



Queen's News



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Kia ora and Greetings

Queen's Girls celebrated in this issue have been engaged in Enterprise programmes, Drama, Hospitality competitions, Tramping, Sports Leadership, Healthy Heart fundraising, the St Kilda beach clean up, the Karitane environmental hui, cross country running and the Model United Nations. It is this diversity of opportunities that Queen's provides which allows students to learn in different situations and to find their passions.

Congratulations to Rhea Brisbane (futsal) and Sarah Morrison (rhythmical gymnastics) who have both gained selection to New Zealand Sports teams to travel to Australia. Also to Anna Goulding who is in the New Zealand Woman's Ice Hockey Development Squad. Talia Ellison will travel to Wellington to represent Clare Curran as the Youth MP for South Dunedin having impressed the judges with her speech and evident passion about youth issues. We commend the ability these girls have shown to train hard and persevere in order to reach their personal goals.

Hot off the Press are the results of the BOT elections! We are delighted to declare Joy Aitkinson, Glenn Murtagh, Lynn Robertson, Roy Shanks and Lyndon Taylor as our duly elected BOT members. Sarah Swan is the staff representative and Talia Ellison our student representative. You certainly have outstanding people to represent you on the Queen's board. Thank you all for your involvement in the election process.

Julie Anderson
Principal

THE POHUTUKAWA TREE



"The Pohutukawa Tree" written by Bruce Mason was the year 13 Senior Drama class production for 2010. It is based on issues in New Zealand of the 1950s about Maori and pakeha relationships which are still relevant to us today. Ms Terry McTavish directed the class production. The class worked together to perform to a high standard, engaging the audience and involving them emotionally. Major roles were played by Toana Otto and Aymee Brown both acting as Aroha, Charlotte McCorkindale as the Reverend Sedgwick, Hannah Lauridsen as Mrs Queenie Mataira and the Atkinson family acted by Kimberley Hewson, Morgan Trued and Sarah Dewar.

A big thanks to Mrs Dyas, Mrs Strang and Mrs Williamson for backstage and lighting and ensuring the performance was filmed which is an assessment requirement.



Sports News

Congratulations



Congratulations to Sarah Morrison from year 11 who is representing New Zealand and will be competing in two rhythmic gymnastics events in Australia in June and July. Best wishes.



Congratulations to Rhea Brisbane, year 11 who has been selected to play for the New Zealand Under 16 Futsal team in Sydney in January 2011.



Congratulations to Anna Goulding year 13 who has been invited to attend a NZ Women's Ice Hockey Development camp in Christchurch at the end of May. This is a wonderful opportunity for Anna to develop her skill level in Ice Hockey.

Cross Country Running Success



The cross country running season is now underway. The first event our team attended was The Logan Park Road Race, held last Wednesday May 5 in glorious sunshine. The senior and junior girls both completed a 2.5 km course in the Logan Park area. We had students from a range of running backgrounds competing, with novice runners to more experienced runners who train regularly. All students pushed themselves to perform to their potential. Our stand out performer was Danielle De Caigney in year 10, who competed in the junior race. Danielle ran a superb race with a strong finish. She deserved her first placing, and in a time of 9.04 minutes was 5 seconds ahead of the second place getter. Congratulations, Danielle.



Some of our students have started to train with the KHS running group at 7.30 am on a Tuesday and Friday morning. This is a great opportunity for students from any sport to improve their level of fitness. If any students would like to join this group please see Mrs Swan. The cross country team has a number of team and individual events throughout the next month. This includes Queen's own cross country event to be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 May at Kettle Park.

Queen's Jump to Healthy Hearts

Over the last six weeks the year 9 classes at Queen's have been involved in the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Programme. Led by Physical Education teacher Jacqui Earland and the school's year 12 associates, the girls prepared thoroughly by attending weekly skipping sessions which increased their fitness and skill level.



The goal for these girls was a final 'Jump-off' where they were encouraged to skip as hard and as fast as they could for an hour. The girls collected sponsorship from friends and families as extra motivation for their hour of hard work. The money raised went to the Heart Foundation.

Year 12 associates, Serena Mather and Maxine Shanks said the students found the weekly sessions a great way to start off their day, unleash their competitive spirit in the relays and to challenge themselves with some rather difficult circuit cards. The final Jump-off was held on Thursday 29 April. The year 9 students counted how many skips they did in the hour time period. Some were amazed at their results. The jump-off was well supported by the whole school, with senior management and form teachers all taking part.

Beach clean up – Sea week 2010

To celebrate Sea week a group of students from QUACK (Queen's environmental group) helped out with the clean up of our local St Kilda coastline. For around an hour and a half, we fought our way through extremely uncooperative bushes, gravity defying sand dunes and tornado-like winds to collect rubbish. We came away empowered, yet appalled at the amount of rubbish on our beaches and water ways. Our group of around 10 collected over 40 kg of man-made waste from the dunes around St Kilda. In total, over the week, volunteers collected over one and a half tonnes of rubbish on Dunedin's beaches!



H.S.I Junior Hospitality Challenge

On April 30 senior Queen's students studying foods courses participated in the Otago/Southland H.S.I Junior Hospitality Challenge held at the Otago Polytechnic.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Howell year 13 (below left) and Nikita Stevenson year 12 (below right) who worked as a team to produce two courses, an appetizer and a main in 90 minutes, and won the Secondary School Challenge and gold medals. As well, they have won return trips to Auckland to compete at the national final in August.

Congratulations to the following students who won medals in other food categories.

Rebecca Favel Silver Medal — Innovative Filled Omelette
Bronze Medal — Quiche

Chanelle Carter Bronze Medal—Afternoon Tea

Nikita Stevenson Silver Medal — Fruit Flan
Bronze Medal — Quiche



Nikita was awarded a French Cook's knife, one of two special prizes donated by Southern Hospitality.

Congratulations

Congratulations to ex-student Angie Dalton who was selected to attend the ANZAC Commemoration at Gallipoli this year. Angie is in the NZ Air force as an airlift refueller.

Congratulations - Pacific On Campus Scholarships

Congratulations to Theresa Fa'aave from year 13 and Serena Mather from year 12 who have been awarded a Pacific On-Campus Experience Scholarship which included costs of On-Campus Experience Activities and events at the University of Otago Campus. The Pacific On Campus Experience was held in Dunedin between the 2nd - 5th of May this year.

Youth MP

Talia Ellison was recently selected as the Youth MP for Dunedin South and will to travel Wellington in July to represent the South Dunedin electorate in the Youth Parliament. Candidates for the position had to make a speech about why they would be a good youth MP, and answer questions from the audience.

Queen's Tramping Trip - Caples/Greenstone 2010



These past holidays a group of Queen's girls along with Mr Todd and his family and Mrs Lyons set off into the bush for an epic journey. Originally, we had planned to tramp the Rees-Dart; however torrential rain foiled our plans and swelled the rivers beyond belief! Over coffee in Glenorchy we devised a plan which included a day walk on the beautiful Routeburn track. The following morning it was decided we would do the Caples/ Greenstone instead of the Rees-Dart, as it was not so affected by the rain, and set off into the wonderful Caples valley. We stayed at the Upper Caples, McKellar and Greenstone huts, having many a glorious adventure on the way! Highlights included

Chrissy's feet disintegrating, losing all our scroggin, toothbrush parties, swimming at the end of the track, climbing up waterfalls, clambering over roots and serenading the trees.

It was, may we most emphatically say, a richly marvellous experience and our thanks go out to Mr Todd and Mrs Lyons for taking us.

Chrissy, Hannah, Katie and Lauren - Yr13





SELL – Student Enterprise Learning Link

SELL has become an annual event with our year 12 girls and King's boys working together to invent interesting products and then develop a marketing plan to sell the products. Four of our girls were the CEOs for their groups: Emily Wilde, Maeghan Te Waiti, Alysha Wilson and Aimee Russell. T'Keyah Foley was in the winning group. We were pleased the judges included ex- students of Queen's Ms Lauren Semple from Anderson Lloyd and Kerry Tutty from Back in Motion. The whole experience is an authentic learning opportunity and the skills learned and applied during the three days give the students an insight into the world of business.



REGENERATION

Six Queen's High school students (three year 10s and three Year 13s) of our Quack group which – remember – is working on environmental issues around school and our community were lucky enough to attend a four day regeneration camp which was held at Karitane at the Puketeraki Marae at the end of April. The girls were welcomed onto the Marae with a traditional powhiri and the whole camp provided an immersion into the Maori culture which is one of the guiding principles of being an Enviro school. "It was fantastic because local Maori shared their history of Karitane with us and it really gave us a sense of place and identity" and "it was a great combination of hands on ideas and activities such as planting trees as well as the possibility to meet students from all over the southern part of the South Island and hear what these students were doing at their schools" is some really positive feedback the students gave.



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MUNA Mock United Nations Assembly—2010

Queen's participated in MUNA this year representing the country of Haiti. Sarah Ledgerwood, Charlotte McCorkindale and Erin Batchelor were the team members and they researched their topic carefully. The experience was interesting and they enjoyed the quality debates and arguments put forward by the participating countries.



Dates and Deadlines

14 May	Stage Challenge
18 May	Mufti Day
18 May	Revolution Tour-lunchtime performance
24 -28 May	Senior exams practical week
26 May	Cross country
28 May	Five week monitoring letters
4 June	Nga manu Kōrero Regional Competition
7 June	Queen's Birthday – Public holiday
8 June	Teacher only day School closed
9 June	Year 11 PE/OE first aid course
11-13 June	Chamber music competition
16 June	Big Sing
21 June	Mufti day
26-27 June	Year 11 PE/OE Peninsula Camp
2 July	Last day of term Senior reports posted
19 July	First day Term 3

Year 12 PE have been involved in a Leadership, Group Work and Communication Achievement Standard over the last few weeks.



This has involved teaching their peers, junior sports teams at Queen's High School, as well as other teams within the wider community.

- Brooke and Kate have been involved with coaching the St Clair primary school hockey team;
 - Hali has been coaching the Port Chalmers Netball team
 - Jodi, coached a Tahuna Intermediate Netball team
 - Nicole was assessed coaching a junior gymnastics group at the St Bernadette's Gymnastics Club
 - Jule coached with the Dunedin Swim Squad
- The photos show the class in groups doing some Problem Solving activities in the gym, lead by Amber.

