

Queen's News

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QUEEN'S HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

Sometimes life offers you an opportunity that you just can't refuse. For me it's joining my husband on a VSA (Voluntary Service Abroad) assignment in Tonga. While this event is exciting for me it is also sad as it means leaving behind family, friends and all that is familiar and comfortable. One of the activities I will miss most is being part of the Board of Trustees at Queen's. In just over seven years on the Board I've seen many changes at the school. Physical improvements have been made to buildings and outdoor areas, who remembers the animal house? We've had curriculum changes, new teachers arriving and much loved ones departing and of course a return to the Anderson Tartan - I can admit to always disliking the grey skirts. Of course Queen's is all about the girls and I believe quite simply that it is the best school for girls in Dunedin. Queen's has a caring, inclusive approach to education combined with a deeply held belief in equal opportunities for all. Queen's strives always to ensure that all girls meet their potential. Queen's has certainly given my two daughters the best possible start into their young adult lives. I believe the school is in great heart, it is ready to grow and well prepared to provide for the complex and ever changing needs of its young women. I know that my successor as Board Chair Jude Molyneux (above right) will do an excellent job. I'll finish with a huge thank-you to all: my fellow board members past and present, teachers, office workers, support staff and of course Queen's Principal Barbara Agnew. Thank you everyone it's been a pleasure and a privilege to have been part of such a unique and wonderful team.

Joy Atkinson



QUEEN'S HIP HOP SUCCESS

2017 has been another exciting year for hip hop at Queen's. We had a record amount of students audition and two crews were chosen. After months of training the Queen's High School Hip Hop Crew "The Dominant Minority" competed in the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics/Hip Hop Federation (NZCAF) regional competition which was held on Friday 18th August at Town Hall.

In the High School category there were 9 crews and competition was strong. "The Dominant Minority" competed strongly gaining 1st place in heats and finals. The also received the trophy for highest scoring school and qualifying for nationals which will be held in Christchurch on the 22nd September. Details and dates of the national competition can be found on <http://nzcaf.org.nz/>.

Queen's High School also had, representing RASA school of dance. Chloe Robertson and Tiara Naffatali came 1st and Makaela Corbett was 2nd in the Secondary Dance School category.

A big thank you to our coaches ex. Queen's girls Ashleigh Aberahama back for a fourth year. Also thank you to the parents and supporters who helped the girls get to regionals. If you missed their winning performances come to the **Dance Showcase, Monday 11th September, 7-9pm at the PAC**, which is a great night out and a fundraiser to help the Queen's Aerobics and Hip Hop team get to nationals. Keep dancing.



CELEBRATING SPORTING SUCCESSES

Queen's winter sports teams have had a very successful season. We would like to thank all the coaches, managers, staff and whanau for their support throughout the season. Can we please ensure that all uniforms are returned to the sports office ASAP.

Results:

Hockey	3 rd
Ice Hockey	3 rd
Rugby	3 rd
Football	3 rd
Junior A Basketball	3 rd
Junior Blue Basketball	2 nd
9C Netball	3 rd
9A Netball	1 st
10B Netball	2 nd
10A Netball	1 st
Year 11 Netball	1 st
Senior C Netball	1 st
Senior B Netball	1 st



Good luck to the Senior A Netball team who are playing in the South Island Netball Tournament in Christchurch next week and the Football team who will be playing in Invercargill. Also good luck to the Queen's students playing in the combined Ice Hockey team at tournament.



Summer sport will be starting soon and some permission forms are already available. These must be returned by the due date and all other sporting fees must be paid before students can be selected for teams. Congratulations to Leah Anderson who has been selected as a travelling reserve for the Otago Interprovincial Rowing Team – a great start to the new season.

Sport and Culture Prize-giving is on Tuesday 24 October. If your child has achieved in a sporting or cultural activity please inform the school, sport@queens.school.nz. To be eligible for these awards all fees and uniforms must have been returned.

AEROBICS

The Queen's aerobics team recently achieved success at NZCAF Otago Aerobics Schools Championships, which were held in Dunedin on August 19th and 20th. It was a well-attended competition and there were some very large categories. All Queen's competitors qualified for finals and gained places in their respective categories, as well as qualifying for nationals to be held in Christchurch later in September.

Results:

Scarlett Rogers	1 st	Novice Individual
Morgan Alcock	Finalist	Novice Individual
Abby McMullan	1 st	Junior Open Individual
Amberly Orr	2 nd	Junior Open Individual
Olivia Burgess	1 st	Senior Open Individual
Morgan Alcock and Makaela Corbett	2 nd	Rookie team
Riley Haugh and Lucy Elliott	3 rd	Open Team

Abby and Amberly were 1st in a combined schools fitness team representing Queen's Aerobics. The team gained the Olivia Graham trophy for Artistic Excellence.

Morgan and Makaela were 4th in a combined schools fitness team representing KHR aerobics.



The Aerobics Community Coaching Programme was also successful. In addition to the above results Queen's Aerobics gained one 1st, one 2nd and five 3rd places for competitors who train with us from other primary, intermediate and secondary schools round Otago and Southland.

INTERHOUSE SINGING

Our inaugural house singing competition was held in the PAC at the end of week 5. It was fantastic to see many of the students stepping up to organise their house as well as arrange their songs and choreography. House spirit was obvious, some of the singing was a bit off key BUT almost everyone looked like they had fun and got involved. Special thanks to two of our current student teachers for judging. Points were close with RAE coming out on top. Possibly their great stage appearance and their audience behaviour gave them the edge. They were closely followed by PICKERING, then BALLARD and DAWSON. Here are the updated House points.

BALLARD - 4967

DAWSON - 5005

PICKERING - 5515

RAE - 5918

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE CONCOURS ORAL

Queen's was very pleased to be represented by six students at the annual French speaking competition held at the University on Saturday 19th August. The four Year 9 girls had to give a short speech about themselves. This was a big achievement as both Sendos Rmmo and Danielle Turnbull had only been learning French for 6 weeks and both these girls achieved an *Excellence*. Equally impressive was Kimberley Wiparata and Ocean Manutulila's speeches as they completed their short French module in Term 2. Both of them achieved *Très Bien*.

Eleanor Burke, in Year 10, gave a very good speech on something she likes (her 3 year old sister); this earned her an *Excellence* also. Rahaf Al Mabaid, Year 11, had the daunting task of having an unprepared conversation with a native French speaker. Rahaf was placed 3rd out of the nine students from Otago and Southland in her year level.



Left: Ocean, Sendos & Eleanor wait anxiously for their turn



Right: Smiles of relief from Rahaf, Eleanor, Danielle and Kimberley after they had finished.

A SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON

The footballers are justifiably satisfied with their season and the huge improvement they have made since they went up to Division One last year. In 2016 they only scored 8 goals but had 56 scored against them. This season Queen's scored 30 goals and only had 17 scored against them, finishing 3rd. Over the season, the team beat all other schools, except for Columba who they drew with them. Next week our Football girls are off to a South Island tournament in Invercargill. Thanks to all those who supported their salt fundraiser and a massive thanks to their coach Matt Scoles.

Summer is approaching fast.....and it's time for Queen's Rowing to recruit new rowers.

We would like students to sign up for more information and to give ROWING a try, before you commit.

If you like trying new sports, being part of a team and like being fit.....QUEEN'S ROWING NEEDS YOU!!!

We would love to have new rowers on board and teach them to row before the end of this term.

Rowing takes place during Term 4, during the summer break and Term 1. We have more information for parents about costs and commitment.

Sign up today in the Sports area to find out more & and give rowing a go ☺



Reminders from the Student Office

Changing Personal Details

- ◇ Please remember to advise the Student Office by parent portal or email of any change of address or medical details.

Absences

- ◇ If a student is absent, please advise the school office on 455 7212 ext 801 at the beginning of the day.
- ◇ If a student is late, they must sign in at the student office (even if during interval) and collect a late pass.
- ◇ A text message will be sent to caregivers of students absent without an explanation.

Contacting students if required

- ◇ Please make all contact with your daughters during the school day through the student office - eg messages, lunch. Students are **not** able to use their cell-phone during class time. Just a timely reminder that if a cellphone is confiscated for not complying with the rules, it will be kept in the school safe until the end of the week and may be picked up from the student office on Friday after school.



Parent Portal

- ◇ Logon information was sent home recently to the Primary Caregiver for access to our Parent Portal. The portal allows parents to view a range of information such as personal details, timetable, attendance, academic progress and fees information.

Our newly arrived German students accustom themselves to native New Zealand customs and costumes!! Marlene, Ann-Sophie, and Julia in Year 13 Drama.



IMPORTANT DATES

4-5 Sept	Senior Exams
4-7 Sept	Tournament Week - Football and Netball teams competing
8 Sept	Year 9 Semester 3 finishes Excel Performance
9-10 Sept	Year 13 Ski Trip
11 Sept	Otago Secondary School Music Festival Dance Showcase Year 9 Semester 4 starts
15 Sept	Robo Cup Conference Year 11 Social Media talk
16 Sept	Robo Cup Nationals

Bags, Microfleece & Hoodies

Queen's High School Microfleece

The microfleece is manufactured by Adventure Outfitters and is available in royal blue in all sizes with QHS embroidered on the left arm.

Queen's High School Hoodie

(This is the only hoodie to be worn by Queen's groups and teams) It is 50% polyester/50% cotton, brushed inner jersey knit fleece; navy, with red hood liner. It has the school crest & name on the chest.

Microfleece and hoodies are not to be worn as daily uniform items. For \$10 more the garments can be named on the lower back. This is to be done through the school.

Queen's High School Bag

This QHS school bag, can be used for school or as a sports bag



\$55



\$48



Bags:
Unnamed for \$47
Named for \$57

If you would like to see the garment or try sizes before purchasing please see Ms Palmer in the Sports Office for samples. To purchase your microfleece, hoodie or bag please fill out the slip below and return with your payment to the student office. **Please note the microfleece, hoodie & bag must be paid for in full before the order is made.**

Please return purchase slip with payment to student office in a clearly marked envelope

Name: _____ Form: _____

Size: (please try sample sizes at the Sports Office):

Payment option: Microfleece \$48 or named \$58

Hoodie \$55 or named \$65 Bag \$47 or named \$57

Cash
Internet banking 03-0905-0904370-00
A/P I currently have an automatic payment set up

Signed: _____

Date: _____