



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE PANUI

September 2023

## A Message from our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

We have been able to celebrate some wonderful achievements at the college over the last few weeks. The highlight would have to be the title win for the 1st XV in their grade. Despite challenges with player numbers and unavailability during the season, the team persevered and finished in style last Saturday. Winning 20-17 over Awatapu. The win was built on team spirit and defence. When we consider the number of boys, we must pick from compared to other schools we are punching well above our weight. My thanks to Mr Stewart for his coaching and guidance of the team throughout the season.

The Kapa Haka roopu has also worked very hard and learnt a huge amount over the past year. I was lucky enough to watch them perform live and whilst I am no judge of form, I was very proud that our kura stood by themselves and represented us with pride and passion. My thanks to Miss Whaiapu for her expert tuition and all the support tutors, teachers and whānau who made this happen. Taking on kapa haka is not for the faint hearted and I saw our learners grow in confidence and mana throughout the whole process.

We were very happy to have our netball team at the Lower North Island tournament in Wellington last week. Our team worked hard on fundraising and made the final of their division in the local competition. I was able to visit them during the tournament in Wellington and was impressed by their positive attitude and team work on the court. The team is very young and learnt a lot. I look forward to their future development and thank Ms Lassen and Ms Fiti for their efforts this season.

Mr Stewart is already mustering players for the Touch season which will culminate with the mixed team travelling to Nationals in Rotorua in December.

Whilst we are very happy with the progress of our sports and cultural programmes we still need to focus on the academic programme. We take schoolwork and study very seriously and would encourage learners and whānau to be at school on a regular basis and make the most of the opportunities given to achieve academic success. We have several attendance strategies to announce soon, which I will send a separate memo about.

Kind regards,

Chris Moller

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4-8 September QEC Practice Exams
- 4 - 8 September SAS Adventure Race
- 11 -17 September Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- 16 September QEC Showcase
- 20 September House Competition - The Voice
- 22 September Shared Kai - Last day of Term 3  
(Reminder, no Poutama meetings this term)



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## QEC SHOWCASE

Saturday 16th September

Doors open at 6.00pm - Performances begin at 6.30pm

\$5 for adults - Gold coin for ages 16yrs & under.

There will be Kai tickets for sale at the entrance - \$10 for a hot meal!  
(includes meat, salad, veggies, bread and a drink).

We have an excellent line up of performers including Kapa Haka, Pasifika, SAS, Epic Academy, The 354's Staff Band and Talent Quest winners.

We look forward to seeing you all there! Lets pack out the hall whānau!



### REMINDERS FROM THE STUDENT CENTRE

#### ABSENCES

Parents and caregivers please phone the Student Centre each morning if your child is unwell or absent on 06 358-9033.

Alternately, absences can be logged in via the KAMAR APP. Ensure you provide student details, and reason for absence.

#### UNIFORM

Please ensure all students are wearing correct uniform.

#### DRIVING LESSONS

There is still a few spots left!  
Please see Sandie in the Student Centre.

#### UCOL ONE DAY COURSES

Year 12 & 13 interested in attending one day courses in 2024 - Please see Sandie in the Student Center asap so she can get you enrolled!

#### UCOL YEAR 11 TRADE

Construction, Building & Mechanical Courses available. If interested please see Sandie in the Student Center!

## Enrolments for 2024

**Enrolments are now open for 2024,  
across all year levels!**

Let your friends and family know that they can easily enroll online by completing the form at the following link.

[QEC Enrolment Form](#)

Want more information about what QEC can offer?

Scan here



If you wish to schedule a new enrolment meeting, or have any additional questions, kindly get in touch with the office.

P: (06) 358 9033

E: [office@qec.school.nz](mailto:office@qec.school.nz)

Term 4

Week 1 - Wednesday 11th October

Breakout Breakfast  
Blueberry Pancakes

COUNTDOWN  
TO TOUCH NATIONALS



TOUCH TRAINING  
STARTS THIS TUESDAY AND  
THURSDAY 3.15PM - 5PM





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### Pae Taiohi

#### Manawatū Horowhenua Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition

On Saturday the 26th of August our rōpū, Te Manawa o Te Mātui, performed at Fly Palmy Arena. The first time standing as a rōpū Te Manawa o Te Mātui since 2019. An incredible performance by our ākonga, coming in 5th overall!

It was a superb day with outstanding efforts from our ākonga. Kapa Haka isn't finished here though, we still have lots of kaupapa going on in school.







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## Sport News



### SPECIAL THANKS

The school would like to acknowledge Shoe Clinic Palmerston North's Manager, Nick Birchfield, for the generous donation of sports shoes to help our students in their sporting endeavours whilst at school. Without this fantastic support our students would miss out. Please support this local business whenever you can.



### BADMINTON

Congratulations to the QEC Junior 2 Team! Winners of the division 1 Manawatu Badminton Competition.

### SPORTS EXCHANGE

Whanganui City College Sports Exchange was held on Tuesday 14th August

#### Rugby

QEC 41 - 32 WCC

#### Senior Boys Basketball

QEC 27 - 77 WCC

#### Netball

QEC 19 - 25 WCC







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## QEC Netball - A Team

QEC Netball A Team have done a great job fundraising for their trip to the North Island Netball Tournament.

Thank you to our community for supporting the BBQ fundraisers on Friday nights, the raffles, and the sponsorship requests.



## 24th place finish at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament



Grant Highstead a member of the Manawatu over 50's Touch Team & a Head Surgeon in Palmerston North kindly came along with other members of his charitable group to donate \$1200 towards new rugby boots and netball shoes.

These were presented and graciously received in a formal assembly and enjoyed on the courts.

The girls, with whānau and Kura greatly appreciated the gift and support very much.

A big thanks to Jade Henry from KS1 Apparel for sponsoring bags, and long sleeve training tops, & pants for the Girls Netball team





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## Senior Boys Rugby Final



### QEC 1st XV vs Awatapu College 1st XV

A much anticipated final, played in perfect conditions at Queen Elizabeth College.

Both teams were worthy finalists, Awatapu coming off a six-game winning streak and Queen Elizabeth having only lost one game all season, a one point loss to Awatapu College in round six, 38 - 39. QEC dominated the start of the game and missed a couple of early opportunities to get points on the board.

However, they stayed composed and got out to a 12 - 0 lead in the first quarter. Awatapu used their size advantage and kept pressuring the QEC line, managing to cross over for a try before halftime, with the score at the half-time 12 - 5 to Queen Elizabeth College.

The second half was a real physical battle, again with Awatapu attacking the QEC try line. Midway through the second half the score was 17 - 10 to QEC, before a penalty kick from 45m out, extended QECs lead to 20 - 10. Awatapu managed to get a try back five minutes from fulltime, taking the score to 20 - 17. QEC put everything into their defence in the last five minutes and managed to keep Awatapu pinned down their end, with the full-time whistle blown and the final score 20 - 17 to Queen Elizabeth College.

A great game of rugby and our boys played with a lot of heart.

With Awatapu having such a big physical team, defence was something that we identified would be the key factor going into the final. The defensive effort was outstanding all game. Our boys did our kura and their whanau proud, thoroughly earning their victory.

Thank you to all the supporters that came to the game, your positive support was greatly appreciated.







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## Music



### EPIC MUSIC ACADEMY

Epic Music Academy is a passionate team of musicians who come in to help our ākonga love music even more. We are lucky to have them visit our kura every week. Some of our students focus on the foundations of music, others on specific instruments, and others rotate around instruments to discover which is best for them.

They have such an epic time together!



### TALENT QUEST

Well done to all the participants who took part in the QEC Talent Quest on Friday 25th August, thank you for sharing your talents with the school.

We look forward to the QEC Showcase on Saturday 16th September!

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## Around the school

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons is an engaging, educative tabletop roleplaying game that involves teamwork, strategy, performance skills, quick mathematics and literacy.

Dungeons and Dragons (5th edition) is the perfect way to meet new people, explore the fantasy genre, be the powerful hero (or villain) and have a laugh in a relaxed environment.



Hato Hone  
St John



### FIRST AID LEVEL 2

A group of students had in-depth lessons and scenario-based activities which gives them :

- The confidence to recognise and treat everything from common injuries to life-threatening medical emergencies, multiple casualties and more scene-specific emergency first aid.
- The skills to offer vital assistance and CPR before more experienced help arrives.
- A First Aid Level 2 certificate valid for 2 years upon successful completion.



### ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Electoral Commission visited our Year 12 and Year 13 students to inform them about voting rights.







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## SCAVENGER HUNT

The Teacher Aides took part in a team-building day on the teacher-only day. This involved activities to learn more about each other. The main activity was a photo scavenger hunt. Teams had to work together to decipher where they needed to go. They had to take evidence that they had found each of the locations and then return to school. It was a fun way to bring the team together. Thanks to Mr. Moller for letting us organise this.



## YEAR 10 POETRY TRIP

On Friday 25th of August, our small group of Year 10 poets travelled to Wellington to participate in the National Poetry Day Extravaganza at the National Library. We learned from New Zealand's Poet Laureate, Chris Tse, what a Poet Laureate is and the reason for National Poetry Day. We also had a chance to practice writing our own poetry, and even perform some as spoken word poetry. We came away with a deeper understanding of how to turn our voices into poetic pieces of art.



## YEAR 11 SERVICES ACADEMY

The students had great fun with this "No Instruction" task - Put this tent up!



## ENGINEERING WORKSHOP VISIT

The schools Senior Engineering class recently visited 'Musket Mufflers' on Tremaine Avenue where the students got to experience a real-life workshop in action during a working day and to see where their current skills could take them in the near future. They got to use and see machines involved in the production of mufflers and light fabrication work such as welding and 'QEC' letter cutting with the CNC plasma cutter, experiencing some hands-on use which was very beneficial to all. Many thanks to Colin and Vanesa Farrington for providing this great opportunity to our school and students.

