



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

25 OCTOBER 2018



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to Term 4 which is traditionally a very busy but usually extremely satisfying term. We get to see just what academic achievements the students have attained this year, prepare to farewell some of our seniors and to see just how wonderful these young people have become.

I have just returned from the Trades Academy graduation in which a number of QCC students were awarded Top Student Trophies. Well done to those students for giving their Personal Best.

As we start much of next year's planning, we will soon be meeting and welcoming prospective Year 7's and other new students at Orientation Day on Thursday 1st November. We look forward to working with them in 2019.

Although staff are grappling with reports, exams, timetabling, Orientation Day and Prizegiving, we encourage you to continue to stay in touch should you have any concerns. We may be able to help.

EX QCC GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge the success of Shannon Huntley, ex QCC student, who graduated with top honours from the Royal New Zealand Airforce recently. Shannon achieved the highest overall standard in active defence and range practices.

CYBER SAFETY

As you all know technology is an ongoing issue with our young ones and so I have attached some links which has some great Cyber Safety resources. The website is www.netsafe.org.nz. The link is <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/resource-centre/>

ENGINEERING STUDENT'S SUCCESS

Below is a photo of the Principal and Bailey Fearn, our top Auto Engineering Trades student who has worked alongside Kevin Haughey, Property Manager, in designing and making this cart from scratch during his engineering sessions. Well done Bailey!



QCC COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STRATEGIC PLANNING 2018

In moving forward with the next three years strategic planning the Queen Charlotte College Board of Trustees need to evaluate how Queen Charlotte College is doing and is it meeting the needs of the community. I would appreciate if you were able to complete this questionnaire by copying and pasting the link and return to email slock@qcc.school.nz. If you would prefer a paper copy please feel free to get your child to ask Sandi at the office for a paper version. Thank you in anticipation for your support and input.

<https://goo.gl/Rg21g1>

A wee quote from Charlie Chaplin: "A day without laughter is a day wasted."

IMPORTANT DATES

Marlborough Anniversary – NO SCHOOL
Year 9 and 10 Core Exams
Kapa Haka Performances from local schools
Orientation Day – 8.50am
Seniors Final Assembly - 2.20pm
NCEA Exams Begin
Theme Week
Student Council AKE Camp
Top Form Swimming
Junior Prizegiving Assembly
Prizegiving
Last day for students

October 29th – Monday
October 30th-November 5th – Tuesday-Monday
October 31st – Wednesday – 5pm start
November 1st – Thursday
November 6th – Tuesday
November 7th – Wednesday
November 12th-16th - Monday-Friday
December 3rd-5th – Monday-Wednesday
December 7th – Friday
December 13th – Thursday 12 noon
December 13th – Thursday 7pm
December 13th - Thursday

TERM DATES 2018

Term Four Monday 15th October – Friday 14th December

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday 26th September, Ms Alvey travelled to Nelson with a team of five Year 9 students for the first ever Top of the South Island Year 9 Readers Cup. Mia McNichol, Emma Nicholson, Jahmilia Norgate, Milly Pickles and Jarrah Timms made up the team.

Fourteen teams competed in the competition, which was held at Nayland College. There were teams representing Nayland College, Waimea College, Marlborough Girls' College, Nelson College, Nelson College for Girls, Garin College, Motueka High School and QCC.

The event involved six rounds of ten questions, covering the six books that the teams had to read prior to the event: I am not Esther - Fleur Beale, Gone - Michael Grant, Nevermoor - Jessica Townsend, Road to Winter - Mark Smith, The Severed Land - Maurice Gee, and Turtles all the way down - John Green.

Waimea College came first and second, and Nelson College for Girls came third. We won a book voucher for the best team name - Nevermorons, and everyone in the team was given a book.

It was a fun event and we look forward to doing it again next year.



LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

DESPERATELY SEEKING SIGN

The college is still seeking a volunteer from the community to help some motivated students learn sign language. If you know of anyone with any ability, please pass on our request and contact details. Kia ora.

KAPA HAKA

Ahuareka

All are welcome to a celebration of Kapa Haka performed by local school groups. The celebration starts at 5pm on Wednesday the 31st of October, at the Queen Charlotte College Hall. The performance is free. Naumai, haeremai.

KĀHUI AKO (COMMUNITY OF LEARNING) NEWS

Our role is a very privileged one. Between us, we get to visit schools and early childhood centres and talk to children and adults. We get to hear local Principals and Head Teachers speak of their vision for achievement in their schools. We listen in on some high powered conversations about the direction of education in New Zealand. We get to think about what we are doing well and what we can improve on. Here are some of the things we are celebrating in our area:

- All our Community of Learning schools have agreed to use PaCT (the Progress and Consistency Tool) to make judgements about children's progress. Parents and teachers will be able to view progress in the same format as children progress from one school to another.
- Early Childhood Centres are taking an active interest in things like PaCT and other measures of learning and progress and thinking how they can prepare children to be ready for their next stage.
- The Kāhui Ako team is working on graduate profiles: what are the key things we want children to do as they move from one stage to the next. This gives a goal for teaching and learning to focus on. There are already big gains in the transitioning of children as they start school.
- Our Marlborough RTLB team (looking after children with learning and behavioural needs) is working on gathering data about children with special educational needs, so that they can better support these children and their teachers, especially across transitions. They will also handle the privacy issues that have meant that some necessary data hasn't been passed on, making it hard for these children to settle and get the best out of their education.

And on the wider front, Kāhui Ako throughout the country (including us) are raising achievement, and as we become more established in our role, we believe that will increase still further.

SPORTS AND CULTURE

FOOTBALL



Congratulations to Dylan Endersby who was named Marlborough Overall Player of the Year for the 13th Grade Football season. He will now join the reps for a three day tournament in Queenstown this month.



Congratulations to Connor Endersby who received Marlborough Football's Young Player of the Year Award recently. Connor played for a Marlborough Senior Men's team in the Nelson League and his team won the overall League.

Well done to both boys.

WATER POLO



Erika and Leilita Calthorpe were selected in the Marlborough U12 Water Polo team which competed in the Hutt Nippers Cup recently in Wellington. The Marlborough team won the competition. Well done girls!

RIPPER RUGBY



These girls attended the Ripper Rugby Day for Girls in Blenheim last month. They won three games and lost one to go through to the Semis. They then played Bohally White where they were beaten 5 - 3. All girls displayed plenty of Kaha.

BADMINTON

South Island U13 Badminton



During the recent school holidays the Marlborough U13 Rep Badminton team made up of all Queen Charlotte College students; Mana Collins, Aki Collins, Crystal Browne and Eden Murrell-Manu, travelled to Christchurch to attend the South Island U13 Badminton Championships. These students placed runner-up in the Team Champ beating Canterbury but losing to Southland.

These players then played in the South Island U13 Individual Champs with the following results:

Mana and Aki Collins – 1st Boys Doubles

Mana Collins – 2nd Boys Singles (Runner Up)

Mana Collins and Eden Murrell-Manu – 2nd Mixed Doubles (Runner Up)

Eden Murrell-Manu and Krystal Browne – 2nd Girls Doubles (Runner Up)

Well done to all four players.

National Secondary Schools' Badminton Competition



The Queen Charlotte College Boys' Badminton team travelled to Auckland to compete in the National Secondary Schools' Badminton Competition. All players competed well with the team finishing in 12th place against some very large schools.

From the beginning the opponents were tough! Otago Boys High School, Auckland Grammar, Palmerston North and Taupo were all included in their Pool. Queen Charlotte got off to a great start triumphant against Taupo winning all their doubles and singles ties. Mana Collins won a tight 3-setter game 16-21, 21-10, 21-18.

The second tie of the day saw Queen Charlotte against Otago Boys' High School. In a hard fought tie Queen Charlotte were not able to win and Otago Boys' took all six ties. Keita Maxwell lost in a well contested 3-setter game 21-16, 16-21, 21-13. Unluckily, Queen Charlotte also went down to Auckland Grammar and Palmerston North, however the Palmerston North tie concluded with 3 ties a piece which came down to overall points scored. The margin between the two teams was two points.

Sadly, the results meant Queen Charlotte was in the knockout draw for a placing between 20th and 10th place. First up was Manurewa College. Mana Collins and Callum Nicholson went down in the first doubles match 21-7, 21-9 while Aron Radzik and Keita Maxwell won their doubles 23-21, 12-21, 12-21. Unluckily there was only one win out of the four singles. Callum Nicholson won in 3 sets 21-15, 19-21, 20-22. Aron Radzik was unlucky to lose his singles match 21-15, 19-21, 24-22 in what was the tightest game Queen Charlotte had played in the tournament. The overall 4-2 loss led to another tie against Ormiston College. Keita and Aron won both their singles and doubles games and Callum won his singles.

The last day concluded with the final tie against Francis Douglas College for the fight for 12th place. Mana and Callum playing in the doubles lost in two sets 21-9, 21-12, but to break even Aron and Keita won their doubles 21-14, 21-6.

The first singles game was Mana Collins who had a very tight loss 21-16, 17-21, 21-16. Callum Nicholson then evened the score winning his singles in a dominant display 21-6, 21-7. With Aron Radzik's hard fought loss in two sets 21-16, 21-18, Queen Charlotte was down 3-2 in the tie with Keita still to play. It was just another day at the office for Keita who won his last singles 21-13, 21-8 which equalised the tie at 3-3. This meant another one of Queen Charlotte College's ties went to countback and this time in our favour.

What a great way to end the final day of play! Superb effort from all boys.

SCHOOL NOTICES

RETURN OF PRIZEGIVING TROPHIES

Please return all trophies handed out at Prizegiving last year to Mrs Nicholson or the Main Office. This does not include trophies won for Swimming, Athletics Sports Days or Cross Country.

BUS DRIVER URGENTLY REQUIRED

We are seeking someone with their P Licence capable of driving a school bus on one of our routes. This would require driving a morning and afternoon, five days a week. Please contact Dawn Reeves on 5736558 for further information.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Feebies (Fee Busch) at 68a Upper High Street, Picton, has **full school uniforms** to sell. Fee has around 20 blazers in stock at the moment. Get in quick! She will also sell uniforms on behalf of the parent. Just drop off with price attached. Any questions, give her a call on 5736816 or 0211110820.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Queen Charlotte College will gladly accept any uniform donations. Just bring along to the school office.

NZQA FEES

\$76.70 is due for payment now. Please pay the school online or come in and speak to Yuri in the Finance office.

QCC SCHOOL UNIFORMS



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Uniform

Queen Charlotte College Years 7 – 11 uniform is sold at the warehouse, Blenheim or the warehouse online

<http://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/blenheim/queen-charlotte-college>



PINK PACKETS FOR WOMEN



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLOTHING NAME TAPES

Approximately 50 name tags. \$18 per 3 meters. \$20 per 3 meters with phone numbers added
Contact R Newick on 313 6741

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