



QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 11 February 2011



Welcome to the Queen Charlotte College school year for 2011! We begin our year with 389 pupils and continue to receive new enrolments. Over the summer break the library and several classrooms were recarpeted and a new computer suite was added between Rooms 10 and 11. A storage shed behind the pool area is almost complete and we are planning an extension to the school hall, which we are hopeful will be completed prior to Wearable Designz in August.

Our student appointments have been made for 2011 and I am delighted to announce Alora Johnson and Robert Riach as Head Girl and Head Boy, and Aidan Gibson and Holly McLeod as their deputies. Libby Donovan 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.

We warmly welcome several new staff members to Queen Charlotte College.

Michaela Pluck Michaela started her tenure at Queen Charlotte College in Term 4 last year. Michaela has been appointed as a PE/Health Teacher and will join Mr Nicholson in attempting to increase the fitness levels of one and all. Michaela grew up in Nelson and attended Nayland College, where she says fitness and exercise were always a passion. Prior to her move to QCC, Michaela taught at two schools in Christchurch. She is loving Picton and describes teaching at QCC as her 'dream job' with the added bonus of being close to home and family.

Danielle Heares-Farry Danielle Heares-Farry is our new Science Teacher. Danielle is a first year teacher who graduated from Otago University last year. Danielle grew up in Otago, and with the move to Marlborough she is adjusting to, and enjoying, the lovely hot weather in Picton. Danielle loves to walk and is finding lots of great walking routes around the area. She is always keen to try new things and loves being part of Queen Charlotte College, where she says the staff and students have been warm and welcoming and very helpful.



Robert Riach



Alora Johnson



Holly McLeod



Aidan Gibson

IMPORTANT DATES...

Swimming Championships

Year 8 Camp – 1

Year 8 Camp – 2

School Photos

Athletics Championships

February 15th & 16th (postponement dates 17th & 18th)

21st – 25th February

28th February to 4th March

7th March

10th March

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Neil Bather Neil Bather is our new Long Term Reliever for Mrs Skelton who is on Maternity Leave. Neil is a first year teacher teaching English and Media Studies. He is a self confessed movie buff hence his interest in Media Studies. Neil loves Picton and is enjoying his time at QCC.

Mary Lister After working at QCC as a reliever, Mary was successful in securing a position as Long Term Reliever teaching Economics and Social Studies replacing Peter Kehayioff. Mary was raised in Marlborough, attending Witherlea Primary and Marlborough Girls College. Mary graduated from Canterbury University in 2006 and has taught in Christchurch and Marlborough schools. She is interested in mountain biking, cycling, snowboarding, kayaking, multi-sports and is a former NZ representative in rowing.

We also welcome **Lois Broadbent and Joanne Rengasamy** - two new Teacher Aides to the staff of Queen Charlotte College.

NCEA Results for QCC

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| 2010 | QCC | Literacy | 87 | | |
| | | Numeracy | 90 | | |
| L1 | 89 (82% Maori) M = 6% E = 0% | L2 | 98 (100% Maori) M = 15% E = 6% | L3 | 75 (100% Maori) M = 9% E = 3% |
| M = Merit E = Excellence | | | | | |

The outstanding academic results (as above) are a further indication of the healthy state of our College.

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 2011 and thank you for your continued support. ❖

Student Achievement

Six Queen Charlotte College Students were selected to represent Marlborough for cricket over the holidays They were: **Lachie Woolf and Ben Hide** in the Marlborough Primary Schools team and **Jesse Rawlings, Blair Timms, Niwhai Tainui, Matt Larsen-Horne** in the Marlborough Under 15 team. **Blair Timms and Niwhai Tainui** were also selected in the Marlborough Under 14 team. Congratulations to you all.



Danielle Heares-Farry



Michaela Pluck



Neil Bather



Mary Lister

NOTICES

Book Amnesty

If you have any textbooks or library books at home, that belong to Queen Charlotte College, please return them, no questions asked.

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 \$12 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 18th February 2011. 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 2011

Year 8 students for 2010 will be going on camp on either 21st or 28th of February. 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 November at a cost of \$160.00 and Year 10 camps will be held in the first week of December, the cost will start from \$160.00. 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 are being posted out, 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.

Uniform for sale

- Various boys junior uniform for sale. Grey shorts and blue shirts of various sizes. Size 6 black boys shoes. Please phone Jo McCulloch on 5737736.
- Boys blazer size 100cm, various other junior and senior uniform items. Please phone Aaron 5735071.

Transport

Anyone interested in car pooling from Blenheim. Please phone Katherine on 5786717.

Term Dates and Holidays

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| End of Term 1 | 15th April |
| Term 2 | 2nd May – 15th July |
| Term 3 | 1st August 7th October |
| Term 4 | 25th October 9th December |

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| Easter Friday | 22nd April (during First Term Holidays) |
| Easter Monday | 25th April (during First Term Holidays) |
| Anzac Day | 25th April (during First Term Holidays) |
| Queen's Birthday | 6th June |
| Labour Day | 24th October |
| Marlborough Anniversary Day | 31st October |