



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

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## Welcome back to Term 3! The Power of Patterns

At Monday's assembly I was delighted to draw the students attention to Joseph Sullivan's gold medal at the World Rowing Champs in the under 23 double. This medal now accompanies the 2007 and 2008 gold medals Joseph has already achieved. (It seems just like yesterday when I was watching Joseph's achievements at MAADI Cup rowing for QCC!)

I was also able to welcome back our 'A' Netball team and 1st XV Rugby team who had a very successful trip to Queensland. Despite widespread illness, both teams performed creditably as you will see in Mr Saxon's report in this newsletter.

I was also able to thank all our students who hosted our American Ambassadors. Not only is this an excellent opportunity to get to know our largest neighbour much better, but also as a fund raiser it enables us to support, where needed, the myriad of activities available to all our QCC students.

The news that our girl's badminton team has made the regionals to be played in Wellington was another reason to celebrate.

Our Head Girl spoke about her Aquaculture award which enabled her to attend the NIWA Scientific Dive Course involving among other things, night diving, zero visibility diving, deep diving, nitrox (special gas) diving, and tank filling. Cloe was the first secondary school student in New Zealand to gain a scholarship to attend a dive course of this level. Well done, Cloe.

All of the above occurred in an assembly hall with a catwalk already erected for the Wearable Designz due to kick off on Thursday 6th August with the matinee and full performances on Friday and Saturday nights. (7th -8th August.) This extravaganza enables, in particular, our Yr7 and 8 students to star on the cat walk, as they show off their creative abilities honed in Technology. It also showcases our burgeoning musical talent fostered within QCC.

Concurrently I am delighted to note the GATE students speaker coming on August 6th, Jan Clayton-Greene from DOC, a specialist on endangered species in plants and fish.

**What then is the pattern?** Students at QCC will be exposed to a wide variety of activities that can and do, with focus and perspiration, lead to the world stage. Irrespective of where it leads, I am delighted with the Board of Trustees focus and support upon personal best across such a wide range of areas. ❖

## Coming Events...

**August 18th**

Yr 9 Overnight Stay at Waikawa Marae

**August 27th -28th**

Yr 13 Careers Expo

**September 21st**

Marlborough Music Festival

**September 25th**

Last day of Term 3

**October 12th**

First day of Term 4

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# AUSTRALIA 2009

The Queen Charlotte College 1st XV and Senior A Netball Teams travelled to Australia to participate in the Gold Coast Sports Carnival during the recent school holidays. The trip was the culmination of two years work by the group that saw them fund raise in excess of \$30,000.

The teams spent 16 days on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. Other than their tournament fixtures, the group participated in a range of fun recreational activities. These included Surf School, which will be remembered for Ms. Ford's brilliance and Mr. Saxon's superb flip trick, Skirmish, Australia Zoo, Movie World and attending a rugby league match between the New Zealand Warriors and the Brisbane Broncos.

On the field/ court both teams excelled. Most of the netball team was infected with a mystery virus within 24 hours of the tournament beginning and had to toil hard during their first two days of competition. Even with the virus the team managed to win three out of their first 8 games and played with courage and determination. Over the last two days of competition the netball team won 6 of their games and managed to finish third in their division. A stingy defensive backcourt led by Cloe Vining and Hannah McCulloch drove opposing attacks crazy, while deft passing by the midcourt allowed Gemma Hika many scoring opportunities. Cloe Vining was awarded the teams Barbarian jersey in recognition of her leadership and talented play during the week.

The 1st XV rugby team commenced their tour with a 10's tournament. The tournament included over 30 teams that contested three divisions. The boys began with a 48-0 victory over Morrinsville College and followed this up with equally comprehensive victories over Verdon

College and Waihi College. The team qualified for the final where they played highly touted Queensland school, AB Patterson College. The boys managed to prevail in a tightly contested final 28-14. The 15's tournament saw the boys achieve similar results as they easily won their pool with victories over St Augustine's College (AUS), a team that hadn't been defeated in two years, Melbourne HS (AUS), Aquinas College (NZ) and Galston HS (AUS). The boys played Inglewood High School in their semifinals and led 8-0 at halftime. Unfortunately a 5 minute lapse in concentration during the second half led to three Inglewood tries that even our usual second half resurgence failed to overcome. The boys lost the semifinal 21-17 to the eventual tournament champions. The boys played their last fixture against the top Sunshine Coast U19 team, University Pirates, and managed to win 32-24. Overall the boys won 9 out of ten games in the tournament and managed to score 67 tries. Daniel Hawkins scored 21 of the team's tries. Dieter Groenewald was awarded the teams Barbarian jersey for being the best all round contributor.

Overall the trip was an outstanding success that will leave the participants with lasting memories. The school would like to extend its thanks to the whole community for the work they did in making this trip a reality. Without the unflinching support of the local community a trip of this magnitude would have been unlikely given the current economic climate. In particular the teams would like to thank its three major contributors, Nelson Ranger Fishing, Crafar Crouch Construction and The Voyager. Thank you also to our trip's "Mum and Dad" Cliff and Beryl Bowers for their support and management. ❖





## Student Achievement

### South Island Badminton

**Championships** were held in Dunedin in the last week of the school holidays. The following students all won Silver medals in the U15 Teams Event - Blair Timms, Connor Hickey, Warren Horncastle, Jordan Macdonald, Cheyenne Conroy-Mosdell, Stephanie Lewis and Janelle Wills. The U17 team of Joseph Timms, Charlene Wills, Nicole Macdonald, Amalia McLaren-Brown and Olive Butcher came 4th. Nyomi Timms was in the South Island U19 team that came 4th in the Australasian Teams Champs. Joseph Timms came 1st in the Boys Doubles, 2nd in the Mixed Doubles and 2nd in the Singles. Blair Timms came 1st in the Doubles and 2nd in the Mixed Doubles. Stephanie Lewis came 1st in the Conciliation Singles. Jordan Macdonald came 2nd in the Boys Doubles. Amalia McLaren-Brown, Nicole Macdonald, Stephanie Lewis and Olive Butcher all won Plate Finals.

Congratulations to **Hannah O'Brien** who has been selected for the **Marlborough Primary Girls Rep Hockey Team** and **Dani Gibbs** who has been selected for the **Marlborough Primary Girls Development Team**.

## Notices

### Wearable Designz

Tickets are now available for the Wearable Designz show. The dates for the show are the 7th and 8th of August. Tickets can be purchased from the College office, Seaport News or Beyond the Fringe. Adults \$14.00 and Students \$7.00. Tickets for the Saturday show are selling fast.

Any parents or caregivers who would like to help with the dressing of students for the evening performances, please contact Glenda at the office.

### Thank you

To Robin Mitchell from Mitchell Sports in Blenheim for his kind donation of kickers and sports glue for our QCC Hockey Team.

