



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 4 February 2010



Welcome to the Queen Charlotte College school year for 2010!

We begin our school year with 400 students, maintaining the same number we ended the 2009 year with. Based on the number of enrolments taken throughout the 2009 year, our roll is likely to increase even further.

We also warmly welcome two new staff members to the Queen Charlotte College 'family' and wish them a smooth transition from 'old' to 'new'.

Gillian Miskell has replaced Ron Lloyd in the Mathematics Department. Gillian hails from Southland and is thrilled to be starting the 2010 year on the 'warmer' end of the mainland at Queen Charlotte College. Gillian and husband Wayne, have two children, Ben and Hannah, who will attend Picton School.



Emma Maycroft is our new Teacher in Charge of Art, who replaces Jacqueline Spencer who has taken up a new appointment in Indonesia. Emma was raised in Tauranga but has spent the past five years studying in Wellington. She is excited to have the opportunity to begin her teaching career at QCC and is looking forward to meeting all her prospective art students. Emma and partner David, complete with cats Alba and Dakota, are thrilled to be in Marlborough enjoying the South Island's more relaxed pace of life.



Amber Cameron, an ex student of QCC, will be a new face in the office for Term 1 only. Amber is part of a youth work scheme set up by the Marlborough District Council.



Our student appointments have been made, and I am delighted to announce **Jordan Skipper** and **Lachlan McCann** as Head Girl and Head Boy, and **Ben Ellis** and **Nyomi Timms** as their Deputies. Luke Bergman continues as the student representative on the Board of Trustees and Student Council

representatives have been named. Congratulations to all these students – they will have a busy year ahead of them, and I know they will grow with the experience and the responsibility entrusted upon them.

The **Year 9 and Year 10 Junior Diploma** implemented in 2009 will continue in 2010. For those parents with students entering Year 9, this means that students who are well prepared, punctual, have the right attitude and equipment, will receive Graduate Diplomas – Achieved, Merit or Excellence, at Junior Prizegiving at the end of the year. Any student not displaying a positive attitude and not arriving on time to class with the right equipment, will be identified throughout the term(s) and fostered and encouraged to improve. In

Coming Events...

**Tabloid Top House Swimming
Swimming Championships
Athletics Championships**

5th February
16th & 17th February
25th February

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the unlikely event that no improvement is apparent, that student will not graduate at the end of the year to the next year level. We see this innovation as being a further tool in raising the standards at Queen Charlotte College, enabling all students to maximise their time in class and to learn, without interruption, during class time.

The Board of Trustees' \$150,000.00 computer purchase in 2009 has resulted in not only a computer upgrade for the school, but also an additional computer room available for timetabling.

In the January 2010 edition of North and South, Queen Charlotte College was delighted to receive an honourable mention in the New Zealander of the Year awards, Education category. A stable staff and your unstinting support throughout the year made this recognition possible.

NCEA Statistics

2009	QCC	National	Decile 4	Comment
Literacy	88.3	77.3	72.6	
Numeracy	96.7	85.6	86.0	
L1	70.5	70.4	59.8	
L2	86.0	75.0	65.3	
L3	66.7	68.5	61.1	

Our 2009 academic results are a further indication of the healthy state of our College.

In a nutshell, in 2009 students at QCC achieved much better than similar Decile 4 schools, and indeed, most favourably nationally.

During this term, we have several sporting events taking place. These dates are outlined below. Please put them in your diary. We, students and staff, always appreciate your attendance at all of our events.

I look forward to leading Queen Charlotte College into 2010 and thank you for your continued support. ❖

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.

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.

Uniform For Sale Senior Girls uniform, Blazer size 18 and Skirt size 22, \$150 for both, please phone 0277636159. ❖

Important Dates Term One (2 February- 1 April)

Tabloid Top House Swimming	5th February
Swimming Championships	16th & 17th
Athletics Championships	25th February
Year 8 Camp – 1	1st to 5th March
Year 8 Camp – 2	8th to 12th March
Year 13 English trip	9th & 10th March
Ruia Mai Te Kakano	26th March
Indicative Reports- To be sent home with students	26th March
Parent Teacher Afternoon	30th March

Term Dates and Holidays

End of Term 1 - 1st April
Term 2 19th April – 2nd July
Term 3 19th July – 24th September
Term 4 11th October- 10th December
Easter Friday 2nd April (during First Term Holidays)
Easter Monday 5th April (during First Term Holidays)
Marlborough Anniversary Day 1st November
Anzac Day 25th April (Sunday)
Queen's Birthday 7th June
Labour Day 25th October