

Queen's News

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Kia ora and Greetings

The third term has nearly finished and the year is quickly heading to an end. Students traditionally start getting nervous and upset as NZQA external exams start to get near. As parents and caregivers, it is a stressful time for our seniors, no matter what level they are. Year 11 are experiencing NCEA exams for the first time, the Year 12's are starting to realize that this was an important year and one they need to complete well, and the Year 13 see their time at secondary school nearly at an end.

Please help our young women in preparing for their exams and if they get stressed remind them to take small bites at getting through their assessments rather than feeling overwhelmed by all that is before them. Good luck and remember to look after yourself as well.

Have a happy and safe holiday break.

Nga mihi

Di Carter, Principal

END OF TERM PROGRESS REPORT

A reminder that the final progress report for Term 3 will be sent out, at the end of next week, for all students, Year 9 - 13.

For senior students only, a NCEA summary sheet will be included with the progress report. It shows the overall total number of credits each student has achieved so far, as well as a breakdown of each subject area.

We encourage you to read this carefully with your daughter and ask her to explain to you, exactly where she is sitting in regards to completing her qualifications this year.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



Queen's High School Ex-Girls are proud to present...



Thursday 22nd of September

7-9 pm

King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre,
Bayview Road

This fabulous evening of entertainment offers a rare chance to see and admire a range of stunning costumes, in a parade to be compered by our own inimitable Terry MacTavish, as well as a range of performances by current and ex-students.

\$15 for adults (includes one complimentary drink)

\$10 for school students

Tickets can be purchased from the Queen's High School Office.

Door sales will also be available on the night (cash only, please).

Merchandise, raffles and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

QUEEN'S ROAD TO RIO



For the past four weeks Queen's has been using the Olympic Games in Rio as a focus for a themed approach to education in the classroom. A special Olympics Assembly was held on Friday 12 August. Former Hockey Olympian James Nation was the guest speaker. His message about his journey to the Olympics and life after was well received by the whole school. He spoke of how the Olympic values of Respect, Friendship and Excellence apply to everyone throughout their lives.

The Year 9 students were all given a Road to Rio passport. They are given opportunities within PE, Humanities, Science, Maths and English to win Gold, Silver or Bronze medals for tasks that they complete. All of these classes have developed units of work and tasks using the Olympics as a context. The girls have really enjoyed competing for these medals. The Year 10 Maori class produced profiles of Olympic athletes in Te Reo Maori. Our Year 9 PE classes hosted a mini Olympics for the Pre-school. We also had a week of Olympics quiz questions in the student notices and our very own Queen's Pentathlon at lunch-times. This was a great way to celebrate and support the Olympics and to use sport as a context in the classroom as part of our Active Education Project.



PSTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Queen's High PSTA Pamper Night, it was a huge success. With the funds raised we are purchasing outdoor seating for the girls. Thank you to Carole and the Queen's girls together with Alison for a delicious and amazing supper - well done ladies. To our business sponsors - thanks for all the fabulous gifts, vouchers and products. Thank you to all our Models; you did a fabulous job. Thank you to the Queen's High School staff who helped our incredible PSTA team of mums, students and staff; you are all very much appreciated and it was definitely a night to remember. The stalls were fantastic and they are all keen to be at our next Pamper Night in two years time. Thanks to Modern Jive for their dance demo, Mary Kay Makeup, Polytechnic Hairdressing team with Refined Rig - you were all fantastic to have on board, as well as P from Classic Hits - always fabulous. If you missed the pamper night you won't want to miss the next one!



RAFFLE RESULTS:

Yoga, massage & body therapies - Naomi Clark	Wool Duvet - Helen Bowman
Dunedin Bowen treatment - Lynette McMullen	Anytime Fitness - Lucy Wispinski & Julie Caldwell
Warehouse Florist - Noeline Burden	Gift Saint - Madi Scott
Monarch Wildlife Tours - Lynley Riley	Lush - Lauren Pendreigh
Ray White hamper - Lynette McMullan	Convert it voucher - Helen Beamish
Refined Rig voucher - Darren Wispinski	Starfish Photos - Suzanne Walker
Macadamia Gift pack - Thea Davis	Reflexology treatment - Jan Walsh
Pamper hamper - Karen Wispinski	Metro flowers - Sasha Freeman
Ajuga Health reflexology - Robyn Bryson	Mornington Florist - Lucy Wispinski
Entertainment Book - Naomi Clark	Dessert Room - Tracy Grubb
Danish Delight Flan - Julie Edmunds	Jelly Bean jar - Billie Olsen
Gumball jar - Gail Caldwell	
Evansdale Cheese - Yvonne Covey & Noeline Burden	
The Cloakroom voucher - Angela Wilson & Sharon Stumbles	

Our next fundraiser will be a book stall at the Farmers Market. Time to have a good clean out at home of your books. Please bring all books that are in good condition to the school office.



13 GEOGRAPHY/TOURISM TRIP TO QUEENSTOWN



Wednesday August 17

We left for Queenstown at 9am. It was a beautiful day and we had two big vans to comfortably get there. After arriving in the centre of Queenstown we were dropped off by Madame and Mrs. Brown and had two tasks to complete – mapping a part of the CBD of Queenstown and asking visitors to Queenstown about the reason for their stay, how long they stayed, which activities they were choosing to do and we also did some counts at different locations. Then we went to the Millennium for a

visit; it was interesting to see the different rooms and learn about the staff of the hotel, who will come often from other countries as Kiwis don't really work there.

Thursday August 18

Thursday morning we went to the Arrowtown Museum and had a presentation by Mrs. Heckler, a former Queen's teacher. She talked about how tourism has increased in Queenstown and how it has affected the natural and cultural environment. We then went to the Chinese Settlement in Arrowtown and saw the old buildings and got a glimpse of how life would have been for the Chinese gold diggers. A very interesting presentation by a police officer informed us about social issues connected to the immense growth that Queenstown has experienced over the last decade. Then, off we went to the Queenstown Resort College where we were all encouraged to sign up! It sounded very cool indeed and I think some of the students are tempted! Finally some tourist activities for us - the gondola and the luge – after having sketched Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown from above to get a real feeling for the business of this place. Almost all had a go and it was Indie who was voted the next Formula 1 driver!



Friday August 19

Most of our morning was spent at the Bungee Jump at the Kawarau Bridge – Babita and Annaleigh were brave enough and jumped! Together!! Some of the girls also enjoyed the Zip trip that has been added as another adrenalin adventure activity to do in Queenstown!

SPORTS UPDATE



Sportsperson of the Week: Nicole Pendreigh for stepping up as captain of the Junior A volleyball team. She did some awesome serves and encouraged her team well in a close game against Columba. During the winter Nicole also did a great job as captain of the 10B netball team.

Get2Go is an annual adventure race run by the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The Dunedin event, for teams of eight Year 9 & 10 students, was on Wednesday 14 September. Our slightly nervous adventurers headed off at 8am to Logan Park where the outline of the day was provided, with different teams beginning at different venues.

Queen's had double kayak relays at Macandrew Bay first, followed by problem-solving relays there on the domain. Team work is the key, along with a "Can Do" attitude. By 12:30 they had to be at Wakari ready to begin their orienteering leg in the area above Ross Creek. Nobody got lost, many checkpoints were found and the girls were ready to don helmets and get their mountain bikes checked at Redwoods where they did a lap then passed their bike to the next participant. Bonus points

were earned by attempting to ride over the seesaw.

Our girls had a lot of fun, worked well as a team and finished the day knowing that they had all accomplished something outside their comfort zone.



Well done Anika Bradley, Chloe Robertson, Taysha Sangster, Hannah Stewardson, Makayla Davey, Aqua Spiers, Abby-Rose Elkins-Fitzgerald and Reana Shand.



DRAMA UPDATE

It is a very busy time of year for our Drama students. Year 11 Drama have been performing scenes from Restoration Comedy for AS 1.4, Theatre Period/Form. They are assessed on how well they move and speak as ladies and gentlemen of fashion in 1660 England.

The Award-winning Year 13 Drama students have been rehearsing for their major production, 'Follow Follow Follow', an exciting contemporary play by New Zealander Angie Farrow, to be performed at Olveston Historic House on the 14th and 15th September.



ARTS COUNCIL CHALK DAY

The annual Arts Council Chalk Day was held on September 1st and fittingly used a Spring

theme. Many students turned up to enter the competition or just to share their artistic talents and by the end of lunchtime an amazing colourful array of creatures and blossom adorned the paving under the umbrellas.

Prizes were awarded for "Most Colourful", "Best Theme" and "Most Creative". The standard of work was so high we had to add an extra prize for "Best Design". Congratulations to all students who took up the challenge and especially the girls who were awarded prizes.



YEAR 13 PE SKI TRIP

Last weekend students from the Year 13 PE class had two amazing days skiing at Coronet Peak, Queenstown as an optional element of their PE course.

Conditions were perfect with fantastic snow and clear blue skies and the students had an enjoyable time perfecting their skills on the snow over the two day trip.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 23	Term 3 ends Progress Reports sent home NCEA summary reports sent home
Oct 10	Term 4 begins
Oct 19	Sports & Cultural Awards
Oct 24	Labour Day holiday
Nov 4	Senior School Prizegiving Senior reports posted home
Nov 9	Junior Exams begin Senior NCEA exams begin

FREE COMMUNITY GYM

WHERE: ARAI TE URU GYM
25 COLLEGE STREET, CAVERSHAM
WE INVITE YOU TO...

AFTER-SCHOOL SESSIONS: 3-5p.m. EVERY THURSDAY!

CIRCUIT (approx. 3.30-4p.m. and 4.15-4.45p.m.)
AND INDIVIDUAL WORK-OUTS AVAILABLE.

PARENTS, BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND COME AND GET ACTIVE WITH US AFTER SCHOOL!



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