



# Queen's News



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The outstanding musical talent of our students, in both singing and instrumental performance was on show during the musical "Les Miserables". The students performed with professionalism, to full houses every night and received well deserved standing ovations. We were very proud of the students and the wider community support for the show.

We are delighted with the acknowledged success of our newly developed Enterprise programmes. The Year 12 Young Enterprise "All in one" Pyjamas group won \$300 for the Best Business Plan Section of the regional secondary schools' competition and two of our international students won a trip to Auckland to take part in a Global Enterprise Challenge. Our Year 13 Economics Class has just returned from a trip to Wellington to experience "real life economics" in the financial and political hub of New Zealand. We know these experiences help provide innovators for the future.

Creativity is also fostered through our Arts courses and examples of our regular Artist of the Week and foyer art displays are depicted in this edition. Ms MacTavish, our drama teacher, performed in "Old Times" at the Globe Theatre this week and sharing such authentic experiences with the girls provides realistic contexts for our students' learning. The social conscience of Queen's girls and their commitment to the wellbeing of others is evident in the work of the school's Interact Club. Over \$1000 has been raised so far for the 40 Hour Famine through their efforts and the girls also support a World Vision child.

As you can see Queen's provides an extensive range of learning experiences for the students. We look forward to sharing these with prospective new students and community members who are invited to join us at Queen's on our Open Night on Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

Have an enjoyable winter holiday break, keep warm and return refreshed for Term 3.

*Julie Anderson*  
Principal

## YEAR 10 ART—Ceramic relief sculptures - investigation Pasifika patterns and designs



## Marine Science Extension Programme

Over the past few weeks, we have had the opportunity to attend a Gifted and Talented programme running at the New Zealand Marine Science Centre at Portobello, organised by the University of Otago. The programme is spread over several months, with a number of visits to the aquarium. Some of these visits include staying overnight on Quarantine Island. So far we have spent three days on the programme during which we met students from other schools, and we have done some field-work. Our next visit happens on the first day of term 3, when we hope to have the chance to spend some time on the University of Otago research vessel, the *Polaris*. We have been split into groups and are researching one of the following topics –

- The pH level of seaweed and the effects of global warming
- Abstracting polysaccharides from seaweed
- Effects of the shape of phytoplankton and their sinking rate
- Polychaete worms and their effect on the anoxic layer
- Decomposition of kelp on the sea-shore.

At the end of the programme we will be having a presentation evening where each group will be giving an in-depth presentation of their findings.

*By Rosa Sangster, Maxine Shanks, and Erin Batchelor – Year 10*

## Les Miserables

Queen's and King's students combined to present four stunning performances of the musical 'Les Miserables'. A challenging musical, not least because it is so well known, was performed with a cast of talented singers, actors and musicians. The performances received standing ovations. The Queen's performers who stood out included Susanna Mangos, Victoria Bernard, Libby Simpson, Nadia Reid and Sonya Glover. They were supported by a very strong chorus of Queen's and King's students as well as a marvellous orchestra.

Students in the production commented on the 'heaps of fun', the backstage table tennis tournament, the fantastic costumes, the great cast and the venue. Performing in the Performing Arts Centre made the show feel very professional and the set, constructed by King's staff and parents was superb.

Staff from King's were supported by Queen's staff assisting in vocal coaching, the orchestra and makeup.

King's staff are to be complimented on an outstanding production and in particular the producer, Bryan Frost who knew that the students could rise to the challenge. Well done to everyone involved .



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## Year 13 Physical Education Trip to Aoraki Polytechnic

On Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May our year 13 PE class (plus Rachel yr 12) went to Aoraki Polytechnic in Timaru. The focus of this trip was to see the opportunities in Outdoor Recreation, Aoraki have to offer. We were well looked after with all meals included, including tea at "The Red Rocket". We were treated to a manicure or facial by the training beauty therapists and introduced to a Barista course where we learnt how to make yummy hot chocolates. After that we were taken to the bouldering room to climb our way around the walls. Other activities included rock climbing on Aoraki's own climbing wall and team building exercises with a basketball game to follow then DVDs and a massive sleepover!

Next day we were taken out to a spot where we rock climbed outside which was the highlight of the trip for a few and we got some awesome photos!

We all learnt a lot about what Aoraki Polytechnic has to offer but most of all we had lots of fun.

*By Olivia Robb*



## Congratulations

To the following girls from 9 Swan who won the NZ Post Book Awards Quiz; Jessie Manning, Tessa Sullivan, Rachel Curzon, Madison Hamill and Maya Turner.

The quiz was held in the public library on 21 May. About 20 teams from Dunedin Secondary Schools took part and the questions ranged from general knowledge to specific literature questions.

To Sarah Pye who was highly recommended in the 2008 Wildlife Photography Competition- 14 years and under.

## Year 10 Art Extension

Throughout the second term we, Morgan Cotton, Cassandra Growden, Serena Mather, Serena Vaitupu and Tessa McNaught, have been working on a design project for the Red Cross. The project resulted from a design Competition, requiring us to design a mural for a wall of the Dunedin Red Cross building. The mural has to incorporate key ideas surrounding the activities of the Red Cross, such as national programmes, international projects and what they do locally etc. We were also given the key theme of "Around the world and across the street".

Looking back on the project so far we have all found it to be an enjoyable experience, though at times it has been both frustrating and challenging!!! We are very happy with our design and we hope for a good response from the Red Cross. The design is due to be submitted early next term. The school whose design is chosen then has the task of painting it onto the wall of the building.



*By Morgan Cotton and Serena Vaitupu*

## Climate Forum – Dunedin City Council

Violet French (year 12) and Chrissy Hamill (year 11) attended the recent Dunedin secondary schools Climate Forum. The forum had speakers present information on the issues of climate change and peak oil. A communiqué about the city developing a sustainable and self sufficient environment including suggestions about what the DCC might do to develop environmental strategies will be presented to the DCC on 22 July. The girls are gathering signatures to support the communiqué. Violet and Chrissy spoke to the Junior assembly and are talking to form classes about these issues.



## ENTERPRISING STUDENTS

Belle Chairungroj and Gift Juthathip recently flew to Auckland as Otago representatives for the Global Enterprise Challenge. Forty students from around New Zealand were billeted with 40 students from Auckland. They were split into ten teams of eight students and over the weekend they were given a number of tasks to complete. Each task required the writing of a business plan and then presenting their business idea to a panel of judges. The first task, a practice task, was to come up with an idea to increase the number of tourists to New Zealand and the second task was to come up with a product or service that reduces the demand for water. Belle's group worked with a mentor from



Apple and their product idea was to use "sonic vibration" as a cleaning agent. Gift's group developed an "ultra sound wave dish washer machine". The dishwasher uses only half of the original amount of water. Electronic sound waves cause the molecules in the water to vibrate faster and clean the dishes as well as the traditional dishwasher. Gift worked with a mentor from The Edge radio station. Neither girl was in the winning team which went on to compete in the Global Challenge via video conferencing. However, they both said the experience was invaluable.

### Scholarship winner off to Germany

Wade Pearson (King's High School) who only started German in Year 12 at Queen's has left New Zealand for his one month stint to Germany where he is going to visit Bonn, Berlin and Munich and is also spending two weeks in a host family in Hamburg in the north of Germany. The trip is paid for by the Ministry of Education of Germany and will provide Wade with a once in a lifetime experience of German culture.

So if you are keen to practise your language skills outside the class room make sure you apply for scholarships as there is a variety on offer and nothing can replace the experience of actually being in the country and seeing first hand what you have learnt about in the class room.



### International Languages Lunchtime Activities

Every Wednesday during lunchtime, students of international languages at Queen's and King's are invited to attend these activities that are organised by the Year 13 Languages Associates. Activities range from cake decorations and learning games from different countries to Wasabi quizzes

and playing sports from these countries in summer such as soccer, petanque and softball. A dedicated group of about 10 to 15 students attend every Wednesday but it would be great to see some new students! So don't be shy and come along to get to know another culture through experiencing language, games and food from France, Japan, Germany and of course New Zealand! Make it your goal to come next term and join in!

### 40 Hour Famine

Once again we had a wonderful response to the 40 Hour Famine, organized by Cazna Savell and Holly Peacock with Mrs Webb's help. Students from all levels took part to help "Change a Life" for young people in Malawi. Even a few dollars can help three families so please ensure that all sponsorship money is handed in by the end of term. Please also hand back in the famine books. We have already banked over \$1000.



### Parents of Gifted Children are invited to Nurturing Our Gifted Children

Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

1.00 – 4.00pm

University of Otago St David Street  
Lecture Complex

Corner of Cumberland and St David Streets,  
Dunedin

#### Keynote presentation

Initiatives and Opportunities in Gifted & Talented  
Education

Dr Tracy Riley of Massey University

#### Workshops

Nurturing Mathematical Abilities  
NZ Marine Studies Centre Programmes for Gifted &  
Talented Students

What Parents Need to Know about Identification of  
Giftedness

Selecting a School – Questions Parents Should Ask  
Nurturing Scientific Abilities

Out of School Opportunities for Gifted & Talented  
Children

### DATES AND DEADLINES

4 July	Senior reports posted. End of Term 2
21 July	Term 3 commences
24-27	UK Hockey Team visiting
25 July	Senior School Formal
30 July	OPEN NIGHT
1 August	Junior reports posted
4 August	Otago Athletics Competition
5-9 August	Jazz Band Southern Jam, Blenheim
7 August	Parent Interview Evening, 4pm-8pm
13-15 August	Year 13 Geography Trip, Queenstown

