



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 11 September, 2008

## Principal's Comment...

**Joys of Teaching** Dealing with teenagers can at times be stressful and demanding for parents and teachers, but there are also many rewarding moments that make teaching such a worthwhile profession.

As I write this, there is the joyous, infectious, rowdy noise of almost 200 teenagers enjoying themselves at the Festival Week Social. Many schools have given up on providing socials for their students because they find it too hard to organise and maintain order, and teenagers often let themselves down in terms of trustworthiness. Each term Queen Charlotte College still holds successful socials because of the combination of: students appreciating this enjoyable time and respecting the requirements for a safe social; a group of staff willing to volunteer their evenings for supervision; and of course, the fine hard work of student leaders who organise and run these events.



Over the last few weeks there have been other outstanding and delightful moments which remind us about the fine qualities of your children. The public have commented on the maturity and responsibility of our Year 13 students during their English and Tertiary Study trip to Wellington. We have also received praise from all quarters on the behaviour and playing skills of our Senior A Netball team at South Island Tournament in Dunedin. I, along with a large contingent of supporters, was immensely proud of our Under 18 Rugby team, who did not give ground to a much larger team (Motueka High School) in the Tasman Under 18 Final. They lost by only one point, 13-14. A highlight of the term was the delightful evening watching our Year 7 and 8 choir take part in the Kids for Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice. The joy, enthusiasm and entertainment value was a source of great pride for parents, staff and students who participated in this memorable event.

**Courtesy and Consideration** At all times students are encouraged to be polite and considerate to others, but for this term we are placing greater emphasis on this. In particular we are highlighting respect for others and reinforcing the use of appropriate language, without swear words. If you are able to continue to reinforce these themes with your children, we should be able to make spectacular progress in these matters.

**Assessment Week** This term has passed very rapidly. The last major event of the term is Assessment Week 22nd-26th September. During this week, Year 11, 12 and 13 students will have at least one assessment in every subject that they study. Students should ensure that they are well prepared for these assessments with thorough systematic revision.

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**Board of Trustees** The annual election for the position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, has just been completed and I am pleased to announce that the new student representative is Kana Knight.

**Festival Week** Festival Week is always a happy time at Queen Charlotte College. It has started well with amazing sights and high participation in the Wacky Hair and Shoe events, with the Pyjama Day being a special hit with most students and staff. The Queen Charlotte College Idol competition held on Monday and Tuesday unearthed some incredible talent which made selecting a winner very difficult for the Judges. ❖

Alistair Boyce - Acting Principal

## Student Achievement

**Congratulations to** Jonathan Lewis and Joseph Timms **who have been selected to represent Marlborough in the 14th Grade Soccer Team.**

**Netball Success** Congratulations to our Senior A Netball team who in an exciting final game drew with SMOG Hardy Jones to be the joint winners of the 3rd Grade Netball for 2008.

Congratulations also go to our Senior C Netball team who also won the 7th Grade Netball Title for 2008. Excellent effort girls The netball season is now over and thanks go to all our coaches for the season.



**South Island Secondary School Netball Tournament** Last week the College Senior A Netball team travelled to Dunedin to compete in the South Island Tournament. Overall the tournament was a great success with the girls finishing a very creditable 3rd place in their grade. Tournament Selectors named Cloe Vining and Amber Cameron as talented players, which is a great achievement. Congratulations to all the girls in the team. Thanks go to Raramai Nicklin and Marama Mason for being awesome coaches this year. Thanks also to the sponsors of the team; Pub Charities, Redwood Trust and Marlborough Marine for supporting the team's trip away. Thanks also to the Flower Ladies of Picton for the donation of new uniform items.

## Notices

**Shredded Paper** As part of an environmental sustainability study by one of our Year 12 Maths class, shredded paper is for sale at \$1.00 a bag. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### Picton Youth Group

Picton Youth Club invites you to 'hang out' on Friday nights 7-9pm at Picton School and join in the activities.

**September 12th - Youth led night.** Invite your mates to this open night for all Yr 8-13 and encourage them to sign up for discounted activities.

**September 19th - Youth Cafe.** Bring extra cash for the food for sale such as sushi, nachos, spiders etc.

**September 26th** - This will be our last get together for the term. Celebrate the last night of darkness for the year. Bring torches for Spotlight and \$2 for fish 'n' chips

We are taking a break over the holidays, first night back Friday October 17. Bring \$4 to cover transport and food as we head off to Whites Bay for a BBQ, beach soccer/ volleyball and a swim! For more information txt Lee-ann on 021 1542369.

**Canteen News** Did you know that the college canteen has a wide, varied, nutritious and affordable selection of foods and drinks? As well as our standard items we offer a 'special' at lunch time on most days of the week. The lunch-time menu may include foods such as mini pizza, cheese dogs, spaghetti melts, baked stuffed potatoes,

fish burgers, hamburgers, sweet and sour chicken with rice, cottage pies or nachos. Soup sells well in the winter months, as does our fresh fruit salad and salad boxes during the summer. A price list of canteen foods is attached to the back of the newsletter.

### **Health Programme Community Consultation**

The school is currently revising its Junior Health Programme. Your views and ideas as a parent/caregiver on which health related topics are most relevant to your son/daughter are important in this review.

We believe learning about physical, social, spiritual and mental health is an important part of education and should provide valuable skills and learning that can be used through life.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 classes have had questionnaires distributed in Health this week. Please make sure the questionnaire and eating survey are returned to either the Health teacher or placed in the box at the main office by the end of term three.

Other members of the community who would like to take part in the consultation process can collect a questionnaire from the main office.

**School Uniform** Just a reminder, that you are able to purchase a range of our school uniform garments from Postie Plus. As we are registered on their SchoolTex Rewards Programme, every time a SchoolTex garment is purchased and the sale is nominated to our school, we receive a 10% cash back. This can help enormously with our fundraising projects. Please ensure the Queen Charlotte College is recorded as the registered school as there have been a few cases where a mistake has given the benefits to another school.

### **Marlborough Basketball Miniball**

Term 4 every Tuesday as follows: - October 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, at the Marlborough Lines Stadium from 3:45 pm – 4:30pm. Registration before October 14 - \$25.00. Late registration) \$30.00 (from 15 October)

**Learn to Sail Course Where:** Shelly Beach, Picton. When: September 28, 29, & 30th September 2008. This course is intended as an introduction to sailing using the Optimist sailing dinghy. It involves approx 12 hours of tuition both on and off the water. The recommended age for participants is 9–13 years and/or 50kg max. Water confidence and the ability to swim at least 50 metres is required. Parents are expected to support their children during the Course. Qualified YACHTING New Zealand instructors and assistants run the course.

The course fee is \$185 per person. This covers: 12 hours tuition, Yachting NZ Learn to Sail Logbook, use of a Club Optimist for the course and use of a Club Optimist and QCYC facilities for the 2008-2009 season.

**Please contact Jenny Fyfe Phone 5776953 or email [fyfe.family@xnet.co.nz](mailto:fyfe.family@xnet.co.nz) ❖**

### **Coming Events...**

**26th September**

**13 October**

**20th Oct - 24th October**

**27th October**

**3rd November**

**5th November**

**1st December**

**Last day of Term Three**

**First Day Term Four**

**Year 9 Camp**

**Labour Day**

**Marlborough Anniversary**

**Orientation Day**

**Year 10 Camp**

