

Queen's News

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Kia ora Greetings

Congratulations to all of our fantastic students who have excelled over the last few weeks. Special mention goes to the Rowing Crew who had an amazing time at the Maadi Cup in Twizel. Hayley Kettings came 6th in the A Final for all of NZ Secondary Schools for the U18 Single Sculls. The Quad came 6th in the B Final which is 14th in all of NZ and our two other rowers represented the school with great results as well. The Volleyball Team had a good experience in the Christchurch Tournament.

Over the last week the Futsal girls won the Div 1 Final against OGHS 3-2 which made them the Champions of the League in the 11-13 Girls. Our own actors made a huge impact at the SGCNZUO Sheilah Winn Festival. Year 12 students won the Denise Walsh Memorial Rose Bowl for Best Ensemble Performance. The Year 13 students won the Best 15 minute Scene directed by Terry McTavish and this wins them a trip to compete nationally in Wellington. Our very own Head Girl, Juliette Bernard, won the Outstanding Actor Award, which also sees her heading off to Wellington with the group.

With all this happening it is amazing that the girls have time for anything else, but as the saying goes, 'If you want something done ask a busy person' and these girls certainly emulate this. Well done girls. All the best to everyone for their study in the holidays but do take some time out to enjoy and refresh. We are all looking forward to another busy term after the holidays.

Thank you

Di Carter
Principal



YEAR 10 FRANZ JOSEPH DRAMA/SCIENCE FILM MAKING

What an opportunity we have had being involved in generating passion in our young women for Science through Drama. This venture encourages our students to make a film on Climate Change. Part of our group made their films at school whilst another group were lucky enough to travel to the West Coast to experience the magical rainforest, glaciers and wildlife.



All films which meet the standard will have them shown at the International Science Festival in July. We wish all the girls' good luck and we thank the girls for their enthusiasm and motivation in getting involved and being absolutely wonderful ambassadors for Queen's. Those on the trip will have fantastic memories – not only of the long bus ride, but of the impromptu singing, hard work and the wonderful environment.

Ka Pai to you all – the University staff and school staff really appreciated your brilliant attitudes and positive interactions.

YEAR 13 PREFECTS CHALLENGE

The first Year 13 Queen's vs. King's Prefects Challenge for the year was Netball and this game was played in the Queen's gym in front of a large supportive crowd recently. Despite the fitness and skill of our prefects, it has hard to match the height of the King's boys, who came away with a narrow win.



QUEEN'S GIRLS ON THE WATER

Training for the June Icebreaker has started for a small number of Year 10 students. They have taken up the opportunity to join the Fire'n'Ice Rangatahi Waka Ama programme and are paddling in a mixed crew with Kings High School. The girls have been learning the intricacies of paddling and water safety whilst following the kawa of Waka. If you wish to 'have a go' or join our programme see Mrs Finnie.



SOUTH ISLAND SATELLITE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



The Senior A Volleyball Team travelled to Christchurch during Summer Tournament Week. The team competed well and had some very close games against schools from Christchurch, Nelson, South and Mid-Canterbury. Although results did not go their way they enjoyed the experience of playing against different teams and all are looking forward to playing in this tournament again next year. Thanks to those that supported the team in their fundraising and also the Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation for their grant towards transport and accommodation. Thank you to Felauai Lemamea for coaching the team.



P.S.T.A FOR QUEEN'S

The PSTA have elected a new President, Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer:

President:	Karen Wispinski
Vice President/Secretary:	Angela Lawson
Treasurer:	Lynette McMullan

Thank you to these ladies for taking on these positions.

We are looking forward to working with current and new committee members. We know everyone is extremely busy but many hands make light work so we welcome new members to join our committee. If you cannot make meetings due to circumstances you can still stay in touch with us and be involved. We would love your support.

The PSTA meetings will be held every 6 weeks and will be held at Salt Café Bar in St Clair. The times will be confirmed at each meeting. We look forward to meeting many new people with lots of fantastic ideas and inspiration. Any dad's out there are also welcome to come along.

The next PSTA Meeting is on Monday 9th May, 7pm at Salt.



YEAR 11 PE

The Year 11 Physical Education class have been teaching children from Queen's Pre-school as part of their Level 1 assessment. The girls have planned and taught a series of lessons that contribute to Achievement Standard 1.5: *Demonstrate interpersonal skills in a group and explain how these impact on others.*



INFORMATION CENTRE NOTICES



Colouring in books have become very popular with all ages as a way to de-stress and relax, so we now have two of these gorgeous books in the Information Centre

for students to take turns using during intervals and lunch times. These books will be kept at the issues desk when not in use. For more details, please see the [Information Centre website](#).

The holidays are a perfect time to check under beds, in school bags and behind drawers for any library books that need to be renewed or returned. Please have a good check at home and return your outstanding books at the start of next term. Library books are issued to students for three weeks but we are happy to renew them if they are required for a bit longer. Some of our titles are in hot demand, so if a book has been finished and is no longer needed, please return it as soon as possible so that someone else can read it.



YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This term has flown past. The girls have been getting involved in numerous tasks in the outdoors, including a 'Discover Scuba' course run by Dive Otago and Kayaking, Body Boarding and First Aid. The girls have been wonderful ambassadors for the school and have really gotten involved in all the activities. We are looking forward to next term.



PARENT—TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 10th May 2016, 3 – 7pm in the School Hall

ONLINE BOOKINGS

The online booking page for Year 9-13 parent teacher interviews will go live at 3.00pm on Friday 15th April and will close at 12noon on Monday 9th of May 2016. Meetings are scheduled for five minutes each.

Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home> Key in the School Code **rt4g2**



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MUFTI DAY

Pictured below are some of Queen's wonderful support staff, who donned the school uniform on Monday when the students held a mufti day to raise money for those affected by the cyclone in Fiji.



May 2	Term 2 begins
May 10	Report Evening 4pm-8pm
May 11-13	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
May 17	BOT Meeting
May 25-29	QHS/KHS Musical
June 2	Careers Expo
June 6	Queen's Birthday Holiday

ROWING SUCCESS AT MAADI CUP



Congratulations to all of our rowers who attended Maadi Cup rowing regatta in Twizel last week. In particular congratulations to the U18 quad who placed 6th in the B final, and Hayley Kettings who placed 6th in the A final.

Pictured above are the U18 quad and below the U16 pair, Leah Anderson and Ella Montgomery.



SPORTS UPDATE



Sportsperson of the Week ending April 8th was Taylor Hodgins for her contribution to both her Volleyball Junior B and her Futsal White teams. Her very good positional play in futsal this week was the reason for her nomination.

Sports Team of the Week ending April 15th was the rowing squad. This group of 7 girls exemplifies how we would like our teams to be. They have worked hard on improving their rowing all season, have been committed and reliable at early morning trainings on the harbour, have worked together as a team and have represented Queen's superbly at all competitions, including the Maadi Cup last week.

Shani Ayson has experienced more surfing success. Over Easter she was placed 3rd in the Under 17 and Under 20 categories and 4th in Open Womens at the South Island Champs held at St Clair.

Congratulations to Jonna Barth, Zoe Thomas and Lara Wall who are currently training with an Otago Under 19 Futsal squad.

Thanks to all those who have ensured winter sports forms have been signed and returned in timely fashion. Some codes have already started practising and we look forward to lots of positive team work, enthusiasm and commitment over the winter months.