



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

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



It is with great sadness that we, as a school community, have had to deal with the accident that claimed the life of one of our students. Four other students are recovering at home and one former student still critically injured in Wellington Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this time. Our sincere condolences go out to Alick's family Kelvin, Carol and Jessie Tapp.

Term Two is always a busy one and it is widely accepted by staff and students, to be the most important in terms of class attendance and developing good study habits and, in the case of senior students, the prime time to accumulate credits as part of the assessment cycle.

Each week I take great pride in hearing about our students achievements in their chosen sport, and at Monday morning assembly, in sharing these achievements with the school as a whole. Should the weekend's sport provide some excellent individual performances, please feel free to contact Sandi or Glenda on 5736558 before 10am,

prior to assembly.

The calendar is very colourful this term, and I look forward to enjoying your company at the Cross Country on April 27, the production 'Much Nothing About a Do' May 19, 20, 21 and Manu Korero on June 18.

I am delighted to inform you that nominations returned for the Board of Trustees ensure a full Board for 2010. Once again thank you for your support.

## Student Achievement

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Junior Motor Cross Championships held recently.

Good luck to all students who are involved in winter sports pursuits. Remember 'It's not winning but how you play the game' that is important.



## Coming Events...

**Production Week**  
**School Photos**  
**Garin Sports Exchange**

**19th – 21st May**  
**10th May**  
**1st June**

**Queen's Birthday Holiday**  
**Senior Formal**  
**Regional Manu Korero**

**7th June**  
**12th June**  
**18th June**

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# Notices

## Electronic devices

This term, two students have had expensive electronic devices go missing from their bags at school. Please encourage students to leave this equipment at home where it is safe. If you have a student who has a phone or music device that you were unaware they had, please question them as to where it came from.

**ICAS Exams** ICAS Mathematics is aimed at the better students and is offered again this year. It takes place on Tuesday 17th August and costs \$7.50. Payment is required by the end of Term Two.

**School Uniform** We would appreciate any donations of second hand uniform items. In particular we would like uniform for ages 14 – 16 years. Please drop your outgrown uniform at the school office. ❖

# CAREERS DEPARTMENT!

Another CAREERS tool we have available to our students is the INZONE kiosk in the Library. This is available to all our students in their free time as well as sometimes during class time at the discretion of the teacher.

Students have their personal logon to view a wide range of short videos of people doing their everyday jobs and talking about entry requirements. There are also features on enterprising New Zealanders who have started their own businesses. There is a section dedicated to Careers in Health where there are vast opportunities: this area is almost the only one which has not been affected by the economic downturn – there are employment opportunities in all areas. As well as these videos there is heaps of information from the ITOs, the industry training people who make sure that our trades people are suitably qualified.

Students can request information from any areas of interest, which will be mailed to them personally.

So, this is a wonderful research tool for students of any age to start exploring possibilities for the future. Please encourage them to use it and start to take some responsibility for their own futures. ❖

## Touch success continues for Q.C.C teams

The 2009-2010 Touch season has proven successful yet again for Queen Charlotte College. The College registered four teams in the Marlborough Open Competition with three of them consisting exclusively of students and the fourth being made up of the school's coaches, players and former students.

The Q.C.C mixed team finished a credible 7th in the Open 1st Grade. The team, coached by Natasha Ford, was a new team

this year that developed into a real force towards the end of the season. This same team travelled to the Top of the South Secondary Schools Tournament where they narrowly missed out on making the final losing their semi-final 5-4 against Motueka High School. Most of the team will be returning for the 2010-2011 season and they should build on the excellent foundation laid this year.

The Q.C.C girl's team, coached by Marty Bruce, finished 3rd in the Open Women's Grade. The team was made up of some superb senior players and extremely promising young players, who improved throughout the year and finished the season with three wins in their last four games.

The Q.C.C boys team, coached by Jack Saxon, started the season



extremely slow and were in last place at the end of school 2009. The boys managed to bounce back from this slow start winning 6 games in a row to qualify for the semi-finals. The boys lost their semi-final narrowly 5-4.

Overall the interest in and quality of Touch at Queen Charlotte College continues to increase. Thanks to the tireless work of the coaches and the players. A foundation has now been laid that should see a tradition of success grow over the coming years. A special thanks to Marty Bruce, Natasha Ford and Jack Saxon for the time they've spent to develop the sport at the college. ❖

