



# Queen's News

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It has been a very busy start to the year; with welcoming the Year 9 students, Year 13 Leadership and Prefects' day and an enjoyable, sunny Athletics Day. Summer sports competitions have recommenced, planning is underway for Stage Challenge and our new School Council meets on Wednesday. The girls have involved themselves enthusiastically in all school activities, with their various colourful outfits representing House Groups adding hilarity to the fun section of the Athletics Day. Over 20 girls ran the 3000 metres and I have been impressed with the girls' willingness to 'have a go' in a number of different situations.

We were all shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Anna Ryan, one of our outstanding Year 13 students. Over 90 staff and students attend Anna's funeral with moving tributes delivered on behalf of the girls and staff by Claire Emmerson our Head Girl and Heather Knox, our Guidance Counsellor. During this difficult week the staff and I were very proud of the Queen's girls. They were supportive of each other and the staff and represented the school and themselves with dignity and sensitivity. Our ongoing thoughts are with Patsy, Brigid and the rest of Anna's family as we all try to come to terms with the loss of Anna.

We hope the year will now settle into some sort of normality and the girls can focus on their school work and enjoy their involvement in a number of co-curricular activities.

*Julie K. Anderson*

## WELCOME TO QUEEN'S



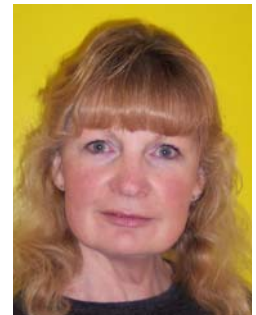
Mrs Maxine Hall  
ESOL



Mrs Janet Robinson  
Learning Support



Ms Leona Purvis  
GAP Student



Miss Fay Coster  
Art



Mrs Colleen Rourke  
Student Office



Miss Megan Hartevelt  
PE



Miss Amber Kersten  
PE



Ms Yoshimi Park  
Japanese

### *PSTA Bulb Fundraiser*

Enclosed is a catalogue of bulbs that the P.S.T.A is selling to raise funds for activities for your girls at Queen's.

Please fill in the order form at the back of catalogue with money and return to the school office. Bulbs will be given to your daughter after delivery. Money and form in by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, delivery end of March. Any enquiries phone Liz Williamson, Ph 4739862



## CURRICULUM

Year 9 & 10 teachers meet regularly to discuss curriculum delivery and to work at applying skills and strategies taught in one subject to other subjects. This helps students to learn skills in one subject and use them in other curriculum areas.



### *Thinking Skills*

In 2005 Thinking Skills was trialled with Year 9 students and in 2006 we have included it in the compulsory curriculum for all Year 9 students. Included in this programme are teaching students new ways of thinking, applying the strategies to their own learning and understanding more about their own strengths and weaknesses as they learn.

### *ICT Year 9*

All students are developing new skills in this area for a term 2006. They are learning about the various functions a range of computer programmes offer as well as learning



## QUEEN'S ATHLETICS SPORTS

On Monday February 20th the annual Athletics Sports were held in very warm conditions at the Caledonian. All students were involved with a number of novelty events organised on a house basis as well as fiercely competed championship events.

Certificates have been awarded to place getters and Dawson leads the house competition for 2006!!

### *Under 14 Champion*

1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Bradley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Wilson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Robb

### *Under 15 Champion*

1<sup>st</sup> Elise Mamanu-Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jess Lewis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Leigh Olsen

### *Under 16 Champion*

1<sup>st</sup> Philippa Mackay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Robb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Susanna Greaves

### *Over 16 Champion*

1<sup>st</sup> Romana Salis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Main  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alice Conrad



## Fundraiser – Sunscreen and Coffee



The sports department is selling SPF 30+ Sunscreen and freshly ground coffee for \$10.00 each. Students have the opportunity to sell this to fundraise for an event, to pay fees for tournament. Please support sport at Queen's and purchase these products. If interested, contact Miss van den Beld 4557212 ext 821



## YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP

On Friday 10 February the Year 13's took part in a Leadership Day. In the morning all the Year 13 students were involved in the programme. We brainstormed and discussed codes of behaviour and responsibilities of the Year 13's as the new leaders and most senior students of the school.

We had a session to motivate us to make the most of our final year at Queen's. A former student Candice Browne Keane told us about her experience of her final year and making the most of it. Mrs Batchelor led us in a goal setting session, helping us to set realistic and achievable goals. We finished off the morning with 'The Maze Game' involving communication and leadership; we had a BBQ lunch all together before the majority of us returned to school while the prefects remained. The afternoon began with a guest speaker - Janine Kapa, who spoke about the qualities of a good leader and then discussed as a group the role of the prefect and what makes a good leader. We worked on public speaking skills with some 'interesting' results and discussed time management which was especially valuable to some of us. All in all, it was a very valuable and enjoyable day for everyone involved.

### PSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Queen's High School PSTA A.G.M to be held 7 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom.  
All parents welcome, supper provided.

## A SELF-REFERRAL HEALTH CLINIC will resume in school for 2006.

Our new Public Health Nurse, Paula Kole will be introducing herself to students at year level assemblies and will begin a weekly confidential clinic during Monday lunchtimes. Girls can self-refer and bring along a friend if they wish for advice and support for:

General health issues	vision and hearing	sexual health concerns
injuries	nutrition	quitting smoking
a health assessment	or referral to other agencies if needed	

### DATES AND DEADLINES

#### March

7<sup>th</sup> Homestay Parents Meeting 5.30 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day – QHS sponsor child  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Parent Evening  
11<sup>th</sup> Otago SS Athletics Champs  
15<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Parents – Designing Careers Evening 7 pm

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Geography field trip  
18<sup>th</sup> Otago/Southland Athletics Champs  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day – school closed  
23<sup>rd</sup> BOT Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> SISS Athletics Champs – Chch

#### April

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Geography field trip  
12<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term One for students  
13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> Term 2 begins

### Toilet Tissue, Paper Towel Fundraiser

Toilet tissue and paper towels are available for you to sell to raise money for school trips, camps, sports teams etc

Toilet tissue \$23 pack of 45 rolls

Paper towels \$16 pack of 12 rolls

Collect from 197 Surrey St, Friday 3pm.

Order forms from student office. Enquires to Mrs Haddow



### Anglican Family Care

#### ATTENTION!!!

#### CAREGIVERS WANTED

Have you got room in your family for one more?

Family Care urgently needs caregivers to provide short term and respite care for children and young people 0–16 years who for a variety of reasons need time out from their home situations.

Quality training and support provided. Remuneration by way of a Board Payment.

**For more information please contact:  
Rose Scott on 03 477- 0801**