

Queen's News

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Kai ora Greetings

To everyone who has helped prepare our girls for any competitions, cultural events, sporting events and many others over this term, a very big thank you. The girls at the Big Sing were amazing and looked brilliant in their kilts. The comments we are now getting because of the way the girls look in their uniforms is so gratifying. So thank you girls and your whanau. The Kapa Haka girls are also in the fore this week welcoming the All Blacks and the Welsh. Well done. Only a few more weeks before the big national competition. Well done to Year 11 Drama girls for a wonderful performance this week.

We are now getting to the business end of the year for the seniors. Please make sure that you are talking to your girls and asking how they are going. If they say 'fine' dig a little deeper to see if they really are fine or need some help. We are always only a phone call away. Our big push over the last couple of years is to get the academic results higher and this means not only passing the standards but aiming for Excellence and Merit. We endeavour to empower our young women and that means getting them the results that they are capable of. Let us all work together to do this.

We welcome our new Board of Trustees and know that their contributions to the school will be fantastic. Educational Leadership is not about having all the answers and it takes many ideas and opinions to come up with the valued result. I look forward to working with the new BOT and the new PSTA over the future.

Di Carter, Principal



ALL THINGS MUSICAL

The Music department has been very busy this term practising and performing in the chamber music competition and The Big Sing. Baroque Army, picture right, Yasasmi Basnayake (flute), Kennedy Templer (piano) and Martha Gill ('cello), performed credibly in the Chamber Music Competition held over the weekend of June 9-10.

Vocarmony, the Queen's Madrigal group performed at the Big Sing on June 15th. They worked hard to perfect three pieces and gained a Highly Commended award for their efforts. Some of the girls also participated in Polyhymnia, a combined Queen's and King's High Schools group.



This group entered the competition for the first time and achieved a Highly Commended award as well as the People's Choice trophy for their rendition of "Somebody to Love".

Congratulations to all those girls who participated in these events.

It is wonderful to have you share your talents with others.



YEAR 12 TRAMP & CAMP

Once again Year 12 PE/OE students braved the winter elements and completed their 3 day tramp. The weather was kind to us, in that we didn't have to endure any snow or rain. However, it is always challenging sleeping in tents and cooking outdoors at this time of year. A big thank you to the Otago Polytechnic Outdoor Education lecturers and students for leading this activity.



QUEEN'S AEROBICS RESULTS – JUNE 11

Three Queen's girls, as well as six girls who train with us, competed at the Gymsports Southland Aerobics Qualifying Championships. There was keen competition, with competitors from Otago, Southland, Canterbury and Auckland. Abby McMullan (Yr 9) was placed 1st in Aeroskools Level 4 12-14 years, Leah Anderson (Yr 12) achieved a 2nd place in Aeroskools Level 4 15+ years, and Lucy Elliott (Yr 12) was 4th in Open Level 4 15+. Leah and Abby both achieved the nationals qualifying mark for the second time. Queen's Aerobics Community Coaching club members achieved three 1st places and one 3rd place. Abby is to be complimented for assisting the team coach. As well as competing well herself, she was encouraging and positive around the younger girls.



TERM 2 OPEN MORNING VISITS



Last week saw the first of our Open Morning visits for our contributing schools, and we hosted Year 8 girls from Carisbrook and Bathgate Schools. The girls spent time experimenting in Science with Ms Civil, before making their own delicious lunch with Mrs Robertson, accompanied by Yr 13 FDT students, and finished with a game of Basketball in the gym. Next week we will host Liberton, Outram, Portobello, Big Rock and Arthur Street students and next term we will host students from our other contributing schools, including Balmacewen, DNI and Tahuna Intermediate Schools.



SPORTS UPDATE

The Queen's Rugby team, coached by parent, Rob Pomare, and managed by teacher, Tash Civil, had its final game on Wednesday. In Term 3 the girls have the chance to play Rugby 7's so as soon as information becomes available about this, a permission letter will be available for the girls to take home. This is a different competition so new players can now join in and existing players have to show they are committed to play 7's by also getting permission.



India Barrett trains with the King's shooters at Waldronville. This past weekend she competed very competently in the **Intercollegiate Target Shooting Competition**, with the single rise (17/20) and single barrel (7/10) scores being particularly impressive for someone who has not had very much practice and for a left hand shooter who is right eye dominant. We look forward to watching India's progress.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to sample lamb for research we raised \$880 for more tracksuits which have just been ordered. Another group covered the expenses of Ice Hockey socks with an hour's tasting and a 4th hour's tasting went towards the Senior A Netballers' trip to Nelson for tournament week. Thanks also to Jessica Gill and Jasmine Saunders in Year 10 who have put a good effort into selling paper towels. These are still available, and a pack of 12 costs \$15.



Sportsperson of the Week ending June 17th: Riley Haugh who has been nominated twice recently for basketball. Riley has been working hard for her team, showing her prowess when rebounding and doing some great one on one defence. Having 4 team nominations was a great reflection on what's happening on our sports fields and courts. Well done especially to our **Hockey team and Year 9A Netball teams**. Details can be seen on the website.

Thank you to those parents who keep us informed of girls' achievements in activities outside of school. Thanks too to all those who made the effort to get **sports fees** paid promptly.

Sportstacular was a spectacular success in Term 1, so mark your calendars: **SPORTSTACULAR #2 is scheduled for Thursday 8th September**. All those who participated last time will no doubt be lining up with teams again. If you missed the first one, be sure to keep a watch out for more info for this in Term 3.



NEWS FROM THE PSTA

PSTA Pamper Evening - Thursday 1st September, 7pm in the school hall. Don't miss out on this fantastic evening organised by the PSTA; tickets on sale soon - \$20 adult, \$10 students (includes refreshments and door prizes). There will be exciting stalls, raffles, massage, jewellery, a fashion show and much, much more. Please come along and support this fundraiser! We now have a Facebook Page you can follow too "Queen's High School PSTA".



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY

For the past few weeks the students of Yr 11 Geography have been learning about tsunami and the global impacts on people and the environment. As Dunedin is a coastal city with many low-lying or reclaimed areas, we thought it would be useful to create a tsunami simulation by building a topographic model of the Dunedin area. This serves to teach us in three ways. First, the students had to build the platform, and determine the shape of the landscape using contour-lines, height above sea-level, and topographic mapping. Secondly, we can test the impact of multiple height tsunami and learn about the possible damage for Dunedin. Finally, we can also simulate sea-level rise due to climate change. Many of our students' homes, and indeed Queen's High School would be severely impacted if the sea level were to rise even a meter. Building the model has also meant that our students have been able to relate directly to tsunami and sea level rise, as it surrounds their everyday life. They've had a lot of fun building this model, and we will surely embark on a different one next year.



SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Our Summer Reading programme continues to go from strength to strength. Each year, the girls who take part are asked to complete a feedback survey to let us know what they liked/what they didn't like to help us gauge the programme's success and identify improvements that we could make in the future. That feedback, along with asTTle test data, has now been analysed and a summary of the results are available on the Information Centre website at <http://qhsinfocentre.weebly.com/home/feedback-from-our-special-summer-book-bags>.

We are delighted that 84.4% of the girls taking part in Summer Reading last year told us that they read more books over the holidays than they normally would. This really shows that the programme is achieving our goals of keeping girls reading over the long summer break. It is also worth noting that for the 2015 Year 9 cohort, students who took part in Summer Reading were less likely to suffer a decline in their reading levels – a very pleasing outcome indeed! Our Summer Reading programme has well and truly established itself on the school calendar as a regular event. Students will be invited to sign up for the 2016/17 programme in Term 4, so watch this space.

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading Programme, please contact our Librarian at caroleg@queens.school.nz



OCTOCAN APPEAL

Queen's students recently held a mufti day to support the annual Octocan Appeal, to support local food banks. Pictured below delivering the cans to the Octagon are Year 13 prefects Casey Kruishoop, Aoife Picken and Gemma Clydesdale.



RULE of **QUEEN'S HIGH SCHOOL**
 W rds **Visual Art Department**
 presents....

A STUDENT EXHIBITION

COMMUNITY GALLERY

20TH July—28th JULY

OPENS 20TH JULY 6:30 PM

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Junior works and Senior Folios

MATARIKI WORKSHOPS



For the past three years Queen's students have been supporting the local community by running Matariki workshop for the children who attend Queen's

Preschool. This annual event was once again very well received and was a lovely community activity for the students and children to be involved in. The students ran waiata, poi and raranga (weaving) workshops with the children and a number of parents at the Preschool.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jun 24 Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition
- Jun 27 Technology Challenge
- Jun 28 - 30 Yr 10 Self Defence Education
- Jul 2 - 3 GSNZ Otago Aerobics Competition
- Jul 6 Yr 9 Bio Ethics Day
- Jul 8 End of Term 2
- School reports posted home
- Jul 25 Term 3 begins