

# Queen's News

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## Kia ora and Greetings

It is amazing how quickly this time of year has crept up on us. Senior Prizegiving was on Friday night and then the NCEA external exams start mid week. Our wonderful Year 13's will then depart and we wish them all the best for their future endeavours. They have been such an amazing group of young woman who have made Queen's High School so proud. Thank you girls for all of your input, enthusiasm, academic endeavours, leadership qualities, service to the community, cultural activities and the mana that you have given to us at Queen's and our community. Well done.

For the Juniors, internal exams start for them this Wednesday. These exams are important and all juniors must attend as they are held in normal school hours. So once again, all the best for all students and their exams. Study hard, make sure that you know when your exams are on and be on time. Queen's High School staff and community wish you all the best and girls, 'we know you can do it!'

Congratulations to our Dux; Katie Atkinson and our Proxime Accessit; Rebecca Scott, pictured right with Head Girl 2016, Juliette Bernard.

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Principal



## PASIFIKA RECOGNITION AWARDS 2016

Congratulations to our two students Tiare Beale (Year 9) and Ana Halalilo-Rouvi (Year 12), pictured here with teacher Miss Meronek who were nominated for awards at the Pacific Island Scholarship and Recognition Awards for 2016. The awards are an annual event and happened last Wednesday. They are a joint effort between Otago Polytechnic and the Otago Community Trust, and serve to highlight successes in the Pasifika community. Tiare and Ana were nominated due to their strong efforts in sporting, academic, and cultural pursuits within Queen's High School and the wider community. We are incredibly proud of them, as are their friends and family. Well done girls!



## MANA PUNAMU AWARDS 2016



Last Friday 28th October, Lily Collins (Year 13) and Jordyn Martin (Year 10) were awarded Mana Pounamu Young Māori Achievers Awards at a ceremony at the University of Otago, College of Education auditorium. Lily who is one of our Mareikura, Māori prefects, this year received a full fee paying scholarship to the Otago Polytechnic, as well as the University of Otago Excellence in Te Reo Māori award which also gives her fees contributions towards Te Reo Māori papers at the University. Both girls were acknowledged for their leadership, academic success, commitment to Kapa Haka and their ongoing support and involvement in the wider community.

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

On Friday evening we held our annual Senior Prizegiving in the King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre. The evening was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the academic success of our senior students and the contributions that they have made to school life over 2016. Ex-Queen's student Brigid Ryan was the guest speaker for the evening and she spoke of her work in the field of neuroscience and her fond memories of being a Queen's student, as well as offering sound advice for both our Year 13 leavers and our Year 11 and 12 students about making the most of educational opportunities and stepping outside of your comfort zone to develop and learn new skills.



Congratulations to all students who received awards and particular congratulations to the following students who were recognised with the some of most prestigious awards of the evening:

**Dux** - Katie Atkinson

**Proxime Accessit** - Rebecca Scott

**J Ira Frase Rose Bowl for Best All Round Girl & the Clare Curran award for Excellence** - Judah Kelly

**Andrea Deuchrass Cup for Service to the School** - Louise Nicolson

**Zonta Making a Difference Award** - Brenna Sinclair



We also congratulate the large number of Year 13 students who received scholarships this year:

**University of Otago Vice-Chancellors Scholarship** - Katie Atkinson

**University of Otago Alumni Appeal Entrance Scholarship** - Yasasmi Basnayake

**University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship** - Nicole Jenkins

**University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarships** - Rebecca Scott and Judah Kelly

**University of Otago Maori & Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarships** - Liliana Bardrick-Pomare, Lily Collins and Brenna Sinclair

**NZ School of Tourism Student of the Year Scholarship** - Hayley de Filippi-Hill

**Otago Polytechnic Principals Scholarship** - Kristen Wingham

**Otago Polytechnic Pacific Island Scholarship** - Ana Halalilo-Rouvi

**Queen's High School Ex-girls Scholarships** - Juliette Bernard and Yasasmi Basnayake

## SPORTS NEWS



**Sportsperson of the Week** for October 21st was Arabella Thomlinson for her forward thinking play by taking a double out in the softball game against OGHS. This means that she got 2 people out in one play. On October 28<sup>th</sup> it was Ellesha Clark for her positive play and great work at the net for the Senior A Volleyball team.



**Future Legend Award:** In assembly the Otago Regional Sports Director, Nicki Paterson, presented Lara Wall with a "Future Legend" certificate and voucher from Stirling Sport. This was in acknowledgement of Lara's football accomplishments, including being named as MVP at the winter tournament held here in Dunedin.

**Junior Tournament Week: November 14-18:** All junior students have been told about their opportunity to take part in volleyball, tennis, golf, indoor bowls, touch and softball during this week. It's a great opportunity to try something new, with all sports being held during the school day and at a minimal cost. Golf is more expensive as they are having lessons rather than playing against teams from other schools. Entries closed on November 3<sup>rd</sup> so it is hoped your daughter met the deadline with her permission slip.

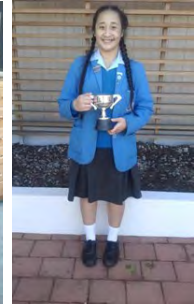
**Coming up....Junior Aquatics Morning .... November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Moana Pool.**

## SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS



A full Performing Arts Centre and lots of smiling faces created a positive atmosphere for this celebration of our sporting and cultural achievers on the 19th October. We were welcomed and entertained by the jazz band (Queen B and the Swing Kings) and the Queens of the Pacific, before award presentations got underway. During the evening we were also impressed by the Vocarmony Trio and the Polyhymnia Quartet, the Year 13 dance trio and we heard about our guest speaker's journey from swimming club to synchronised swimming adjudicator at the Rio Olympics. Jo Burns (née Carroll) was a QHS pupil in the early '90s; she left us with the question "What have you struggled with today?" To achieve at high levels we must be prepared to struggle at times.

28 Cultural Blue and 31 Sporting Blue badges were presented, along with numerous Merit, Commendable Achievement and Service certificates and 57 cups & trophies. The full list can be seen on the website and will be in the Yearbook. However, our main awards went to **Meegan Taylor**, The Alison Morgan trophy for the Junior Student who has made the Best Contribution to the Performing Arts; **Serena Evile**, The Agnew Cup for Best All Round Junior Sportswoman; **Louise Nicolson**, the A.R. Inglis Service to Sport Award and the Best All Round Senior Sportswoman; **Hayley Kettings**, the Cameron Cup for Top Sporting Achiever; **Juliette Bernard**, the Most Outstanding Individual Cultural Achiever.



A big thank you to Ms Burden who organised the awards evening and made it such a wonderful night of celebration for our awardees and their families.



## DRAMA STUDENTS PERFORM AT TOITU



24 students from Yr 11 Drama performed their Achievement Standard 1.2 Self-devised Scenes at Toitu Settlers' Museum last Thursday night for a large audience of guests and whanau.

The scenes were very well presented and included positive messages for the students and audience about the dangers of peer pressure!



## GEOGRAPHERS IN THE MAKING



Our Year 11 Geography class got to engage with a contemporary issue first hand. The students are studying the effects of sea level rise, and flooding on South Dunedin.

Phil Glassey, a guest speaker, showed the girls how to augur a 1 metre deep hole to test for the height of the water table. Luckily, the water table at Queen's High School wasn't so high that day, and we only found a small amount of water!

## QUEENS OF THE PACIFIC PERFORMANCE EVENING

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Mālō e lelei, and Hello! The Queen's High School Pasifika group will be hosting a performance evening on Saturday, 12th November at the King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre. Doors open at 5pm and tickets are \$3, there will be snacks to purchase. We would love to have you come celebrate a successful year with us! Fa'afetai!



## STATIONARY FOR 2017

Next year, we are offering the opportunity for students to order and purchase their stationary online. This service is provided through Office Max and is as simple as going onto the website, and placing your order. Details will be available in the coming weeks. Stationary packs can then be delivered to a home address or picked up in the new year from the school office. Year 9 and 10 stationary packs have a standard format, and seniors can make individual stationary choices based on their subject choices for 2017.



## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Nov 8</b>	Senior students last day
<b>Nov 9</b>	NCEA exams begin Junior School exams begin
<b>Nov 14 - 18</b>	Junior Tournament week
<b>Nov 18</b>	Year 8 Orientation Day
<b>Nov 23</b>	Junior Aquatics morning
<b>Nov 28</b>	Year 10 camps begin
<b>Dec 8</b>	Junior Prizegiving, 7pm in the PAC

## It's time

to return your library books

Please hunt out and return any outstanding books to the Info Centre

We need your books back now



## Want a Summer Book Bag?

All bags contain library books selected especially for you

See [qhsinfocentre.weebly.com](http://qhsinfocentre.weebly.com) or pick up a form from the Information Centre

Forms must be returned by Wed 9th Nov



## DOG RESCUE VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

Two of our students, Debbie Kennedy and Tamara Witchall were recognised for their contribution as Volunteer Dog Walkers for Dog Rescue Dunedin recently with certificates presented by Christine Beker who is the Walker Coordinator for DRD. Debbie and Tamara both demonstrated an on-going commitment for the year in their role as volunteers. A number of QHS students have been involved with walking J-Dog and Bruno this year and we appreciate everyone's involvement. We look forward to next year when another group of Animal Care students will get this amazing opportunity.

Dog Rescue Dunedin has been set up to foster and re-home dogs that have been left unwanted at the Dunedin City Council Pound. They are available for adoption directly from the pound, but many are left unwanted, and are destined to be "put down". Dog Rescue Dunedin rescues these unwanted dogs and provides essentials (registration, microchipping, desexing, vaccination, food) and foster care while advertising for new owners.

