM
 - 16GB Solid State Drive
 - Intel HD graphics
 - Google Chrome OS



\$402.50 Incl GST

- Model: 80R200LNU Sku: 14709
Lenovo Ideapad 100s 11.6" Notebook White NLX
- 1330Hz Intel Atom Z3785 quad core processor
 - 2GB RAM
 - 32GB eMMC storage
 - Intel HD graphics
 - Windows 10



\$408.25 Incl GST

- Model: ES102 Sku: 140911
Aspire ES1 11.6" Black NLX
- 1100Hz Intel Celeron N3350 processor
 - 4GB RAM
 - 32GB eMMC storage
 - Integrated graphics
 - Windows 10

Enhance your device



\$24.69 Incl GST

- Model: M1105 Sku: 134540
OMP Ultrabook Satchel 11.6" Hard Case



\$41.73 Incl GST

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Saturday

26 November 2016

Doors Open 6.30pm

Show Starts 7.00pm

Queen Charlotte College

Waikawa Road, Picton

Studio HQ present a spectacular dance showcase with special guests and to highlight and showcase our Miami Crew representing NZ for End Of year Show Fundraiser and prize giving.