

Queen's News

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Kia ora and Greetings

In this issue I would like to congratulate all the staff and students who have worked extremely hard over the last two weeks. The Sportstacular event last night was a great success with much laughter as well as a very highly competitive streak being shown by the competitors.

The Whānau Hui while small in numbers on Tuesday night did come up with some wonderful additions and suggestions to our annual Māori Plan for 2016. We encourage all of our Māori whānau to attend our next one in Term 2. Thank you to Liz Koni for the wonderful article in the Otago Daily Times on our Excellence and Merit students and the DCC for their amazing input into the cycling programme which is happening for our PE students.

Coming up on the 22nd March is the BOT Young Scholar Evening at 5pm. This also leads on to the up and coming BOT (Board of Trustees) elections in May. Come along to our next BOT Meeting to have a look on the 22nd March in the staff room. Also remember that all senior students will be handing in assessments so please check in with their teachers if you have any issues or queries.

Please take note of the Easter holidays and have a wonderful break.

Thank you
Di Carter, Principal



LEVEL 3 BIOLOGY FIELDTRIP TO KARITANE

On Monday 7th March the Year 13 biologists and Ms Dodds spent the day at Karitane, carrying out investigations about tunnelling mud crabs. Half of the class spent most of their time on the Estuary, counting burrows and collecting data and mud samples to analyse back at school. The other half of the class set up their experiments in the community hall, before collecting 200 mud crabs on which to carry out their investigations.

The sun shone most of the time, the rain waited until most of us were inside, and the crabs were returned to the mudflats at the end of the day, so overall it was a really successful day. The crabs were probably glad to see us leave though!



YEAR 9 CAMP WEEK

Last week each Year 9 form class set off to make the trip out to the Berwick camp for an overnight stay. The aim of this short camp is to ensure that each Year 9 student gets to know her class members, teachers, and the Year 12 and 13 girls better. It was clear to everyone on camp that this aim was met completely and the girls left Berwick with a unique new bond.

The three form classes 9 Spence, 9 Civil and 9 Tregidga developed this through a series of team bonding games led by the Year 12 P.E. students, but also through other activities such as the talent contest and the night line. All of the girls were cooperative, inclusive, kind, and caring to one another which resulted in three very awesome camps! The girls had a huge amount of fun on camp and made memories which they are sure to keep for a lifetime.



GET TO GO VOLUNTEERING

The Year 11 Physical Education class were invited to help at the Primary Schools Get To Go day at the Forsyth Barr Stadium. The girls ran athletics based activities for the afternoon. This was part of their level 1 PE course.



VOLUNTEERING FOR PLUNKET

A number of Year 13 students volunteered their study period on Wednesday 9th March to support the annual Plunket Appeal, by collecting donations at Countdown South. Pictured are Lily Collins and Hineterangi Moko-Cassidy doing a wonderful job supporting this worthy cause!



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to the staff, students and parents/caregivers who made the Softball/Volleyball fundraiser so successful.

The Car Wash was a great start to our fundraising campaign. We were even privileged to have some Highlanders come and get their cars washed. The next fundraiser is the Stadium to Surf Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 12th March. Girls are looking for sponsors so please



help out if you are approached to sponsor a runner or walker.

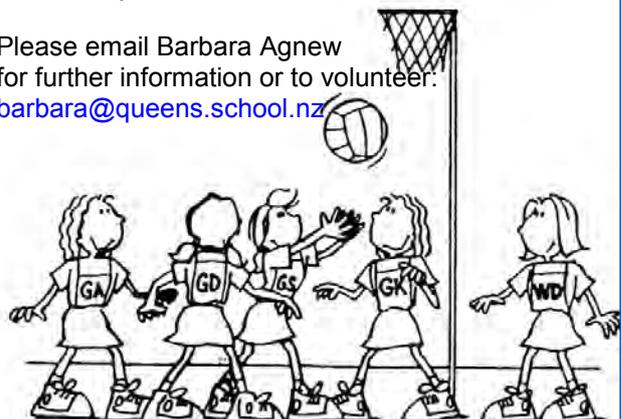
NETBALL HELPERS PLEASE

The 2016 Netball season begins in Term 2, with many trials happening later this term.

If you would like to help out in some way, either by coaching or managing a team, we would love to hear from you!

Please email Barbara Agnew for further information or to volunteer:

barbara@queens.school.nz



SPORTS NEWS

Triathlon Success

Two Queen's teams entered the Dunedin Triathlon Club's Corporate and Secondary Schools Triathlon on 1st March. A choppy harbour at Macandrew Bay was the first challenge for our swimmers, Caitlin Harris and Sanduni Udamura (pictured top right), but they emerged about 10 seconds apart having coped admirably with the conditions.

The 20km bike leg to Broad Bay and back twice was raced by Katie Atkinson and Hayley Kettings. These cyclists, who are usually rowers, proved their fitness and did not appear hindered by the strong head wind on the home straight. Judah Kelly and Ella Scott simply flew in their 5km run. Queen's First Timers were 1.5 minutes behind the more experienced winning team from St Hilda's and then Queen's Triers were another two minutes back but they were all rightly pleased with their efforts and their 2nd and 3rd placings and are looking forward to similar events next season.



Sportsperson of the Week



Charlotte Williams was Sportsperson of the Week for the week ending February 26th. Charlotte adapted very quickly to both defence and attacking positions in her first game of futsal for the Queen's Green team.

Sportsperson of the Week for the week ending March 4th was Jasmine Penny, who played very well in her Senior B Volleyball team, then stepped up and played equally as well in the A team. Jasmine showed that she has been working hard on her volleyball skills in her own time.

Otago Secondary School athletics Championships

Queen's will be represented by 12 athletes at the Otago Secondary School athletics Championships this Saturday at the Caledonian Sports Ground and from there those who qualify will be competing at the Otago/Southland Champs the following weekend. Best wishes to these athletes.



Summer Sports Photos

On Wednesday 23rd March photos will be taken of all summer sports teams. Most of these teams have been issued uniforms so they will need to remember to bring these to school that day. They also must remember sports shoes. These are the photos which will be included in the 2016 Yearbook.



The AGM of Queen's **PSTA** (Parent-Student-Teacher Association) is scheduled for Monday 4th April in the school staffroom.

We are currently looking for new members to join this fun and sociable group, who support the Queen's community in event preparation and fundraising endeavours.

The PSTA is a great way to meet other people in the Queen's community and we invite everybody to come along and join us.

GERMAN STUDENT VISIT

Last week Queen's and King's hosted a group of students from Leibniz School in Germany. The students were here to experience New Zealand schooling, and the girls enjoyed attending regular classes with a Year 11 'buddy', as well as a number of other fun activities, which included exploring the famous Drama wardrobe! Some of our guests are pictured, right, in some of Ms MacTavish's Drama costumes. The students will spend the next three weeks touring the country before returning to Germany.



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QUEENS' HIP HOP CREWS

2016 is shaping up to be an exciting year for hip hop at Queen's. We had a record number of students audition over the last few weeks, bringing an exciting vibe to the dance room in lunch hours. The next step is to choose a training crew who will then commit to rehearsing on a regular basis so we have a chance to assess their ability and commitment towards competing in the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics / Hip Hop Federation (NZCAF) regional and national competitions later in the year. Details and dates of the regional and national competitions can be found on <http://nzcaf.org.nz/>.



Rehearsals times will be confirmed when the crews are chosen, but there will be one afternoon after school each week, with extra practices including holidays closer to the competition. We are very lucky to have two ex-Queen's girls coaching this year. Ashleigh Aberahama is back for a third year and Amy Wu is joining the team this year. Watch this space for updates and performance times. Keep dancing!

IMPORTANT DATES

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



Miners Basketball

Weekly Camp for U13 Rep. players & Non-Rep. U15 players

When: Term 2 Wednesdays
starting 2 May
Time: 4.30-5.30pm
Where: Edgar Centre
Cost: \$80

Sessions led by BBO Development Officer Natalie Visger and local coaches. Focus is on skill development, competition, and fun. This is the next skill step up from the BBO Digger's Academy. Keen Beginners older than 9 are welcome.

To Register contact:
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