



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 13 August 2009



Assessment week begins on Monday 21st September. These exams are very important for two reasons:

1. Exam results from assessment week are used if the student is unable to complete their NCEA assessment at the end of the year due to illness and needs to apply for an assessed grade.
2. This is the only opportunity for students to test their ability this year in an external exam situation before sitting the actual NCEA assessments at the end of the year.

We so often profile the outstanding success of our students in all areas at Queen Charlotte College, but we do need to remember the hard work that comes along with this success. Performing at your best and enjoying success are direct results of dedication and hard work. To use a sports analogy, you wouldn't go into the final game of the season expecting to win having done little preparation, or taken the build up games lightly. In music you won't make the final of Rock Quest if you don't win the first rounds and work hard to get the best demo tape completed that you can.

Although a month might seem like a long time to many of the students, preparing thoroughly for these exams will ensure that they will enjoy success in the NCEA examinations at the end of the year. ❖

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Luke Bergman who was named by the Waikawa Boating Club as the Most Improved Crew Member for the 2008/09 Keeler Sailing Season. Well done, Luke.



Congratulations to Gemma Hika who is a member of the Marlborough Under 13 Netball Team that recently won the Mid Canterbury Junior Netball Tournament. It was the first time in 27 years that Marlborough has won. It must have been your input to the team, Gemma. Well done. ❖

Coming Events...

August 18th
August 27th -28th

September 21st
September 25th
October 12th

Yr 9 Overnight Stay at Waikawa Marae
Yr 13 Victoria University Open
Day/English & Biology Trip
Marlborough Music Festival
Last day of Term 3
First day of Term 4

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QCC WEARABLE DESIGNZ 2009 PRIZE LIST

Supreme Winner: Lee Stuart- Queen.com

1st Runner up Supreme: Glenda Strawbridge - Crafty Pattern

2nd Runner up Supreme: Rebecca Cannon-Ups and Downs

<p>Primary Section 1st: Mika Boniface – Jigsaw Tyre Tracks 2nd Kimberley Fearn – Saying It With Flowers 3rd Tyla Fell - Splishy Splashy Splosh</p> <p>7 Section 1st: Alex Cambie – Circlerama 2nd Hamish Fearn- Working It Out 3rd Joshua Cooper- Pinata</p> <p>Year 8 Section 1st: Tarn Greenlaw- Z suit 2nd Sarah Morris & Libby Halligan – Drip Drop 3rd Sarah Huntley -Nature Princess</p>	<p>Year 9-10 Section 1st: Lee Stuart - Queen.com 2nd Nicole Brooke-Sadd – A Day at the Races 3rd Nellee Gregor – Birdish</p> <p>Year 11-13 Section 1st: Rebecca Cannon – Ups and Downs 2nd Alex Mc Kinnon – Powerful Patterns of Armour 3rd Asako Hattori & Faye Timmermans -Poker Queen</p> <p>Adult Section 1st Glenda Strawbridge - Crafty Pattern 2nd Ann Wood - Haiku 3rd Cathy Dalzell & Donna Hall - Fine China</p>
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All available winning garments will be displayed in the Mariners Mall for several weeks for all to see. Photos of the show will be available from Fotos+Plus next week.

All other garments should be collected from the school hall by Friday 14th August please.

QCC wishes to sincerely thank all of those people who have contributed to make this such an amazing Wearable Designz show...by far the best to date!

In particular all of our sponsors in the following categories:

Gold	Friends of Show	Committee:
Creative NZ	Signs at Work	Jann Hook
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	Cougar Line	Rosy Parsons
Silver	Picton Super Value	Penny Dollimore
Subway Picton	Hubbers Furnishings	Tim McCaffrey
Spotlight Ltd	Jasmine Court Motels	Fran Beullens
Beyond The Fringe	Vintners Retreat Restaurant	Jill Lawry
Forrest Estate Winery	Dirty Harrys	Ann Wood
Picton Health Care Pharmacy	DA's Restaurant	Glenda Strawbridge
	Beachcomber Inn	
Bronze	Sounds Connection	
Accessman	Sandford Mussels	
Crafar Crouch Construction Ltd	Bernina Sewing Centre	
Lochmara Lodge	Bead Gallery Picton	
Marlborough Travel	The Dog Box	
Strait Shipping / Bluebridge	Allan Scott Winery	
Seaport News	Makana Chocolates	
Fotos + Plus	Portage Hotel Resort	
	Adventure Sports	
	Evolve	
	Picton 4 Square	





Notices

Year 9 and 10 Camp

Year 9 and 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.

Subs Reminder

All Hockey and Netball subs are now overdue. Please pay your subs to Kay Riwaka at the office.

Kids Duathlon

Marlborough Kids Duathlon - Sunday 18th October at Montana's Brancott Estate. Entries now open and are available on our website www.kidsdu.co.nz or they can be collected from Spokesman Avanti Plus. This is a fun and active event for all students aged 8-13yrs. 'Just do it!'

Wairau Lagoon Trail Run/Walk

Family fun 6km or 12km run or walk on 13th September at the Wairau Lagoon Walkway. Included is a map for the children to be filled in and handed in to the DOC tent, BBQ, stalls, drinks, native plants, and more. No times will be kept and all entrants go into the draw for the major prizes. For more information and entry forms: morefm@xtra.co.nz, www.conservationweek.org.nz, Spokesman Cycles, Queen St or email wairaulagoon@xtra.co.nz. Entries close 1st September.

Marlborough Youth Transition Service

Additional support will be available to school leavers thanks to a partnership between the college and the Marlborough Youth Transition Service (MYTS).

The college has signed an agreement with the MYTS which means that all leavers will be contacted to see if they need any help with the transition between school and work or further training.

The MYTS, which is a collaborative effort between the Marlborough District Council and the Ministry of Social Development, is part of a nationwide network of services all working to ensure our young people have something meaningful to do once they walk out the school gate for the last time.

The service is funded by the Ministry to contact all school leavers in Marlborough, check what they

are doing and if they are not engaged in either work or further education or training, to assist them to develop and implement a career plan.

Longer term tracking of leavers until they turn 19 is also part of the service.

This will allow both the college and the community to get a better idea of where our students end up in the years after they leave school.

Any young person aged between 15 and 19 years can get advice from the service regardless of how long they have been out of school or even if they are still in school but are planning to leave in the near future.

For any further information on the MYTS contact Jude on 5775370 ext 7 or 0276187046.

Senior Exams

All Year 11 12 and 13 students will be required to sit end of term assessments. These will occur in the last week of this term. When students are not sitting assessments they will be required to attend classes. The length of the assessments will vary and students will be given a timetable closer to the date.

There is no study leave this term.

It is important for students to take these assessments seriously as the results may be used in a number of different areas. They may be an internally assessed standard, which means the credits count for NCEA. They may be a practice for the end of the year assessments. The results may be used if a student is unable to attend the end of year assessment. They may be used for class rankings for end of year prize-giving.

Year 9 and 10 Diploma

These results have been processed for last term and an interim report is being posted out. It would be very helpful if you would discuss the results with the students and praise the good work done or support ways for them to improve. Students not reaching over 75% at the end of the year will be looked at closely and probably required to repeat the year as indications would show their learning maturity is not sufficient to go up a level. There are a few quirks still in the system and we are continuing to improve on this, so if you have any queries about marks please feel free to contact Betty Whyte at the college. ❖