



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 7 FEBRUARY 2008

## Principal's Comment...

Welcome to the Queen Charlotte College school year for 2008! Congratulations and thank you to all our parents/caregivers for the big effort in ensuring this years students arrived looking very smart indeed in their school uniform. This year we continue to focus on standards and uniform and the pride taken in wearing our uniform is a large part of these standards.

Queen Charlotte College and indeed all the Marlborough Colleges, decided to begin the 2008 year at the earliest opportunity. This decision was made to allow senior students, an extra week of 'in class' study prior to external exams. All schools must be open for instruction for 380 half days.

Our roll continues to grow. We begin our school year with 50 more than we finished with in 2007. With growth in student numbers, staff numbers increase also. We warmly welcome four new staff members to the Queen Charlotte College 'family' and wish them a smooth transition from 'old' to 'new'.



**Peter Kehayioff** joins us in the Social Sciences Department. He will be teaching Social Studies and Business Studies, with a brief to develop the Economics Department. He comes to us from Wainuiomata High School in Wellington, where he was a Dean and teacher of Economics. Peter was impressed with the strong community feeling experienced on the staff welcome at the Waikawa Marae, and is particularly impressed with the Kapa Haka performance, and with student behaviour at Queen Charlotte College. Peter and his wife Paula have four adult children and they have relocated to Blenheim to be closer to family. In his leisure hours Peter enjoys mountain biking and gardening.



**Ron Lloyd** has travelled all the way from the UK and joins the Mathematics Department at Queen Charlotte College. Ron is loving every minute of his time at Queen Charlotte College and has been made to feel very welcome by staff and students. He mentioned particularly the impressive welcome from the pupils and the Kapa Haka group on the first day of school. He enjoys mountain biking and plays football (soccer) and is an avid Everton fan – the peoples club on Merseyside. Ron has a wicked sense of humour and is looking forward to life in Picton.

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Bonjour from **Fran Beullens**, who is our new Year 7 (7FB) Homeroom Teacher, and teacher of French. Fran and husband Simon (a local) have a young son called Leo. Fran enjoys gardening, music, plays the guitar, and loves to read. She is an 'armchair' All Black supporter (not alone there), who confessed to shedding a tear or two when the AB's bowed out in the quarter final of the World Cup. Fran is settling in well at Queen Charlotte College and is enjoying the school and her students.

**Rachel Skelton** comes to us from Massey High School in Auckland, and is our new teacher of English. Weather was a huge factor in her decision to move to Marlborough (no more four seasons in one day), along with her love of wine (definitely in the right place), although her husband also just happens to be in the airforce and stationed at Woodbourne. Rachel enjoys swimming every day and is interested in media studies and film. While still settling in at Queen Charlotte College, she says it is 'awesome', and she is looking forward to getting to know students and staff better.



Our student appointments have been made and I am pleased to welcome back Megan Wills-Perret as the student representative on the Board of Trustees; and delighted to announce Tahirih McLaren-Brown as Head Girl; Hayden Gaudin as Head Boy; and Indigo Greenlaw and Rowan Hook as their Deputies. Student Council Representatives have been named. Congratulations to all these students – they will have a busy year ahead of them, and I know they will grow with the experience and the responsibility entrusted upon them.

During the holidays we were able to refurbish a further classroom, the Counsellor's suite and complete the floodlit all weather tennis/hockey/soccer court area. Two further sets of classroom furniture are ordered, and soon to arrive, but the most exciting (and expensive) addition, is the rewiring of the college to prepare for the fibre cabling now running past the college. This is a \$3-400,000 commitment by the Board of Trustees, to ensure Queen Charlotte College continues to provide the best facilities it can for our students. We eagerly look forward to this being completed.

I look forward to leading Queen Charlotte College into 2008 and thank you for your continued support. ❖

**Sports Achievement** During the recent South Island Age Group Sailing Champs held at Charteris Bay, **Hamish Baxter Broad** won the Green Fleet and **Josh Edmonds** won the Splash Class. At the same event **Taylor Burn** won the Open Optimist Fleet he then travelled to Timaru last weekend where he won the age group champs. Congratulations to you all.

**Student Diaries** Students have been issued with school homework diaries. Staff will be requiring students to use these diaries as a record of homework and a method of communication to parents. Students are expected to have their diaries in class with them and to take them home each night. It would be of assistance to us and of benefit to your student if you would regularly ask to see these diaries and sign them when you do so. Students will be asked to purchase a replacement diary if they lose the free copy they have been issued. ❖



## Coming Events...

February 13th - 14th	Swimming Sports
February 19th	Athletic Sports
February 25th	Year 8 Camp No 1
March 3rd	Year 8 Camp No 2

### Term Dates 2008

Term One	January 29th - April 18th
Term Two	May 5th - July 4th
Term Three	July 21st - September 26th
Term Four	October 13th - December 12th

Please note: Easter weekend Friday March 21st - Tuesday March 25th

## Notices

**Newsletter Date** This year newsletters will be sent home every second Thursday. If you are not yet receiving the newsletter via email and would like to do so, please send your email address to [gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz](mailto:gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz). If you have an item you would like in the newsletter then please contact Glenda via email or Phone 5736558.

**Stationery 2008** Stationery packs have now been issued for all students. Caregivers will be invoiced for the cost of stationery and other fees by the end of February. The college has the facility to accept automatic payments throughout the year. Please contact Mrs Kay Riwaka if you would like to arrange this.

**Year 8 Camp 2008** Year 8 students for 2008 will be going to camp on either February 25th or March 3rd. Students will have brought home a full information sheet about this camp. If you have not yet received one please inquire at the school office.

**Picton Youth Group  $\Sigma$  Fear Factor Food Challenge, Friday February 8th.** Do you have what it takes to win? Come and join the fun from 7.00 - 9.00pm at Picton School Hall. All Year 8-13 students welcome.

**Picton Youth Group  $\Sigma$  Friday February 15th** Picton Youth Group are holding a **Disco**. The theme is 'Stars'. Come dressed as your favourite star! From 7.00 - 10.00pm at the Picton School Hall. For all Year 8-13 students. Cost \$3.00 each. Food and drink for sale. For more information contact Lisa Watkins or Bradley O'Rourke.

**Changes to Personal Details** Ensuring we have the correct information on our data base at all times is extremely important, particularly in the case of emergency situations or when a student is unwell. If you have a change of address, phone number, work phone etc, please contact Glenda or Sandi at the school office.

**School Uniform 10% Cashback** Just a reminder that you are able to purchase a range of our school uniform or garments from our local Postie+ store. We are registered on their School Tex Rewards Programme, every time a School Tex garment is purchased and the sale is nominated to our school, we receive 10% CASHBACK. This can help enormously with our fundraising. ❖

