

Queen's News

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Kia ora and Greetings

It has been a busy few weeks with another extremely busy two weeks coming up. The Year 10 Drama Group heads off to Franz Josef and the Fox Glacier to video a segment on global warming. This is in conjunction with The Centre for Science Communication and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. Thank you to Professor Lloyd Davis from the University of Otago for this great opportunity.

Our Volleyball and Rowing teams head off for summer tournament, Volleyball to Christchurch and Rowing to the Maadi Cup in Twizel. Congratulations to Hayley for finishing with a Silver Medal at the recent SISS Rowing Champs. Good luck to everyone and have a great week. Also in this issue are our amazing Young Scholar recipients. Fantastic results for fantastic students! Well done and all the best for another great academic year.

As you can see from this newsletter, our students are excelling in all areas of school and community life. Queen's is proud of our students who give back to the community and we acknowledge the effort that this takes. Well done to all those girls and thank you for your contribution. I would also like to thank the Interact girls on their Random Acts of Kindness initiative. This is well thought out and supports the values here at Queen's.

Only two weeks of Term One to go so don't forget to reinforce to your girls about keeping up with their academic commitments and to hand those assignments in on time.

Thank you
Di Carter, Principal



YOUNG SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Young Scholars for 2015 NCEA results. 50 girls received either their first badge (Blue Badge) or their second badge (Red Badge) at a special ceremony hosted by the Queen's High School BOT on Tuesday 22 March. To receive a Young Scholar Badge the students must get an 80% or above Grade Point Average (GPA). This is worked out on the maximum number of credits required to get a Level – 80 credits. Excellences are awarded 4 points, Merits are 3 points and Achieved 2 points.

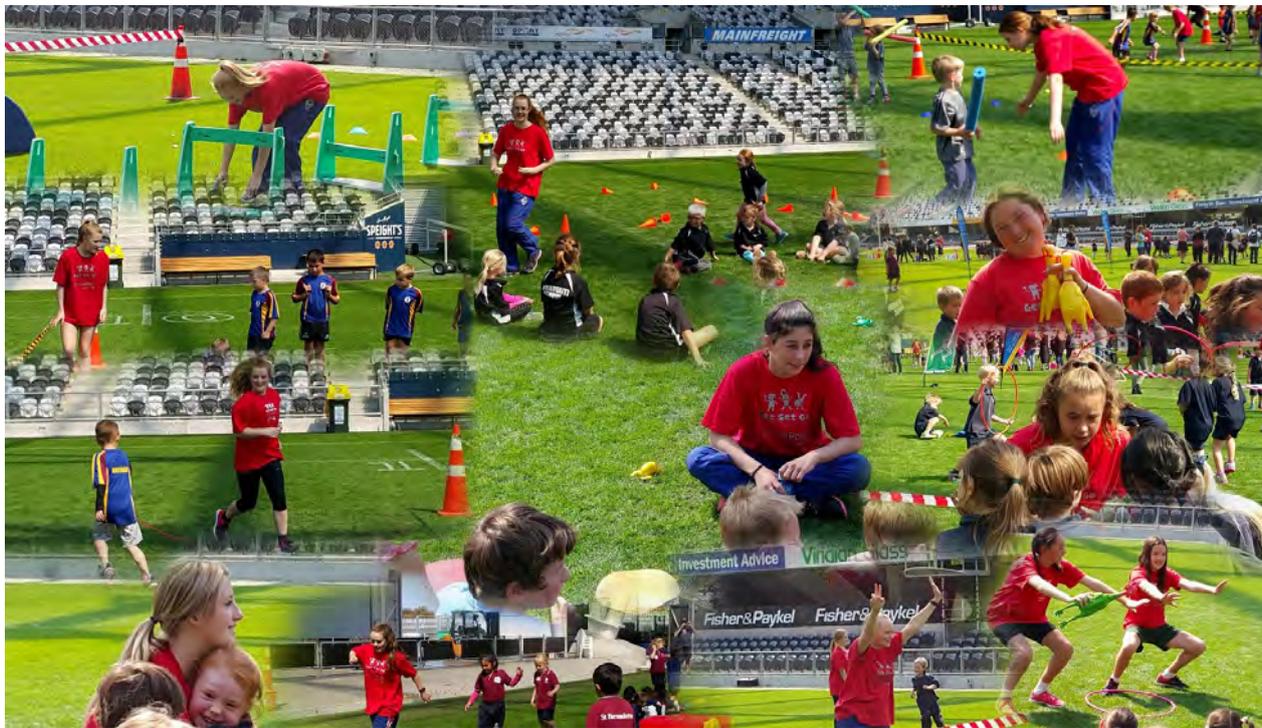
The maximum you can get is 80×4 points = 320. This is then divided into the score the students get.

What was even more fantastic was that 3 Level 2 students attained 100% GPA (Juliette Bernard, Katie Atkinson and Rebecca Scott) and 5 Level 1 students (Leah Anderson, Louise Nicolson, Taana Trotter, Caitlin Sue and Allie Bygate) also attained 100% GPA.



QUEEN'S VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY: GET TO GO DAY

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.



SAFER JOURNEYS EXPO

On Tuesday 15th March, all Year 11 students attended the Safer Journeys Expo at the Edgar Centre. The Expo is designed for students who are starting to think about getting their licence.



It includes a crash scenario followed by workshops around all things connected to keeping yourself safe while driving or as a passenger. Students listened to speakers who had been directly involved in accidents that had involved a range of factors including inexperience, speed and alcohol.

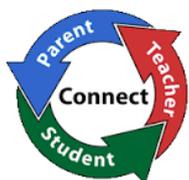
The theme of the Expo was 'MAKE the RIGHT call' and all of us who attended are certainly in a better position to do this.

PSTA

The AGM of Queen's PSTA (Parent-Student-Teacher Association) is scheduled for Monday 4th April in the school Staffroom at 7pm.

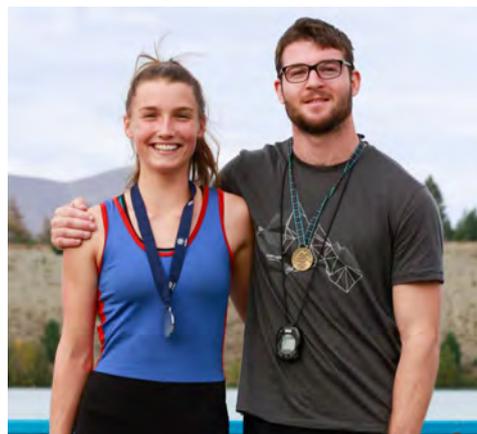
We are currently looking for new members to join this fun and sociable group, who support the Queen's community in event preparation and fundraising endeavours.

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.



QUEEN'S ROWERS AT SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROWING CHAMPS

Queen's rowers enjoyed some great rowing and results at the SISS rowing champs on Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel on 19th & 20th March. Hayley Kettings can be proud of her silver medal in the GU18 single. Leah Anderson GU16, Katie Atkinson GU17 and Gemma Clydesdale GU18 all did well in their B Final singles races. Gemma and Hayley combined for a second place in the B Final of GU18 double. We are looking forward to NZSSRA Champs (Maadi Cup) regatta next week. All the very best for a great week of racing to all our rowers.



SPORTS UPDATE



Not having enough riders for our own equestrian team, Cate Davidson rode with the OGHs team at the Taieri District Pony Club Secondary Schools Teams Event. The team was first and Cate was placed second overall in the 85cm class, after completing her jumps, dressage and games. Well done, Cate!

Lara Wall, Zoe Thomas and Emma McCulloch have recently had a trip to Auckland where they played football in the National Club Tournament for Under 17 year olds.

The Queen's softball team was pleased with their second placing in the secondary school competition, as they play in a grade with only one other all girls team. In their last game they drew with the King's team which finished third. Well done, girls and a huge thanks to their coach Richard Farquhar and manager Jodi Loffley.

Congratulations to Year 13 student, Alana Bagley. In her recent tap dancing competition for ages 12 & over Alana was 1st in speed, waltz, impromptu and championship and 2nd in slow. Alana has reached Grade 7 in the American Syllabus; we are looking forward to seeing her perform soon.

Six girls represented Queen's at the Otago-Southland Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships during Anniversary Weekend. Pictured right are Molly Stephenson, Annabella van Heezik and Eva Te Hiwi. Special congratulations to Molly Stephenson who qualified for the South Island Champs in the 400m. Eva Te Hiwi trains with Hill City club and was named in their team to compete in at the Interprovincial competition over Easter.



Judah Kelly (House Prefect) and Hayley Kettings (Sports Prefect) attended the OSSSA workshop for Secondary School leaders two weeks ago. Positive feedback as to these girls' contribution to the evening session was received and the girls themselves felt proud to be able to tell of all the initiatives we have in place at Queen's to encourage participation in formal and informal sporting activities.

QUEEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: TUESDAY 12 APRIL, with postponement day being Thursday 14 April. School is as normal in the morning, then students and staff will walk to Kettle Park ready for a 1pm start. All students will be given a letter to take home next week.

Sportsperson of the Week ending March 18th was Juliet Carline (pictured right) for her good all round play in Volleyball Red team and for her positive, respectful attitude towards the opposition. Well done, Juliet.



DRAMA UPDATE

Year 13 Drama class have a Silks Workshop with Rochelle Brophy of Brophy Aerial Studios in preparation for their upcoming Shakespearean scene.



INTERACT ACTIVITIES

This year in Interact we will be holding fundraising events to support the families affected in Fiji by Cyclone Winston. The money we earn will go towards the reconstruction of villages and art & craft supplies for children's trauma therapy.

Another project Interact is running is the Random Acts of Kindness Wheel; our aim is to encourage students to show random acts of kindness, and turn those values into virtues. Congratulations to last week's winners. Keep it up girls! We also have 50 Days of Gratitude running, to remind us of all the things that we can be grateful for. A blackboard on the wall of the main hallway is available for students to write what they are grateful for, and it is wonderful to see it being filled up daily!

EQUIPMENT IS LAUNCHED!
Ex-Queen's Girls investing in potential through mentoring.

On March 17th this fantastic programme, unique to Queen's, was launched with a meeting of Ex-Girl mentors, Year 12 & 13 Mentees, and the mentee's families. This mentoring programme is about valuing young people by empowering them to find or fulfil a passion, and supporting them to reach their potential. It has been developed by a small group of committed and innovative ex-girls who have worked for over a year to create the programme.

There is much evidence regarding the benefits of mentoring programmes for high achieving students, and the unique element of this programme is that the young women will come to see there is much a "Queen's Girl" can aspire to and achieve. In a world where networking is really valuable, this programme has much to offer our students. This is a pilot programme, so this year there will be only around 10

pairs of mentors and mentees, but we expect to have higher numbers of matches in the years to come.



BOT ELECTIONS 2016

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences. Step forward and nominate yourself or someone by filling out a nomination form available from school.



WE NEED YOU

Call for nominations is 22nd April. Nominations close 6th May at noon.

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school.

The school roll for the elections is available at the school office and we would invite you to come in, or contact the school to check you are on the roll and your details are correct.

If you require any further information please contact The Executive Secretary on 03 455 7212.

WINTER SPORTS DEADLINES

Deadlines for the return of winter sport permission slips must be adhered to as team entries are based on returned forms.

Please note the following: Basketball, Football and Netball permission slips are due on Friday 1st April. Rugby is Friday 8th April. Hockey, Ice Hockey and Badminton will also be due before the end of Term One.

When forms are signed that is an agreement to pay the fee for that sport, so please be aware that that means payment of fees will still be expected even if the student withdraws during the season. In cases of injury this can be reconsidered.

NO FORM, NO PLAY.

PARENTING SEMINARS

Creating a Family Culture Of Kindness, Co-operation and Problem Solving

With Genevieve Simpkinson



DunedIn Public Art Gallery 30 the octagon

Fostering Attachment, Self-Esteem and Resilience - For Professionals
 Thursday 7th April // 10am - 4.30pm // Cost: \$80 Early bird \$65

Fostering Attachment, Self-Esteem and Resilience - For Parents
 Thursday 7th April // 11am - 1pm // Cost: \$20

The Teen Years - For Parents and Professional
 Friday 8th April // 9am - 11.30am // Cost: \$30

Stress Management for Parents - Moving from Surviving to Thriving
 Friday 8th April // 12.30 - 3pm // Cost: \$30

Discipline without Punishment
 Friday 8th April // 7pm - 9pm // Cost: \$20

How to talk so kids will listen
 Saturday 9th April // 10am - 12pm // Cost: \$20

Sibling Rivalry and Bully Proofing your kids
 Saturday 9th April // 1pm - 3pm // Cost: \$20



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- Apr 4 - 10 AON Maadi Rowing regatta
 Volleyball Satellite tournament
- Apr 8 Interim Reports e-mailed/posted home
- Apr 12 School Cross Country
- Apr 15 End of Term 1
- May 2 Term 2 begins