



Queen's News

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Last Thursday the "Spirit of Queen's" was evident during the running of the school cross country. It was a beautiful afternoon and the girls participated in either the competitive event or the "fun run". House colours and dress ups, a large brown yeti (alias Alice Muir, year 13), teachers as fun runners and a few dogs running on leads with the animal care students all added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

The prefects and year 13 girls have been active in encouraging school spirit in working with the teachers and the younger girls. In the "Aim for Excellence" senior assembly they performed a play focusing on the importance of studying for NCEA assessments. They shared their slogan, "*Doing your absolute best is only ever going to be judged positively, so do it for you*" as part of this performance. This was a timely reminder with a number of senior practical exams being held next week.

In the last month the Year 10 girls have attended the Dunedin Youth Expo which focused on healthy lifestyle choices and the Careers Expo. Apart from the sought-after "freebees" the girls were given the opportunity to explore a range of possible career choices and should have some reading material about specific careers to share with you. Individual goal setting based around broad career aims is part of the "Designing Careers" programme on which the year 10 students are now working.

The senior drama production of "The Crucible" had full audiences both nights and was acknowledged as a "challenging production of an exceedingly high standard". Girls have been involved in secondary schools debating, show jumping, the United Nations, Stage Challenge and Rock Quest as well as the usual winter sports. All these activities complement the girls' growth and development and must be coordinated, with their key focus remaining on their classroom work.

Julie K. Anderson

Julie Anderson
Principal

MUNA-Model United Nations Assembly

On 13-14 May three Queen's High School teams participated in the Model United Nations Assembly at the Edgar Centre. It was two days of debating on various different world issues such as global warming and renewable energy from the point of view of an allocated nation. Queen's had been given Iran, Israel and Japan and as you can probably imagine this led to some interesting discussions. There was also the option of dressing up in the nation's traditional dress. My team was Iran and received the prize for best dressed team with our bearded Iranian men and covered up women. All in all, it was a highly enjoyable experience and I recommend anyone who gets the chance to get involved.



Rachel Batchelor
Yr 13

REMINDER!

King's High School – Queen's High School FUNDRAISING – "TRADE ME"

As part of our ongoing fundraising for the **Performing Arts** Centre, we intend to collect and offer for sale items on the Trade Me website.

You will have received a letter with more details. This is to remind you of our request and that June 7 is the final day for bringing goods to school.

Thank you for your support.

STAGE CHALLENGE

Once again this year, Queen's High School showed the commitment to support the 2006 Subway Stage Challenge. Pupils from different schools around Otago took part in the event.

Stage Challenge is for young people being the best they can without the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. Schools are encouraged to be involved, performing original dance and drama routines to music that reflects their **theme**. Our theme this year was "Eyes Wide Open" - about consumerism in the face of Third World suffering. About ninety QHS students participated in the production. It was nice to see the junior and senior students from different year levels come together to produce a shining performance of which we can all be proud. We received five awards: for choreography, visual enhancement, student achievement, school initiative and excellence of concept.

I would like to thank all the teachers who helped out that day and contributed their time and effort and especially Ms Irvine who has been committed to Stage Challenge at Queen's High School for sixteen years. We were lucky enough to have her help us again this year and we appreciated her support and valuable input. We felt very proud of what we achieved. I hope to see the success of Queen's High School at Stage Challenge continuing for years to come.

Fatima Conaglen
Yr 13

Interview with Annabel Greig - a year 9 Stage Challenge experience

Recently around ninety students were involved with Stage Challenge. We interviewed Annabel Greig from 9 Webb, who was involved in the event, to see what she thought of the spectacular evening.

How did the evening go?

At first I didn't know what to expect because this was my first time doing it. But it was so much fun.

What were rehearsals like?

They were quite tiring, by the end of it but it all paid off on the night.

What was the best part?

The night of the performance seeing all our hard work pay off.

What was the worst part?

Rehearsals after school, taking up a lot of our time.

What was the Stage Challenge focus?

It was called "Eyes Wide Open" which was about people worrying about how they looked, and the latest fashions. They were worried about being perfect, when there is poverty, disasters and terrorist attacks going on around them.

Would you do it again?

Definitely it was a great experience.

By Lisa Young
9 Webb



YEAR 10 YOUTH EXPO

On the 10 and 11 May the year 10 students attended the 2006 Youth Health Expo. This year Queen's had two girls on the Youth Committee representing our school, Ashleigh Jarvis and Emma Taylor. The theme of the Expo was the four elements of hauora/wellbeing. The focus was on giving students information on how and where to find help and keeping youth safe regarding mental health issues, safe partying, drugs, sex and alcohol. There were thirty different stalls from organizations around Dunedin like Dunedin police, public library, Public Health South, Youth Line, Sport Otago and Rape Crisis. The entertainment included some of Queen's Pacific Island and Kapa Haka groups. This was a well-run event and most of the girls enjoyed the two hours they had there and brought away a lot of useful information.

NZ Rhythmic Gymnast

Congratulations to Nicole Maley of Year 9 (right) who is currently competing in Australia, representing New Zealand as a member of the national rhythmic gymnastic team.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Susanna Greaves who was placed 1st in the U16 Wave Wahines Surf Competition held in April at St Clair.

The Crucible

The Year 13 drama class performed Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible' in the second week of this term. The production was of a very high standard and the whole cast should be very proud of its performance. The audience on both nights was appreciative and impressed with the very high standard of acting. 'The Crucible' was produced by Ms Barbara Williamson, the Year 13 drama teacher. Well done!



Taiohi Hui

On Wednesday 3 May a group of twenty senior Maori students went to Araiteuru Marae for a Taiohi Hui. The hui was held to show Otago secondary school Maori students possible career options. Guest speaker and New Zealand hip hop DJ, DJ Sir-Vere talked to the group about how he got into the career he loves! The students attended three different workshops. Army and police talked about team work and trust, careers was about student allowance and student loans and options people have while studying. Tertiary was about what kind of career are you looking at. It also included different courses you can choose at universities around New Zealand and scholarships for which students can apply to help out with fees, living costs, school resources, text books, travel etc.

Overall the whole hui was great fun and everyone enjoyed it!

Written by Lisa Rouvi & Sophie Tamati

OTAGO ASSOCIATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Annual Meeting is to be held 7 June.
Guest Speaker is Dot Glynn, Advisor of Gifted and Talented, who will speak on her experiences as an adviser to schools.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING CHINESE?

We have been given an opportunity for students, staff and any parents interested in learning Chinese. The lessons would be held after school. If interested, please telephone the school office 455 7212 and leave your contact details.



Maximising Youth Potential™

Some of you may not be aware but during the last fourteen months a group of Year 11 Queens's students have been participating in a programme called Project K. So far, in their journey to fulfil their potential, they have taken on a vast number of different challenges including going away on a wilderness adventure for three weeks, raising their awareness of their community as well as how important it is to be a contributing member of their community. The students also entered into a twelve month mentoring partnership with a trained community volunteer. During the twelve months of mentoring the students set four goals that focused around personal wellbeing, health and education, and they received support from their mentors towards achieving them.

Next month we will be celebrating all the hard work and commitment that these students have put into their progress on this program by holding a graduation ceremony. To graduate, the students need to have achieved at least one of their goals. Graduation night is 30 June (venue and time to be confirmed) and all school staff, whanau/family and friends are welcome to join us in honouring the journey that these young women have undertaken. It has been a long road for some, with lots of ups and downs, but hopefully for all the students it has been a road well worth taking and will lead to ongoing benefits in believing in themselves and striving to reach their goals and dreams. We look forward to hearing about these awesome students in the years to come and celebrating with them next month at graduation.

☺ The Project K Team



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Junior competitive -

- 1st Sophie Robb
- 2nd Lauren Wilson
- 3rd Shyanne Hall

Senior competitive -

- 1st Romana Salis
- 2nd Olivia Robb
- 3rd Susanna Greaves

Junior fun-run -

- 1st Catriona Coverson
- 2nd Erica O'Neill
- 3rd Nicole Maley

Senior fun-run

- 1st Samantha Nicolson
- 2nd Kelly Leonard
- 3rd Ashleigh Melrose

HOUSE WINNERS

1st - **Wolfenden** 2nd - **Allen** 3rd - **Ballard**

Dates and Deadlines

May 29 -June 2	Senior practical exam week (NO exam leave for any students)
June 2	Regional Manu Korero speech competition
June 5	Queen's Birthday long weekend (No school Monday 5 June)
June 8	Interschool with Southland Girls' in Invercargill
June 9-11	Chamber Music Competition
June 11	Junior Otago secondary school netball tournament
June 14	Year 13 biology field trip Choral federation competition
June 15	Australian English Competition
June 17	NZSS cross country
June 22	YES presentation
June 27	Year 11 Outdoor Ed overnight tramp
June 30	Last day term 2 Reports posted Queen's News
Term 3	
July 17 th	Term 3 begins

QUEEN'S HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM RESULTS

Overall Placing:

Columba College-1st Place
St Hilda's 2nd Place
Queens High School- 3rd Place

65cm Show Jumping & Dressage

Jamiee Turner: 65cm Showjumping
2nd: Clear round & jump off
1st: Clear round on time

75cm Showjumping & Dressage

Jordan Lloyd: 75cm Dressage
1st: Dressage overall
Catriona Coverson: 75cm Showjumping
4th: Clear round & jump off

85cm Showjumping & Dressage

Xshikarna Harvey: 85cm Dressage
1st: Dressage overall

95cm Showjumping & Dressage

Jessica Dick: 95cm Showjumping
2nd: Clear round & jump off
4th: Clear round on time.

