



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 10 September 2010



Trevor Hook: The Chairperson of the Board

Comments: ERO (Education Review Office) recently conducted their triennial review of Queen Charlotte College. I have been associated with QCC for the last three ERO reviews and it is without a doubt, that this reporting round was exceptional. As the Board Chair, I was particularly proud of how our school has continued to grow and go from strength to strength.

While we are waiting for the Interim Report, indications are that QCC is in the best possible state.

I would like to thank the students, staff, parent/caregivers and the community as a whole for helping to make Queen Charlotte College all that it is today.

Trevor Hook
Chairperson QCC BOT

Teachers Strike Action – Wednesday 15th September 2010 Negotiations between the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association for a new Secondary Teachers' Collective Contract have broken down. Therefore members of the PPTA will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15th September. The unavailability of the majority of staff means that it will be impracticable to provide a normal timetable for student instruction on Wednesday. During the strike students should not attend school if supervision at home can be provided or alternative arrangements made for care. Otherwise the college will provide supervision for any students who attend school although 'normal' programmes will not be provided.

The Ritchies school bus will run as normal. The Havelock bus will run but with slightly adjusted pick up times for students who will be attending school. The changed times will be finalised on Tuesday after an indication of the number of students attending. The school canteen will be providing a limited service.

If the strike is called off you will be notified via the local radio stations and by email for parents who receive newsletters by email. It is appreciated that this may be an inconvenience for parents and caregivers alike. Please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

The day provides an ideal opportunity for Year 11 – 13 students to revise work in preparation for their assessment examinations in the week of September 20th – 24th. Thank you for your understanding.

Coming Events...

September 20th – 24th
September 24th
October 11th
November 12th
November 15th

Senior Assessment Week
Last day Term 3
First day Term 4
Last day for senior students
Senior exams begin

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Student Achievement

Sam and Ben McDonald competed in the **Southern Regional Speed Skating Championships** in Christchurch recently. This was their first event at a competitive level.

Ben won bronze medals for the Juvenile Boys 300m Time Trial and the 400m Juvenile Boys race. He also received silver medals for the 800m Juvenile Boys race and the 1500m Open (Primary and Juvenile) race.

Sam won silver medals in the Junior Boys 300m Time Trial, 800m Junior Boys race and the 1500m Junior Boys race. He was 4th place in the Open 3000m (Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Masters race).

Sam and Ben teamed up to win a silver medal in the Junior Boys Pairs 1200m relay.



Notices

Contact Details

Please remember to update your details when you move or change service provider for cell phone/email. It is important that we have your correct details in case we need to contact you due to illness or absence from class. We currently have approximately 100 families on our email list. If we do not have your email address please contact gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz with your details.

Raffle Results

The winner of the Middle East Trip \$100 raffle was Chloe Cameron.

Senior Subject Choices for 2011

Subject booklets for 2011 senior students have now been handed out. Please ensure subject choices for next year are returned to College by Tuesday of next week.

Learn to Sail

There are places available for students who would like to learn to sail at the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club in Picton. The first learn to sail sessions of the 2010/2011 season will be during the school holidays at the end of Term Three. For information about the club and the three-day learn to sail course please check the website www.qcyc.org.nz.

Support Your School

If you are a TelstraClear customer please nominate Queen Charlotte College as your school of choice in their new programme Intelligent Rewards. Your nominated school will receive reward points that can then be used to buy products for the college such as projectors and sports equipment. To find out more about the programme please collect a form from the office or visit www.intelligentrewards.co.nz.

Festival Week This week has been an entertaining week with pupils and staff dressing up for theme days. Watch out for a report and photos in the next newsletter.