

Principal's Message

Kia koutou

Students and staff have recently completed a Wellbeing@School survey. The information we gain from this survey will be used as part of the school's review process and in our planning and decision making around whole school initiatives. We need the input of our wider community so I am asking you, as parents and caregivers, to also contribute to this process. Below is the link for you to participate and I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this 3-4 minute survey. Responses need to be completed by Thursday 12th July at 5pm.

<https://goo.gl/forms/GsS9zhIN47bmCKcq1>

Each student will be sent their mid-year report next week. I ask you to take the time to read through this report with your daughter. Some possible questions to discuss with her are:

What has gone well over the first half of the year?

What will you do to keep challenging yourself?

Have you given your best and worked hard in each class?

Do you need to make any changes next term for you to get the best results you can?

There is a parent teacher interview night on Thursday 9th August where you will have the opportunity to meet with your daughter's individual teachers. Information on booking interview times will be included with the report.

I wish He Waka Kōtuia, the combined Queen's and King's Kapa Haka group, every success in the National Secondary School's Kapa Haka competition being held in Palmerston North next week. The hours of practice were clearly evident at the dress rehearsal held earlier this week.

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Barbara Agnew
Principal

Otago/Southland Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition

Six of our He Waka Kōtuia members spoke at the Otago/Southland Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition in Invercargill last Friday, with outstanding results. Jordyn Martin won the Senior English section and Maia Tutbury was placed 2nd in the Junior English section. Tūmai Cassidy won the Senior Māori section, Kiringāua Cassidy won the Junior Māori section, and Te Kahurangi McLean won the Junior English section. Taumana Pene won the Senior English Impromptu speech and was placed 2nd overall. The four overall winners will represent Otago/Southland at the National Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition in Gisborne in September.

Ka rawe koutou!



Upcoming Events:

June

29 Musical-Mulan

July

1 Musical-Mulan

2-6 Kapa Haka Nationals
6 Interhouse Marching Competition

6 Reports sent home

7-22 School Holidays

23 Day One Term Three

26-31 Open Mornings

27 Junior Spelling Bee

August

1 Open Night

9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Departments

Languages

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Being able to read a recipe accurately is important but the senior French students started with a more frivolous task. While their 'croissants au chocolat' were cooking they had to follow instructions, written in French, on how to make a fish. They were provided with bread rolls, carrots, olives, cucumber, celery, mandarins, hummus and pâté. Unfortunately not everyone was there but Eleanor and Oliver showed the most creativity and everyone showed perseverance and some understanding of the instructions. As for accurately following French recipes...that might still be in the future!



Technology

ShadowTech

INSPIRING GIRLS INTO TECH

On Tuesday 26th June, nine of our Year 10 and 11 students joined in this year's ShadowTech Day in Dunedin. ShadowTech is a programme that provides girls in Years 9 -11 with an opportunity to experience what working in the Technology Sector is like. The programme connects girls at school with women working in the Technology Sector, who act as mentors. Secondary school students get to spend a day with the women, experiencing a day in the life of an IT professional.

The objective of the programme is to see an increase in the number of females who choose STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related subjects at a secondary and tertiary level and ultimately choose a career in Technology.

Our students were fortunate enough to experience a part of the day with women from ADInstruments, RocketWerkz, Runaway, Integer Group, Dimension Data, and other local organisations. Thanks to Otago Polytechnic for co-ordinating this event, and to the wonderful women working in the Tech sector who made this opportunity possible for our girls. They have come away inspired to work and pursue study options in the sector.

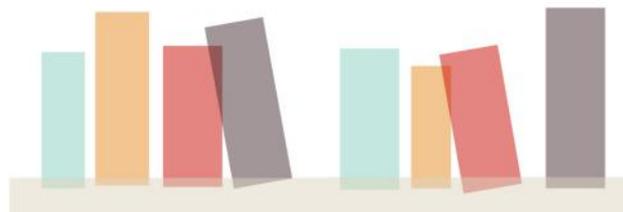


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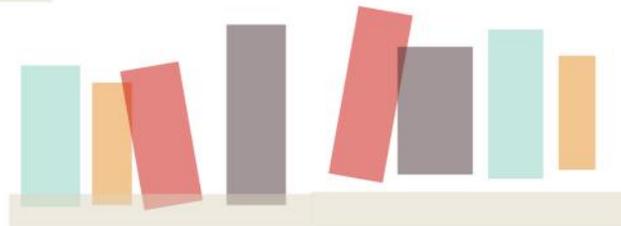
QHS INFORMATION CENTRE READING CHALLENGE 2018

Monday 11th June to Friday 10th August



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Departments

Year 10 Hidden Figures Cross-Curricular Study

Ian Griffin Talk—The Amazing Night Sky

As part of the Year 10 Hidden Figures cross-curricular study Dr Ian Griffin, Director of Otago Museum, and also a well know astronomer, science speaker, and photographer of the night sky, spoke to all Year 10 students on Wednesday. He has previously worked at NASA, worked with the Hubble Telescope, and has discovered a number of asteroids and minor planets.

Dr Griffin shared his passion for science and astronomy, which he told us began with a visit to the London Science Museum – a visit that “changed my life”. He told us of the exciting countries he had visited while studying Astronomy and visiting observatories in high and interesting places. We learnt a little of what can be discovered by looking far into space. He showed us, and told us about, a range of beautiful images taken by Hubble.



He went on to tell us about his recent trip in the US\$1 Billion SOFIA NASA Observatory aircraft – flown by two female NASA test pilots, and how an earlier trip on that aircraft inspired him to hire a jet airliner to take people to the deep-south in order to photograph Aurora. He showed us some of his magnificent photography of the night sky, and of Aurora, taken around Otago. We even listened to an Aurora! He told us the best places to see and photograph Aurora (Tunnel Beach or on the road between Brighton and Taieri Mouth), and how to find out when the Aurora will be most easily visible in Otago (auroraalert.otago.ac.nz).

Apart from all the knowledge he shared, he was an entertaining speaker, with many funny stories to tell. We are very grateful to him for making the time to come and share his passion and knowledge. He reminded us about the NZ International Science Festival happening in Dunedin over the July holidays (6 – 15 July). Not all events need to be booked, and there will be a huge range of exciting events to attend.



Science in action day

CELEBRATING SCIENCE IN THE REAL WORLD

FOR STUDENTS

At Otago Polytechnic we create amazing careers that apply science to the real world.

This fun and interactive day is the perfect opportunity for students aged 13-16 years to explore the exciting science behind the careers we offer in a range of our renowned programmes.

Date: **Tuesday 10 July**
Time: **9.00am – 4.00pm**

Location: **Otago Polytechnic, Forth Street, Dunedin**
To register please visit www.eventbrite.co.nz and search for Science in Action

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Sports Round Up

Aerobics

The Queens' Aerobics team competed at the Otago Regional Gymnastics New Zealand Championships in Balclutha. The girls did really well.

Abby McMullan came 2nd in the ASK Level 5 15-17 years individual and 3rd in the Level 5 team.

Amberly Orr came 1st in the ASK Level 4 15-17 years individual.

Emily Trevithick came 3rd ASK Level 4 12-14 years individual and 1st Level 4 team.



Ice Skating

Last weekend **Paige Symister** competed in the Dunedin Ice Skating Club Competition. Paige came second overall in her division and gained first place in the club champs at her level. Well done Paige!



Sports Notice

A reminder from Mrs Palmer that all sports fees are due at the end of this term.



Self Defence

This week all Year 10 students have taken part in a self defence course. This was part of the Girls' Self Defence Project Aotearoa/New Zealand. The girls learnt about an awareness of situations and how to defend themselves. Thank you to Belle for running the sessions for three days.



Queen's News

FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2018

Mulan the Musical

Mulan is a tale about remaining true to your convictions and the realisation that you can break new ground whilst still honouring tradition. In an effort to spare her father from fighting, Mulan disobeys and dishonours her family and runs away to join the Chinese Army. As women are not permitted to fight Mulan pretends to be a man. If she is discovered the penalty is death! Mulan's ancestors send the mischievous dragon Mushu to help her on her mission. Under the direction of Marama Grant with musical direction by Dale Irvine this group of talented and dedicated students are proud to present the story of Fa Mulan. With the smash hit musical numbers you know and love including 'Reflection' and 'I'll Make a Man' this is a show for the whole family to enjoy.

Performance dates; 27,28,29 June 7pm and Sunday 1 July 3pm.

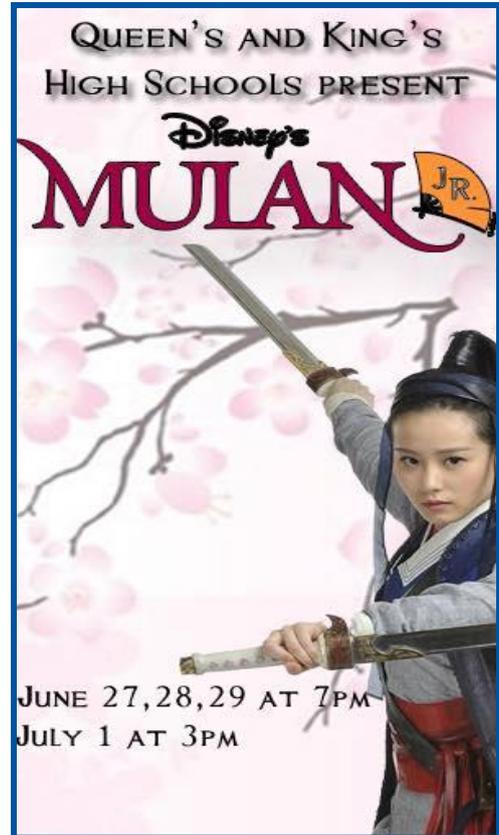
Adults \$20

Students \$10

Family of 4 \$50

Some tickets are still available for tonight and the matinee on Sunday. You can book online at:

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/jun/disneys-mulan-jr> or there are limited cash door sales.



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Open Evening
Wednesday 1 August, 6.30pm

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