



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 18 June 2009



With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around New Zealand, the College is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The school Board asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116.

Well done to all students and staff who made Workday a success again this year. Packs are still coming in and so the amount raised is yet to be calculated. Many thanks to our community for allowing our students into their homes and businesses, to assist the College in helping students to be able to make the most of opportunities that come their way. Rest assured, the monies raised will be spent in the cultural and sporting areas in areas, Ministry of Education funding does not support.

On Friday 26th June the College is having a Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day, where they will be attending a course in Blenheim, on the new Curriculum. There will be no tuition for students on that day and arrangements should be made for them at home.

Our 'A' Netball team and 1st XV Rugby team depart for Australia on Wednesday 1st July. We wish them all the very best. They are training hard for the tough competition ahead of them. The teams will be accompanied by Mr Boyce, Mr Saxon, Ms Ford, Mr and Mrs Bowers, and a number of parents. The fundraising behind this trip, ensuring that it is not a cost against the school, has been considerable and a very creditable example of focus and forward planning. Well done!



Student Achievement

- ◆ Mitchell Mackenzie-Mol is the first student in 30 years to hold the titles in the Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics Championships in the Under 14 Year Boys.
- ◆ Isaac Godsiff recently competed at the MotoCross TT series held in Christchurch. Isaac came 17th place in the 12 - 16 year class. This is his first year in this class, so well done.

Coming Events...

June 26th	Teacher Only Day
July 3rd	End of Term
July 20th	Start of Term 3

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Year 12 Mural A class of our year 12 students now has their artwork displayed as a mural on the wall of the food technology area. This mural is based on 'Sense of Place' that depicts the surrounding areas in the Marlborough Sounds as chosen by the students. The students had to research the area first, in written form, then integrate New Zealand artist models into their own ideas. The mural took one term and is worth 6 credits, including preliminary drawings.



Careers Expo June 22nd from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Stadium 2000 in Blenheim.

This event is organised annually by Marlborough Boys' College and gives senior students the opportunity to find out more about Universities, Polytechnics, Armed Services and a range of Apprenticeships. It is a great opportunity for you and your child to see what is available and to discuss with the providers their courses. Contact Ann Wood at College if you would like more information.

Wearable Designz A reminder that the Wearable Designz production 'The Power of Patterns' is being held in early August. Entries are now being accepted at the school office. This is always an amazing experience and a showcase of the artistic talent some of our students display.

ICAS The details for the ICAS exams to be held later in the year are as follows. Students who wish to enter should let their subject teacher know. Payment for all exams to Mrs Riwaka by: 1 July please.
 English Tuesday 4 August \$7.50
 Mathematics Wednesday 19 August \$7.50
www.eaa.unsw.edu.au for more information

and practice questions.

Notices

For Sale Girl's School Blazer, size 16, \$100.00. If interested, please contact Kay Riwaka at the college office.
Grey trousers 104cm, boy's white shirt and size 12 black school shoes, phone 5736657.

BOT Meeting The next BOT meeting will be held in the Board Room at Queen Charlotte College at **5pm on Wednesday June 24th.** Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Library Winter Warmers Holiday Reading Programme. Read and review library books. Runs Monday 22nd June to Friday 31st July. Register now at the Picton Library. Incentives, bonus prize quiz and weekly prize draws.

Need a Haircut? On **Sunday the 21st June from 9.00am** the crew at Beyond the Fringe will be cutting hair, with all proceeds (the money not the hair!) going to the Australia Trip. Please wait for your next haircut and support the teams.