

Queen's News

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Kia ora koutou and welcome back to Queen's for 2016.

This year is going to be so great and is looking fantastic for everyone at Queen's and our Queen's community. Not only have we started off our year with some amazing new Year 9 students but we also have 20 new girls coming into other year levels of the school. Great things are happening.

The preliminary NCEA results are out and we have exceeded the results from last year. (2014 in brackets.):

Level 1 – 88.4% (83.1%) Level 2 – 93.1% (87.5%) Level 3 – 85.5 (76.7%)

Certificate Endorsements are also up with:

Level 1 – Ex 12 (5), Merit 25 (19), Level 2 – Ex 11 (7), Merit 13 (12), Level 3 – Ex 4 (1), Merit 12 (10)

Five Level 1 students attained a 100% GPA this year – Leah Anderson, Louise Nicolson, Taana Trotter, Caitlin Sue and Allie Bygate. Two students gained this in Level 2 – Juliette Bernard and Katie Atkinson. Well done to all of our students for these results. Academic achievement will again be a major focus at Queen's this year.

I would also like to congratulate all of our newly elected Prefects and especially our Head Girl – Juliette Bernard and Deputy Head Girl – Aoife Picken for 2016. The new kilt hopefully will be arriving any day now. This delay was due to the hold up at the Chinese border of our fabric. I must admit the Year 9 students are looking really smart in their shirt and ties with the grey skirt.

We welcome your feedback on any issues at the school. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember this is the year for new Board of Trustees and the elections will take place in May/June. We value the contribution that you could make to our school. Please let us know if you are interested in standing for these elections.

Di Carter
Principal



WELCOME TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

The school year began officially last Monday, in the glorious Dunedin sunshine, with our mihi whakatau, where we welcomed our new Year 9 students and also a number of students at each of the other year levels. Our Year 9 girls enjoyed a two day orientation at school with the Year 13 students supporting them before the whole school



started with a welcoming assembly on Wednesday. We also had our annual Year 9 barbeque where the Year 13 students did a fantastic job cooking for our Year 9 students, parents and teachers.



We also welcome a number of new international students from Germany, Switzerland and Japan. Pictured (from left to right) are Katharina Heuer, Hitomi Sasaki, Haruka Sano, Josephine Barre, Jana Oberholzer, Lea Fabry and Lara Masnick.



2016 PREFECTS

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who were announced as Prefects for 2016 at assembly last Friday:

- Juliette Bernard** - Head Girl
- Aoife Picken** - Deputy Head Girl
- Judah Kelly** - House Prefect
- Hayley Kettings** - Sports Prefect
- Nicole Jenkins** - Arts Prefect
- Rebecca Scott** - Year 9 Prefect
- Yasasmi Basnayake** - Year 10 Prefect
- Carina McLay** - School Culture Prefect



- Gemma Clydesdale** - School Council Prefect
- Katie Atkinson** - Academic Prefect
- Brenna Sinclair** - Pacific Island Prefect
- Hineterangi Moko-Cassidy** - Pacific Island Prefect and Nga Mareikura Prefect
- Lily Collins** - Nga Mareikura Prefect

'BACK IN THE DAY'

Students in the Year 12 Food and Nutrition class began their new topic of Sustainable Food Practices by looking at how the gathering, storage, preparation, cooking, serving and eating of food has changed in the last 50 - 70 years. The theme of 'BACK IN THE DAY' is being used to compare the sustainable food practices used by the housewife of the 1950's to the modern day home executive.

To set the scene for the 1950's theme, students visited the Drama department where Ms MacTavish entertained the class with a look at not only fashion but etiquette of young women of that era. An in depth history of how the fashions changed after the Second World War and the reasons for these changes had the students engaged. How to enter and exit a room, get in and out of a car in a lady like manner, as well as how not to do these things, had us laughing.



Students then had some time to look at and even try on some of the clothing of the 1950's. Girls in the class will be interviewing their grandparents about their food habits and developing their knowledge of sustainable food practices. As all students do not have grandparents to interview anyone who would like to contribute to our study, who is in the age group of 70 years plus, we would love to talk to you. Please contact the school and leave your name and we will be in touch.

SENIOR PE and OE



Senior PE and OE classes are in full swing. Year 11 OE start body-boarding this week, Year 12 PE/OE had their first surfing session on Tuesday morning, the half year module PE/OE have been snorkelling at the Salt Water Pool and 13 PE have started training for their duathlon.



ROY SHANKS

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Roy Shanks at the end of last year. Roy was a past Board of Trustees member and was instrumental in arranging the laying of the turf on our tennis courts. He was a founding member and chairperson of the Queen's High School Community Sports Council (one of the first in New Zealand). The Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association was awarded an 'Innovation in Sport Award' by the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council for implementing a programme for setting up School Sports Councils – Roy worked closely with OSSSA to support other schools and their sports councils. Roy coached basketball for many years and always followed Queen's sport. We appreciate the time and commitment Roy gave to the Queen's High School community and he will be sadly missed.



SENIOR VOLLEYBALLERS SHOW EARLY COMMITMENT

The senior volleyball students will start the season well prepared. Many of them have been training twice a week since the last week of January and school had not even started! The trials have been held and teams are excited to get the season started. The Senior A team will be travelling to Christchurch in April for the South Island Satellite tournament. Thanks to Felauai and Ana for their continued support as coaches.

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

It has been a busier than usual start to the year for some of our teachers who competed in the New Zealand Masters Games held in Dunedin the first week of February. Congratulations to Noeline Burden (Athletics/ Petanque), Jacqui Earland (Hockey), Heather Knox (Rowing), Tash Civil (Football), Karen Palmer (Petanque), Heike Cebulla-Elder (Tennis) and Barbara Agnew (Netball) for being such wonderful sporting role models for the Queen's students.



OTHER SPORTS NEWS

Most girls have made a good effort to get their permission forms signed and code of conduct contracts back to the Sports Office by the due dates. The policy is NO FORM, NO PLAY. Returned forms dictate how many teams we enter in the competitions; these all close this week. We will have girls playing Softball (1 team), Volleyball (4 teams), Futsal (4 teams), Touch (2 teams) and Tennis (4 teams). We appreciate your support on the side-line but would also welcome hearing from anyone who thinks they might be able to help with coaching any summer or winter sports. Please contact the Sports Coordinator, Noeline Burden, on 455 7212, ext 821 or sport@queens.school.nz

Sports Council: Our first community sports council meeting is scheduled for Monday 22 February at 5pm in the staffroom. If you have ideas and/or energy you want to share, please come along to meet with this group. Our first job for the year will be helping out with the BBQ at our Sports-tacular on Thursday 10 March.

Athletics Day is Wednesday 17 February: All girls have been given a letter to take home about this. There is no cost involved and like every other day, we expect the students to participate to the best of their ability. There are both competitive and novelty events so nobody is left out. Girls do not wear school uniform but come dressed in colours representing their house (red, purple, yellow or orange).

Sport & Cultural Expo: Thanks to all those who were able to take a look at the displays promoting activities available to the students. There was a wide range of choices from Theatre Sports to becoming a Librarian to Underwater Hockey. If you feel your daughter has not followed up on some interests she indicated after seeing the expo, please feel free to get in touch with the school, or better still the teacher in charge of the activity, if you know who that might be.



Queen's High School presents
SPORTS-TAGULAR
Thursday 10 March, 5-7pm

Registration opens at 4.30pm • \$10 per team
Teams of 6 including 2 adults and 1 non-sports student
Bonus point for having a teacher in your team!

Spot prizes, Quiz & BBQ!

THANK YOU

Queen's High School wish to thank the Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation for their support this year.

QUEEN'S ROWING

Queen's Rowers have been busy over the summer break competing in the Otago, Canterbury & South Island Club Champs regattas on Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel. Hayley Kettings (pictured on her way to winning a silver medal in the Women's Club singles at the Canterbury Champs) also won a bronze in the U18 singles at the South Island Club Champs. Well done Hayley.



SUMMER BOOK BAGS

We are receiving great feedback from the girls and staff who borrowed book bags over the summer holidays. So far it sounds like LOTS of you read more books than normal which is fantastic. If you haven't yet returned your summer books, please bring them to the Information Centre (along with your completed survey form) as soon as possible – we need the books back on the shelves so that others can enjoy them.



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 17	Athletic Sports
Feb 24	Year 9 Parent Evening
Feb 25	Defence Force Bus visit
Feb 26	Academic Blues Assembly
Feb 29	Year 9 Camp week
Mar 7	Year 13 Biology Trip
Mar 10	Sportstacular 5 - 7pm

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Mar 21	Otago Anniversary holiday
Mar 25	Good Friday
Mar 28	Easter Monday
Mar 29	Easter Tuesday

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the Information Centre is again holding our very popular 'Blind Date With a Book' from the 10th February. All students and staff are encouraged to choose a mystery 'blind date' book, with the aim of getting everyone reading something that they might not normally choose for themselves. And there is always a chance that they might find their perfect match! To find out more about things happening in the Information Centre, please visit <http://qhsinfocentre.weebly.com/>



YEAR 9 PARENT EVENING

We welcome all new Year 9 students and their parents on Wednesday, 24th February to join us for our annual Year 9 Parent Evening which will be held in the library.



This is an opportunity to meet your daughter's teachers, form teachers and co-ordinators as well as other parents in your daughter's class. It is also a fantastic opportunity for you and your daughter to learn more about school life at Queen's and ask any

questions you may have.

Supper will be provided by the PSTA and we would love to see all new parents and their daughters here.

AEROBICS TRAINING CAMP



During the holidays Queen's High school hosted a Jump Start Aerobics Training Camp. This was open to various primary, Intermediate and secondary school students in Dunedin.

The camp was run by Cameron Brown - NZ men's representative and world champion 2015, Abbey Cochrane - NZ team coach 2015, and Gemma Lowther - NZ international head judge 2015.

Year 9 student Abby McMullan attended the training camp. She has been attending coaching sessions at QHS for Aerobics since Year 6 at Kaikorai Primary and when she was at Balmacewen Intermediate. She did this as part of the Queen's High School Sport in Education Project Aerobics Community Coaching Programme.