



Queen Elizabeth College

Panui to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School

Feb/Mar 2019

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome to Queen Elizabeth College for 2019. Whether you are a returning family or new to the school, we are all together on a journey to seek the best outcomes for your child.

The start of the year is always very busy, and we have had a lot of new enrolments this year. We have been very pleased with the new students that have enrolled both in numbers and the way they have approached the learning programmes at Queen Elizabeth. There is a lot to learn when starting a new school and we need to work together to ensure that our students have the best possible start to the year.

We have been very fortunate to welcome four very experienced staff members this year. You will see their full biography later in this newsletter. Mr Glen Langvad is our new HOD Science, Ms Suzy Baker is our TIC of Performing Arts, Mr Matt Schmidt is our homeroom teacher of year 9 & 10 and Mr Faafia Brown is a teacher of Mathematics. We also welcome Deb Marsden to our English department in a part-time role whilst continuing to be our guidance counsellor. Schools are very dependent on funding from the government and the increase in our numbers of students enables us to employ more staff.

We have spoken to the staff and students about our mission and values at QEC. We are aiming for our students to **be ready for life**. This includes, having a chance to experience work, learning how to drive a car, having real world opportunities to develop skills. Everything we do should meet our values of

Quality (everything we do is at our very best)

Expectations (High)

Commitment (To be successful we must meet all that is required of us)

We were very pleased with the response of the students to the sponsored walk. It was entered with good spirits and many students raised a lot of money. (see the article featured later in the newsletter) Our sports teams have started this week with teams in the volleyball, touch, cricket, croquet and softball competitions. We are also starting to plan for the Pacifica and Kapa Haka groups to get underway for the local and regional competitions.

The whole school had a great time at Athletic sports on Thursday 21st of February and we as a school enjoyed some of the new talent on the track and in the field events.

We look forward to this year and what it offers us all on this journey.

Ngā mihi

Chris Moller



Queen Elizabeth College

Strategic Plan 2019-2021



Ready for life

Vision

Quality, *everything we do is at the best of our ability*

Expectations, *we have the highest expectations of ourselves and our community*

Commitment, *we live and teach what it is to be committed*

Goals

Establish pathways for our akonga; further education, services, employment

Teach specific skills to prepare akonga to be ready for life

Prepare our students for the digital world

Actively seek ways to engage with the community

Establish robust systems for academic and pastoral support

Guiding Principles

The College follows the principles of positive behaviour for learning, and restorative practices.

We expect our community to exhibit:

Respect Manaakitanga

Responsibility Kawengatanga

Connectedness Whanaungatanga

We value

Good citizenship, Self-management, Success, Diversity, Inclusiveness, Honesty, Integrity, Growth Mindset

New staff : New adventures

We as a school would like to welcome some new staff to our Whanau this year.
Mr Matt Schmidt, Mr Glen Langvad and Ms Suzy Baker, Mr Faafia Brown,
WELCOME !!

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whilst continuing to be our guidance counsellor.

Introductions

Kia ora, I'm Matt Schmidt and I'm new to QEC this year, teaching a Year 9 & 10 homeroom. I come from a primary background, as a teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal, having made the switch to QEC for a fun new challenge! I'm Whanganui born and bred, Waikato educated (Go the Chiefs!) and now live here in Palmy with my partner, Naomi. In my spare time I'm a basketball coach and fanatic. I look forward to meeting you all over the course of the year.



My name is Suzy Baker. I teach Music, Performing Arts and Health. I have come from Tararua College and am really excited about being here at QEC. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all, and seeing what the future holds !

Hi, my name is Glen Langvad I am the new HOD of Science at QEC. I am an old boy being a student here back in the eighties. I have spent time in the workforce before becoming a Teacher and have worked as a Teacher in Western Heights High School, Rotorua and Waiopahu College, Levin where I was HOD before taking up this role. The Science department is looking strong and I will be looking forward to working with the students and trying to get them to reach their potential. As Martin Luther King Jr was quoted saying: The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education.



10 K Fun run

We decided to run a 10K sponsored walk/run this year to help our students raise funds for the school year.

We all know that participating in activities at school and the cost of fees, uniforms and stationery all adds up. To help our families we set aside a Friday afternoon for the 10k event and asked that all students participate to either raise funds or to support.

The whole school was out in force on Friday 15th of February completing the 10 laps around our fields. Some students raised over \$300 and this money is credited to the student's accounts and can be used for school activities such as camps, sports fees and other school related costs.

If your son daughter did not take part encourage them to do so next year and it can be a significant help to your and the school budget. A reminder that all funds raised are put against the student's name and will be used to help fund school costs and activities.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February and March 2019

Rāta-	Rāhina Mon	Rātu Tues	Rāapa Wed	Rāpare Thurs	Rāmere Fri	Rāho
	25	26 Learners Licence	27 Year 9 camp School finishes 1:30 pm	28	1 Mar	2
3	4	5	6 School finishes 1:30 pm	7	8 Swimming Sports	9
10	11	12	13 School finishes 1:30 pm	14	15	16
SAS Induction Course						
17	18	19	20 School finishes 1:30 pm	21	22	23
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			School finishes 1:30 pm			
			Year 11 SPE Camp			
24	25	26	27 School finishes 1:30 pm	28	29	30



Queen Elizabeth College EXPECTATIONS

Respect
Manaakitanga

Responsibility
Kawengatanga

Commitment
Manawanuitanga

Connectedness
Whanaungatanga

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.

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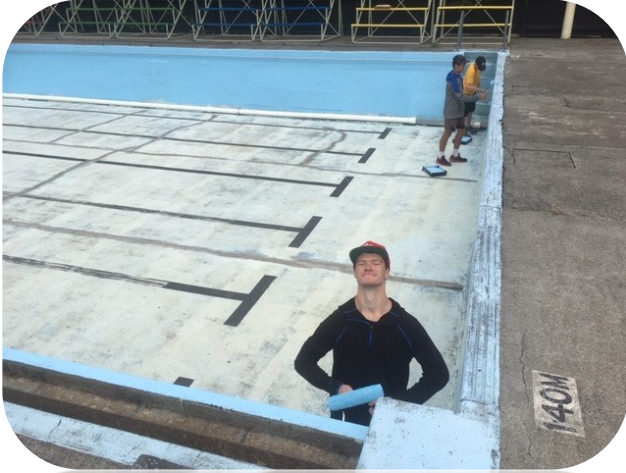
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Breakfast Club

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

Swimming to success

Over the last few months we have been undertaking the renovation of our school pool. During the hot weather, many students have been enjoying the chance to cool off at lunch time and now with the Swimming sports coming up on the 8th March, it's all go !



Softball

Here are some photos from the last softball game. Even though it was a friendly game it was great to see some new and eager players too! Looking forward to this season !



Athletics day ..

We celebrated our athletic sports on Thursday 21st of February.

The student represented their houses with pride and competed in many events.

The focus being on participation and support of each other.

The great aspect of our athletic sports is that the students get to compete in many different events, in many schools you have to qualify to compete which often means students end up watching for most of the day whilst a few stars compete.

The house results of the day were:

1 st	Totara
2 nd	Matai
3 rd equal	Rimu and Kauri

We are all looking forward to our swimming sports on Friday 8 March.

