



# Queen's News



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Welcome to Term 2.

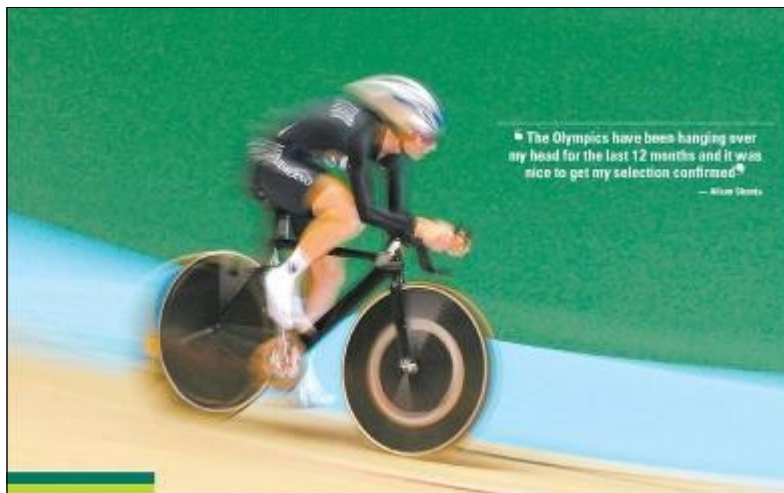


We have started the term "on a high" with over 90 girls working together to produce an outstanding, intellectual and carefully choreographed Stage Challenge production. Our Stage Challenge was based on the book "To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee. The vibrant and well-coordinated presentation addressed the issues of racism and social justice using both dance and drama. We were very proud of the girls, who won the major Social Issues Award, seven other awards and overall Third Prize. Seeing girls of all levels working together to achieve is the most rewarding outcome of such undertakings. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your support with practices, costumes and encouragement.

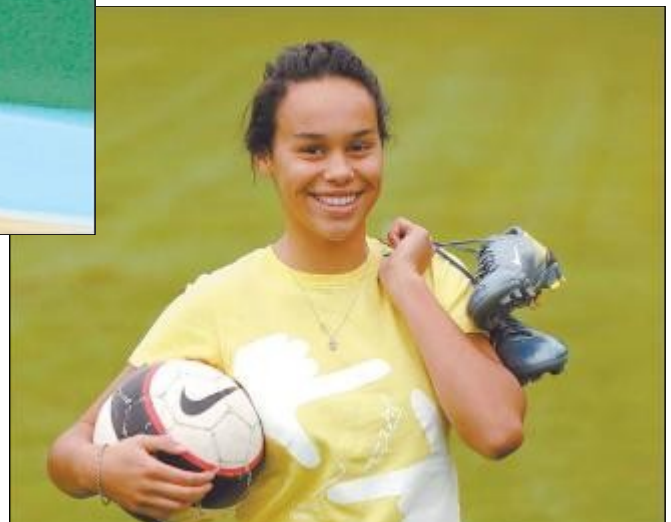
Our students have visited both Heath and Careers Expos in the last week and we encourage you to support the students in their exploration of possible career options by attending our Careers evenings as outlined on page 2. Year 12 and 13 History students took part in the Model United Nations Assembly with our girls representing Brazil and Canada and the Year 11 students have had authentic field experience on the Geography Trip. Nadia Reid excelled in the Rock Quest and will compete in the finals this weekend.

Excelling at National level, Elise Mamanu-Gray, Year 11, has been chosen to represent New Zealand in the Under 17 Soccer World Cup and ex-girl Alison Shanks' selection for the Beijing Olympics has provided inspiration to all of our budding sportswomen. Nothing is impossible!

This term we are focused on excellence in academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. We have senior practical exams next week, madrigal and chamber music performances, the musical, *Les Miserables*, Wearable Arts and a large number of students involved in winter sports competitions. Queen's focuses on the holistic development of students and continues to provide many opportunities for girls to excel in a wide range of areas.



Julie Anderson  
Principal



## CAREERS INFO

### Parent Nights

There are some events coming up that we hope will help parents and students alike. Did you know that research has proven that parents and families are the most influential people in their children's career and study choices?

### Parents as Careers Advisors

What do you do or say when your child asks your advice on careers? What can you do if your child seems entirely unfocussed or uncertain about eventual study or career options?

Firstly, we are holding an evening for parents on **Wednesday June 13 – Parents as Careers Advisors**. We will look at some of the conversation starters you can use, things to be aware of about your daughter and her interests, and places and people you can use as allies in your joint journey towards enabling your daughter to live the life she wants. **Options evenings** will be held during term 3 to talk specifically about subject choice; dates will be advised later.

### Science and Technology Careers evening

This event will be run in conjunction with Futureintech and King's high School, here at Queen's on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be an opportunity for young people and their parents to meet with young people working in this sector. More information to follow, but pencil this night into your diary if your child has a practical or scientific bent.

### Careers Expo

All students from years 10 – 13 recently had the opportunity to attend the 2008 Careers Expo in the Town hall, and hopefully many parents were able to visit on the evening of May 21. If you or your daughter still have more questions, or you didn't get to talk to someone you had hoped to see, remember that most organisations now have web-sites. Industry Training Organisations, Yertiary institutions and even some employers have good information on these sites. Feel free to contact the Careers Advisor for help with locating this information. Appointments can be made with departments at the University or Polytechs for students and their parents to talk specifics, and Lesley Signal is happy to co-ordinate these visits.



### Career Services

In addition to the information to be found at school – subject teachers, the careers Advisor and the Careers Resource room – Career Services *rapuara* is a wonderful source of current, accurate and unbiased information. Take time to visit their web-site – [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) where they have a recently instituted section specifically for secondary school students and school leavers. Remember their free text service as well – text 8007 using the word 'JOB', or 'STUDY' or "TRAINING" – depending on the information you are seeking. You can also phone 0800 222 733 to chat to a careers advisor. These services are available to anyone of any age.

## YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO ALEXANDRIA

As part of the practical aspects of the year 11 Geography curriculum, the geography students with their teachers visited the Taieri Plains, Ophir, Bannockburn and Macraes Flat. The students researched geographical information for achievement standards related to Dairying and goldmining.



*Left:  
Sampling grapes at  
the BlackRidge Vineyard*

*Right:  
The group taking a break*



## HEALTH COMMITTEE

The current activities of the very pro-active hard working members of the Health Committee are:

- Fuelled 4 Schools - promoting higher consumption of water amongst the students. Introducing refillable drink bottles and upgrade of filtered water stations.
- Youth Week - a variety of activities such as a lunchtime concert in the PAC and raising awareness of Smokefree
- Fair Trade - a guest speaker in assembly informed all students of the issues of buying Fair Trade products. The committee will continue to promote the ideas.
- Cancer Society - Youth Advocates - a group from the committee have accepted an opportunity to be part of a project to campaign to have cigarettes removed from highly visible positions in shops.

These activities provide the students excellent links with a number of community organisations. Our students show great maturity and depth of commitment.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

Last week the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held at Logan Park High School. This is a chance for senior high school students to represent certain countries as a mock United Nations, taking part in debates about important global issues. This year Queen's entered two teams representing Brazil and Canada. It was a great opportunity for those involved to talk with people their age from all parts of Otago about issues like child trafficking, global warming, and carbon emission. Canada was able to take away well earned awards for note passing, and Brazil had success in getting two amendments passed. Next year we hope to become more involved and hopefully come away with top prizes.

## FAIR TRADE

Millions of farmers throughout the developing world live in desperate poverty, simply because they are not paid a fair price for their produce.



International trade rules are unfair, and biased towards western countries. This means big multinationals take the lion's share of the profits from trade, leaving these small scale farmers trapped in the cycle of poverty and struggling to provide for their families.

Buying Fair Trade products is a chance for us to take a stand about these issues. Fair Trade puts more money back into the pockets of producers in developing countries, ensuring they can feed their families and educate their children. Fair Trade products are made using environmentally sustainable methods and without slave or child labour.

Queens has recently made the commitment of becoming a fair trade school. This is really exciting for us, and something we can be proud of, as we are one of the first schools in Dunedin in a growing trend. This means as a school we will advocate Fair Trade, and buy Fair Trade products. This is already happening in the staff room, with Fair Trade tea and coffee available and hopefully soon the canteen will follow suite, by providing a Fair Trade hot chocolate for students.

*Chrissy Hamill Year 11*



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appointment)*

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## Remember Water Bottles Please!

Can we remind the girls to please remember their water bottles as the student office are going through alot of disposable cups. Thanks

## Change of Address

If any of the students have moved or changed their phone numbers can you please update the student office with your new address and phone number. Thanks

## STAGE CHALLENGE 2008



This

year for Stage Challenge we were inspired by the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. It focuses on racism and prejudice which are two issues we feel strongly about. 90 girls were involved as performers, backstage, make-up and lighting.

We had a fantastic day, gave a stunning performance and were awarded third place. We won 9 excellence awards, including the 'environmental and social awareness' award.

A huge thank you to all the girls and staff involved, without whom it would not have been such a success. An especially big thank you to Holly Sew Hoy and Rebecca Grattan who were the two lead organisers and worked tirelessly and positively from the beginning through to the performance.

A special performance was held this week at lunchtime in the Performing Arts Centre and school spirit and pride was clearly evident. The PAC was packed and the performers and support crew were applauded by the whole school for their creativity, choreography and presentation skills. Well done to everyone involved.



### Stage Challenge Photos



We would like to let everyone know that the photos from the Stage Challenge are still available online, and can be purchased as Prints and Photo Gifts. Digital downloads will be available after the whole event has finished. Please visit . [www.stageshowphotos.co.nz](http://www.stageshowphotos.co.nz) and click on the link for your child's school. The password to access the gallery is dance and must be all lowercase.



### DATES AND DEADLINES

26 May–30 May	Senior Practical Exams - NO exam leave
30 May	Nga Manu Korero competition – Invercargill
2 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
3 June	<b>Teacher only day</b>
4 June	Choral Federation competition
9 June	Netball tournament
13-14 June	Chamber music competitions
18-20, 22 June	Queen's and King's Musical
25 June	Science/Technology Careers Night 7pm at QHS
26 June	Southland Girls sports exchange - Invercargill
27 June	Inzone Bus (careers)
29-1 July	Snr Economics trip to Wellington
4 July	Senior reports posted home
	Term 2 ends
21 July	Term 3 begins

### Gifted and Talented Resource

We have received a copy of a Ministry of Education publication titled Nurturing Gifted and Talented Children which will be held in the library and can be issued to interested parents. The book is aimed at parents and teachers of gifted children. If people want to get it out, they can contact Lesley Signal or Carole Gardiner and one of us will arrange for the book to be issued and posted to them.