



Queen's News



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Kia ora

With NCEA practice examinations starting in two weeks time, academic learning will be the major focus for the rest of the year for the senior students. We enjoyed meeting with parents and students last week at the Interview Evening and thank you for your support in encouraging the girls to review their work at home. It is most helpful when we have three-way discussions between teachers, students and parents to ensure the best academic outcomes for the girls.

The first Friday of the term was our school formal which was well coordinated by the Year 12 and 13 students on the Formal Committee. The girls looked amazing and everyone enjoyed the meal and the dancing. The planning of this event provides a realistic learning experience for the senior leaders in the school.

The Wearable Arts Show made an excellent finish to Term 2 with over 40 entries. The girls put in a lot of independent work to produce wonderfully creative and interesting outfits. Girls from all levels worked together to produce the colourful House competition Ball Gowns featured in this edition.

The combined King's and Queen's Jazz band has just returned from the Southern Jazz Jam in Blenheim, where they won a prestigious Silver Medal. The trip included workshop sessions and a number of "gigs" at local schools, parks and entertainment venues.

We have a number of extension programmes running this term. Year 10 students attended the city-wide Gifted and Talented Programme at the Otago University Marine Science Centre. Junior students have been involved in art extension as well as mathematical problem solving. We are running extension chemistry and extension senior mathematics, as well as Kapa Haka in the extra senior hour on Friday period 1. We hope these opportunities provide lateral extension and enrichment to the students' learning.

Queen's girls continue to excel in a wide range of areas, with hospitality medal winners, a regional speech competition winner, kapa haka performances and a champion aerobics team all featured in this issue of Queen's News. We delight in celebrating the diversity of our students' talents.

*Julie Anderson
Principal*

Portobello Marine Science Programme

After completing eight days out of the nine day course, by Monday 11th August we only had our presentation day to go. We arrived in at Portobello in the morning and got straight into organising our final presentations for members of the public. We had two types of presentations to give, the first being a 'novel', or fun and simple, performance. Some of these included a children's story, a puppet show and a cooking show. Our next presentation was a bit more formal and focussed on the science, with each including a power-point presentation accompanied by an oral speech from all members of the group. We enjoyed informing the public about our specific areas.

Maxine Shanks, along with her group, reported on Phytoplankton and their sinking rates. The Orange Team, including Erin Batchelor, informed the audience on Polychaete Worms and their effect on the anoxic layer of sand in mudflats. Rosa Sangster's team educated the audience on the difference between the high and low intertidal zone and how viscous the polysaccharides were from the seaweed. The group then went on to make a chocolate mousse from the seaweed extract and the public got to taste it – those in the audience who were brave enough anyway!

All three of us thoroughly enjoyed the experience of this programme and some of the highlights were staying on Quarantine Island, orienteering on the island at night (while getting incredibly lost) and our trip on the University's boat the Polaris II. We really enjoyed the opportunity to work with University Post-graduate student mentors, and to do both laboratory and field work, and to get to know and work with students from other schools. We would recommend to anybody who is given the opportunity to participate in this programme that they grasp it with everything you have, as we have had so much fun, eaten so much pizza and learnt so much. It was heaps of fun!!!



Erin Batchelor, Rosa Sangster, Maxine Shanks

2008 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We have already made a start on gathering information for The Queen's High School Magazine 2008. This magazine provides you with a valuable record of all the events that have gone on in the year 2008. It is a great idea for all students to order a magazine as a souvenir of their 2008 year at Queen's High.

It is jammed pack full of all the sporting and cultural events, the class trips away, the formal, the musical, the exchange events with other schools, the winners I could go on.

Don't miss the chance to order your copy- get in smartly when orders are called for.

If you have done something this year at Queen's and are keen to have it recorded in the magazine make sure you write something down and get it to Ms Smith who is in charge of putting it all together. The more articles the better and we love to get lots of photos of events. This is your magazine and your record of 2008. Get in behind it!

TALENTED AND GIFTED OPPORTUNITIES

Students at all levels have been able to take advantage of the opportunities offered to students identified as Gifted and Talented.

Year 12 and 13 mathematics students are meeting weekly this term with retired Professor Norton Moise, who is an Astrophysicist and Mathematician. He is really challenging the students to think about mathematics problems creatively and intellectually.

The Principal, Mrs Anderson is relishing the opportunity to work with a group of able Yr 9 students on problem-solving. She will be teaching them weekly for several weeks this term.

Helen Milne Year 11 is heading to Korea as a member of the team representing New Zealand at the APEC Young Scientist conference. Helen was involved with the Otago University Marine Studies at Portobello in Yr 10 and continued her involvement this year contributing to some exciting research on the exploration of a deep canyon off the coast of Dunedin. She will be presenting the findings of the report along with the other team members at the conference. A wonderful opportunity for Helen who is passionate about science and learning.

PRACTICAL FOOD SKILLS AWARDS—Congratulations!

Queen's girls recently entered the Hospitality Showcase and Southern Light Salon Culinaire at the Otago Polytechnic in July and achieved the following successes:

Quiche Pie—Open

1st and silver medal	-	Rebecca Favel
2nd and silver medal	-	Jessie Wu
3rd and silver medal	-	Chantelle Carter
Bronze medal	-	Hannah Vickers



Eva Zacharias (right) was one of two girls who received a gold medal at the New Zealand Junior Hospitality Challenge held at Otago Polytechnic in July.

Results in the Static displays of blueberry muffins were:

Gold	-	Eva Zacharias, Tegan Ferrier
Silver	-	Destiny Pomana, Merenia Kara

Live cooking - Omelette results were:

Silver	-	Destiny Pomana
Bronze	-	Merenia Kara



Congratulations to Amber Hosking who has won the Otago-Southland regional final of the Returned Services Association Speech Competition on the topic of "New Zealanders at War – Honouring their Service". Amber competed against students from Dunedin schools in the preliminary round and then against finalists from Dunedin, Invercargill and Gore. Amber now goes on to compete in the National Final, to be held in the Legislative Chamber at Parliament, on August 25. Good luck, Amber.



Caregivers urgently required

Child Youth and Family are urgently in need of caregivers particularly for teenage girls as well as other children. While being a foster parent can at times be challenging it is extremely worth while. You will receive training and support as well as good board payments and other financial resourcing for the child.

If life was not always easy for you and you turned your life around then you may be just the kind of person who would really understand what a teen may be feeling.

For further information Phone Mavis on 9553471

Te Kimi Matauranga

The Queen's High School kapa haka group has been working hard in preparation for the Otago School's Māori and Pacific Island festival, which is being held on September 18 and 19 at the Lion Foundation arena. They have also been asked to perform at a number of events in the coming weeks, beginning with the University of Otago Samoan Student's Association cultural evening this Friday night. The Te Kimi Matauranga girls have been practicing once a week after school, and every lunchtime for their upcoming performances. There are 25 members in the group this year ranging from year 9 to 13, with a wide range of experience in kapa haka performance. The group is being tutored by Marcia Cassidy and Angelina Wilson, with the help of guitarist Chris Rerekura, and the support of Ms Cherie Ford.

AEROBICS SUCCESS—CONGRATULATIONS

Queen's has a tradition of excellence in Aerobics. Gemma Lowther, one of our current coaches and an ex-student has represented New Zealand in Aerobics most recently in Serbia in 2007. Physical Education teacher Mrs Helen Lowther and Anneliese Lowther completed the coaching team.

Last weekend three students: Courtney Cummings Yr 9, Sarah Hughes Yr 10 and Annaliese Lowther Yr 10 represented Queen's at the Otago Southland regional sport aerobics championships held in Invercargill. They were placed first in the Years 9-13 Open Novice Team event and Annaliese was first in the Novice Year 9-10 section. They have been selected for the national competition in September. The judges commented on their strong routine and overall presentation. Well done!

Year 10 students will soon get a taste of this skilful and energetic sport which requires all round fitness and particularly cardio-vascular fitness when they work in teams to choreograph and perform a modified aerobic routine. There will be opportunities later in the year for students, particularly those who have a gymnastics or dance background to try competitive aerobics.

A point of interest is that our Principal Mrs Julie Anderson has also competed in Aerobics and taught it at Les Mills



Congratulations to ex-student Shilpa Keertipati

Shilpa attended Queen's several years ago before training in dentistry. This year she was awarded First Prize in the international research competition at the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Conference held in Toronto in July. She was competing against 40 other entrants from all over the world. The conference itself was large, with approximately 5000 delegates from 63 different countries.

A wonderful achievement and we wish her continuing success in her career.



WEARABLE ARTS—TERM 2



The last day of Term 2 finished with a Wearable Arts Show in the Performing Arts Centre. Students from across all year levels participated. The originality and creativity of our students is fabulous. The overall winner Rosa Sangster created a stunning gown of various fabrics and 'wearable' items. The House Ball gown design competition was won by Ballard House.



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HEALTHY TEETH

The Adolescent Oral Health Co-ordinator will be visiting the school on 26 and 27 August, to speak to the Yr 9 girls about oral health and to check they are enrolled with a dentist. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your daughter if they have been enrolled with a dentist.

Enrolment forms will be available on the day for those who do not yet have a dentist.

Adolescents are entitled to free basic dental care from Yr 9 to their 18th birthday.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call: Sharleen Szavay 474 6574 or 0800 ITS FREE

JAZZ BAND SILVER AWARD

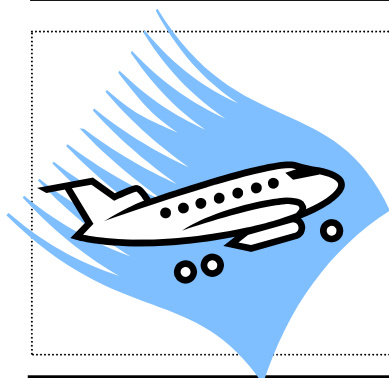
Last week the combined Queen's and King's Jazz band travelled to Blenheim to perform in the Southern Jam. Twenty one bands from all over the South Island performed at various venues in the Blenheim area. Our band gave eight performances and had a superb workshop with the Airforce Band. They concluded their week achieving a silver award. The whole experience has significantly improved the performance level of the Jazz Band and although they were strong performers before they left for the Southern Jam, they have returned with improved skills and techniques as well as having had a wonderful 'music' week. Our thanks to the teachers—Ms Irvine, Mr Minnaar and Mr Claman who tutor the group, play with them in the Jazz Band and accompanied them to Blenheim.



SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

Year 12 and 13 students and their partners enjoyed a wonderful school Formal at the University of Otago Student Centre earlier this term. The girls looked stunning - glamorous, elegant and poised - and the staff who attended were delighted with the way the evening had been organized.

Well done to the organizing committee and to Year 13 co-ordinator Ms Cebulla-Elder.



PSTA FUNDRAISER - "COME FLY WITH US"

For an evening of nibbles, dinner and entertainment.

Performing Arts Centre - Friday 22 August, 6.30 pm start

Tickets are available from Queen's High School Student Office: \$25

ENROLMENTS FOR 2009

Please ensure enrolments for Year 9 are received as soon as possible to secure a place at Queen's in 2009.

DATES AND DEADLINES

15-22 August	Yr 12 Snowboarding trip
18 August	Inzone Bus visits (careers) - Yr 11 and 12
20 August	Option evening—all levels - 7-8.30 pm
21 August	Junior Expo for Options
22 August	PSTA Fundraiser - "Fly with me" - Performing Art Centre
25 August	Option Night - 4-7pm
26 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
27 August -	
2 September	Senior Exams
1-5 September	Winter Tournament Week—Hockey, netball, soccer
5 September	Pacific Island students mentoring meetings
8 September	Career Services meeting with senior Maori students
10 September	Maori parents and whanau evening—7-9 pm
11-14 September	Yr 13 snowboard/ski trip
12 September	Yr 10, 11 and 12 option sheets due in

YEAR 11-13 SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMS

Students will have school exams beginning 27 August and finishing on 2 September. Year 11 and 12 students wear school uniform to exams. Students are not required to be at school during the examination time if they do not have an examination scheduled but may study in the school library.

They are required to stay for the length of the examination and are not able to leave early.

The examination timetable will be on the school's website.