

# Queen's News

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Kia ora Greetings,

I was privileged at Queen's Birthday Weekend to help take our seven wonderful Year 13 Drama students and Year 12 Madison Kinnane to the National University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition in Wellington. Over the 5 days the girls performed in the competition, one of 46 plays, and attended workshops. They were amazing young women and a real credit to Queen's.

This week we were presented with the Heart Foundation's 'Heart Start' Award which helps build learning environments that promote healthy eating and physical activity. Queen's achieved the highest award that of Excellence. Well done to our wonderful canteen and the Active Education programme.

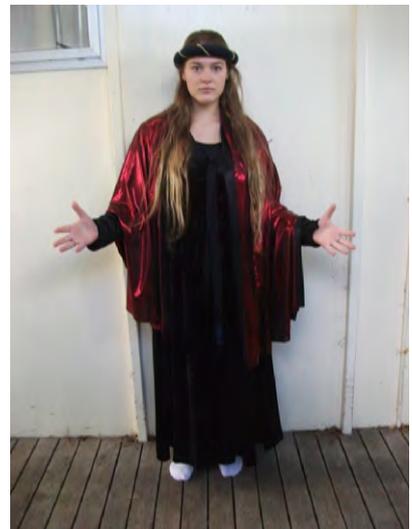
Another worthy recipient of an award this week goes to Ms Lesley Signal who was presented by the Rotary Club of St Kilda Sunrise as an Honorary Member for all of her hard work and dedication that she has put into the Queen's High School Interact Club over the past 25 years. Well done Lesley.

With only 4 weeks left of this term, it is important that all students know where they are academically, especially our senior students regarding their NCEA credits. Talk to your student and if they are not sure where they sit, phone us to make an appointment to get clarification. It takes a whole village to raise a child. Please keep in contact.

Thank you  
Di Carter  
Principal

## DRAMA SUCCESS

The SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival took place in Wellington over Queen's Birthday weekend, bringing together more than 500 young Shakespearean hopefuls from around New Zealand to perform and partake in acting workshops. The Year 13 Queen's Drama group attended, along with Year 12 student Madison Kinnane.



After winning the regional competition, the Year 13 group (pictured left, in costume) performed the opening scene from Macbeth, and came away with three major awards; Most Imaginative and Innovative Production, Outstanding Costume Design and Best Voice Production. Congratulations girls, on this fantastic achievement!

## CHORAL WORKSHOP

Polyhymnia, the combined Queen's and King's High Schools choir, were lucky to attend a choral workshop led by David Squire, the musical director of the New Zealand Youth Choir, recently. They were given lots of tips and techniques about choral singing and performance. The group is performing at The Big Sing along with the individual choirs of both schools on June 15th.



## SPORTS NEWS

**Netball:** This weekend our 9A, 10A and Senior A netball teams are playing their usual game on Saturday but that will be followed on Sunday and Monday by the annual Harraway's tournament where they will play against teams from throughout Otago. If you can make it to the Edgar Centre anytime between 11am and 4:30pm on Sunday or Monday from 9:30am, with finals being played at 1:40 or 2:10pm, your support will be appreciated.

**DO YOU LIKE LAMB?** Are you willing to spend an hour tasting it for the Food Science Department at the University? If you are between 18 and 72 and are available to join our Queen's group on Tuesday 14th June, 6:30 - 7:30pm or Tuesday 21st June, 5:30 - 6:30pm, please contact Noeline Burden ([sport@queens.school.nz](mailto:sport@queens.school.nz)) because we need 22 people for each session. The company evaluating lamb eating characteristics will pay us \$440 for each hour we provide people willing to sample the product. 2 hours work equals 7 more Queen's tracksuits!! If you cannot do Tuesdays the Senior A netball team and the Ice Queens are raising money for tournament week and they still have some spaces on Wednesday 15th. You can only join one tasting session.



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**Cross Country:** Congratulations to Eva Te Hiwi, 11th in Under 14, Ella Scott, 3rd in U16 and Judah Kelly, 6th in the Senior Girls. These three girls all completed the Cross Country course at Kaikorai Valley College in creditable times at the Otago Secondary School champs last Thursday.



**Sportswoman of the Week, ending May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Abby McMullan for her excellent results at the gym sports qualifying competition in Cromwell. Abby was 1<sup>st</sup> in Level 4 pair & individual. Abby approaches her sporting activities with enthusiasm and commitment and she also coaches aerobics.

**Sportswoman of the Week, ending June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Alana Bagley who stepped up in her role as team captain for the Ice Queens and scored the first of their 9 goals to beat John McGlashan 9-0.



## INCUBATOR PROGRAMME VISIT TO WAKARI HOSPITAL AND ISIS CENTRE

On the 20th of May 20 students from the Incubator Programme travelled to Wakari Hospital and the ISIS (one site, one service) Centre, where we gained an insight into oral hygiene and rehabilitation. In the Oral Health visit we had the opportunity to practise the role of a dentist therapist, which included having a little fun with the dental instruments and practising on a fake mouth. Doing things back to front and upside down was a challenge!

We then had the privilege of hearing from two speakers from the field of rehabilitation, one of whom was a physiotherapist and the other a mental health nurse who works with drug and alcohol patients. The physiotherapist taught us about the wide range of ways they can be involved in the rehabilitation of patients who need help in many different ways and for many different reasons.



I found that the presentation by Scott, a mental health nurse, challenged us to think about a lot of things. He gave us two activities; receiving/giving compliments from/to one another in pairs and then he gave out cards with individual emotions written on them, which one person had to act out while the rest of us had to

guess the emotions the chosen person was acting. The aim of the second activity was to guess the emotion the person was portraying with their body language. Sometimes we were correct and other times we were well off the mark. From this we learnt to understand that even though some people may have a 'problem', it does not mean that that is all of who they are. It opened our minds to a new way of thinking about and understanding those who have illnesses, and allowing room for the not-so-obvious problems that we tend to miss to be recognised. We learnt that mental health nursing can be about giving people tools so they can do things differently, and have a different experience of life.



I really enjoyed this programme and I took a lot from it especially the mental health talk. Thanks to the Southern District Health Board, and Vicie for once again organising one of these really valuable trips for us.

(By Judah Kelly, Year 13)

## TANGATA WHENUA PRESENTATION

Last Friday we were delighted to have a visit from historian and author Dr Michael Stevens from the University of Otago. He made a special presentation to us on behalf of the Bridget Williams Publishing Trust's Books in School Libraries programme, which is donating critical New Zealand history texts to schools all around the country to support students as they learn about our culture and history.



We have already received 15 amazing books through this programme, and on Friday Dr Stevens gave us a copy of the absolutely beautiful book Tangata Whenua. He is one of several authors who contributed to this incredibly important book and we were very pleased to welcome him to Queen's. Brooklyn accepted the book on behalf of the school, Ms Meronek and Mrs Ford said a few words and the Year 10 and 11 Maori and History students performed a waiata. This was a lovely occasion and a great way to

acknowledge the generosity of the donors and supporters of the Books In School Libraries programme.

## YEAR 9 LARNARCH'S CASTLE TRIP

9CIV Humanities class have been studying the history of Dunedin, and did a research study on William Larnach and his castle. After this we decided to go and see where Larnach and his family lived. We had a guided tour from Chris, and it was very interesting. We all learnt many new things – including the teachers! Unfortunately it was raining, after the previous few days being beautiful and sunny, but we



still got to see the stunning views. After the tour Chris commented on how good the girls looked, and said we were one of the best behaved and respectful groups of students she had ever taken on the tours – well done, 9 Civil girls!

## ROWING UPDATE

Congratulations to our senior rowers Katie Atkinson and Hayley Kettings who have been selected for the Winter Training Programme run by the Otago Rowing Association, to foster athlete development during the winter.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Jun 15	Big Sing Competition
Jun 24	Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition
Jul 6	Yr 9 Bio Ethics Day
Jul 8	Term 2 finished
Jul 25	Term 3 begins

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