



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 23 October 2008

## Principal's Comment...

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4** It has been a great start to the Term, with senior students really focussed on the weeks ahead and some achievements to celebrate. My first official duty was to recognise the success we had with the Australasian English and Writing competitions. It is great to see that our students can be successful in the academic and sporting fields simultaneously with Nicole Macdonald and Kimberley de Haan both achieving to a high level in the two areas.



The time away overseas in Term 3 was extremely interesting and rewarding for me and during our travels there were many opportunities to observe students in their daily school life – the German students stood out particularly as having amazing focus and application to their education opportunities. It became very clear that larger populations mean greater competition for both jobs and tertiary education opportunities and much less individual attention for students. We are so lucky at Queen Charlotte College, and in New Zealand, to have the high standard of facilities we do on such a relatively small scale. A visit to the Tyne Cot war memorial cemetery near Ieper in Belgium was also a reminder of how lucky our young people of the last three generations have been – the sheer scale of so many gravesites of New Zealand men whose lives were lost at such a young age and so far away from home during World War 1 was very sobering. I wish the whole of our community could have been standing alongside me to observe the sacrifices that those young men made. How fortunate we all are to live where we do and to have the unbridled opportunity to increase our knowledge and learning abilities every day if we choose to apply ourselves.

Now we look ahead to the end of the academic year for 2008 and ask that the school community works together to support and encourage those facing examinations and project finals. Parents, caregivers, brothers and sisters can all help to ensure the best possible environments for our senior students to help them achieve their personal best.

Our Year 9 students are away on camp this week and our Year 10 students will be away later in the term with their varied activities.

Prizegiving has been set for Thursday 11th December this year. We appreciate so much the community support which assists us to recognise the achievements of our students at Prizegiving. Anyone who wishes to support Prizegiving 2008 is most welcome to contact Mrs Sandi Lock on Extension 837 at the College. ❖

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# Student Achievement

The **Queen Charlotte College Girls Badminton team** travelled to Auckland for the New Zealand Secondary School Badminton Tournament. The team of **Cloe Vining, Nyomi Timms, Nicole Macdonald and Charlene Wills** finished the competition in a very creditable 7th place out of 10 Finalist Teams.

**Olive Butcher, Joseph Timms, Charlene Wills and Nyomi Timms** competed at the **New Zealand Badminton Open Championships**. Joseph was runner up in the Mixed Doubles Final. He is now ranked second in New Zealand for his grade. Nyomi, Olive and Blair all placed in the top 8 in the Doubles. Charlene progressed to the Mixed Doubles and the Singles Plate Semi Final and the Doubles Plate Final. As a result of this competition **Charlene and Joseph are in the Under 17 South Island Representative Team** to play in the Australasian Champs in Ballarat, Australia next year and Nyomi is in the Under 19 South Island Team to Play in the Australasian Champs in Bendigo, Australia next year.

**Connor Dunford represented Tasman in the Primary Schools Cross Country Championships** in Wellington during the first weekend of the holidays. Connor did not place but was very happy with his run. Well done, Connor.

**Kimberley de Haan represented Marlborough at the Top of the South Swimming Champs** in Nelson. She swam 6 Personal Best times. Well done, Kimberley.

**Sondra Bunt-Muir and Bonnie Brady** were part of the **Marlborough 13/14th Grade Soccer Team** that competed in the South Island Tournament in Christchurch. The team came 2nd out of 10 Teams. Congratulations to your team.

Congratulations to **Matthew Cannon** who competed at the **Special Olympics** in Blenheim and won a gold medal in the 400 Metres and three silver medals in the Softball, Shotput and Relay. Awesome work, Matthew. Well done.

Congratulations to the following students who did well in the recent **ICAS (Australasian) Mathematics, Writing and English Competitions**.

<b>Nicole Macdonald</b>	Year 11 Writing	Distinction - Top 10% of Year 11 Students in New Zealand
<b>Katie Keir</b>	Year 12 Writing	Credit
<b>Alora Johnson</b>	Year 10 Writing	Credit
<b>Kimberley de Haan</b>	Year 10 Writing	Credit
<b>Katie Keir</b>	Year 12 English	Distinction
<b>Rachael Hudson</b>	Year 10 English	Distinction
<b>Aidan Gibson</b>	Year 10 English	Distinction
<b>Nick Ivamy</b>	Year 8 English	Distinction - Top 7% of Year 8 Students in New Zealand
<b>Sarah Hayden</b>	Year 7 English	Distinction - Top 6% of Year 7 Students in New Zealand
<b>Alora Johnson</b>	Year 10 Maths	Credit
<b>Samantha Parkinson</b>	Year 10 Maths	Credit
<b>Janelle Wills</b>	Year 7 Maths	Credit

# Notices

## Linkwater School Fun Day & Fine Art Auction

**Labour Weekend - Sunday 26th October** at the Linkwater Hall and School Grounds. Come along and enjoy the fun from 10.00am. The Art Auction will start at 1.00pm.

**Trophies** Trophies received at last year's prize giving are now due back at school. Please return them to the office.

Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive the college newsletter by email please forward your email address to [gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz](mailto:gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz).

**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.

**Westpac Debitplus Card** Westpac will donate \$5.00 to our school for every new Debitplus card issued from 1st September to 28th November. If you are thinking of getting a card in the near future remember to allocate us as your chosen school.

**Tennis Coaching** Tennis coaching may be available after school on Fridays. If you have a student who may be interested please, contact Michael at Frontline Tennis. Phone 5779552

## Orientation Day 2009

Visit By	St Joseph's	Picton School	Waikawa Bay
<b>Principal and Assistant</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2.20pm	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2.20pm	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2.20pm
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Deans</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 11.00am	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00am

Orientation Day for 2009 students will be held on November 5th. Parents are invited to meet Mr Parsons and Mrs Whyte when they visit the local primary schools as tabled. A meeting for parents will also be held in the Queen Charlotte College Library on Thursday 30th October at 7.00pm for any parent who is unable to attend the primary school visit. ❖

## Coming Events...

20th Oct - 24th October	Year 9 Camp
27th October	Labour Day
30th October	Meeting for Parents of Prospective Students
3rd November	Marlborough Anniversary
5th November	Orientation Day
1st December	Year 10 Camp

