



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE



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

Principal's Comment...

Among the outstanding academic, sporting and cultural results from 2008 are some which appear to be quite modest but which are the personal best of students who have had a more difficult journey to senior classes. Many of these stories do not make the newsletter or the headlines for a variety of reasons but they are a source of celebration for the teachers and family concerned.

We rejoice when students do their best. Only one person can be Dux or first in class. But everyone can achieve their personal best. The key is to develop good learning behaviours and to really focus on the process of learning. Get the process right and the product necessarily follows. The Year 9 - 10 Diploma is an attempt to assist with this lofty, but essential, goal.

Good learners are engaged and present mentally. Good learners look and listen carefully. They seek patterns, trends, contrasts and connections. They constantly ask; how does this connect with what I already know (from previous other topics, other subjects, reading, viewing films and TV)? They take risks by trying out ideas, theories and suggestions. They do the follow-up work and come to the next class prepared. Regardless of the homework set, good learners start their study session each day by asking themselves the questions: What did I learn today? How does it relate to previous learning in that subject? Where would I expect this topic to go next? Good learners persist when it is hard. They try again when they get it wrong. They seek critical feedback so they can focus on areas that need improvement for the next time. Invariably students who are striving for their personal best are prepared and well behaved in class.

With practise, these learning behaviours become habit. And that is a big step towards becoming a life long learner.

2009 Head Students

Cloe Vining - Head Girl I am very honoured to be elected as Head Girl for 2009. I am looking forward to conquering the challenges that lay ahead for me and my trusty partner in crime, Head Boy Joe Vaatuitui.



This year I hope to achieve NCEA Level 3 with Merit, and continue on with my sports, while also co-chairing a strong student council and participating in as many school activities as possible. To top off a great year, it would be amazing to see everyone at school take advantage of every opportunity available, and give everything their best shot. This school offers a whole range of activities, so the next step is for everyone to get involved.

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Coming Events...

April 9th
April 27th
May 8th

Last Day of Term 1
First Day of Term 2
Cross Country

2009 Term Dates

2nd February - 9th April 2009	Term 1
27th April - 3rd July 2009	Term 2
20th July - 25th Sept 2009	Term 3
12th Oct - 11th Dec 2009	Term 4

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Joe Vaatuitui - Head Boy I am especially proud to be Queen Charlotte College Head Boy for 2009. I am looking forward to doing my best and taking on all the challenges that come forward. Part of my role as Head Boy, is to run council meetings, to speak at school assemblies, and to be a good role model for younger students. This year, I also hope to achieve academically, passing NCEA Level 3 and gaining entrance to University. Sport is a major part of my school life with involvement in rugby and touch rugby, and most interhouse sports. Year 13 will be a huge challenge and no doubt will take me out of my comfort zone, but it will also be a great experience and an opportunity for me to learn further.

Student Achievement Congratulations to our **Touch Rugby Teams** who played in the Marlborough Touch Competition. In the finals played at the weekend the Men's Team and Mixed Team both won their grade and the Women's Team came third in their grade. Congratulations to all players and thank you to all the coaches for their time and commitment to the teams.

Notices

MUSIC TUITION AFTER SCHOOL With Sid Limbert.
Half hour sessions at \$15 per session in the College hall after school Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bandjam music gear available for use at these lessons if you don't have your own.

Drums Bass Guitar Electric Guitar Acoustic Guitar Mandolin
To arrange lessons or for further information contact Rosy Parsons, Bandjam Co-ordinator on 573-6203 after 6pm.

For Sale by Tender

Queen Charlotte College has a '**Fieldmaster M.Sixty 1.5m cut Flail Mower**'

Written tenders to be submitted to Queen Charlotte College PO Box 123 PICTON 7220

Tenders close 19th March 2009. For more information, please phone Sandi Lock on 5736558, Ext 837

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS 2009

Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys
1st Bailey Gardiner	1 st Jason Holloway
2nd= Lily Pawhau -Muir	2 nd Dante Love
2nd= Amber Power	3 ^d George Bradley
Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
1 st Hannah O'Brien	1 st Leon Bristow
2 nd Keri Wratt	2 nd Connor Hickey
3 ^d Kayla Cunningham-Moore	3 ^d Blair Timms
Junior Girls	Junior Boys
1 st Nicole Brooke-Sadd	1 st Mitchell Mackenzie-Mol
2 nd Lee Stuart	2 nd Godwin Omosigho
3 ^d Abbey Pruden	3rd= Jarome Leonard
	3rd= Awatea Johnstone
	3rd= David Moore
Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys
1 st Amalia McLaren-Brown	1 st Joseph Timms
2 nd Charlene Wills	2 nd Henry Evans
3 ^d Ana Mason	3 ^d Ben McCulloch
Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1 st Cloe Vining	1 ^{st*} Joe Stewart
2 nd Annalisa McManaway	1st* Bradley O'Rourke
3 ^d Katie Keir	3 ^{d*} Daniel Hawkins
New Record	New Record
Cloe Vining - 3000m	Levon Conroy-Mosdell - 800m