



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 20 March 2008

## Principal's Comment...

**Dentist** As you will read later in the newsletter, I am delighted to announce that we now have a Dentist at Queen Charlotte College, something that we have been working on for the past two years. We welcome Dr Eduard Durrheim.

**Absences** It is a legal requirement for all students under the age of 16 to attend school. The Ministry of Education has made it quite clear what constitutes a legal excuse for non-attendance, i.e. ill health, bereavement, medical/dental appointments. Non-attendance for any other reason, i.e. family holidays, the arrival of a relative, shopping etc, is not deemed a valid excuse.

As parents/caregivers of students at Queen Charlotte College, I am asking for your help and your support.

For our students to become skilled at the key ingredients of learning through education, for them to complete all the necessary assessments and assignments they need, to be able to confidently move through their school years, they must attend school. In today's busy world a missed lesson cannot always be caught up.

I need your help! Random inattendance is extremely frustrating to the teachers who are striving to deliver the curriculum and recognise achievements with NCEA credits. Often the missed afternoon when a crucial lesson is being delivered is the pass or fail for a student. Please do not encourage or abet our students' absences during school hours. Our students need strong guidance in this area for them to be able to be the best that they can be, for them to gain the opportunities that only education will afford them, later on in their lives. This particularly applies to our senior students.



I look to you to help us cut out the unnecessary, parent explained absences.

### Student Achievement

Congratulations to **Jarome Leonard** who won the Marlborough Under 12 years Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships last weekend.

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# Notices

**Reports** Progress reports will be sent home with all students on 27th March. This will be followed by parent interviews on April 9th from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Please remember to look out for the report as they are not being posted.

**School Blazers** Some blazers are still being held at home. These blazers are needed for our travelling sports teams. Please return them to college as soon as possible to enable us to have them cleaned ready for winter sports.

**Wearable Designz** Check out this website for the Trustpower Community Awards. As past winners of the award there is a segment about our Wearable Designz Show. [www.communityconnect.co.nz](http://www.communityconnect.co.nz)

**ADVANCED CACTUS COURSE** Enrolments are being taken for an advanced CACTUS course. This will be a more intense course featuring battle type physical training sessions, weight training plus other new training.

Course criteria:

- ◆ Previously completed a CACTUS course
- ◆ 8.6 or higher in the beep test
- ◆ Males - 30 or more pressups
- ◆ Females 16 - or more pressups

Fitness testing will be carried out prior to course. Enrol at the Police station.

**Impressions Youth Art(s) Exhibition** An exhibition of youth arts is being held at the Millennium Gallery in Blenheim. This is a presentation of art work from students aged 12-20 years. The exhibition will be held from the 26th April until the 3rd of June. If you are interested in submitting an entry please contact Ms Spencer or Indigo, Thuja, Hayley or Alyssa at the college for further information. Key dates for the exhibition are: 31st March - When works are to be submitted at school with a completed label. April 7th - Works will be selected at the Millennium Gallery by school representatives.

**Picton Transfer Station Change of Hours** On Saturday 12th April the Transfer Station hours will be from 11.00am until 3.00pm. This is to allow for a transition point to be situated at Gravesend Place during the Grape Ride.

**Picton Youth Group** On Friday March 21st there will be no youth group due to Easter. The next meeting will be on March 28th from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Be prepared for another Amazing Race.

**For Sale** 50cc Pink Scooter for sale. Good condition \$700.00. Please phone 5735566 or 0273769057 if interested.

## Coming Events...

Thursday 27th March  
Thursday 3rd April  
Wednesday 9th April

Progress Reports sent home  
School Social 7.00pm - 10.00pm  
Parent - Teacher Interviews

### 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

# QCC NETBALL NEWS

Netball is alive and strong at QCC! Netball trials for the Senior A team took place and the team was selected by Raramai Nicklin, the new coach for 2008. We thank her for giving up her time and supporting QCC netball. Trials took place this week for the Senior B, Junior A and B. Well done for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the girls who have trialled (and all of the spectators!). Intermediate A and B (year 7 & 8) will trial after Easter, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

**Without coaches we will not be able to enter all of our teams. We require coaches for Junior A and B and Intermediate A and B. Thank you very much to those that have offered to coach and manage already.**

## **Start Dates:**

Senior A, B and Junior A, B  
Term 1 - 12th April 2008

Intermediate A, B  
Term 2 - 10th May 2008

**Gold Coin days:** 17 May, 28 June, 9 August

**Fees:** Year 7 & 8 Girls - \$35.00\*

Year 9 - 13 Girls - \$50.00\*

\*This includes affiliation fee, court levy, association fee and uniform fee and is to be paid to Kay Riwaka by 5th May.

**South Island Secondary Schools Tournament 2008** will be held the week of 1st - 5th September in Dunedin.

## **Senior A Team**

Ana Mason  
Jordan Skipper  
Mikee Hakopa  
Charlene Wills  
Hannah McCulloch  
Cloe Vining  
Katie Keir  
Amber Cameron  
Te Ariki Clark  
Sarah Wright

**Raramai Nicklin Coach:**

**Marama Mason Manager:**

## **Senior B Team**

Sandy Raizada  
Ashleigh Hika  
Ani Thomson-Huntley  
Sophie Strawbridge  
Lana Cornish  
Grace Aitken  
Nyomi Timms  
Kataraina Houra  
Rochelle Fredericks  
Samantha Cameron

**Lisa Elliott/Marama Mason Coaches**

**Glenda Strawbridge Manager**

## **Senior C Team**

Terina Houra  
Hani Huntley  
Whitney McQuarrie  
Lucretia Bullen  
Kelly Watkins  
Lisa Watkins  
Toni Murdoch  
Georgie Aldridge  
Riana Walker  
Jerrie Masters

**Coach to be named**

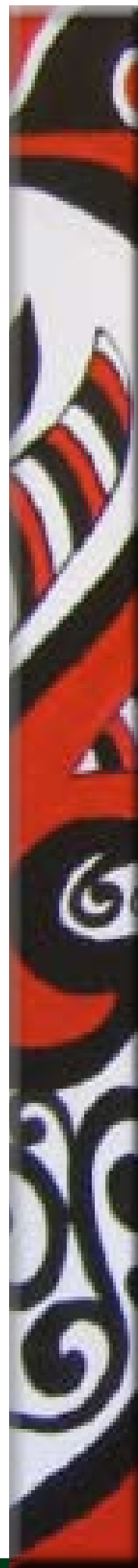
**Manager to be named**

## **Junior A**

Alora Johnson  
Sia Moorehouse  
Holly McLeod  
Chantze Usher -Somers  
Lyndall Watson  
Jacinta Chapman  
Whitley Love  
Jessie Johnson-Smith  
Faith Tipu  
Michaela McClintock  
Lauren Huntley

**Coach to be Named**

**Manager to be named**



# IT'S FREE AND IT'S ALL GOOD!

<b>What?</b>	A new Adolescent Oral Health Service in Picton
<b>Why?</b>	<b>FREE Dental Care for adolescents from: (Year 9 until 18 years of age)</b>
<b>Who?</b>	Dr Eduard Durrheim (BChD)
<b>Where?</b>	Queen Charlotte School Dental Clinic
<b>When?</b>	Every second Friday starting Friday 4th April

## **What's happening?**

The Picton Dental Surgery (in Mariners Mall) is no longer accepting adolescents for free dental care under the Adolescent Oral Health Service Agreement.

Adolescents between Year 9 and 18 years of age will need to re-enrol with another dentist who is able to provide this free dental care.

There is a new Adolescent Oral Health Service starting in Picton at Queen Charlotte College (see above)

## **How to enrol?**

Dental Enrolment packs will be issued at Queen Charlotte College on Monday 31st March to all students between Year 9 and 18 years of age

The completed dental enrolment forms need to be returned to the student's form teacher by Thursday 3rd April.

Every student is encouraged to return their dental enrolment form whether he/she already attends a dentist or not. This will give us some indication as to how many students at QCC engage in dental care. Hopefully 100%!

Thank you for your support

