

Queen's News

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Kia koutou

Last week I attended the Trustpower Community Awards where our Head Girl, Louise Nicolson, was announced as the winner of the 2017 Trustpower Dunedin Youth Community Spirit Award. This was in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the Dunedin community. When presenting Louise with her award they spoke of all she has been involved in as well as saying 'Louise is a vibrant young woman and a creative thinker, her enthusiasm is infectious and she is an exemplary student and a role model to all.' Congratulations, Louise, on your well-deserved award. Louise selected the Queen's High School Sports Department to be the recipient of \$250 and asked that it be used to help students to play sport.



The date for the Queen's High School Formal, for Year 12 and 13 students, has been set; Saturday 5th August. The theme of *Winter Wonderland* has been decided upon and the venue is the Glenroy Auditorium.

It is also timely for me to remind parents about the risks and dangers for students that can be accessed online. The most recent is the app 'The Blue Whale Challenge'. This app starts off with minor self-harm challenges and then escalates in severity. This is one example of people using the internet to take advantage of our young people.

The internet offers many positive experiences for young people but it is important that schools and families are mindful of what students are doing online. I encourage you to ask your daughter what apps she has on her devices, what she is watching online, and what she is posting online. Discussing the dangers around certain online behaviours or activities, and talking about safe use of the internet is a way to educate and support your daughter.

If you are concerned about any websites, posts or apps then you can immediately report it to the social media site or website it is on, contact the Police or contact Netsafe. This includes instances of online bullying, abuse or harassment. Netsafe's helpline is free, confidential and open 7 days a week: 0508NETSAFE or email queries@netsafe.org.nz.

Our focus on achievement for all students continues with a further progress report sent home earlier this week. I ask you to discuss this report with your daughter and to contact school if you have any queries. A gentle reminder also, if any of your contact details have changed please let us know.



Barbara Agnew
Principal

INTERACT SUPPORTS THE DUNEDIN CURTAIN BANK

Members of the Queen's Interact Club this week volunteered at the Dunedin Curtain Bank, folding, labelling and boxing up the numerous curtains they have had donated. The Curtain Bank provides free curtains for families and individuals in need. They also have door stops, shopping bags and wheat bags for sale, available to the public. They recently featured in the news highlighting their financial plight and the difficulty they were having in continuing to be able to offer this service.



The Interact Club donated \$300 towards their cause. Here are our Queen's girls hard at work with the Curtain Bank co-ordinator Tess.



The annual **Otago Futsal Championships** were held on Friday 12th May. Queen's entered two teams in the Junior Division One grade and a one team in Senior Division One. Neither junior team was able to match the skills of their overall winner, Mount Aspiring College, but they played competitively in their other games. Both teams were a credit to our school, showing sportsmanship, commitment to the game and ever-improving skills. They are looking forward to the next competition in Term 4.

For the second consecutive year the Queen's senior team won their grade. It was a nail-biting final against Wakatipu High School, which ended in a 2 all draw, but having beaten them in the first round and on countback, these skilful players added yet another trophy to our cabinet. Well done to coach, Randal Scott, and to the Otago Champs: Jonna Barth, Emma McCulloch, Zoe Thomas, Ella Scott, Lara Wall, Jasmine Penny and goalie Georgia Trillo.



WORLD MASTERS GAMES

Teacher, Noeline Burden, competed in athletics at the World Masters Games in Auckland last month. She was happy with her silver medals in the triple jump and the 200m, plus a 4th in 100m, but just as important for her was the opportunity to compete against like-minded women from a range of countries, including Russian, Mexico, Britain and Canada.



SURFING SUCCESS

During the school holidays the South Island Surfing Championships were held in Dunedin. Cyclone Cook not only gave us some pretty intense rain but some solid surf for the competition.

Anika Ayson and Jaya Reardon competed in the Under 14 girls division with Anika coming in second and Jaya just behind her in third. Well done on the great results girls!

Teacher, Tash Civil won the 30+ Women's division and came second in the Open Women's division. Shani Ayson was very unlucky to not move into the finals in her divisions. Next competition is the Cold Water Classic held in Kaikoura over Queen's Birthday weekend. Good luck team!



PREFECTS VS STAFF DODGEBALL

Congratulations to the Prefects who narrowly won 2-1 over the staff in their recent Dodgeball competition.



SPORT REMINDERS:

Now that we are fully into our winter season remember how important it is to attend all your practices and games. The draws are on the board outside the Sports Office. It is important that these draws stay untouched so that all players can be informed about their game times and duties. Duties are the responsibility of all team members. If you have been named in a team you are expected to play for the whole season. Once teams are entered in a competition the school is charged the entry fee. If you pull out of team you will still be expected to pay the full fee. See Miss Palmer or your coaches if you have any concerns about this.

CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

I'd like to thank the PSTA committee for the amazing work and dedication to making cheese rolls, and to the students, families and teachers that also gave their time to support a great fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who ordered cheeserolls, it's been a fundraiser that exceeded our expectations, and because of that the PSTA is able to donate our profit to the library, sports uniforms, learning support, fabric technology department and many more groups, within our school to the benefit of our girls.

This will be a yearly fundraiser, thank you very much.

Karen Wispinski
PSTA president



HOUSES

How much will these scores change with the upcoming **interhouse marching**?

BALLARD 3969

DAWSON 4403

PICKERING 4929

RAE 4954

Don't forget to get involved and help with your House activities.

PSTA QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 19th June 7pm
Kensington Tavern

\$5 a ticket 4-6 in a team
NO DOOR SALES

Tickets available at school office

Be in quick to register your team
Raffles during the night

Any questions call
Karen 0211541477



Shoe Clinic is Dunedin's fitting choice in your child's footwear requirements.

Specialising in Footscan and Dialed In Motion technology, Shoe Clinic offers a fantastic offer to you whilst at the same time supporting your school.

We offer \$10 off or a backpack to the value of \$35.00 on selected school shoes, as well we pay \$10 for every pair of shoes sold, back to your school. We have a 30 Day Money Back Guarantee for all school shoes prescribed as well as a loyalty programme for the whole family to use.

We look forward to seeing you in store sometime soon!



30th May	13BST Dragons Den BOT Meeting
1st June	Careers Expo—Year 11 Otago Cross Country Champs
5th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
6th June	Reading Challenge begins
7th June	Blood Donors
9th June	Rock Quest Otago heats Year 13 Biochemistry Dept visit
10th June	Aerobics Invercargill Interclub NZCT Chamber Music Competition



Canoe polo is a fun & energetic team sport where you learn many skills and provides the opportunity to compete in local, regional, national and even international events

Otago Canoe & Kayak Club organise a Canoe Polo club competition every winter at Moana Pool. The Club supplies all of the necessary gear, supervision and instruction for experienced and novice players

We are currently seeking more players to participate in our 2017 C grade competition on Sunday evenings

Get your friends together and make a team

No problem if you don't have a coach! We have players keen to support junior teams

No problem if you don't have a team! Come along and we will find a team for you

'Have-a-go' Sunday 28 May 7pm

Contact: Mike Wheeler 027 426 1876, or Roger Barton 027 836 2225



2017/2018 Otago Girls Under 15 Softball Pre - Season Training



Skills training for females aged 10 – 14 years

*age eligibility under 15 years as at 31/12/2017

Infield & Outfield drills | Hitting | Base running | Pitching | Fitness

25th June & 2nd July
3.00pm – 4.30pm
Edgar Centre
\$2.50 per person

For queries and registrations please contact:

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