

Queen's News

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Kia koutou

We have once again, had another busy two weeks at Queen's. Outstanding achievement was celebrated at our Academic Blues assembly last week, where our Academic Prefect, Taana Trotter, spoke to the school about striving for personal excellence and that is what all of us need to aim for. She also said, nothing just happens, it takes effort. With 32 students receiving a blue, it was a great occasion for both the students and their whanau. The recipients of the Year 9 Entrance Scholarships were also acknowledged in this assembly and all of the students are in the photo below.



Our Athletics and House Day was the usual mix of fun activities, great team work and colourful outfits, which sat alongside outstanding athletic performances. Congratulations to our age group champions – Jodie Hyatt (U14), Mereani Taana (U15), Annika Ludlow (U16) and the Senior Champion, Lara Wall. Pickering House was named Champion House in what was a very close competition. A special mention must go to Mereani; she broke Nicole Bradley's 2007 record for the shotput with a throw of 10.02m. Nicole was Head Girl in 2010 and is currently ranked first in New Zealand, in the Hammer Throw.

We have hosted the Year 9 Parent Evening this week and I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who attended. It was great to meet many of our new parents and to share with them information about what is happening here at Queen's.

To support our focus on achievement, we will continue to send progress reports every three weeks. The first report is being emailed today and I ask you to discuss this report with your daughter. At this point it is timely to remind all families if any of your contact details have changed, let us know.

Barbara Agnew
Principal



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Academic Blues and Year 9 Entrance Scholarships recipients



ACADEMIC BLUES are awarded to students at Level 1, 2 and 3 who in 2016 achieved 50 or more NCEA Excellence credits at their level of study.



Level 1

Lucy Doorey, Ella Montgomery, Lara Wall, Cate Davidson, Erin Marshall, Iunisi Finau, Jasmine Penny, Jess Dickson, Olivia Burgess, Ella Scott, Destinee Duthie, Carolyn Boyd, Zoe Thomas, Sanduni Udamulla, Baylee Graves, Claudia Douglas-Bell



Level 2 and 3

Kristen Wingham (Scholarship Dance), Riley Haugh, Lucy Elliott, Taana Trotter, Allie Bygate, Ella Cameron, Rebecca Scott
 Aoife Picken, Leah Anderson, Louise Nicolson, Abbey Perkins, Jessie Hansen, Ellesha Clark, Caitlin Sue
 Absent: Juliette Bernard, Katie Atkinson

Year 9 Entrance Scholarship recipients



Emma Robertson (Academic), Mia Tutbury (All-round Excellence), Jodie-Anne Hyatt (Sports), Jade Kinnane (Sports), Tiara Nafatali (Cultural), Amberly Orr (Service).

Pasifika Orientation Day and the University of Otago

Our Level 1, 2 and 3 Pasifika students spent a day at Otago University last Saturday. The University of Otago is running its Dare to Succeed programme again this year, which aims to increase Pasifika achievement and



attendance while at University. We believe that by taking our Pasifika girls to visit the university, they will be encouraged to see themselves as future students. In addition, the University Pasifika community will be sending out representatives from each faculty to visit high schools bimonthly to show our girls what opportunities are on offer.

Athletic Sports

Colour, sun, energy, enthusiasm, great participation are just some of the words to describe our recent Athletic Sports and House events.

Congratulations to the winners as recorded in Ms Agnew's message. These girls will now go on to represent Queen's at the Otago Championships.

Senior students showed great leadership during the day, to make this day inclusive for everyone. Well done to Pickering House, winners for this event, in what was a very close competition.



Aerobics

Aerobics coaches Helen Lowther, Annelise Lowther and Emily White attended a 2 day Gymschool 2017 Aerobics Coaching Course and workshops in Auckland in the holidays. This course was run by Gymsports New Zealand and was aimed at upskilling coaches with ideas for training, conditioning and choreography. Queen's runs an Aerobics Community Coaching Programme. As well as coaching current Queen's students, we coach young people from at least 10 different primary, intermediate and secondary schools as well as adult competitors. This programme also provides current and ex-Queens students coaching opportunities.



Left: Participants at NZGA gym school (Helen, Emily and Annelise in there somewhere!)

Summer Sports

Summer sports season is off to a fantastic start. It has been great to see so many students taking the opportunity to get involved in a variety of sports. The girls have been training hard and playing well. The support from parents and whanau has been wonderful. Thanks also to the senior students and staff for the time they are giving to coaching and managing our 16 teams.



Sportsperson of the Week



17 February - Terena Ramsay (left) - showing great leadership by encouraging team spirit

24 February - Morgan Alcock (right) - for persevering with her serving to help her team win their game.

Apologies to Year 13 Jonna Barth whose name was omitted from the Southern Regional Football team in the last Queen's News.



**AGM Queen's High School PSTA
Monday March 6, 2017
7pm in the staff room
All welcome**

Student Office request:

Students with appointments during school hours must bring an appointment card, note or parent contact the school to advise of time and place. Students **must** sign out before leaving.



Surfing Success

The Queen's Surf team had some great results over the weekend at the Otago Surfing Championships. Finals day was held in solid barrelling conditions at Blackhead beach. Shani Ayson took out the Under 18 Girls division with some massive turns. Anika Ayson came in second place and Jaya Reardon in third. Shani also competed in the boys Under 18 division, making the final and finished in 5th place. In the Open Women's section, she battled it out with the old girls and finished in 3rd place.

Teachers, Mr Sherborne and Miss Civil also competed and judged over the 2 day event. Miss Civil came 2nd in the Open Women's and 2nd in the Men's and Women's Longboard event. The girls are looking forward to their next competition where they will be travelling to the West Coast this weekend. Good luck team!

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 28	BOT Meeting
Mar 6	Attitude presentations Year 9/10 PSTA AGM
Mar 7	Year 9 Camp week
Mar 9	Sexwise Senior health presentations
Mar 11	Otago Athletics Championships SISS Rowing Championships
Mar 14	Safer Journeys Expo—Year 11
Mar 16	School Photos
Mar 20	Anniversary Day Holiday
Mar 21	Top Scholar Awards