

Queen's News

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Kia ora Greetings

The last two weeks have seen plenty of successes as is evident in this issue of the newsletter. Well done and congratulations to everyone. Next week we start our preliminary exams for seniors. These exams are very important because if something unforeseen happens to your daughter and she cannot sit her external NCEA exams then a Derived Grade is taken from the same exam sat in the prelims. If your daughter does not turn up for her prelim and cannot sit her externals for some reason, then she cannot get a grade awarded to her. Please make sure that your daughter studies for these exams and takes them seriously. If nothing else, they give a bench mark for where they are currently at regarding their study and what they need to do to gain that better mark in the externals.

One of our main focusses this year has been on attaining the best that our students can be and that means doing well in the exams both internally and externally. We need your help as caregivers to make this happen, along with your daughter and the school. If you are not sure of anything regarding exams and NCEA please do not hesitate to ring and talk to us.

Good luck to all of our students who are competing in the Winter Sports Tournament. We wish you well. I hope that everyone has enjoyed watching the Olympics. Queen's is running our own competitions in class and out, so I hope that your daughter is involved in these activities as well. A breakfast club is available in the Whare every morning from 8.30am all welcome.

Keep warm and well.

Ngā mihi

Di Carter

Principal

QUEEN'S HIP HOP SUCCESS

2016 has been an exciting year for hip hop at Queen's. We had a record number of students audition and two crews were chosen to compete in the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics / Hip Hop Federation (NZCAF) regional competition which was held on Friday 12th August.

In the High School category there were 8 crews and competition was fierce. Both the Queen's High School crews competed strongly gaining a place in finals. After judges' deliberation "The Dominant Minority" was ranked 2nd place and "Prodigy" ranked 5th place. This is our best overall result to date with "The Dominant Minority" winning the trophy for highest scoring school and qualifying for nationals which will be held in Dunedin on the 16th September.

The Dominant Minority: 2nd place, Trophy for highest scoring high school crew:

Poppy Cairns, Ella Cameron, Courtney Martin, Jessie Hansen, Nicole Jenkins, Chloe Robertson, Scarlett Rogers.

Prodigy: 5th place

Brooklyn Engelken-Jones, Celine Robertson, Sanduni Udamulla, Alisea Simmons, Serena Evile, Miriama Metuatai.



A big thank you to our coaches, ex Queen's girls Ashleigh Aberahama, back for a third year and Amy Wu, who joined the team this 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 5th September, 7-9pm at the PAC.

FILM WORKSHOP AT THE FORTUNE THEATRE

Last Wednesday, the 10th of August, five members of our Enviro Group went to the rehearsal rooms of the Fortune Theatre to take part in a film workshop, organised by the Outlook for Someday Team. We took the public bus to get there – but unfortunately this did not live up to our expectations as it took far longer (expected!) and was much more expensive (less expected!).

The purpose of the day was to inspire students and equip them with lots of skills to plan, film and edit their own movie to take part in their annual short film competition which is based around the topic of sustainability. Chris and Simon shared a wide variety of ideas in regard to coming up with ideas, background information on sustainability and how to plan the filming, as well as the editing. About 25 students from different intermediate and high schools took part and it was the sharing and co-operation between those students which was amazing.



Ideas were shared and as there was a huge variety of filming and editing skills, we picked up a lot of ideas through hands-on activities such as making a short movie which was presented at the end of the day. Despite the rooms being freezing cold for the first two hours, it was buzzing with ideas and activities. Now – watch this space – we have three weeks to make our movie for the competition!



MODERN WORKSPACES VISITS

On Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August our Yr12 Economics and Business Studies class visited two modern workspaces in Dunedin. On Monday we visited Mixbit, an app development company, which has an amazing office including a ping pong table, pool table, gaming machines, a candy bar and a fully stocked fridge to motivate their staff.

On Tuesday we went to ADinstruments in Vogel Street, which has glass offices, creativity spaces, Experience-Replication days, stand up meeting desks (which are said to make meetings shorter!) and beautiful offices. The purpose of each trip was to interview the manager and find out what motivation practices they use within the business and how this influences employees. It was incredibly interesting at both places, and the girls had their eyes open to what makes a great workplace. Thank you to Mixbit and ADinstruments for having us!



QUEEN'S ROWING

It's very nearly SPRINGTIME...and time to think about sport for this summer. Our Rowing Team is currently promoting this incredible sport at Year Level Assemblies and would love to have you and your daughter come and give rowing a try. Get on board an Olympic winning sport and have a piece of the action yourself!

If you like being fit and love food, if you enjoy sunrises and seeing your friends from behind, sign up for Queen's Rowing right now! Sign up in the sports or guidance area. Talk to any of our rowers or Mrs Knox for more information.



Congratulations to Hayley Kettings of Queen's Rowing who trialled successfully and has been named in the 2016 Otago Interprovincial Rowing Team. She will be training with the team for the next six weeks, to prepare for the Interprovincial Regatta on Lake Ruataniwha during the October term holiday. All the best Hayley to help Otago retain the trophy.



AEROBICS SUCCESS

The Queen's Aerobics team competed at the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics Federation (NZCAF) Otago Aerobics and Hip Hop Championships heats last weekend. The event, held at the King's and Queen's High School Performing Arts Centre, attracted sell-out crowds.

Aerobics participants competed as team members and/or as individuals. Members of the Queen's team placed first in every category that we entered, as well as gaining 2 silvers and a bronze. We faced some very tough competition, especially in the Secondary Novice Individual section where there were 28 individuals competing, requiring 3 rounds.

The primary, intermediate and secondary school girls from 10 other schools, who train with us as part of our Aerobics Community Coaching Programme (ACCP), were also awarded 4 gold medals, 1 silver and a bronze in their categories.

Queen's won a cup for the highest achieving school, attaining the most 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. This is the third year in succession that we have won this cup. Abby McMullan (Junior Open Novice Individual) was also awarded a trophy for artistic excellence and Ella Hjertquist (Senior Open Individual) won a cup for technical excellence.

All 10 Queens aerobics competitors, and 14 out of 15 competitors from the ACCP, qualified for nationals, which will be held in Dunedin along with the NZCAF Hip Hop nationals from September 16-18th. Thanks to the coaches – Annelise Lowther, Emily White (ex QHS students), Kirsty Snoep and Rebecca Fisher.

SHOWCASE OF DANCE 2016

The Showcase of Dance is always a great night for the Queen's dance community. There will be performances from dance students ranging from Yr 9-13, showcasing the work they have put in throughout the year to achieve in performance and choreography standards. He Waka Kōtuia will open the show with a bang as usual, followed by a wide range of acts including aerobics, hip hop, tap dance contemporary, musical theatre and Queens of the Pacific. An entertaining night to be had by all. Please come and join us: **Monday 5th September, 7 - 9pm, King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre, Cost - \$5 single, \$15 Family. Door sales and pre show sales Queen's High School Office.**

SPORTS REPORT

Sportstacular is postponed because of all the other activities both inside and outside the classroom in September. Thanks to those who showed interest in this fun event, scheduled for September 8th.

Another Queen's netball umpire has gained her Centre Badge. Well done **Eden Purvis**. Eden and Grace have both played in the social netball team but have found their niche as umpires and are good role models for all those others who might not make the top teams, but can get fully involved by officiating.

Netballers must all hand in their uniforms on Saturday after their game, so must remember to take clothes to change into. Our **Senior A team** is playing Bayfield A at 11am to determine the winner of Gilbert Premier 2 grade. We have 8 teams playing at the Edgar Centre on Saturday.



Sylvia Pomare has now been selected for the Otago Secondary School Girls' Rugby team. Sylvia was our **Sportsperson of the Week** last week. Congratulations, Sylvia.

Thanks to those who supported the **boxes of vegetables fundraiser**. Because of its success we plan to send in another order on September 8th. Please email sport@queens.school.nz if you would like to buy a \$20 box which includes potatoes, carrots, parsnips, onions, beetroot and a swede. Students are encouraged to collect an order form from the Sports Office.



Futsal permission slips for seniors are due in by August 26th and juniors by 16th September.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

CELL PHONES: Our cell phone policy states that cell phones must be turned off during class time and placed either in the cell phone box in the classroom, or in students' bags. This is so that the learning of students is not disrupted and students can focus on their curriculum studies.



If you need to contact your daughter at short notice during the school day, phoning the school office is the best way to do it. The office can quickly send a note to your daughter if it is during class time.

APPOINTMENTS: Where possible it is important that student appointments are made outside of school hours. Making appointments during school time can cause disruption to your daughter's learning and mean more work afterwards, as they need to catch up on any missed work before the next lesson so that they do not fall behind in their learning.



PAID UNION MEETING

All members of the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) have been directed to attend a 2 hour union meeting on Tuesday 6th September from 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The school will be open in the afternoon, but there will only be a limited number of teachers, who are not union members, available to supervise students. Supervision will be provided for girls whose parents and/or caregivers wish them to remain at school. Please note that school buses will run at the normal time.

Please advise the student office if your daughter needs supervision at school for the afternoon.

IMPORTANT DATES



Aug 22	University of Otago Liaison Officer visit
Aug 24 - 30	Senior School Exams
Aug 29 - Sept 2	Tournament Week
Sept 1	PSTA Pamper Evening
Sept 5	Showcase of Dance
Sept 6	Otago Secondary Schools Music Festival
Sept 7	Yr 11/12 Ski trip

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED



Our team will support potential caregivers to understand and manage the challenges and be there with them, to celebrate successes! Our foster carers are trained, approved and receive financial support. You could be just who we are looking for!

For more information about becoming a Child Youth & Family foster parent, please contact the following:

Rose Scott: (03) 955 3438

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Lee Dawson: (03) 955 3458

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Patsy Bedford: (03) 955 3437

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Or ring our Call Centre toll free on **0508 326 459 (0508 FAMILY)** and ask for any of the above.

10 What Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?