



# QUEEN CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School • 25 March 2011



## Absences

It is a legal requirement for all students under the age of 16 to attend school. The Ministry of Education has made it quite clear what constitutes a legal excuse for non-attendance, i.e. ill health, bereavement, medical/dental appointments. Non-attendance for any other reason, i.e. family holidays, the arrival of a relative, shopping etc, is not deemed a valid excuse.

As parents/caregivers of students at Queen Charlotte College, I am asking for your help and your support.

For our students to become skilled at the key ingredients of learning through education, for them to complete all the necessary assessments and assignments they need, to be able to confidently move through their school years, they must attend school. In today's busy world a missed lesson cannot always be caught up.

I need your help! Random non-attendance is extremely frustrating to the teachers who are striving to deliver the curriculum and recognise achievements with NCEA credits. Often the missed afternoon when a crucial lesson is being delivered is the pass or fail for a student. Please do not encourage or abet our students' absences during school hours. Our students need strong guidance in this area for them to be able to be the best that they can be, for them to gain the opportunities that only education will afford them, later on in their lives. This particularly applies to our senior students.

I look to you to help us cut out the unnecessary, parent explained absences.

**Cell Phone Contact** By far, the quickest way to make contact in the event of illness or in an emergency is via cell phone. In light of recent events it is timely to ensure we have your cell phone number on file. Please contact the College with your correct cell phone number either by phone 5736558 or by email [gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz](mailto:gstrawbridge@qcc.school.nz).

## IMPORTANT DATES...

<b>End of Term 1</b>	<b>15th April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>2nd May – 15th July</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>1st August 7th October</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>25th October 9th December</b>
<b>Easter Friday</b>	<b>22nd April (during First Term Holidays)</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>25th April (during First Term Holidays)</b>
<b>Anzac Day</b>	<b>25th April (during First Term Holidays)</b>
<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	<b>6th June</b>
<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>24th October</b>
<b>Marlborough Anniversary Day</b>	<b>31st October</b>

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## Year 7 & 8 Milo Cricket

An accomplished all-round team performance from QCC saw off a determined St. Marys side in the Milo Cup Plate game at Horton Park. Having been put in to bat QCC lost the early wicket of Lachi Woolf for 11 before a partnership began to flourish between Isaac Rawlings and Dylan Burns; the latter securing a personal best score of 25 while Rawlings smashed several boundaries before losing his wicket for an exciting 31 runs. The middle order of Ahren Watene-Jones (11), Carl Moorehead (5), Christopher Cameron (9), PJ Fishburn (4), Sam Strawbridge (5) all contributed runs before the tail of Oliver Bryant (7) and Ashish Yadav (5) wagged in the final over to boast a score of 173 from their allocated 30 overs.

Defending this total never really looked in doubt as opening bowlers Josh Reece bagged 4-10 with a fair mix of pace and movement off the seam and Lachi Woolf spun his way to figures of 4-7. Other wicket takers were Bryant (1-1 with a smart catch from Rawlings) and Strawbridge who clean bowled dangerman Elkington, finishing with figures of 1 for 10. St. Marys innings concluded on 61 with Elkington top scorer on 7 but notable contributions from Southey, Adams and Lankshear.

QCC were tight in the field with Yadav in exceptional form and a very able Carl Moorhead capturing any loose balls from the bowlers while debuting behind the stumps. Josh Reece continues to impress with the ball in only his second competitive innings, but all in all this was a professional performance from QCC who look to be learning from their experiences taken from a very successful 4th Grade season.

## Wearable Designz 2011

An invitation is extended to any parent, caregiver or member of the community who would like to join the Wearable Designz Committee to help organise our 2011 extravaganza. The theme for this year's show is 'Inspired By Music' and the dates are 18th, 19th and 20th August. No experience is necessary, only a keenness to promote the arts at Queen Charlotte College and to enjoy working with students. Meetings are generally held at the college. If you wish to assist in any way please contact our coordinator Jann Hook on Ph 5734089, email: holiday@temahia.co.nz or contact the school office.

## Uniform for sale

Girls blazer size 12, senior skirt size 12-14 and school tie. Please phone 5735930 or 0274290551.

## Athletics

On Wednesday 16th of March, a team of Queen Charlotte College's Athletes travelled to Nelson to compete in the 2011 Tasman Secondary School Athletics. The team was: Henry Evans, Joseph Timms, Thomas McLaren-Brown, Tyler Sintes, Levon Conroy-Mosdell, Haeora Hillman, Kimberley de Haan, Cheyenne Conroy-Mosdell, Tamsin Woolf and Elly Stuart. The day started early with a 6.30am start, with steady rain and cool temperatures. However it began to clear, with only occasional drizzle. Despite our schools size, the performances and results displayed were exceptional. Our athletes particularly excelled in the track events, with Haeora Hillman placing 2nd in the 100m, 2nd in the 200m and 2nd in the 400m. Tamsin Woolf came 2nd in the 200m and 3rd in the 400m. Tyler Sintes came 3rd in the 800m and Cheyenne Conroy-Mosdell placed 2nd in the 800m. Henry Evans also placed 2nd in the 3000m.

However the results do not stop at the track. Haeora Hillman again showed some excellent talent, with 1st place in the Shotput and Javelin. He also placed 3rd in Discus. Kimberly de Haan placed 2nd in Highjump and 4th in Javelin. The results our athletes produced are fantastic, despite competing against 13 larger Secondary Schools. Queen Charlotte College has certainly placed its mark amongst the other Athletes. Our Students enjoyed a very successful day and can be proud of their remarkable results.

## NOTICES

### School Photographs

Students have received their sample photographs and order forms. If you are ordering an individual photo please include the small portrait photo in the envelope. Payment for photographs is due by Wednesday 6th April. Order forms and money are to be given to Mrs Riwaka.

### Scientific Calculator

### Special Offer

Fantastic offer from the Mathematics Department, Sharp Scientific Calculators \$16.70 (RRP \$25). For success in Mathematics a scientific calculator is essential for Years 9 and above. The Sharp EL-531 has all the features we use and more! This price is for a limited time and all money must be paid to Mrs Riwaka by Tuesday 5th April.

