



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

**Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 18 February 2010**



Where has the last fortnight disappeared to? Already the second newsletter of the year! We are still revelling in the wonderful NCEA results from 2009 and looking at ways to continue the trend. School has begun with a hiss and a roar, with the first of the music tuition sessions beginning. The hall vibrated with potential drummers as they learnt the basics from our new drum tutor.

During the holidays Room 17 was fitted with a new Interactive Whiteboard courtesy of Pub Charities. This is by no means the first instance where Queen Charlotte College has benefited through funding from Pub Charity and in this instance we are hugely appreciative of the opportunity for our College to move into the 21st century.

The whole school took part in an inspirational presentation by Peter Doakes. Peter is a NZ Entrepreneur introducing a new career package called 'In Zone' which has been installed in the school library and is available for all students to use. Later in the term parents will be invited to the school library to view the 'In Zone' facility.

Tabloid swimming sports proved to be a fun time for all last week. The team building undertaken, coupled with the swimming sports, will again prove invaluable in cementing new friendships and existing relationships.

What a wonderful asset our versatile school pool is. To have such a facility, enabling us to ensure that all students learn to swim and improve their swimming ability is irreplaceable. The swimming sports on Tuesday and Wednesday were witness to some very long standing College records being broken. (Further information in the next newsletter.)

Thank you to all parents/caregivers, students and staff for the flexibility displayed on Monday when it was necessary to postpone the staff Professional Development at the Marae. The school tries hard to notify parents when changes to the school day occur and I hope the inconvenience was not too great.

Just a reminder that we hope to see as many mums, dads, and/or caregivers, and any grandparents, who are able to come along and help support our students on Thursday 25th at Athletic Champs here at the College.

Now that the school has settled for the year should you have any concerns about College life please do not hesitate to call in and see me. Should you prefer you can make an appointment through my PA, Mrs Sandi Lock, on Extension 837.

## Coming Events...

**Athletics Championships** 25th February  
**Year 8 Camp No 1** 1st - 5th March  
**Year 8 Camp No 2** 8th - 12th March

**Year 13 English trip**  
**Ruia Mai Te Kakano**  
**Indicative Reports**  
(To be sent home with students)  
**Parent Teacher Afternoon**

**8th-10th March**  
**26th March**  
**26th March**  
**30th March**

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# Student Achievement

Congratulations to **Kimberley de Haan** who competed in the Nelson Marlborough Age Group Swimming Championships in Blenheim. Kimberley won 4 gold, 3 silvers and 1 bronze medal in the 15 Years and over age group.



## Notices

**English Homework Books** All year 7-10 students need to purchase a homework book for English as part of their course requirements. The books cost \$10 each and will be used for both homework and to support learning in class. The money is to be paid to Mrs Riwaka who will issue students with a receipt. Payment is due by 24th February 2010. Year 9 and 10 students without homework books will lose Diploma points. If parents have concerns please contact HOD English, Mrs Bruce, at the college.

### Messages from the Mathematics Department

**All parents of children in Years 7 – 10** should have received a letter regarding homework books for Mathematics. There is still the opportunity to order one for extra maths work at home. The cost is \$14.00 for Year 7 and 8 and \$16.00 for Year 9 and 10. These cannot go on account and must be paid for by 26th February.

**All Year 11 & 12 students** need their own scientific calculators. These are used during most Mathematics lessons, assessments and external examinations. Most stationery shops stock a good selection.

Σ 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 Camps 2010

**Year 8 students** for 2010 will be going on camp on either 1st or 8th of March. Students will be bringing home a full information sheet about this camp by Tuesday 9th February. Payment is now due for the camps. If you have paid already, thank you. If you have not yet paid please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

**Year 9 camps** will be held in October at a cost of \$150.00 and Year 10 camps will be held in the first week of December, the cost will start from \$150.00. Year 10 students will receive full information about their camp options in March. It is highly recommended that parents start making payment towards camp fees now.

All school camps are able to be paid off during the school year. Please contact Mrs Kay Riwaka to arrange this.

**School Accounts** Accounts will be posted out later this month, which will include stationery costs. Please be aware we do not require full payment at the time of invoicing but offer part payment via internet banking and automatic payment. If you would like to use this method please contact Mrs Riwaka on 5736558 for details.

**Senior Uniform** Any students or sports team members who have Queen Charlotte College ties they are not using please return to the office. Reimbursement can be discussed if the ties were purchased from the College.

**Parenting through Separation** Barnados Marlborough is running a course on Parenting through Separation. The programme covers issues including: How separation affects children; What Children need during Separation; Keeping Children away from arguments and How the Family Court works. For further information on this course please phone 035786491 or email [Blenheim.office@barnados.org.nz](mailto:Blenheim.office@barnados.org.nz).

**Zoning in on Homework** Picton Library is running a homework support service for students. The programme runs Monday to Friday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm at the Picton Library. For more details please phone 5207493.

**Lochmara Lodge Fun Festival** Celebrate summer in a Kiwi – South Pacific style on February 28th. Gourmet Kiwi BBQ, live music all day, wine tasting, art displays and much more. For further information please visit the website. [www.lochmaralodge.co.nz](http://www.lochmaralodge.co.nz).

**Cyanide Poisoning** The College has been advised that a Cyanide Poisoning Operation will be carried out over the next 12 months. The areas that are to be targeted are Whatamango Bay, Port Underwood, Kumutoto Bay, Torea Bay and the Queen Charlotte Sounds.

We have been advised that the poison will be laid well away from the public areas. For further information please contact Dean Brownlee on 5737263. ❖