



# Queen Elizabeth College

Panui to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School

April 2019

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers

I write this newsletter as the term races to an end. We are about to end our first term of eleven weeks and we have pointed out to our seniors that this is one third of the academic year completed.

The term has been very busy, and we highlight many of the activities that have been undertaken later in this newsletter. Of special note at this time is the **Parent /teacher interviews** which will be held next **Thursday night and during the day on Friday**. We encourage all whanau and parents to attend this session, it helps to get the school, home and child on the same page. School will be open on Friday if you wish to send your child. They will be supervised in the library for study. As the teachers are busy with interviews, we cannot run our normal timetable programme at that time.

I have been very pleased to see the commitment of our students to sports and cultural activities. These add a lot to an individual through learning skills such as team work, perseverance, commitment, sportsmanship and belonging to a group. The Kapa Haka and Pacifica groups are in full swing and we are looking into offering Dance as an option for our students. The mixed touch team have been outstanding and lifted to new level winning a tournament and the local competition. The boys played in the local rugby league competition for the first time last Sunday, we are considering whether we enter a regional secondary school competition.

I would like to invite you to an assembly next **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 2pm**. We have the Army Brass Band playing for us at school. We are also going to honour our fallen Old Boys in the World Wars as a lead into ANZAC day celebrations on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Our service Academy will be marching at the 10am ceremony on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April in the square.

I am pleased to announce that this year QEC will offer two fully funded places to Outward Bound for two year 12 students. These courses are valued at \$4500 dollars each and are kindly sponsored by a benefactor. More information and an application process will be announced next term. We also have 20 students involved with the Duke of Edinburgh programme sponsored by Terrace End Rotary.

Lastly, I would like to remind parents that this year is a Board election year and we would encourage you think about serving your school in a governance role.

I would urge all parents to take note of items in the newsletter of note;

- Homework policy
- Using our "AP" for the student management system to get information about your child's progress. **We grade your child each month on their attitudes to learning.**
- NCEA information night next term
- Computer in homes programme run by the school for \$5 per week

Ngā mihi

Chris Moller

# Queen Elizabeth College

## Homework Expectations



Homework helps students support their learning and achievement. Homework activities include the following:

- \* Completing work started in class
- \* Revision and practice exercises eg IXL for Maths & English
- \* Assignments
- \* Revising for tests and exams
- \* Read over work covered in class that day
- \* Reading to increase vocabulary and understanding eg news articles, novels
- \* Conducting interviews or asking questions

### **Year Nine & Ten students**

Homework will be posted on One Note for these subjects:

#### **English & Mathematics**

Students can practise their English & Maths skills online:

www.ixl.com is used by the English & Mathematics teachers to set homework for Year 9 and 10 students. To login students need their user name and password which are provided by their teacher. To remind them, if needed, their username is based on their name. For example, John Smith is jsmith@qecnz. If they forget their password please get them to check with their English or Mathematics teachers. The teacher will set homework for students to work on but they can choose to do any additional work if they choose. The website is designed to meet the New Zealand Curriculum and is well explained with help and explanations.

**Science : Once a week** an article that extends general knowledge. It should take 10 minutes to complete.

**Social Studies :** an article once a week. It should take 30 minutes to complete.

Other subject areas will post homework tasks from time to time such as Te Reo, PED

### **Year Eleven students**

Students should spend at least 60 minutes per night on homework. We would encourage parents to look at the course schedules and to work with students to meet the deadlines set by staff. Failure to submit on time can lead to a Not Achieved grade. If you are unsure of details or procedures for NCEA do not hesitate to email the teacher or senior staff to seek clarification.

For more information on NCEA go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

### **Year Twelve & Thirteen students**

Students should spend at least 2 hours per night on homework. These students are expected to be self-managing. For more information on NCEA go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Parents, please talk to your children about what they have covered in class and ask questions. Also, be aware that failure to meet school expectations in the classroom may lead to the withdrawal of extra privileges such as work experience or sports and cultural activities

# NCEA Information Evening for caregivers and students

You are invited to attend a meeting  
about NCEA. In this meeting you will  
be able to ask questions about this  
New Zealand school qualification.

Tuesday 14 May 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Queen Elizabeth College Library

RSVP your son/daughter's Poutama Teacher

## Touch

On Saturday the 23rd of March, our Queen Elizabeth College Mixed Touch Team competed in the Secondary Schools Zonal Touch Tournament.

The team performed consistently all day, going through their Pool games with two wins (4-2 vs Awatapu College, and 8-1 vs Feilding High School). We played Tu Toa in the semi-finals (winning 7-5). This set up a final against a strong Whanganui High School team.

The final was a tense game, with our team coming back from being down 3-4 at half time, to win a tight final 8-7. This is a good confidence builder, with our team having already qualified for the National Secondary School Touch Tournament in December.





Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S  
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



## 2019 Participants

Following a recruitment drive at school we are delighted that Queen Elizabeth College has twenty students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh International Awards. We have one ex student, Shayne Coley who is about to complete his Gold Award and Sophie Marsden is one activity from completing her Bronze award. We wish these two students continued success as they complete their Adventurous Journey.

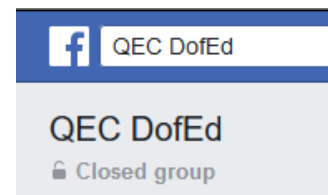
## **THE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY**



During the first week of the April holidays eight of our Duke of Edinburgh participants will be completing their training and practice for their Adventurous Journey. All students at Bronze Level are expected to complete an overnight journey which they plan and execute themselves with the assistance of a qualified instructor. We look forward to some interesting tales and stories!!!!

## FACEBOOK

Parents / Caregivers of participants are encouraged to join the Facebook page for our group. This helps with communication, advice and sharing.



**Rotary**

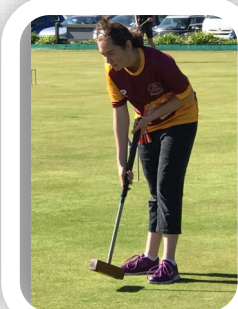


**Rotary Club of  
Terrace End**

Queen Elizabeth College thanks the Rotary Club of Terrace End for its ongoing support of our Duke of Edinburgh participants. With funding provided by the Rotary Club, participants have their registration fees and outdoor experiences funded.

## **Croquet Regionals**

Well done, Erica and Jacob on your efforts at this tournament. You guys got better and better with every game, Watch out for next time!



Queen Elizabeth College  
**EXPECTATIONS**

**Respect**  
*Manaakitanga*

**Responsibility**  
*Kawengatanga*

**Commitment**  
*Manawanuitanga*

**Connectedness**  
*Whanaungatanga*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 2019

Rāta-	Rāhina Mon	Rātu Tues	Rāapa Wed	Rāpare Thurs	Rāmere Fri	Rāho
	8 Pūhoro Term 1 Wānanga	9 Battle of the Bridges	10 School finishes 1:30 pm	11 2pm Qec old boys remembrance, with military band	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Term 1 School Holidays						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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				ANZAC day		
28	29	30	01 May School finishes 1:30 pm	2 Planting of Bunnings Community Garden	3	4
5	6	7	8 School finishes 1:30 pm	9	10	11
SAS Basic Leaders Course						
			BOT election			

### School Remembrance

In remembrance of our QEC Old Boys who died in World wars I & II and In preparation for ANZAC day we as a school are going to meet in the Hall at 2pm on Thursday **11th April** for a time of remembrance and thanks. A military brass band will be joining us. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

### TEXT IN ABSENCES

Absences can be texted in using the number **(027) 813 8482**. Please text <student name> followed by <reason> end with <your name> by 8.30am.

Find us on  
**facebook**

### Breakfast Club

Who For: Everyone welcome  
Where: Te Matui  
Days: Mondays to Friday  
Time: From 8 am

## Year 11 Camp

On the 20th of March, 12 students along with two staff members, headed off to Mangaweka for a three-day camp. After setting up their tents and having a bite to eat, we all took to the river for rafting. Day two saw everyone back on the river, this time kayaking. Along the way students did their rescues and wet exits needed for their assessment. We had some good food cooked by the students and at night we got to relax by the fire.



## Careers update

We've had a busy term with careers 18 students out sitting their learners licence and a 100% pass rate! Congratulations to these students!

We had 2 students that passed restricted licences and we will have another 10 sitting it next term. We've enjoyed having had the driving simulator at school.

The Warehouse and Countdown students did very well. They enjoyed their time working in store and made us proud. We have another 4 students going out there next term.

We have Nakita Brown doing work experience at Gary Douglas Engineering. Students are also out on BCITO building and joinery and doing very well. They're loving learning many new skills.

Chelsie Tyson is with Wholegrain Organics, learning a lot with the cooking/preparing of food for the café.

Six Retail and Customer Services students went out last week they thoroughly enjoyed their time and all passed receiving 8 NECA credits!

Looking for more exciting options for students Term 2!





## Service Academy Induction Course 2019

The Service Academy has just completed a 12 Day Induction (Basic Training) course at Waiouru Military Camp. The course is designed to give the students a 12 day military experience that gives them an insight to life in the NZ Defence Force. It also provides opportunities to work with the 12 other academies in the Lower North Island. This course provides the base for the year to come.

It gives the students a chance to express themselves whether it be in physical training, leading a team, working in a team, work ethic. They build resilience and patience as well as their own confidence. They are definitely put under some stress and time constraints, which in the end will help in their life journey.

Our academy performed well at this course. The favourable comments that were given by the NZDF Staff and other Service Academy Directors about our students polite manners, good behaviour and work ethic were very pleasing. They represented our school, community and their whanau with pride. I observed changes in all of our students. They have all gained in self-confidence and when the going got tough they stuck it out and showed great commitment.

Most of our students received completion certificates and two in particular gained higher honours. Our most improved student was Tahi Peeni and our Top Student was Tanika Jeffrey. These two students along with Kiriana Pokai and Rongo Peeni led our team well from start to finish. All of the students deserve to have their names in lights because at the end of the day they worked very well as a team and we completed the first course of the year.

The next course from 29th April to the 3rd May is our Basic Leaders course. The NZDF Staff will select five students to go on this Leadership Course and learn how to be a leader. To the students who are selected Well done! You have been selected for your actions in Waiouru and fully deserve the recognition.

In summary it was a very good course and we at QEC can be proud of these young adults and we look forward to hearing about their great achievements in the future.

Lance Tahiwi  
Director, QEC Service Academy



# School Laptop programme

## Queen Elizabeth Information Technology plan

The Board of Trustees at Queen Elizabeth College has a desire for our students to get involved and to live in the digital world. It is important that today's children understand what is available in the digital world and how being "connected" can help you when researching, problem solving or dealing with everyday issues.

To help with this process we have come to an arrangement with a firm that is re-configuring ex-lease laptops. These are small machines, but they can run all the programmes that are needed in a school environment.

We currently have 13 of these laptops available for purchase. You can purchase these two ways;

One payment of \$210

Weekly payments of \$5 for one year (52 payments) \* *conditions apply*

The laptops can be used at school and at home. We will also offer training on basic use of the laptop and advise on insurance and care of the machine.

If you are interested in purchasing a laptop, please let the office at school know or email Mr John de Burgh on [jdeburgh@qec.school.nz](mailto:jdeburgh@qec.school.nz)

*\*52 payments will cost \$260 in total. The extra funds cover the risk of non-payment and the administration cost of the scheme. If the payments are not met in full in the one-year period, the laptop will remain the property of Queen Elizabeth College.*

## The caregiver Portal

The Caregiver, or Parent, Portal gives Caregivers immediate access to all of their child's/children's data in Edge. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Attendance
- NCEA Credits
- Timetable
- Reports
- Monthly Grades from teachers.

To be able to use this, the school first needs to have a valid email address for the caregiver. The Student also needs to be currently at the school.

Once the School has the email address the Caregiver intends to use, the caregiver can then go to:

1. Go to <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>. Enter the email address and click on Forgot Password. An email will then be sent to your email inbox. Click on the link within the email to set up a login.
2. Download the app from the google playstore or Apple store (depending on which type of phone/Device used).

Please note that student financial records are no longer kept on Edge. Statements are sent out monthly (by email or post) as normal with each students balance. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.