



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 27 February, 2015



NCEA results from 2014 are impressive. We anticipate 2015 being even better.

Benchmark Indicators (According to NQF site): 2014			
	All schools Nationally	<u>Decile 4</u> schools	Queen Charlotte College
NCEA Level 1 qualification (Yr11)	83.1	81.8	87.2
NCEA Level 2 qualification (Yr12)	87.3	86.4	92.3
NCEA Level 3 Qualification (Y13)	78.4	76.9	73.0
University Entrance	59.9	54.8	55.3

Start of Term Our first four weeks back at school have simply raced by! Tabloid Swimming and Swimming Champs were great days. The student

IMPORTANT DATES...

Year 8 Camp	March 2nd -6th (Monday-Friday)
Peer Supporter Camp (Marae)	March 6th -8th (Friday-Sunday)
School Photos	March 9th (Monday)
MAP 1 Parent Teacher	Interviews March 19th (Thursday)
Workday	March 20th (Friday)
Ugly Shakespeare	March 24th (Tuesday)
End Term 1	April 2nd (Thursday)
Easter	April 3rd (Friday – in school holidays)
Term 2	April 20th (Monday)
Anzac Day – No School	April 27th (Monday)

Term Dates 2015

Term One	Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
Term Two	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July
Term Three	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September
Term Four	Monday 12th October – Friday 11th December

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involvement and obvious enjoyment made for another sporting occasion with several records being broken, as mentioned later in this newsletter.

With a roll of 393, we see the sports days as being a great venue for the school culture to be enjoyed and indeed built upon as all students join in and participate.

Classes are settling well despite the swimming sports and a Year 8 camp away at Davies Bay this week. Our focus will be on really establishing our academic routines over the next few weeks.

Wearable Designz

There will be no Wearable Designz scheduled this year due to the commitment needed for the QCC 50th Jubilee to be held in early November. If you are an ex student of Queen Charlotte College, don't forget to register for this event by following the link on the QCC website www.qcc.school.nz

Staffing

Emma Chilton is the new Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO).

Fairlie Atkinson has now been appointed as Head of Department (HOD) Technology.

We welcome two new Teacher Aides, **Tina Beynon** and **Judy Robinson** to Queen Charlotte College.

Roll

Our roll has reached 401 and climbing! We have three Year 7 classes and three Year 9 classes as a result.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 2015

The first Parent-Teacher-Student conference of 2015 is scheduled for Thursday the 19th of March. The conference provides a platform for students, whānau and staff to formulate goals in each of the schools major domains, also called my action plan (MAP), and to identify the key steps required to achieve the goals. This system has received notoriety in recent years and has been recognized by the Ministry of Education as an example of best practice. The 2014 conference format was a major factor in the outstanding results we received across all levels of the school. Further details on the conference format and how to make appointments for the conference have been attached to this newsletter.

Work Day 2015

The College's major fundraising event in our annual calendar, the student Work Day, is set to happen on Friday the 20th of March. The day provides students with an opportunity to roll up their sleeves and do some good old-fashioned hard work to support the cultural, social and sporting domains of College life. It is expected that all students source employment either in local businesses or with friends/family and donate all money raised back to the school.

On an annual basis, Work Day raises over \$10000 for the school and supports us in subsidising activity fees, uniform, transportation and other equipment costs in a range of domains. Sports, Culture, Music and the Performing Arts all benefit from this money and this enables us to refrain from implementing the rather exorbitant activity fees that many other schools charge nationally. Your child will be handed out further Work Day info on Friday the 27th of February. All students will have until Monday the 9th of March to find employment. Thank-you in advance for your support with this wonderful event!

University of Otago – On Campus Experience 2015 – Year 13 Maori Students

On Campus Experience (OCE) is a wonderful opportunity for Year 13 secondary students of Maori descent, to explore the University of Otago and the city of Dunedin. Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures in their areas of interest, as well as meet academic staff and current students. They will experience life in a Residential college, and will meet the

Maori Centre staff who will provide great support for Maori students when they come to Otago.

The OCE programme is a fully funded initiative, and gives each successful applicant the following: airfare/flight coverage (to and from Dunedin), accommodation, meals and activities. Entries are sought from full time Year 13 students of Maori descent who are currently enrolled in a New Zealand secondary school and are considering studying at the University of Otago in 2016.

All applicants should be students who are completing an appropriate programme at secondary school level which will lead them to meet University Entrance.

The programme will run from 27-30 April 2015. Applications close on 27 March 2015 at 5pm.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Mrs Whyte for the application form.

Uniform reminder

Student's shoes must be leather or leather look alike. They can NOT be canvas. They must be shoes and not boots (i.e., cut below the ankle).

The polar fleece tops are still allowed to be worn but are no longer for sale through the uniform shop.

It is very important to us that our students wear the correct uniform and wear it well. Your support in this would be gratefully appreciated. If it is unavoidable and your child can not be in correct uniform, please write a note to explain this, it will be filed by the attendance officer.

Subject selections

Senior students have had time to confirm their course and any movement to other subjects from now on is unlikely to occur.

Special Assessment Conditions Volunteers

Some senior students are allocated special assessment conditions in which they may be able to have another person read their assessment to them or maybe write their answers for them. These assessments are usually for 50 minutes during the year or up to 3 hours at the end of the year during external exam time. We would be interested in hearing if there are any volunteers out there who would be able to be called upon to support

these students. If you are interested could you please contact the school office and leave your details with them.

Spring Creek/Tuamarina/Havelock Buses

Bus payments for Term 1 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.

Language Department

Buoyed by the success enjoyed last year by the students of languages at QCC, the Language Department has observed an excellent start to the year. Increasing numbers of our rangatahi, especially in the middle school, have chosen one of the languages on offer as one of their options.

The number of students studying languages QCC is unable to offer, but by correspondence, has also grown.

Those students making informed choices are realising learning a language is not a "soft option", but one that can often enhance or shape career pathways.

New Zealand is in a considerable minority as one of the countries in the world where secondary languages are not commonly understood and used.

Learning a language does not simply provide a means of communicating with people from another culture, intrinsically, cultural knowledge is absorbed, broadening the learner's personal world.

Aside from personal benefits, students acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes that equip them for living in a world of diverse peoples, languages and cultures.

Research indicates students with a second language have enhanced cognitive tools and strategies, and are easily able to acquire further languages.

We look forward to our students maintaining the momentum, and that their results reflect their efforts.

NCEA Matters

All examination booklets, excluding scholarship, should be received through the mail by the middle of February. Students can order any documents they are eligible for and for which they want a copy from their Learner Login.

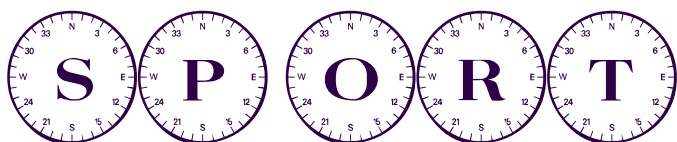
Reconsideration and Review applications for 2014 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results are done directly by students. It is advisable for them to talk to their teachers prior to applying for a Review or Reconsideration. The original answer booklet must accompany any application for a Review.

Reconsideration application process:
Candidates will be able to apply and pay

on-line for Reconsideration of their NCEA and Scholarship using their Learner Login.

Applications for Reconsideration of Level 3 and Scholarship Visual Arts can also be made online. For Level 3, three high-quality A4 coloured photographs, one for each panel of the portfolio, are to be sent. Scholarship applications should include both photographs and workbook. In addition, an authenticity declaration form must be completed by a candidate's school and sent with any application. No portfolios are to be sent to NZQA.

Review application process. Students should go on line and print off a copy of the NCEA or Scholarship review form from their learner login.



QCC Mixed Team takes premier grade honours

The Queen Charlotte College Mixed Touch Team emerged champions from a closely contested Marlborough Premier Grade final on Wednesday night with a hard fought 7-6 victory over competition front-runners Courtney's Team. The final, a battle between the grades top two teams, was a see-saw

affair until a final flourish midway through the second half provided QCC with a cushion that they desperately held on to until the final hooter. Nadia Procter, Tyler Sintes, Levon Conroy-Mosdell and Karlos Tautari were the pick of the QCC players with outgoing player-coach Jack Saxon, providing much needed veteran leadership in the crucial stages. The bulk of the team travels to Nelson this Sunday for Tasman Secondary Regionals, with high hopes of qualifying once more, for the South Island Championships in Christchurch at the end of March.

Cricket

Vs Motueka High School

In the first match of the Darcy Cup, Top of the South Secondary Cricket competition, the winner of which goes on to the nationwide Gillette Cup, Queen Charlotte College defeated Motueka High School in a one-sided match. Batting first, Queen Charlotte had a stuttering innings, with Isaac Rawlings smashing a powerful 41 early in the innings and Sam Strawbridge(57) and Matt Larsen-Horne (35) revitalising the innings with a 7th wicket partnership of 55. Sam brought up his 50 and the team's 200 with a typically strong off drive for 4 before being run out.

In reply, Motueka could only manage 35 after a searing opening spell from Isaac Rawlings in which he took 4 wickets for 3 runs. Queen Charlotte skipper Lachi Woolf, took the pressure off by using mainly part-time bowlers, but the innings was over after only nine overs. Although not the best build up before the more challenging games QCC faces during the next week against Waimea College, Nelson and Marlborough Boys, there were a number of fine catches taken by the junior members of the QCC team and the fielding remained tight despite the lack of opposition.

Vs Nelson College

Tiny Queen Charlotte College faced the cream of mighty Nelson College on a parched ground at Renwick in a semi-final of the Darcy Cup without the services of either their top scorer from the previous round or the power bowling of their best bowler who tore a back muscle in the preliminary.

Non-the-less, they performed well with the bat scoring a creditable 126 with Isaac Rawlings hitting a powerful 48 before declaring himself out, stumped, after the square leg umpire had given "not out". Matt Larsen Horne hit 24 and Lachi Woolf a patient 13.

With Nelson at 3-41, the QCC skipper must have thought the team had a chance to pull off a major upset but with two major bowlers out he was left to rely on himself and only two other experienced bowlers. Nelson crept slowly through to a comfortable win at 4-129. Picton 4th grade skipper, Ashish Yadav created a problem for the visitors taking 2-25, with Lachi Woolf and Matt Larsen-Horne bowling their hearts out with little reward. To their credit, QCC fielded immaculately and took three fine catches.

QCC supporters were left to enjoy the "might-have-been" had two key players not been injured.

Winter Sport

Winter sport is quickly approaching with summer sports starting to wind down. Thank you to all staff, parents and caregivers who have coached, managed or transported our players. It has been another excellent year for summer sport and we have enjoyed wonderful results in Sailing, Touch Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Beach Volleyball and Water polo, to name a few.

We have at least 40 teams travelling through to Blenheim on a weekly basis to compete against other teams.

We need the same support for our winter teams with help in coaching Senior Netball, Badminton, Volleyball and Junior Basketball. We are also looking for a manager for our Senior Boys Rugby team.

If you coached last year, please indicate to Mr Gary Timms your intentions this year.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Mr Timms at school on 5736558 ex 806

QCC Swimming Sports Results 2015

HOUSE POINTS

Aramoana 343	Rangatira 661	Tamahine 558
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AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

Yr 7 Girls	Yr 7 Boys
1 st Abbey Moody	1 st Connor Schmidt
2 nd Soraya Timms	2 nd Connor Hillgrove
3 rd Maggie Lane	3 rd Thomas Somerville-Smith
Yr 8 Girls	Yr 8 Boys
1 st Grace Morton	1 st Jaden Eathorne
2 nd Beth Gray	2 nd = Jasper Hopkins
3 rd Emily Overend	2 nd = Aaron Riach
Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 st Hannah Price	1 st Aron Radzik
2 nd = Laura Woolf	2 nd Keelan Murrell
2 nd = Ashleigh Rossiter	3 rd Rory Westwater
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 st = Jessica Cameron	1 st Nicholas Meiklejohn
2 nd Rosie Buchanan-Brown	2 nd Tom Foley
3 rd Liberty Forbes	3 rd Riki Drabsch
Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 st Meg Cook	1 st = Jack Foley
2 nd Bailey Gardner	1 st = Christopher Cameron
3 rd Kate Overend	3 rd Frazer Ward

RECORDS – 25 Records Broken ,1 Record equalled

Senior Girls	Intermediate Boys	Junior Girls	Junior Boys
Bailey Gardner 1	Nicholas Meiklejohn 4	Hannah Price 5	Aron Radzik 4 + 1 =
Year 8 Girls	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	
Grace Morton 4 Beth Gray 2	Abbey Moody 2	Connor Schmidt 3	

notices

Homestay required



Hi, my name is Emile. I am a 15 year old boy from Berlin. I am going to be studying in Year 12 at QCC from July 2015 until June 2016. I have many hobbies, some of which are music, hiking, fishing and all sports.



Hi, my name is Josefa. I am a 15 year of girl from Germany. I am going to be studying in Year 12 at QCC from July 2015 until June 2016. I really enjoy diving and would to live by the sea. I have my open water dive certificate.

If you are interested in Homestayng either Emile or Josefa, please contact Ray Fitzgerald at QCC by email: rfitzgerald@qcc.school.nz for more information and details of remuneration.

Irish/folk Violin and Keyboard/ Piano Tuition for Beginners to Advanced

Instrument hire available.
\$20 for 30 minutes.

Blenheim and/or Picton.

Phone Raina on
021 029 25847

Please find below the summer menu for the canteen.

Summer 2014 / 2015



Cold Food & Drinks

Muffins & Scones	\$2.50	Calci-Yum	only	\$2.00
BLT or TLC Panini Style	\$3.80	Fast Start	only	\$2.00
Sandwiches		Primo 350ml		\$2.80
Single Filling	\$2.80	PUMP Water 750ml		\$3.00
The Works	\$3.80	Glaceau Vitamin Water		\$4.00
Mega Ploughman	\$4.50	Lipton Iced Tea		\$4.00
Tortilla Wraps				
½ Wrap	\$3.00			
Full Wrap	\$4.50			
Champion Wraps	\$6.00			
(Details on Specials Board)				

Fresh Salads

Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Muesli, Fruit & Yoghurt	\$4.50
Works Salad	\$5.00

Items may vary and are subject to availability