



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 29 July 2010



Welcome back to Term Three.

Despite the challenging weather we have had a very positive start to the term.

Mr Parsons returns next week after intensive studies at Oxford University in England.

Congratulations to Ms Kane on the birth of her first baby, a wee boy, Jed. Ms Kane will be on maternity leave until the end of 2010. Welcome to Miss Claire Falvey who is teaching Ms Kane's classes. Mrs Skelton has been appointed Dean of Aramoana and she is looking after the pastoral needs of students in that house.

This week we say farewell to Miss Amber Cameron who has been working in the office for two terms. Amber, an ex student, has done a wonderful job assisting administration staff and teachers alike, with the many aspects of school life. We wish Amber well for her future.

Five new international students began at Queen Charlotte College this term. Rickard Kelch, Felix Rittershaus, Sophie Walker, Karlotta Kurzel from Germany, and Yu Wei from China. All five have settled in well, and bring different experiences to share.

Three years have rolled around and once again we host the Education Review Office (ERO) team at the College during the week of the 23rd to 27th August. Your Board of Trustees and the staff appreciate these visits, as they provide an excellent opportunity for reflection on the progress that the College has made in the past three years, and on the quality of the education that our students are receiving and will receive in the future.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to **Nick Ivamy** and **Timo Bristow** who were picked for the **Marlborough Under 15 Hockey Team**.

National Standards Meeting

Queen Charlotte College staff will give an overview of National Standards and be available to answer questions on the topic at a meeting on **August 3rd at 4.00pm in the School Library**.

All parents/ caregivers welcome to attend.

Coming Events...

August 3rd

August 23rd – 27th

September 20th – 24th

September 24th

October 11th

November 12th

November 15th

ICAS English Exam

ERO Visit

Senior Assessment Week

Last day Term 3

First day Term 4

Last day for senior students

Senior exams begin

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Notices

School Photos Orders and Payment due
Wednesday 4th August.

For Sale Girl's Senior Skirt, Blazer and Blouses for sale. Size 10 – 12. Phone 5735122.

Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival

Performing at the Picton RSA at 4.00pm and at the Crow Tavern at 7.00pm on the 5th August.

Kids at Play Photo Competition Open to all ages with great prizes. The sections are: Primary / Intermediate Students & College Students & Adults. The theme for Sections 1 and 2 is Kids having Fun. The theme for Section 3 is Kids at Play. Entry forms are available from the College Office, PSIS Blenheim or Warehouse Stationery. This is a community fundraising project for the new Children's Courtyard at Wairau Hospital. Competition closes on the 14th August 2010.

Reminder NZQA Fees NZQA Fees are now due for payment.

NZQA Fees must be paid in full to the College by Friday 3rd September to allow us to meet our deadline for on-payment to NZQA. For families using time payment for their College accounts, we will apportion payments so that the full \$75 is paid by that time. We will contact you if any difficulties are likely to arise with this arrangement.

Financial Assistance To be eligible for financial assistance the person applying (normally the parent of guardian of the candidate but may be the candidate themselves if they are a beneficiary) must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

For a **benefit-based application** you must be receiving a Work and Income (WINZ) or Study Link benefit, or have a Community Services Card.

For an **income based application** you must be eligible for a Community Services Card (but do not currently have one).

For a **multiple candidate application** you must have two or more children taking these qualifications in the same year, regardless of your income.

Financial assistance forms are available from the office.

	Beneficiary Based Assistance	Income Based Assistance	Not Eligible for Assistance
One Child who is a candidate	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$75.00 for NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects (full fees)

CAREERS

We are coming up to the time when students will need to choose subjects for 2011. Yes! Seniors now have only 13 weeks in classes, so here are some things to think about:

If University is an option, then it is very important to choose subjects which are assessed by **ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS** as these are the ones which allow students to achieve Merit and Excellence grades. Universities are becoming increasingly selective about the quality of the students they accept and they use these grades to rank students. This is particularly important if a course takes limited numbers. Another reason is that achievement standards prepare for university study as they require a higher level of reading and writing skills, essential for success at university.

If your student is more likely to take the apprenticeship path then more practical subjects, assessed by **UNIT STANDARDS** are a good choice

as well as **ENGLISH, MATHS and SCIENCE**. These are essential as apprenticeships now require a lot of written assessment as well as real mastery of many aspects of Science; Biology and Chemistry for all health related careers and Physics for motor industry and engineering.

It is really important to keep thinking about future career options as this will help with subject choices but of course it is also important to keep studying a wide range of subject areas so that your options are open! The most common mistake we see is students who decide to give up all Science and Maths from year 12. These two areas are key to a huge range of careers in which there is a real shortage in New Zealand and around the world, particularly Health which is desperate for qualified young people.

So keep checking out the careers website www.careers.govt.nz and asking for advice so that when it is time to choose, most of the thinking has already been done. ❖