



# Queen's News



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Kia ora

The last weeks of school are upon us and it is wonderful, at this time, to have a number of opportunities to celebrate the achievement of the girls. We held the Sports and Cultural Awards evening on Tuesday and the Senior Celebration of Achievement takes place next Friday night. The numbers of different activities the girls are involved in and the high level of achievement they obtain is a credit to them and to the community who support and encourage them. Olympic cyclist, Alison Shanks, an ex-girl of Queen's spoke of her journey to Beijing and encouraged the girls to plan, stay focused and push the boundaries in all their endeavours, including school work!

At the end of Term 3 the brain power and organisational skills of Queen's and Kings students combined to produce innovative products including the retractable Kiwi Fence, Key Keepers and the Smart GPS Suit in the SELL enterprise programme. The winning team featured in this edition planned Travel Safe cell phone beepers to make finding that elusive suitcase at the airport much easier.

Two of our Maori student leaders have won prestigious Mana Pounamu Awards with Matoia also winning an Otago Polytechnic Fees Scholarship and Nicole a University of Otago Science Week Scholarship. The input and enthusiasm of these girls and our Pacific Island leaders, Meliani Taungapeau and Erin Ah-Yek, was evident in the high standard of performance of both our culture groups at the recent Otago Schools Polyfest. We would especially like to thank the tutors of both these groups who put in long hours in preparing the girls for this event.

Outstanding National level successes in Petanque, Photography, Design, Language and Mathematics competitions are celebrated in this Queen's News. It is pleasing to see so many self-motivated and high performing young women making the most of the diverse range of opportunities on offer at Queen's.

Good Luck to all the students sitting examinations and best wishes to our Year 13 students for their future.

*Julie Anderson  
Principal*

## Mana Pounamu awards

Mātoia Wilson Year 12 and Nicole Bradley Year 11 were the Mana Pounamu recipients at the recent celebration for Māori achievement. Both students are studying Te Reo Māori. Mātoia is a member of Te Kimi Mātauranga, our Kapa Haka group, and she was involved in the design of the new uniforms for Te Kimi and has led practices. Nicole is also a member of Te Kimi Mātauranga, supporting Mātoia and is a keen sportswoman, winning several awards at the recent Sports and Culture evening celebration.



## Junior Art Exhibition - 23 - 25 November

We are thrilled to be able to exhibit works by Queen's and King's Art students this year in the Performing Arts Centre. The works will be on display from 2 p.m. on Sunday November 23 until 4 p.m. November 25. All art works will be for sale and as well there will be cards and badges available for purchase. The hours for viewing are : Sunday Nov 23 2-4 p.m., Monday Nov 24 and Tuesday Nov 25 10-4 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition and feel sure that you will enjoy the opportunity to see the creative talents of our students.

## STUDENT SUCCESS - CONGRATULATIONS

### Sell - Enterprise Programme

Year 11 students from Queen's worked with Year 12 King's students late last term on the SELL Enterprise programme. They had three full days to focus on creating a product and developing a marketing plan. The judges were very impressed with the wide range of products the groups came up with. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills and to work as a team.

(Right: the winning team with Queen's High School students, Chrissy Hamill, Charlotte McCorkindale and Lauren Wilson)



Congratulations to Nadia Reid who won the South Island section of the national song writing competition sponsored by Primal Youth and travelled to Auckland to compete in the national competition. Although Nadia was not awarded a place in the final she learnt a great deal from the experience and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet other song writers and hear their compositions and lyrics.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Tanvi Ashok (Yr 12) who was a runner up in the national NZ Board of Geography Teachers Photographic Competition. The theme was to enter a photograph which reflected the theme - "My Interacting World".

(Left: A field sketch of the Tasman Glacier.)

### BALLET SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Lisa Craig (Year 11) who has won a prestigious Ballet Scholarship to attend Ballet School in Melbourne in 2009 and will pursue her dream. Best wishes, Lisa.

### Highland Dancing success

Congratulations to Rosa Sangster (Year 10) who won national titles at the recent national Highland Dancing competitions held in Palmerston North. Rosa was awarded national titles for Under 16 Highland fling, U16 NZ Irish Hornpipe and U16 Irish Reel. As well, she was awarded third place in the Reel O'Tulloch and the Irish Jig. A wonderful achievement !



### PETANQUE

The Otago Secondary Schools tournament was held on Wednesday October 22 at the Caversham Petanque Club. Twenty eight school teams competed. Our Queen's team of Kelsey Bradshaw and Sambo Sok (Year 13) gained third place and won a bronze metal. Kelsey (left), a keen and enthusiastic Petanque player represented New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge, beating Australia in the two day event held at the end October in Auckland. Congratulations to both girls!

### GYMNASTICS— NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the following students who represented Otago in gymnastics at the National Competitions in September.

**Artistic Gymnastics:**  
Sarah Hughes (Yr 10)

**Rhythmical Gymnastics:**  
Sarah Morrison (Yr 9) Gold and Silver  
Kassidy Wytenburg (Yr 12) Silver and Bronze  
Tara Bonsor (Yr 10)  
Fenella McGrannachan Yr 9)

### 40 HOUR FAMINE STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded Cambodian Bands by World Vision for their outstanding contribution to fundraising for the 40 Hour Famine.

Holly Peacock, Maya Turner, Hannah Carey and to Holly Peacock and Cazna Savell for organising the slave auction.

### Australian Maths Competition

Congratulations to Alesha Hamlin, Erin Batchelor, Hannah Vickers, Serena Vaitupu in Year 10 and Sonia Polak Year 12 who all achieved Distinction in the competition. A distinction means they are in the top 15% of all participants! As well, 10 students gained credit and 10 proficiency. Well done!

## Olympic Medallist visits Queen's

Triathlete and Olympic Bronze medallist at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Bevan Docherty spoke at a full school assembly earlier this term. He described the challenges he has overcome to achieve his success and how vital it has been to believe in himself and the discipline involved to maintain his focus.

(Right: Sports Council members Philippa Mackay and Michelle Rombouts were delighted to see the Bronze medal.)



## Polyfest

Our two cultural groups performed in the Otago schools' Polyfest in Term 3. Both groups have been tutored by members of the community and parents and we are very appreciative of the time and their commitment to training the girls to reach such a high standard. Thank you to Marcia Cassidy, Chris Rerekura and Angelina Wilson for their contributions to Te Kimi Mātauranga and to Cara Utanga and Manea Tekii for their contribution to 'Queen's of the Pacific'.

'Queen's of the Pacific' performed on the Thursday September 18 and looked superb in their blue costumes. Meliani Taungapeau (Year 13) has been well supported by Erin Ah-Yek (Year 13) in ensuring that the girls attended practice regularly, and were impeccably turned out.

Te Kimi Mātauranga performed on Friday September 19 wearing new uniforms. Te Kimi has maintained the very high standard of previous years and we have been delighted to see the number of younger students who have joined the group and committed themselves to the regular practices. Mātoia Wilson (Year 12) and Nicole Bradley (Year 11) have led the girls in practice, strongly supported by the other senior students.



## ROWING - Join the Oarsome Queen's Rowers

Just two years ago when the present members of the Queen's rowing team rocked up to the boat harbour they had no idea what they were getting into. Now among the top Otago female rowers in their age group, they are addicted to a sport that New Zealand is famous for, especially since the Evers-Swindells twins scored a second Olympic gold medal.

"Rowing is the meanest sport ever," says Calypso Goldsmith. "It's hard-out competitive. The adrenaline rush is amazing."

Calypso, Katie Davidson, Hannah Collins and Loren Mathewson say they are happier and heaps fitter than before, and they have formed close friendships at early morning sessions and annual training camps at Lake Ruataniwha where the major regattas are held.

The coach Jaryd Grimwood is supported by Dave Coxon and a group of committed parents to ease the burden of transport.

Queen's competes in quads, doubles and singles events. More boats now available means more chances to get out there! Novice rowers of all ages are welcome. If you're not fit now you soon will be.

We also desperately need a cox – a vital part of a quad team who does not row but steers the boat and manages the team's performance on the water.

Give rowing a go! Contact Lesley Signal, 455 7212 ext 817 or [lesley@queens.school.nz](mailto:lesley@queens.school.nz)



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## Shortland Street Star leads workshop



Laura Hill, or as she is better known, Toni Warner Thompson her Shortland Street character, led a workshop with senior drama students teaching them about acting techniques and character development. She is seen here working with Yonina Jamieson Yr 12 and Amy Dunbar Yr 13.

## MORE STUDENT SUCCESS

### Australian Language Certificate—Congratulations

A number of Queen's students sat these tests in August. The following students received Distinction or High Distinction in all parts of the test:

Chrissy Hamill – High Distinction (100%) German Listening/High Distinction German Reading Level 2  
Aimee Wilson – High Distinction French Listening/Distinction French Reading Level 3  
Hannah Davidson – Distinction French Level 2  
Sarah Bowden – Distinction German Level 3  
Amber Hosking – Distinction German Level 3  
Amelia Bowden – Distinction German Level 1  
Kristie King - High Distinction German Level 1

### NEW ZEALAND YOUNG DESIGNER AWARDS

Gemma Baldock (9 Swan) won the Drawing and Painting Intermediate Section of the New Zealand Young Designer Awards 2008. She did the project in her own time – her brief was to design and create an artwork for a café. Gemma's work used different textures to enhance the effects including sand and textured paper. She received in Christchurch to receive her prize of \$150 at an awards evening on 18 October.



### YOUTH WEEK FUNDRAISER

On the 16<sup>th</sup> June QHS students Emma Taylor and Rebecca Webb, and KHS students Jole Cambridge and Kyle Newton went to Mirror Counselling and handed over the \$320 raised over Youth Week. Thanks to all the girls who bought tickets and came to the Youth Week concert last term. We have made a small difference to a really important organisation. We talked to Mirror about the most appropriate way of spending it and they suggested a laminator and a hands-free set for their day programme. When we talked to 'Mirror' and were able to sit down and talk to them, we realised and appreciated what they do and how they support and help up to 400 young people each year. It was such a good event and cause that as students we were proud to be able to support them. Mirror employees were very grateful and appreciative of our support.



### DATES AND DEADLINES

Tuesday 11 November	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 12 November	Year 9 Parents and students - Option Choice Night for 2009 4-7 pm
Thursday 13 November	<b>Last day for Senior students</b> Yr 11 and 12 finish approx 12.15 Yr 13 finish normal school time
Friday 14 November	Senior Prize-giving—Performing Arts Centre
Monday 17 November	NCEA exams commence Years 11 and 12 wear school uniform Junior Exams begin (no study leave)
27-28 November	"The Real Game" - Year 10
Monday 1 December	Yr 10 interviews begin— Learning and Career plans
Thursday 4 December	Junior Prize-giving—Performing Arts Centre
Monday 8 December	Year 10 Camps commence
Friday 12 December	<b>Final day of school</b> <b>Year 10 students return from camp</b> <b>Year 9 - Final assembly</b> Junior Reports posted

### Homework Centre

The homework centre has been running since the beginning of term four in the school library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 – 4 pm.

A number of girls from all year levels have taken this opportunity to do their homework, organise their notes, revise for exams, and get extra help from staff. All students are most welcome to attend.