



FRIDAY 11 JUNE 2010

Dear Parents

Today was Old Girls' Day when we honoured our former students, welcoming many of them back to the College for the special Banners Assembly in which they and our House leaders participate. This assembly was followed by the traditional Old Girls versus students netball game, the objective of the exercise to win the prized Sandra Bacon Trophy.

The assembly was preceded by the unveiling of the Foundation Trust's Donor Board and the opening of the new classroom and reconfigured Junior School entrance way. Judge Carolyn Henwood, an Honoured Old Girl and the Chair of the College Foundation which provided the seeding capital for this project, cut the ribbon assisted by our youngest Prep and Deputy Principal, Kathleen McDonnell. The Junior School performed a special waiata and, to mark the occasion, there were cupcakes for the Year 1 - 6 girls. Once the outside landscaping has been finished, Stage 1 of the Development Plan will be complete and it will be time to turn our attention to Stage 2.

This week, Year 4 relocated to the new classroom in time for the opening and is now enjoying this vibrant and spacious area. Over the next few weeks, other classes will be moved to take advantage of this extra space. If you haven't seen inside the new classroom already, please take the opportunity to look around next time you visit the College.

Over the Queen's Birthday Weekend, senior students acted in the National Competition of the Sheilah Winn Shakespearean Competition. Their energetic performance, a compilation of scenes from Julius Caesar, was impressive earning them two awards. This was also the week of The Big Sing with our Chorale, Charisma, performing most creditably at the Town Hall.

Reports for all students have been posted this week. These provide information as to your daughter's progress to date this year and are the basis for discussion at the Report Evenings. We actively encourage you to bring your daughter to these important meetings. A three-way conversation about learning strategies involving the student, parent and teacher is very powerful.

Carol Craymer
 MA (Hons); Dip SM; DIP Ed; Dip Techg
 Principal

FUTURE DATES

Monday 14 June – Sunday 20 June Week 9	
Monday 14 June	
Parent Interview Bookings close Electronic Bookings (Code UJZRR) www.schoolinterviews.co.nz	12.30pm
Tuesday 15 June	
Year 12 Chemistry to Victoria University	9.00am – 12.00pm
Interzone Cross Country – Happy Valley Park, Happy Valley	12.00pm – 2.30pm
QTechs to Tech Hui – Marsden Collegiate	9.00am – 3.00pm
Parent Interviews Years 1 – 13 – whole school closed 2.30pm. (Pre-school remains open)	3.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 June	
Year 12 Chemistry and Physics to Victoria University	12.00pm – 3.00pm
QUOTS – International Students at Scots College	5.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 17 June	
Year 12 Geography to Te Papa	10.30am – 11.30am
Parent Interviews Years 1 – 13 whole school closed 2.30pm. (Pre-school remains open)	3.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 18 June	
9LB and 9HJ Dance to Malvina Major Rest Home	8.30am – 10.30am
OPEN Day – School in Action	9.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 19 June	
St Margaret's Chile depart	
Sunday 20 June	
Chamber Music Regional Finals – Victoria University	
Monday 21 June – Friday 25 June Week 10	
Friday 25 June	
House Performing Arts Day	
Term 2 end	Junior School 3.00pm Middle and Senior School 3.30pm
Future...	
Term 3 start	19 July – 8.30am
Founders' Break	30 and 31 August



CONGRATULATIONS

.....to *Shruti Iyer, Tamara Jenkin and Michelle Too* who won first prize in the investigation design section of the Wellington Region Year 10 Science Challenge. The competition was held on Wednesday 9 June at Victoria University's College of Education. The girls competed against nearly 50 teams representing schools from all over the region. Their winning investigation involved designing a method to test the effect of a number of factors on the strength of papier mâché.

Charlotte Gee was awarded 3rd place in the Scholastic Short Story Competition in the ages 5 – 7 category with *Grace and the Unicorn*.

The Year 4 – 8 girls who represented QMC at the Western Zone Cross-Country event at Karori Park on 25 May. Full results are on mag.net. Special congratulations to *Estelle Macadre, Matisse Uluilalata, Charlotte van Boheemen* and *Holly McMahan* who finished in the top 10 and will now represent the zone at the Interzone race on 15 June.

Madeleine Knowles placed 2nd in her age category in a national dive competition recently. Madeleine is now placed 2nd in NZ in the one metre Board.

Laura Campbell who has been awarded an Excellence Scholarship at Victoria University for 2011.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 (NCEA)

The Subject Selection Handbooks for 2011 have been included with the reports this week. At this stage of the year we begin planning courses, numbers of classes and staffing for 2011 and it is important that we have accurate information about the subjects which students wish to take. The timetable is constructed around student choice and we do our best to ensure that all combinations of subjects are considered.

During the next few weeks girls should look at the subjects they wish to study, possible career or university courses and discuss subject selection with teachers. We would like to avoid students changing their minds about subjects during the remainder of the year as this often affects viability of courses, class sizes and combinations of subjects.

It is important that the subject selection forms be returned by the required date:

Year 11 – return to the school office by Wednesday 23 June.

Year 10 and Year 12 (NCEA) – return to the school office by Friday 30 July.

Year 9 students will receive their Subject Selection Handbooks for 2011 shortly.

Year 12 IB Diploma students continue studying the same subjects into Year 13. They will be making their standard or higher level selections later in the year.

YEARS 10 – 13 NZQA REGISTRATION

All students doing NCEA standards this year should now be able to access their information on the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea):

- Students who have not logged on before should get their student ID number from Ms Francis and set up a password.
- Students who have logged on can use their old password (or request a new password).

This will enable students to see and check their results (QMC sends a file at the beginning of each month) and, in January, get

their NCEA results on-line. If the results are not correct then please see Ms Francis.

The NZQA “hook on” charge of \$75 per year will be charged to your account later this year. If there are 2 or more students in a family doing NCEA (with fees over \$200) then please contact Ms Francis. (judy.francis@qmc.school.nz)

YEAR 12 AND 13 - ENTRY TO UNIVERSITIES IN 2011

Over the last few months there have been a number of comments from universities about entry restriction for 2011. Entry requirements have yet to be confirmed but basically universities would like to have students who will succeed in the courses they select. Our advice is for students to do their very best in Year 13 and, while they are at university, to maintain a good academic record. Please note also, that selection to University Hostels is usually based on Year 12 results. Students studying the IB Diploma course will receive an indicative grade which is recognized by the University Hostels.

For Example: Current selection into a programme at Auckland University

- You will be allocated a rank score based on your best 80 credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of five approved subjects, weighted by the level of achievement attained in each set of credits. If you achieve fewer than 80 credits, the rank score will be based on those credits you have gained at Level 3 over a maximum of five approved subjects and weighted by the level of achievement. The approved subjects are determined by NZQA and a list is available on the NZQA website.
- You are strongly encouraged to take achievement standards as preparation for University studies.
- The rank score will be calculated by awarding four points for Excellence, three for Merit and two for Achieved for up to 24 credits in each approved subject taken at Level 3 in the last two years. The maximum rank score is 320.

Please see the example table on the last page of the news, of what a rank score calculation would be.

* not included as maximum of best 80 credits taken.

A Bachelor of Health Science at Auckland University would require a rank score of 200 plus some further requirements. Similarly students studying the IB Diploma are ranked based on the IB Diploma points attained. The Bachelor of Health Science would require 29 points. The requirements differ depending on the course selected. Further information can be obtained from (www.auckland.ac.nz) and from other university websites, as each university has slightly different practices.

SENIOR SCHOOL

QMC DESIGN STUDENTS EXPERIENCE APPLIED ART AND DESIGN AT WHITIREIA POLYTECHNIC

On Friday 28 May, the Year 12 and 13 Design students from Queen Margaret College attended an all-day Applied Art and Design Experience Day offered by the Whitireia Polytechnic at their Porirua Campus.

The QMC students were shown a range of digital designs created by Whitireia Polytechnic students in print, illustration, 2D and 3D models, animation and motion film. They then discussed their own design work in a group critique.

Afterwards, the Year 12 students were introduced to Adobe Photoshop and given support and feedback in a tutorial setting. The

Year 13's honed their skills in the areas of trouble-shooting and advanced operation of the Photoshop programme. Later in the workshop, the Year 13 students had the opportunity to create simple animations using the Adobe After Effects programme.

The Queen Margaret College Design students demonstrated motivation and keen interest as they took full advantage of the practical support provided by the Whitireia workshop tutors. This enabled them to refresh their existing abilities and to explore new opportunities in the world of digital graphics and illustration.

YEAR 12 IB GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

As part of their course work, the Year 12 IB Geography class will be visiting Te Papa, in order to observe the Awesome Forces display. They will work to collate information and develop their understanding of how natural processes work, examples within New Zealand and what we are doing to reduce impacts of natural hazards. The girls will travel to and from Te Papa on a shuttle which will cost \$15. This amount will be debited from your account unless other payment arrangements have been made.

Details are as follows:

When : Thursday 17 June
Time : 10.20am – 11.30am
Cost : \$15 per student
Clothing : Uniform

If you have any further questions or concerns please phone Mrs Dagger on 04 473 7160 extn 820 or email her at jo.dagger@qmc.school.nz

YEAR 11 TO 13 VISUAL ARTS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

What: Extra practical time and tutorial opportunity for Years 11, 12 and 13 Visual Arts students only.

When: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Saturday 26 June (Mrs. Pavelich)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday 27 June (Mrs. Pavelich)
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday 18 July (Ms. Selwood)

Where: W10 Computer lab and Room W6, Queen Margaret College.

Bring: Mufti, water bottle, lunch and/or snack, pen/pencil/visual diary, clear files, Photoshop textbook and all work completed so far.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Materials Technology – Years 12 and 13 only

- Dates: Monday 28 June
Tuesday 29 June
- Time – 10:00am – 3:00pm
- W4 – Mrs Knight supervising
- Arrange own transport, bring lunch.

Students must register their name and a contact number with Mrs Knight by Friday 25 June.

WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

A reminder to all girls that they are to cross the roads in the city using pedestrian crossings or underpasses. A member of the QMC community recently observed girls jaywalking across Murphy Street outside the American Embassy.

SPORTS

HOLIDAY CLINICS

Information regarding Netball and Hockey July Holiday clinics are on mag.net or go direct to the following websites: Wellington Hockey (www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz), Northern Suburb (www.nsnnetball.co.nz) or Wellington netball (www.netballwellington.co.nz).

Capital Tennis Coaching is running a grass hopper mini tournament for 5 – 10 year olds, Sunday 13 June at Thorndon Tennis Club. For more information please go to the Tennis folder on mag.net.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Good luck to the Senior and Junior UWH teams competing in the Central Zones tournament this weekend. Games are being played at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. The draw is posted on mag.net.

LIBRARY

The library has recently added a large number of books to its senior fiction area. These include:

'The Last Chinese Chef' – Nicole Mones. This book tells the story of Maggie, an American widow who goes to China to interview Sam, a Chinese-American chef and also to solve an issue in her personal life. The entire story is set against wonderful descriptions of traditional Chinese cuisine which will have you racing to the wok.

'Major Pettigrew's Last Stand' – Helen Simonsen. A lovely tale set in an English village which explores the growing friendship between the retired Major Pettigrew and Mrs Jasmina Ali, the local shop-keeper.

'Precious – Sapphire'. A hard-hitting story of Precious, a sixteen year old illiterate black girl. Placed in an alternative teaching programme, she learns to read and write. This is Precious's diary, in which she honestly records her relationships and her life.

'Factory Girls' – Leslie T Chang. China has 130 million migrant workers, the largest migration in human history. This is the true story of the lives of two young women who attempt to rise from the factory lines in the industrial city of Dongguan.

'The Tulip Virus' – Danielle Hermans. An international best-selling thriller that plunges the reader into questions of free will, science and religion, while showing the dark fruits of greed, pride and arrogance.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to the committee and to the parent body for supporting our first fund raiser for 2010. *Sex and the City II* was a great success with a complete sell out and a lot of fun had by all. Our next big event is a *'Latino Casino'* evening planned for 4 September. More details to follow but put the date in your diary now.

From time to time the committee needs help from others to provide baking and other small 'one off' jobs. If you are able to help in this sort of way please email your name and contact phone number to Andi Shirtcliffe at ashirtcliffe@clear.net.nz.

GENERAL

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Electronic bookings for Parent Interviews for Years 1 – 13 are open. Please go to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The Parents: School code is UJZRR and from there, the programme will take you through three easy steps to book. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 June from 3.00pm – 6.30pm. Please note that school will close at 2.30pm, on both days. This applies to Year 1 - 13.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

The reference to the interview rooms on the email generated by your booking eg Pivac 1, Pivac 2, Pivac 3, Pivac 4, Tower 1, Tower 2 are rooms that are close together in the main part of the school, so that 5 minutes between interviews will be ample

time for you to get from one room to the other. A map will be available. Interviews are 5 minutes long and should you require a longer time please negotiate with the teacher for another day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Junior School interviews will be in the Junior School classrooms and are 20 minutes long.

If you are unable to book electronically or you are unable to book an interview with a teacher please ring the office on (04) 473 7160 or email Barbara.beable@qmc.school.nz. Bookings will close on Monday 14 June at 12.30pm.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The School Holidays are just around the corner.

The dates for the holidays are:

Week 1: Monday 28 June – Friday 2 July

Week 2: Monday 5 July – Friday 9 July

Week 3: Monday 12 July – Friday 16 July

We have many fun activities planned including : theatre trips, a visit to the Zoo, movies, dance, sport, art and craft and baking activities at 47.

The programme is published on the School Website.

I can be contacted: christine.gregory@qmc.school.nz or phone 473-7160 & 021 1543501.

After School Care and Holiday Programme Manager.

TECH HUI 2010

The 2010 Tech Hui is a student driven conference to be held at Samuel Marsden College on June 15. The idea behind Tech Hui is for students to create their own event aimed at other students. At Tech Hui, students from schools nationwide will be involved in a day of learning about the career opportunities in the technology industry. They will also hear from amazing speakers who are well renowned in their fields of work.

For the afternoon session there are a selection of courses that

students can experience from four of Wellington's leading tertiary institutes in technology: Weltec, Natcoll, Victoria University and Massey University. Each institute offers a workshop that incorporates different areas of technology. An overview of these courses can be found when registering. The following QMC QTechs will be attending the Tech Hui.

Emma Allen, Ashna Basu, Tali Cohen, Emma Collingbourne, Chantelle Dollimore, Isla Findlay, Hannah Louis, Natasha Loveday and Kathy Qin.



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UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE RANK SCORE CALCULATION EXAMPLE

Subject	Standard Type	Results	Credits	Calculation	Rank Score
English	Achievement	6 Excellence 6 Merit 9 Achieved	6 ✓ 6 ✓ 9 ✓	= 6 x 4 = 24 = 6 x 3 = 18 = 9 x 2 = 18	60
History	Achievement	10 Excellence 14 Achieved	10 ✓ 14 *	= 10 x 4 = 40	40
Mathematics with Calculus	Achievement	4 Excellence 6 Merit 11 Achieved	4 ✓ 6 ✓ 11 ✓	= 4 x 4 = 16 = 6 x 3 = 24 = 11 x 2 = 22	62
Physics	Achievement	12 Merit 12 Achieved	12 ✓ 12 *	= 12 x 3 = 30	36
Statistics and Modelling	Achievement	6 Excellence 10 Merit 8 Achieved	6 ✓ 10 ✓ 8 *	= 6 x 4 = 24 = 10 x 3 = 30	54
		Total			252

*Next QM news
Friday 25 June*