

Principal's Message

Kia koutou

All of our junior students are involved in an Education Outside the Classroom programme next week. Year 10 students are involved in camps, with many being out of town for the week. They will take part in activities that they have possibly never experienced before which will give them a sense of achievement once completed and also a chance to spend time with their friends and to form new friendships. I will take this opportunity to thank the staff that are giving up time with their own families to allow the girls this experience; Year 13 students often mention the Year 10 camp as one of the highlights of their time at school.

Year 9 students are participating in an activity week and this year we are very excited to be working with Otago Polytechnic for one of these days. The Polytechnic are giving the girls an experiential day, offering a variety of activities based around programmes they run for their own students. They too, get to spend time with their friends in a different setting but also the opportunity to work with other students that they do not know so well. As each day is slightly different, please check carefully the requirements they need for each day.

I extend an open invitation to you all to the Junior Academic Prizegiving. This is at 9.30am on Wednesday 12th December in the Queen's High School hall. School finishes for all students at the conclusion of Prizegiving. Letters have been emailed to all families of students who will be receiving awards. I look forward to you joining us to celebrate the achievements of the students in Years 9 and 10.

Barbara Agnew
Principal

Interact

The Queen's High School Interact Club organised a mufti day at the beginning of this term to fundraise for Women's Refuge. Students and staff supplied a range of items they thought would be useful to those using the services of the refuge, and these were delivered by the Year 10 students in the club last week. Thanks to all students and staff of the school - your donations were welcomed by the refuge.



Here is a gift of knitted face-wash towels, supplied along with pottles of facial cleanser - made and provided by a student's grandmother



Interact delivering goods to Te Whare Pounamu—
Dunedin Women's Refuge

Upcoming Events:

November

30 Last day of NCEA examinations

December

3-7 Year 10 camp week
Year 9 activity week
11 Junior reports emailed out
12 Junior students last day
Junior Prizegiving 9:30am
(Students finish immediately after Prizegiving)

January 2019

25 Course confirmation for senior students
29 New Year 9 and International Students begin
31 Full School starts



Sports Round Up

Have a Go Junior Sports Week

The Otago Secondary Sports Association runs a Junior Sports Week each year. The aim of the week is to encourage students to try new sports and to get involved. We were lucky enough to have five teams represented in five different sports. We had teams in the ki-o-rahi, dodgeball and 3 x 3 basketball for the first time. We also had a volleyball and cricket team. The students really enjoyed playing something new and with people they don't usually participate with. Thanks to Tom Clark, Cherie Ford, Sonya Finnie, Matt Sherborne, Jane Sieroczuk and Karen Palmer for supporting these teams.



Volleyball

We had a Year 9 and Year 10 team compete in the Otago Volleyball Championships on Friday 16 November and Saturday 17 November at the Edgar Centre. This was a great opportunity for the girls to play against other schools from the Otago region. The Year 10 team finished 9th out of 16 teams and the Year 9 team finished 7th and were the only full Year 9 team in the top eight.



Out and About

Food Technology Department



On the 9th November Olivia Shepard graduated from the Otago Secondary Tertiary College. She gained the New Zealand Certificate in Cookery, Level 3. This programme is completed at Otago Polytechnic. Well done on your achievement Olivia.

English Department



This week Tui Kaitai-Martin competed in the Otago Junior Speech Competition. Tui did a beautiful, thoughtful speech titled 'We are who we are – kia kaha!' and was placed 2nd overall! Well done Tui.

Preparation for Year 10 Camp

It has been a busy week with Year 10 students preparing for camps. Lessons covered: clothing, equipment, safety, hypothermia prevention, tent pitching - but as always the most fun was the cooking sessions.

10CIV went all out in their MasterChef competition, with some students learning a valuable lesson about attaching the gas canister correctly. The dishes the students whipped up were amazing and very mouth watering.

Daisy and Maia's pancake stack was awarded the best presented, closely followed by Amberley and Anika's berry pancake special. Well done everyone - we had a great session.



End of Year Information

Year 9 Activity Week Timetable (3rd—7th November)

All Year 9 students have received a letter home which outlines what they will be doing during activity week. If you have any questions regarding this week please contact the Year 9 Co-ordinator Amber Sides.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9CLA	School Based Activities	<u>BikeSchool</u> Cycle Skills Safety Programme	Otago Polytechnic Camp Inspire	School Based Tikanga Maori Programme	School Based Activities, including "All about Science" presentation and "Goo making" activity with Amadeo from Otago Museum.
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End of Year Information for Juniors

Last week

Monday 10th December

Normal classes and prizegiving practice.

Tuesday 11th December

Form class activities.

Wednesday 12th December (Final Day)

Form time at 8:45am.

Prizegiving will start at 9:30am in the school hall. All juniors are to attend. Students will finish school at the end of the prizegiving at 11am.

End of year reports

There will be no fortnightly reports for juniors next week. You will receive an end of year report on Tuesday 11th December. This will be sent home electronically via email. If you require a paper copy please let the school office know.

Empowering Young Women

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 28th Jan—12th April

25th January Course approval for Seniors
29th January Day One for Year 9 students
31st January Whole School

Term 2 29th April—5th July

Term 3 22nd July—27th September

Term 4 14th October—6th December

SCHOOL MAGAZINE FOR SALE

The school magazine is now for sale. They are A4 and full colour.

If you would like a copy pay \$25 to the school office.

If you have pre-ordered please come and collect.

