



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 25 September, 2008

Principal's Comment...

Joseph Sullivan A highlight of the term was Monday's assembly when the whole school welcomed former student Joseph Sullivan back to the College. Joseph is the World Under 23 Singles Rowing Champion for 2008 and 2007. Joseph showed us that a student from Queen Charlotte College can dream, work hard and achieve their ambition and conquer the world.



Festival week A most entertaining week was had by everyone during festival week. Both students and teachers alike participated the daily activities which included pyjama day, book character day and vice-versa day plus lots of fun activities including the Queen Charlotte Idol which was won by Nicole Davey.

Assessment Week Seniors will soon be receiving the results of the examinations sat this week. The holidays are a good time to fill in any gaps that this week's assessments have highlighted. A timely reminder is that the NCEA External examinations start in week 6 of Term 4 on the 17th of November.

Disciplinary Hearings The major disappointment of Term 3 was the need to suspend two girls for harming another student. This serious incident has been reported in the newspaper and on the radio. This is an exception for our school. I commend the seniors for their responsible interventions and the care shown and all students who have expressed their disappointment and feeling of being let down by the disruption of school harmony and the lack of respect for individual safety. By extending the periods of suspension the Board of Trustees is reinforcing their stated stance that such behaviour is totally unacceptable.

End of Term For me personally, a reflection on the term reinforces my opinion that we are part of an excellent school with fine students, outstanding staff and a positive caring community. Over the term the staff adapted to staffing changes, a higher than usual bout of winter illness and the disruptive effects of an unusually wet and cold winter. We are fortunate in having such a professional staff. Senior students have maintained high standards of leadership in sport, organisation of student activities such as socials and Festival Week, and concern for younger students in our Tua Kana Tena programme and direct care of individuals.

The start of Term 4 sees the return of the warmer weather and we welcome back Mr Parsons who returns from his sabbatical leave. We look forward to hearing of his interesting experiences from Europe. Term 4 also signifies the start of exams for our senior students. This can be a very busy and often stressful time for them. Please encourage and support your son/daughter at home as we support them at school.

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Notices

Orientation Day 2009

Orientation Day for 2009 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.

Visit By	St Joseph's	Picton School	Waikawa Bay	Koromiko
Senior students	Tuesday 14th October 1.30 pm	Tuesday 14th October 1.30 pm	Tuesday 14th October 1.30 pm	Tuesday 14th October 1.30 pm
Principal and Assistant	Tuesday 21st October 2.20pm	Monday 20th October 2.20pm	Thursday 23rd October 2.20pm	
Year 7 & 8 Deans	Wednesday 29th October 11.00am	Wednesday 29th October 1.30pm	Wednesday 29th October 9.00am	

South Island Secondary School Netball Tournament

Many thanks to the Lions Club of Picton for their donation towards the cost of our 2008 Tournament. Our apologies for not mentioning them with our other sponsors in the previous newsletter.

Year 9 and 10 Camp Year 9 camp fees are now overdue. Please contact the school accounts office to make arrangements for payment of these fees.

Year 10 Camp fees are due in the early part of Term 4. If you wish to start making payment for this now, you are able to do so by contacting the accounts office. Ph 5736558.

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.

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 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 of to Whites Bay for a BBQ, beach soccer/volleyball and a swim!

For more information txt Lee-ann on 021 1542369.

Library Holiday Programme

Wednesday 1st October Spring Stories and Craft 10.30am - 11.30am.

Wednesday 8th October More Spring stories and 'Let's make a mural' 10.30am - 11.30am.

Storytime - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30am.

Bookings required for the Wednesday Craft sessions. (all sessions free of charge). Phone 5207493

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. Your compost will thank you!

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.

Waikawa Bay School Gala

Saturday 18th October 10.00am - 2.00pm at Waikawa Bay School. Bouncy castle, white elephant, cake stalls, chocolate wheel and entertainment. Postponement day if wet is Sunday 19th October.

Nelson Blood Donor Services

Blood Collection at the Union Parish Church Hall. Tuesday 30th September 2008 from 9.30am to 1.30pm For appointments and enquiries please phone 0800654304.

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

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

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Coming Events...

26th September

13th October

20th Oct - 24th October

27th October

30th October

3rd November

5th November

1st December

Last day of Term Three

First day of Term Four

Year 9 Camp

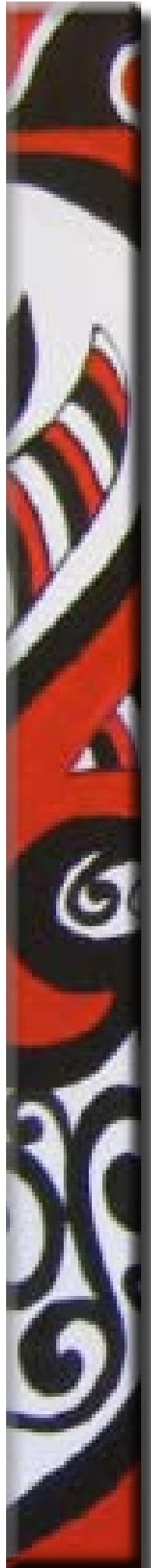
Labour Day

Meeting for Prospective Parents

Marlborough Anniversary

Orientation Day

Year 10 Camp



Festival Week 08

