



Friday, 17 April 2026

To empower young women to live, learn and lead courageously



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back everyone to a new term! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Term 1 school holidays and enjoyed the Easter celebrations. As we step into Term 2, we're excited to see all the smiling faces back in our classrooms, ready for new adventures and learning experiences.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini.

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective.

This whakatauki highlights the importance of teamwork and community. It reminds us that success is not achieved alone but through the support and contributions of many.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community or team to help an individual succeed. This message is a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate the collective effort that goes into the achievements of our children.

International Baccalaureate (IB) World School

QMC is proud to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP). Our learning is engaging, relevant, and challenging. The PYP focuses on six important themes that help children understand the world:

- Who we are
- How we organize ourselves
- Where we are in place and time
- How the world works
- How we express ourselves
- Sharing the planet.

Through the PYP, we aim to:

- Develop a range of skills that will support children throughout their education.
- Foster independence while also encouraging collaboration and creative thinking.
- Integrate learning across different subjects, helping children make meaningful, real-life connections.
- Encourage students to reflect on their learning and plan their next steps, becoming independent in managing themselves.

QMCPA Second-Hand Uniform Sale – This Sunday 19 April 10am-12pm

The QMC Parents' Association (QMCPA) facilitates the buying and selling of second-hand uniforms. The QMCPA is committed to offering affordable and sustainable options for all whānau, helping you save money while choosing environmentally friendly solutions. It's the perfect opportunity to refresh school items for the term ahead, pick up larger sizes for growing students, and make sure you have everything you need.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale: Sunday 19 April, 10am-12pm at QMC

**Please note: Last term's newsletter stated that the end time was 2pm. This is incorrect. The end time is 12pm.*

For sellers, please complete this form: [Sellers Information](#). This form must be securely attached to the bag/box of uniform items. Clean pre-loved uniform items can be dropped off at school reception during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm).

For further information, please see the [Uniform page of our website](#).

Future Second-Hand Uniform Sales are happening on Sunday 23 August and Sunday 6 December, 10am - 12pm. If you wish to sell or purchase uniforms items at other times please email secondhanduniform@qmc.school.nz

Kōwhai Playground Upgrade: Watch It Happen! Exciting Changes Ahead!



This week, under sunny skies, we took an exciting first step in the redevelopment of our Kōwhai Playground, welcoming a digger on site to officially break ground on the upgrade.

This redevelopment is an exciting step forward and will greatly improve access and flow between the two blocks of Junior School, helping to create a more connected, engaging and welcoming space for our learners.

We were hopeful the upgrade might be completed by the end of the holidays, but the weather hasn't quite been as kind as we would have liked. Work will continue as conditions allow so the project can be completed as soon as possible.

While the redevelopment is taking place, Year 5 and 6 students will need to enter their classrooms through the Atrium.

We can't wait to see the finished result. So exciting!

Cross-Curricular Programme - Term 1's Learning and Creativity

As we prepare to launch a new round of Cross-Curricular Programme activities for Term 2, it's a great opportunity to look back at some of the wonderful learning and creativity that took place last term. Art Club students enthusiastically explored a range of materials and techniques, producing some truly beautiful and imaginative pieces while working alongside their peers.

Below are just a few examples of the impressive artwork created in Art Club last term. With many activities and clubs, including Art Club, continuing again next term there is still time for students to sign up and enjoy these enriching opportunities beyond the classroom.



Cross-Curricular Programme Term 2 – A Few Spots Left!

Registrations for our [Term 2 Cross-Curricular Programme](#) close on **20 April**. There are a few spots left, so get in quick! The programme will run from **Week 2-10**, with sessions held each week from **3.30pm –4.30pm**.

See the Cross-Curricular Programme & Book Now!

We look forward to another exciting term of learning and exploration across a wide range of disciplines. If you have any questions about the programme, please get in touch.

Reminders:

- Year 6 Camp runs from 4-7 May (Week 3). Please keep this in mind when signing your daughter up for Cross-Curricular Programme activities, as Year 6 students will be away during this time.

- During the Junior School production week, there will be no Cross-Curricular Programme activities on the Thursday of that week (28 April).

Upcoming Cross Country Events: 21 April & 28 April

Our annual Cross Country events are just around the corner and preparations are well underway!

- **Students in Years 4–6 will run at Karori Park on Tuesday 21 April 2026 (9.15am to 11.30am)**
 - If you have not done so already, please fill in the Cross Country Permission Form: [School Cross Country - Permission Form - Tuesday 21 April 2026 – Karori Park.](#)
 - Transport is provided to and from the venue by bus from school.
 - Students will need to arrive at school wearing PE uniform.
 - Students will need to bring a water bottle and a snack (e.g. banana or muesli bar)
 - Places will be awarded for the event, but no times will be taken. The top 6 placegetters will represent the school at the Western Zone Inter School Cross Country later this term.
- **Students in Years 1–3 will run at Katherine Mansfield Park on 28 April 2026.**
 - Teachers will send out more details.

Cross Country is always a highlight of the school sporting calendar and a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves, show perseverance, and enjoy time outdoors with their classmates.

PYP: A Morning Conversation for Parents – 23 April 8.00am–8.30am

Parents are warmly invited to join us for coffee and pastries on Thursday 23 April from 8.00am–8.30am for an informal morning focused on our IB curriculum.

This session will introduce the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and create space for your questions and perspectives. It will be an open conversation about the PYP curriculum and how children learn within it. It's a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and share perspectives in a relaxed setting.

👉 **To help us plan catering, please complete the RSVP form here:** [PYP: A Morning Conversation for Parents](#)

The RSVP form will close on Monday 20 April.



Scholarships for Year 7 in 2027 – closing 24 April at 5pm

A notice to the parents of our current Year 6 students that applications for scholarships for Year 7 in 2027 will close on 24 April at 5pm.

[Scholarships for Year 7](#) are available for Academics, Arts, and students who demonstrate a commitment to living by the QMC values. Applicants for Year 7 scholarships are required to sit a scholarship exam on **Saturday 2 May** onsite at Queen Margaret College. Scholarships are available for current and future QMC domestic students. Applicants may apply for a maximum of 2 scholarships.

For those parents who have older students, the QMC Scholarship Programme also offers scholarships for 2027 for current and future QMC domestic students in [Year 7-10](#) and [Year 11-13](#).



Junior School Aroha Celebration – 8 May 8.30am-10.20am

We are excited to remind you about our upcoming heartwarming celebration on **Friday 8 May from 8.30am to 10.20am**, where students will **honour a special person in their lives who cares for and supports them**. Whether it's a parent, aunt, uncle, or any cherished person, we invite you to bring one special person along for a delightful morning tea that celebrates aroha (love).

As New Zealand celebrates Mother's Day on Sunday, 10 May, this event provides a wonderful opportunity for students to express their appreciation, gratitude, and love for a person who plays a significant role in their lives. Enjoy a morning filled with delicious treats, heartfelt moments, and joyful performances by our school choirs.

Following the morning tea, there will be engaging classroom activities where students can share their love and thanks. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special occasion together.

👉 **Please** [RSVP for Aroha Celebration here](#)

The RSVP form will close on Thursday 30 April. Please let us know as soon as possible to help us with our preparations.

Smart Watch Use at School

As a reminder, QMC **does not permit students to use smart devices at school, including smart watches, during the school day.** This policy provides consistency across all classes and helps ensure it can be implemented and monitored clearly and fairly.

What is a smart watch?

- For the purposes of school policy, a **smart watch** is defined as a device with communication or connectivity functions similar to a mobile phone. This includes the ability to make or receive calls, send messages, access the internet or apps, receive notifications, link directly to a phone, or take photos. Research and experience show that these features can be distracting during learning time and may impact students' wellbeing, focus, and peer relationships, even when "school modes" or partial restrictions are applied.
- Devices such as **Fitbits**, which are designed primarily for fitness tracking and do not allow calling, messaging, internet access, or app use, are generally considered acceptable, provided they are not used in a way that distracts from learning.

If your child needs to bring a smart watch to school:

- Students may bring a smart watch to school **for travel or pick-up purposes**, provided it is **kept in their school bag during the day.**
- Alternatively, arrangements can be made for the class teacher to collect the device in the morning and return it at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping maintain a focused and supportive learning environment for all students.



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – 28 May & 29 May – Get your tickets!

Tickets for our Junior School Production, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, are selling fast! Get your tickets now!

Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May, 5.30pm in QMC Hall

♥ 🎟 Emerald City Premium Tickets - **Sold out on both nights**

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

We encourage families to secure their seats early – it's always a highlight of the year and promises to be a magical show!

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – Poster Competition (Holiday Activity)

Completed posters are due by **1 May 2026**. We can't wait to see the creativity and imagination our Junior School students bring to this activity!

There's still time to enter! [👉 Download the poster template](#)

Poster Criteria:

- The title of the play must be written correctly: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
- Designs must be the student's own work
- Students can decorate their poster in any style they choose. Creativity is encouraged!

Sports

Winter Sport Registrations

We encourage all Junior School students to participate in winter sports. Forgotten to register for winter sport? [Please register via our sports website](#). We currently have some vacancies in the following:

- Badminton - Year 6
- Basketball - Year 3-6
- Fencing - Year 3-6
- Hockey - Year 5 and 6
- Netball - Year 1 to 3
- Under Water Hockey -Year 6
- Tennis Lessons

Skiing: For Year 1-6 students interested in skiing in the winter, please register your interest by filling in the registration form: [Skiing Registration Form](#)

Netball player registration with Northern Suburbs Netball

All Junior School students (Years 1-6) who are playing in a school team need to register as a player with Northern Suburbs Netball (NSN). An email has been sent to all players with a unique link to their team - please ensure this is completed before the first game. We understand you have already registered with the school - this is an additional requirement. Thank you!

Fencing – Year 3 to 6

There will be no Fencing on the first day of school Monday 20 April or Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day). The first session for Term 2 will be on Monday 4 May.

Swimming Sports Finals – Friday 1 May 2026

Our top competitive students will be invited to attend the Swimming Sports Finals. Students who have qualified will be notified by email and parents will receive an event schedule. The finals will be held on Friday 1 May at 9.00am –12.00pm at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie (WRAC).

Upcoming Dates

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 20 April

Term 2 Starts

Tuesday 21 April

Cross Country: Years 4–8, Karori Park

Thursday 23 April

PYP Conversation for Parents

Week 2

Monday 27 April

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 28 April

Cross Country: Years 1–3, Katherine Mansfield Park

Week 3

Monday 4 May - Thursday 7 May

Year 6 Camp

Year Friday 8 May

Aroha Celebration Morning Tea

Week 6

Thursday 28 May & Friday 29 May

Junior School Production: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

**Have a lovely weekend and we look forward
to welcoming you back for Term 2!**

Ngā mihi nui,

Jan Treeby

Head of Junior School



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