

Queen's News

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Kia koutou

Today we farewelled 6 International Students who have spent between 1 term and 2 years here at Queen's. We have enjoyed the extended diversity they have brought to our school and wish them safe travels home. Pictured with Ms Agnew from left to right: Haruka Onoue, Ayumi Okano, Yuriko Ito, Julia Tieck, Maho Nishimura



The National Aerobics and Hip Hop championships were held in Christchurch last weekend and the students representing Queen's achieved outstanding results (see next page). This week we have had girls out playing Petanque, rafting the Taieri River, competing at the Growing NZ Innovation Challenge, in Te Anau and Milford Sound for Geography, Tourism and Outdoor Education, assisting at the Anderson's Bay and Grant Braes Schools' Athletics Day, and the Year 13 History and Economic students are currently in Wellington. These activities are just a sample of the opportunities that girls can be part of. This is where they get to put into practice those all-important key competencies of working together and relating to others; essential skills for everyone no matter what direction they may head in.

Reports for senior students are posted today. I ask you to take the time to read through this with your daughter. To discuss with her where she is placed regarding her overall achievement with her NCEA level and is she on track to do well in her final examinations. Ask her if she has a plan to cover all the work needed for her exams and remind her that there are tutorials on offer here at school. A reminder also that through the parent portal you can see an up-to-date NCEA summary. Click [here](#) to log in. An email was sent at the end of August with your individual log on details.

Our Senior Academic Prizegiving is on Monday 6th November. This signals the end of formal classes and the start of the national examinations for NCEA.



Barbara Agnew
Principal

STAFF VS YEAR 13's NETBALL CHALLENGE

This was the third challenge the teachers have taken on against the Year 13's. This time the sport was netball and resulted in a win for the teachers! After having played against each other for touch, dodgeball and now netball the score stands at 2-1 to the teachers!

There is to be a new challenge for Term 4, possibly T-Ball!



QUEEN'S HIP HOP SUCCESS

2017 has been an exciting year for Hip Hop at Queen's. We had a record amount of students audition and two crews were chosen. One crew was selected to compete in the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics/Hip Hop Federation (NZCAF) regional competition which was held on Friday 18th August at Dunedin Town Hall. In the High School category "The Dominant Minority" won the trophy for highest scoring school and qualified for Nationals which was held in Lincoln, Christchurch on the 22nd September. TDM competed strongly in the secondary schools category against 8 teams from Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Whanganui. After going straight through to finals after heats they were awarded 2nd place for the second year in a row at a national level.

A big thank you to our coaches ex. Queen's girls Ashleigh Aberahama back for a fourth year and Nicole Jenkins who joined the team this year. Also thank you to the parents and supporters who helped the girls pursue their passion.
Keep dancing
Mrs. Rogers



AEROBICS

Queen's Aerobics has had a successful competition at the NZCAF Schools Aerobics National Championships in Christchurch. This year we fielded a small team of 6 students from Queen's High School after losing competitors at the end of last year. We also coach 13 girls from other primary, intermediate and secondary schools around Dunedin, Otago and Southland as part of our *Aerobics Community Coaching Programme* – this was a Queen's initiative for the *Sport NZ Sport in Education Project*. It aimed to make aerobics sustainable in the wider area.



The QHS results:

Amberly Orr – Finalist – 5th overall Junior Open Individual

Abby McMullan – 2nd Junior Open Individual

Riley Haugh and Lucy Elliott - 2nd Senior Open Individual

Olivia Burgess – 3rd – Senior Open Individual

Abby McMullan and Amberly Orr – 1st Secondary Fitness team (a combination team of 7 girls from other schools)

Our head coach Annelise Lowther received a trophy for innovative choreography and the fitness team received a trophy for artistic excellence. Other girls we coach received three 1st places, two 2nd places and one 3rd. Georgia Wilson from St Clair Primary received a trophy for the most potential and Bridget Sinclair from Rosebank School (Balclutha) received the Intermediate trophy.

There is one more aerobics competition for the year – Sarah Williment will compete at Gymsports Nationals in October.



BREAKFAST WITH AN ALL BLACK

On Monday, 25 September, Britten Clarke, Zoe Clarke, Louise Nicolson, Cate Davidson and Zoe Thomas attended a breakfast hosted by OSSSA and Otago Polytechnic for sports leaders from secondary schools. The guest speaker was All Black and Highlander Ben Smith. Ben shared his experiences of being a professional rugby player, what it was like for him growing up, how he deals with nerves and the things that keep him grounded and motivated.



GET2GO

Once again this year, a group of junior students took part in the Get2Go Challenge, which involved a day of mountain biking, orienteering, sea kayaking and team building activities. The group of students involved had a great day out, taking each challenge in their stride and working well collaboratively.



13 PE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

This week Year 13 PE students experienced a day with the Wild Earth Adventure company, doing the 'Taieri Rafting Challenge'. This day was linked to their final achievement standard task for the year,



9MER FIELD TRIP TO THE DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL

Following studying the Humanities topic 'Government & Law', our class had the opportunity to visit the Dunedin City Council. We met with Mayor Cull in his offices, and toured around the City Archives below the Library. We learned a lot about the history of Dunedin, and asked some interesting questions which the Mayor was happy to answer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Interact Club girls, along with a number of staff and their families, are preparing Shoeboxes to send away to children in developing areas of the Pacific and Asia regions. Many of these children will never have received a gift before. Boxes are packed with a mix of clothing, toys, school supplies and other useful items. This year the boxes are being packed for children aged 5 -9 years old.



TECHSPIRATION DAY

On Friday, 15 September, 7 students were lucky enough to join the Techspiration Day, run in conjunction with the Robo Cup National Competition, being held in Dunedin the next day. Students were put into groups with students from a range of other schools, with each group taking part in 3 different workshops across the day.



Students were able to do such things as visit the University of Otago Department of Information Science and create scenes with which they could later interact using virtual reality programmes and glasses. The girls also spent time in the Otago Polytech computer lab developing their coding skills, used Arduino to create functioning traffic lights and other electronic activities, programmed bristle-bots, and visited the Otago Polytechnic Robotics Lab.



A good opportunity for some hands-on experience of some of the fields available in the field of Digital Technology and Information Science. Thanks to Phillipa Dick – an ex-Girl of Queen’s – who runs Hatch, and who organised the day for students from across New Zealand.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

Hannah Stewardson of 10SPE volunteered to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes last week. Gathering drinking water is a job millions of girls worldwide are pulled out of school to do. Without access to clean water, girls have to walk upwards of 6kms with 25kgs of water tied to their backs so their families can cook, wash, and drink. Hannah carried 18kgs of water for 6 hours to each of her classes to help raise awareness of this important issues. Next term, 10SPE are going to begin raising funds to build a well in a remote community.



SCHOOL DONATIONS

Although School Donations are a voluntary payment, we appreciate parents’ endeavours to pay all or as much as financially possible. These funds are used to purchase and provide opportunities for our students who are not covered by the Ministry of Education.



16th October	Term 4 begins
23rd October	Labour Day, School is closed
24th October	Sports and Cultural Awards Evening at 6.30pm
25th October	Otago Junior Orchestra Workshop
26th October	Board of Trustees Meeting
28-29th October	OSSRA Rowing Regatta in Dunedin

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