



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 12 February 2009

Welcome to the Queen Charlotte College school year for 2009!



Principal's Comment...

NCEA Statistics |

2008	QCC	National	Decile 4
Literacy	81.5	77.3	74.7
Numeracy	100	84.9	87.7
L1	87	63.7	56.1
L2	54.7	50.1	42.7
L3	42.1	39.1	34
University Entrance	47.4	49.6	41.3

In a nutshell, in 2008 87% of students at QCC achieved NCEA L1. (School Certificate) compared with 64% nationally.

Our roll continues to grow and we begin our school year with 400 students. This is a significant increase from last year, and the year before, and I was particularly pleased with how well our new students settled so quickly during their first week at Queen Charlotte College. I was also impressed with the role model provided for them by our existing student body.

We warmly welcome four new staff members to the Queen Charlotte College 'family' and wish them a smooth transition from 'old' to 'new'. I will be introducing John Witton – Science, Natasha Ford – PE and Health, Marty Reynolds – Hard Materials Technology, and David Collins – Long Term Reliever Year 7/8 Homeroom, more fully in the next newsletter.

Our student appointments have been made and I am pleased to welcome back Kana Knight as the student representative on the Board of Trustees; and delighted to announce Cloe Vining as Head Girl; Joe Vaatuitui as Head Boy; and Katie Keir and Stefan Roguski 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.

I attach in pride of place the NCEA figures for 2008. These are a true reflection of hard-working staff, concerned parents and hard-working students, and reinforce our reason for being! Well done!

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In an endeavour to be even better in 2009, staff have asked me to implement a **Year9 and Yr10 Junior Diploma**. We are in the process of doing so. What does this mean? It means that students who are well prepared, punctual, and have the right attitude and equipment, will receive Graduate Diplomas – Achieved, Merit or Excellence, at Junior Prizegiving at the end of the year. Any student not displaying a positive attitude and not arriving on time to class with the right equipment, will be identified throughout the term(s) and fostered and encouraged to improve. In the unlikely event that no improvement is apparent, that student will not graduate at the end of the year to the next year level. We see this innovation as being a further tool in raising the standards at Queen Charlotte College, enabling all students to maximise their time in class and to learn, without interruption, during class time.

I have scheduled a meeting to discuss this innovation with parents at a combined Yr9 – Yr10 Diploma evening and a Yr12 – Yr13 Careers Evening on Tuesday 3rd March at 6pm in the College hall. Please diary this now.

I look forward to leading Queen Charlotte College into 2009 and thank you for your continued support.

Notices

Stationery

Stationery packs for all students have been issued to all students. By the end of February, caregivers will be invoiced for the cost of packs and other fees. The College has the facility to accept automatic payments throughout the year. Please contact Mrs Riwaka, Executive Officer, to arrange payments.

This year we aim to strictly enforce the need for students to have all their stationery requirements with them in class and to maintain complete and neat book work. Your support in this would be very helpful by ensuring your students have and maintain a full set of writing equipment and that their books are looked after with some pride. Together, with a concentrated effort, I'm sure we can improve on this.

School Camps 2009

Year 8 students for 2009 will be going on camp on either February 23rd or March 2nd. 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. Payment is now due for the camps. If you have paid already, thank you. If you have not yet paid please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

Year 9 and 10 camps will be held in the latter part of the school year. If you would like to start making payment towards camp fees please phone Mrs Riwaka at the school office 5736558.

2009 Wearable Designz Show

An invitation is extended to any parent, caregiver or member of the community who would like to join the Wearable Designz Committee to help organise our 2009 extravaganza. The theme for this year's show is 'The Power of Patterns'. No experience is necessary, only a keenness to promote the arts at Queen Charlotte College and to enjoy working with students. Meetings are generally held at the college on every second Thursday of the month at 3.20 pm. Please contact Jann Hook ph 5734089 or email holiday@temahia.co.nz if you are interested.

Return of text books and library books

Please have a look through bedrooms, bookshelves etc at home for these. Every year we lose a number of textbooks and this is very costly to departments continually having to top up sets and in some cases change the text as replacement ones are unavailable. The school library has thousands of dollars worth of unreturned books. Even if the books are from previous years or other students, their return would be appreciated, no questions asked, we would just like the books back!

Newsletter Date

This year the newsletter 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. If you have an item you would like in the newsletter then please contact Glenda via email or phone 5736558.

2008 School Magazine

All families should have received a copy of the school magazine in the form a computer CD. Paper copies of the magazine are available for \$25.00 each or for extra copies of the CD the cost is \$5.00 each. Please contact the office to place an order.

Uniform for Sale

For sale boys long grey trousers size 12, junior girls skirt to fit year 7 - 10, polar fleece jumper size 14. For more information please phone 5738129

Uniform

We have been advised that School Tex (Postie Plus) prices are to rise as from March. If you need uniform items for the winter months it may be advisable to buy it now.

A few items continue to cause a lot of problems and have students and staff at odds with one another. We would like to clear up a few issues and hope that by next year the problem is resolved.

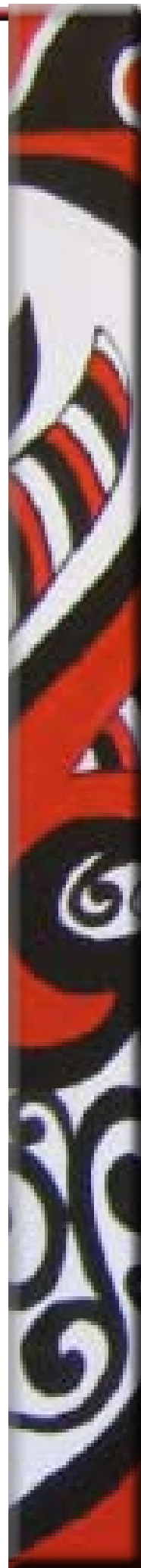
- Shirts under uniform shirts- these are only allowed to be white, no other coloured t-shirt, thermal or camisole is allowed.
- Shoes- these are not to be the suede or skateboard type of shoe. They are to be a totally black school shoe with no other colour or brand slogans on. Some tolerance has been allowed to give parents time to buy the correct shoes, but this has been abused by students remaining in these non-uniform shoes for long periods.
- Tops- please ensure your student has a warm uniform top to wear. This is usually the long sleeved fleece top but jerseys or sweatshirts are still worn by some students. Non-uniform hoodies and jackets are too often causing confrontation for students. These are not to be worn to/or at school.

Coming Events...

17th February	Athletic Sports
23rd February	Year 8 Camp 1
2nd March	Year 8 Camp 2
9th March	School Photos

2009 Term Dates

2nd February - 9th April 2009	Term 1
27th April - 3rd July 2009	Term 2
20th July - 25th September 2009	Term 3
12th October - 11th December 2009	Term 4



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AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

to be involved in

“THE GREAT MARAE MAKEOVER”

**This exciting event will take place from
APRIL 23rd to 26th 2009**

Planning for this event takes place every
Monday from 6 – 8pm at Waikawa Marae.

All community members are very
welcome to attend.

For further information contact:

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