

Queen's News

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Kia koutou

Senior Examination week begins on Wednesday 30th August. These exams are the opportunity for all students to gain indications that they are on track for success, for the grades needed to continue on in a subject and for gaining their subject endorsements. For all girls, this is their only opportunity to have an actual practice as to what it is like in the end of year NCEA examinations. These exams are important: students need to prepare well, it is effort, not luck, which will make the difference in the results achieved.

The ex-girls who spoke at our Careers Night this week were inspirational as they shared their stories and the diversity of occupations and management roles they have taken up. They encouraged the girls to seek out opportunities and be open to new learning in an ever-changing job market. Each student working hard to obtain the best educational outcomes they can, is the starting point for widening career options. This leads directly back to the present focus of examinations for our seniors. You can access a timetable via the Queen's website under the News link, to see when each of your daughter's exams are being held. All subjects have an exam slot and it is important that students are prepared for them and are on time.

The recent Formal for Year 12 and Year 13 students was a fantastic success. The Glenroy was beautifully decorated as a *Winter Wonderland* and the Otago Daily Times printed some great photos of students arriving at the formal. Thank you and well done to the Formal Committee, for making this such a memorable and fun occasion.

Winter sport is drawing to a close and this week we have many teams in semi-final playoffs. The Hockey, Football and Ice Hockey teams have already played their games and the Basketball and Netball teams are tonight and tomorrow. Well done to all girls who play in or coach these teams and all the best for your final game of the season over the upcoming week. I also would like to wish the Aerobics and Hip Hop girls well, for their weekend of competition. This competition begins tonight with Hip Hop in the Town Hall and then continues with Aerobics in the PAC over the weekend.

Barbara Agnew
Principal



SAMOAN SPEECH COMPETITION SUCCESS



Congratulations to Ruby Ah Yek, who won the National Year 9 Samoan Speech Competition held recently in Christchurch.

Ruby was competing against students from Secondary Schools from all around the country, so this is a fantastic achievement.

Well done, Ruby.

Above: Afamasaga Pavihi, Ruby Ah Yek, Ila Ah Yek

CAREERS AND OPTIONS NIGHT

On Wednesday night we had our Careers and Options night, at which those attending heard from a number of wonderful women – all ex-girls – who are involved in many different areas of employment. We are very grateful for their time and efforts. Students in Years 10 – 12 now have just on 4 weeks in which to think about and plan their course of study for the coming years. They are urged to keep their options as broad as possible, and to ensure that they develop a range of skills. Senior students should be speaking to their mentor teachers, their subject teachers, their families, and spending time on sites such as the Careers NZ, FutureIntech, Just the Job, and various tertiary organisations, to gather information about requirements, supports and future pathways.

An option interview afternoon will be held from 3.00 – 6.30pm on Wednesday September 13th, in the Information Centre, and you are most welcome to come along to speak to a staff member if you feel you need added guidance.

All option sheets for students going into Years 11, 12 or 13 next year are required to be handed in on, or before Friday September 15th.

Year 9 students will make their option choices for Year 10, during Term 4, once they have experienced each of their options this year.

EX-GIRLS SPEAKERS



Left to right:

Lauren Chambers – Digital Experience Manager (ANZ), Natalie Smith – Physiotherapist, Zoe Hobson – Natural History NZ film-maker, Phillipa Dick – Technology educator/ business owner, Victoria Scott – Specialist Physician, Justine Uyendaal – Freshwater ecologist, Maya Turner – Programme Co-ordinator O/ U, Sarah Taylor - OUSA Clubs Development Officer, Margo Reid – Study Dunedin Co-ordinator, Bronwyn Billingham – Clinical Psychologist, Jo Brady – Deputy CEO Otago Polytechnic

BOOK LOVERS WEEK

Thank you everyone for another very successful Book Lovers' Week! We have had plenty of fun this week, making book spine poems and getting caught reading. The week ended with lolly cake and fudge slice (thank you to our lovely Canteen staff for this!) to celebrate and congratulate all our winners:

Reading Challenge House Points:

1st place - Ballard with 555 points

2nd place - Rae with 525 points

3rd place - Pickering with 315 points

4th place - Dawson with 295 points

Reading Challenge winners of chocolate cake morning teas:

Junior form class - 9MER

Senior form class - 11SMI

Reading Challenge - Total books read by the whole school - 338

Reading Challenge spot prize draw winners of a \$20 Whitcoulls vouchers:

- Hannah Than, Danielle Turnbull, Anika Ayson, Sakina Ghous, Sophie Smith
- Staff winner - Mrs Burden

Book Spine Poetry Competition

- 1st place - Anika Bradley and Cherie-Rose Osten
- 2nd place - Taana Trotter
- 3rd place - Michaela McBratney
- Highly Commended - Lily Sudol-Ware
- Highly Commended - Katilyn Underhill and Serena Malloch



Get Caught Reading prize draw:

Katie Beamish, Megan King, Shania Hutton, Ann-Sophie Zolper, Charlotte Casey-Douglas, Caitlin Tucker, Charle Harbrow, Ariana Jamieson

Word puzzles prize draw:

- Sakina Ghous and Minduli Wewalage

A BIG thank you to the PSTA for supporting us with money for the cake and prizes, to Mrs Koni for judging the Book Spine Poetry, and to all the staff who supported our activities and encouraged students to get involved.



Book Spine Poetry 1st Place - The Story of Us

SPORTS NEWS

Our Queen's Aerobics and Hip Hop students are competing in the NZCAF Otago Regionals this weekend. The Hip Hop crews are on Friday night at the Town Hall and the Aerobics girls will be competing at the Kings and Queen's Performing Arts Centre on Saturday and Sunday. Also good luck to our seven netball teams who are playing semi-finals this weekend.

Well done to the Hockey and Ice Hockey teams who played in semi-finals this week. As the winter season is coming to an end, we would like to thank all coaches, managers and parents for their time and support. And a special congratulations to our Rugby coach Kiana Wetera on her selection for the Otago Spirit Rugby Team.



PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

Our prefects recently organized and catered a Pink Ribbon Breakfast, in support of Breast Cancer. Thank you to the students and staff who joined in.

The final amount raised is to be confirmed, but it is expected to be around \$350.

Well done.



YEAR 9 FRENCH

Some Year 9 students took advantage of the sunshine and shared their newly learnt French vocabulary.



2017 FORMAL



IMPORTANT DATES

- 22nd Aug— Board of Trustees Meeting
- 30th Aug – Leadership for Women Breakfast
- 31st Aug – Senior School Exams Start
- 1st Sept – Penguin Tracking Programme
- 4th – 8th Sept - Winter Tournament Week
- 8th Sept – EXCEL Performance in Assembly
- 11th Sept - Otago Secondary School Music Festival
- 11th Sept – Showcase of Dance
- 16th Sept – Robo Cup Nationals