



Queen's News



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Kia ora and Greetings

We celebrate students who have won prestigious national awards in this issue of Queen's News. Tōrea Scott-Fyfe, year 10, was presented with a Sir Peter Blake Environmental Leaders' Award for her work in the Environmental Group. Nicole Bradley, our Head Girl, has won a Transpower Tū Mai Rakatahi \$1,000 Science Scholarship. Congratulations to these two inspirational students.

At the regional level our 10 Todd team were placed second in the ODT Spelling Competition and our year 13 girls were second in the University of Otago ICT Technology Business Challenge, with their innovative sports monitor to check when those underperforming or stressed players should be removed from the sports field by the coach. Too late for the Soccer, but this could be in demand for the Rugby World Cup!

The musical life of the school has been in full swing over the second half of the term with five groups entered in the Chamber Music Competitions, our Madrigal group commended in The Big Sing, Stage Challenge Awards and Whispering (the musical) being performed in this last week. It is wonderful to see the number of girls who had lead roles in the musical and the amount of musical talent in the orchestra.

Three speakers plus a support group travelled to Invercargill for the Otago/Southland Ngā Manu Korero Māori speech competition and all our speakers gained the top awards. Meiana Clarke excelled winning both the prepared and impromptu Senior Māori sections.

Queen's girls continue to give service to the community fundraising with over \$1,700 so far for World Vision 40 Hour Famine. This was supplemented by the efforts of the Interact club who organised the community Sport-a-thon with teams competing in badminton, rounders, basketball and hockey over the last weekend in May.

It is just as well we have had a longer eleven week term to fit in all the cultural and sporting events the girls have been involved in. They now deserve their holiday break.

Julie Anderson
Principal



National Leadership Award

Congratulations to Tōrea Scott-Fyfe, year 10, who was presented in assembly last Friday with the Sir Peter Blake Environmental Leaders' Award 2010 by Brett Haugh from Fuji Xerox. Tōrea won the award for her commitment, passion and leadership both in the school environmental group and for her contributions to school activities. As well, Tōrea sets herself personal challenges and never takes the 'soft' option. Well done and congratulations!

Congratulations

To our Head Girl, Nicole Bradley, who has won a Transpower Tū Mai Rakatahi award. This award, worth \$1000.00, is to support careers in science and engineering, and will contribute to Nicole's educational needs while she is at school. As well, Nicole has been awarded a Rotary scholarship to participate in a Spirit of Adventure trip later in year.

Cross Country Running

The Otago Secondary School's cross country calendar is now complete. Our runners have had an enjoyable, challenging and busy few weeks recently. Our first event was the Logan Park Road race where Danielle De Caigney was placed first in the junior race. This was followed soon after by two team events. One in the streets around KHS and QHS and the second across paddocks and roads in Milton. Our junior team was placed 3rd in the Milton event and Danielle De Caigney was the fastest runner. Despite recent flooding the ground was reasonably firm. This contrasted with the most recent event held at the Wingatui Race course where wet, muddy conditions made the course challenging for all. A couple 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.



Stage Challenge

About eighty students participated in Stage Challenge held earlier this term. The theme was "Fast Forward." The idea was that we should enjoy our school days and not rush through and do things which look exciting now but to take our time to enjoy and learn and to enjoy being "schoolgirls"! We will have time to party and socialise later. In other words not to fast forward! Senior students, mainly from year 13 led the girls in designing and building the stage set as well as creating the costumes. They also choreographed the dance moves for each of dance groups: party girls, jazz performers, hip hop and the school girls. The students were led by Julia Tay. We won Excellence awards for Choreography and Costuming with a highlight being the winning of the "The Spirit of Stage Challenge" award which is voted on by all the schools involved. Well done!



Big Sing

Our choir of twenty students participated in the Big Sing competition. Secondary schools from Otago and South Canterbury participate in this annual competition. This year the girls sang a German song – "Amor in Nachen", a Samoan lullaby - "Moemoe Pepe" and a contemporary Jazz song – "Alexander's Ragtime Band". They were pleased with their performances as the choir has a number of younger students in it this year. They received a Commended award for the quality of their performances.

The choir performed recently at Tahuna Intermediate and St Andrew's Rest Home and will continue to perform throughout the year, including at the Secondary Schools' Music festival in term 3.

Ngā Manu Korero Regional competition Congratulations



The regional competition was held in early June in Invercargill. Congratulations to Matawai Uiti-Nicholls, Talia Ellison and Meiana Clarke who will be representing Queen's and the Otago Southland region at the national competition to be held in Dunedin in September this year.

Matawai won the Junior English section. Talia won the senior English impromptu and was first overall in the Senior English section. Meiana won both the prepared and the impromptu in the Senior Maori section. This is the fourth time in five years that we have had speakers at the nationals and the first time that we will have had three speakers. Congratulations.

Sports News

Outstanding Performances

Danielle De Caigney was place 19th in a massive field at the National Secondary Schools Cross Country in Wellington. Emma Sutherland won the U-19 Road Race at the Otago/Southland Cycle Championships in Invercargill. Emma is competing in the Nationals in the holidays. We also wish **Ripeka, Blaize and S'vania Te Moananui** good luck for the National Junior and Youth Dart Championships in Dunedin in the holidays.

Otago Secondary Schools Duathlon

Our senior team of **Sophie Robb, Emma Sutherland and Maxine Shanks** competed in this event at Mosgiel. They raced against six other teams and won by 4mins. An outstanding running effort from Sophie Robb got the team off to a great start. Emma dominated the bike leg and extended the lead and Maxine ran strongly to maintain the lead and give Queen's the victory.

Queen's Cross Country

Another beautiful day for the second of our whole school sporting events. The track this year added a few extra challenges with a beach run, sand hills and hilly bush tracks included. The Junior girls race was dominated by the De Caigney sisters.

Danielle first, **Yazmin** second and **Marcia Bylsma** third. The Senior race was very close with **Crystal Hale** narrowly beating **Sophie Robb** and **Maxine Shanks** third.

The house competition was keenly contested and again the girls went all out to dress in their house colours. Ballard cleaned up in the best dressed and staff entries. Dawson had the most entries overall but when all the points were added up it was **Pickering House** who won on the day. Dawson still leads the house points for the year. Pickering is 2nd, Ballard 3rd and Rae 4th.



Ice Skating

Sarah MacGibbon attended the Annual Queenstown Invitational Ice Skating Competition recently and was placed 1st in the Novice Ladies.

Aerobics

We are in countdown mode in preparation for Otago/Southland regionals which are in Invercargill on August 8. Everyone is trying to finish and perfect routines and build up their fitness. There will be training and workshops in the holidays and next term they will compete in the Queen's High School Aerobics competition. Our goal is for as many competitors as possible to be selected for the nationals which are in Wellington on September 18 -19. Several of the girls have recently attended a judges competition.

Helen Lowther organised a NZCAF (New Zealand Competitive Aerobics Federation) level 0 judges course which was attended by several QHS students (Annelise Lowther, Courtney Cummings, Vyenna Pearcy, Aleisha Gaudelius) and members of the public. The course was run by Jean Shalders, a regional, national and international judge's. The girls gained an insight into what the judges look for when marking a routine.

Otago Daily Times

Congratulations to Torea Scott-Fyfe, Esther Kelly and Rebekah Fox who were second equal in the Otago Daily Times secondary schools' spelling quiz held recently.

Special Olympics

Special Olympics Ribbon Days were held for Tenpin Bowling on Wednesday 24 March and Swimming on Wednesday 19 May. We were proud of the way the girls competed in both events. In Bowling, Anna Rose came first in her section, Tayla Sloat second in her section and Sarina Hicks third in her section.

In swimming, students had a number of excellent placings and participated fully.

Helen Liu – 1st in 15 m walk, 2nd 15m kickboard

Becky Donovan – 3rd 25m freestyle, 2nd 25m backstroke

Sarina Hicks – 1st in 15m walk, 1st 15m kickboard

Eve McCoy - 1st in 25m freestyle, 2nd 25m backstroke

Tegan Booth - 2nd in 25m freestyle, 1st 25m backstroke

Tayla Sloat – 1st 15m freestyle (supported)

Amy Gray – 5th in 15m walk, 3rd 15m kickboard

Anna Rose – 1st in 15m walk, 2nd 15m kickboard

Sport Otago Awards

On Friday 21st May Anna Rose, Becky Donovan, Eve McCoy and Amy Gray performed at the Sport Otago Awards evening ceremony at the Dunedin Centre as members of the JOLT dance company. Well done girls, this was a great honour.



Interact Sport-a-thon

This year the Interact Club decided to run some extra events during May to add to the normal fundraising efforts for World Vision Famine Month. As a club we decided to do something fun, active and BIG!

So – the Sport-a-thon was held from 1.00 – 9.00 pm on Saturday May 29th and 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on Sunday 30th. Twelve teams from 6 schools competed across a number of sports, including basketball, volleyball, futsal, netball, touch, and several other sports.

Everyone was thoroughly worn out by the time we enjoyed a shared supper on the Saturday night, and some tired bodies were too sore to return for Sundays activities! However, a number of teachers took part in the Sunday morning badminton and rounders, managing to soundly beat the student teams! (Though they did have imported students from Johnnies and Taieri on their team!!)

Food was sold, which had been provided by members of the school council and the sports council. The Interact club wants to thank the Sports Council for supplying umpires, Ms Earland for being so helpful in providing sports equipment and especially Ms Palmer, for her support in helping to finalise the draw and for encouraging students to

take part. A BIG THANK YOU to all the Queen's students who came along and supported the club by taking part, and to Mrs Anderson for coming along and joining in the sports on both days.

Everyone had a fantastic time, and many of us made lots of new friends. Watch this space - we will definitely be running another sport-a-thon next year!



World Vision fundraising

World Vision fundraising has a high profile at Queen's. We work alongside our students to consider people and their families overseas and how we can support them to improve the quality of their lives. This year we have banked over \$1700.00 and with more money still coming in we expect to reach at least \$2000.00. Well done to the students involved in the fundraising and to all their supporters.

Technology Challenge success

Congratulations to Jacqui Margetts, Kathleen Butterfield and Taiahn Elia who were second in the University ICT Technology challenge. Their innovative design was for a coach to be able to monitor the heart rate of her athletes while they were actually performing in their sport and then use that information to improve performances or to substitute another a player.



Dates and Deadlines

July 19	Term three begins
July 23	Hockey game vs KEQMS-UK
July 24	School Formal
July 28	Open night- students will be participating
July 30	Junior student reports posted
Aug 2-6	Jazz Band touring
Aug 3-6	Year 13 Chemistry students to University of Otago
Aug 4	Report evening 4-8pm online booking
Aug 5	Australian Maths competition
Aug 9	Otago university Liaison office year 13
Aug 10-13	Year 12 snowboarding trip
Aug 11-13	Year 13 Geography & tourism trip
Aug 17	Mufti day
Aug 23-27	Senior exams
Aug 26	Otago Secondary Schools' Music Festival
Aug 30-Sept 3	Winter tournament week
Sep 7-10	Year 11 ski trip
Sep 7	Otago Secondary Schools Music festival
Sep 9-10	Otago Maori & Pacific Island festival
Sep 17	EXCEL School of Performing Arts Lunchtime performance
Sep 21 -24	Year 13 snowboarding trip
Sep 21-24	Nga Manu Korero National competition Dunedin

How to help yourself get the job you want!

Seventy percent of hiring managers say they have decided not to hire an applicant because of information they have found online, according to a survey commissioned by Microsoft of 1,200 human relations managers and consumers.

While most of those surveyed stated they research candidates online and think they are justified in doing so, only seven percent of consumers believed that recruiters check out potential candidates online when making hiring decisions. Over one-half of managers surveyed agreed that data on lifestyle, inappropriate written text and inappropriate photos were types of information that could result in rejecting a candidate. An overview of the findings from the survey can be accessed at

<http://www.microsoft.com/privacy/dpd/research.aspx>.

2010 Reading Challenge

The Library's Reading Challenge began on the 14th of June and has already had lots of enthusiastic responses. Students need to read a book and fill in the entry form (available from the Library or the student office). Every entry receives a gel pen and goes into the draw for one of five \$20 Whitcoulls' vouchers. The Challenge is open to students at all year levels and they can enter as many times as they like before it ends during NZ Library week on 20th of August. With the coldest part of the year coming up, this is a great excuse to find a cosy corner and spend some time with a good book.

Carole Gardiner
Librarian