

Queen Elizabeth College



Panui to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School

June 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and caregivers

We are only a few days away from the end of term two. We have all been extremely busy over the last weeks preparing for the Kapahaka and Polyfest, combined with sports and other activities such as schoolwork!

As a community we are extremely proud of our students who are putting Queen Elizabeth College back on the map with gutsy performances in sports and cultural activities.

The performances of the Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups stunned me! I have been in education for thirty years and instinct tells an experienced teacher when something is good. Well in the last few weeks the cultural performances were outstanding. It shows the whole community what is possible with commitment and effort. The support from the wider community was very much appreciated.

The Kapa Haka group stood for the first time in 10 years and sent a message to the local community that we are back and we can produce quality. My thanks to all the support from the staff, tutors and whanau to get the team to the stage.

Our sports teams are also playing well each week and I remind the players of the responsibilities around training and communicating with coaches.

We have endured a very nasty flu bug over the last month and hopefully we are through the worst of it. Please ensure your children are being as hygienic as possible and look after their health with good food and lots of sleep to help them recover.

We have our Poutama meetings again this term running from 4-7pm on Thursday and from 9am to 3pm on Friday. These meetings are very important to monitor the progress of your children. We have also just completed the classroom attitude grades for this month. They are available on the Edge App. These grades give a good indication of the engagement of your children in class.

With all the bugs and winter weather the temptation can be to stay home instead of coming to school. Please insist your children come to school. Attendance is essential to foster success.

Congratulations to all those that have participated in extra activities this term. Next term we will focus on school work and gaining academic qualifications.

Chris Moller

Bush Craft



NEWS



Sunday 26th May the year 12 & 13 Service Academy Students left for Bush craft. We stayed at a marae in Murupara. Then travelled on to meet the other schools.

Tuesday was the first day of our first tramp. We walked 14 and half kms in bush with a pack on. Wednesday we walked another 16kms and Thursday another 20kms. After every tramp we would set up camp and do a foot parade. That's where the staff would check our feet. Then we played cards with everyone until bed time.

We lived off Ration packs for the week with no hot shower and slept in a tent. We learnt a lot along the way. We relied on each other and helped each other out. Besides the rain and the cold it was pretty awesome and I will definitely do it again.

Tanika Jeffrey



Block H Demolition



Debating

The newly formed Queen Elizabeth College debating team recently competed in their second debate in the Manawatu Regional Debating Championships. After a narrow loss to Boys' High in the first round, the team entered their second debate, this time against St Peters, with cautious optimism. Debating about whether autonomous military drones should be allowed, our team of Sophie Marsden, Jamie Gilbert and Phoenix Collins, grew in confidence throughout the contest, eventually winning for what was for all of them only their second ever debate.

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Pasifika



Over the past few months our QEC Poly group had been working extremely hard. We have had our ups and downs along the way but we are all proud of what we have achieved.

We had Fia Fia night on Wednesday 19th June. It is a dress rehearsal for our families and the Community before we perform at Pasifika Fusion 2019 held at the Regent Theatre the following week.

Pasifika Fusion—Thursday 27th June

Our group was placed 1st in the Choir and Drama.

Nina came 1st in the Junior Samoan Speech, 3rd in the Science Project and 4th overall.

It was a long day and we were proud of what we accomplished. Even though we didn't place we know we are winners in our hearts.

The Pasifika group would like to thank Kino our tutor who gave us her all, Staff Tahiwi, Mr Brown and the community who have supported us along our 2019 journey.

Hannah Mataki Shaw



Ngā Manu Kōrero

Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals was held at Hato Paora College on Friday 7th June. Allannah Whanau Reihana and Raukura Te Momo represented Queen Elizabeth College.

Raukura came 5th in the prepared speech and 4th in the impromptu speech. Allannah came 6th in the prepared speech.



TE KEI O TE MATUI KAPAHAKA GROUP

It has been a long journey from the start till now. There has been a lot of ups and downs with the numbers. But it was all about quality than quantity.

Everyone had mixed feelings before we went on stage: scared, nervous, excited, ill, butterflies. On stage we relaxed and started to feel confident. When we left the stage we left with pride and knew that we all wanted to do it again.

For a new group starting off, we came 4th place and only 2 points away from 3rd place. We are all truly happy on where we were placed.

At our first noho we were getting up at 5 in the morning doing exercises to warm up. We exercised 3 times a day.

Our tutors are our number 1 fans. They were always there for us and telling us there is no such thing as CAN'T and we can do it. They would give us supporting quotes like, "there is no I in team". We love our tutors!

We would like to thank all our whanau that always came to our noho to help us with our kai and kakahu. The tutors and their family for taking their time just to help us with all the waiata and the mahi-a-ringā. The Methodist Church and The Salvation Army for their support in donating food for our noho.

We are happy to be representing Queen Elizabeth College and we can't wait till next year!

Nga mihi
Lequisha and Ataahua (Yr9)



Badminton



From the Sports Hub



Rugby




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2019



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Badminton Practice Lunch time school	2 Rugby Practice 3.30—5.30 All Teams	3	4 School Concert Parent/Poutama Teacher	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
School Holidays						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
School Holidays						
22 Term 3 Starts	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 QEC Open Night	30 BOT Meeting 5.30pm	31				



QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE

Respect
Manaakitanga

Responsibility
Kawengatanga

Commitment
Manawanuitanga



House	Points
Matai	32
Kauri	16
Totara	32
Rimu	32

Breakfast Club

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

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.