



Queen's News



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Kia ora and Greetings

The Intermediate school visits in the first weeks of the term were very successful with lots of positive comments from the visiting Year 8 students. Following these we had a full hall, with large numbers touring the school, on the Open Night. We look forward to the new students and parents who will become part of the Queen's community next year.

Excellence in dance, culture, academic and sporting pursuits is celebrated in this Queen's News.

Our Aerobics talent and costumes dazzled in the recent Showcase of Dance, which also included National Highland Dancing title winner Rosa Sangster and a creative, spine -chilling performance by the combined Queen's and King's Kapa Haka group. All fourteen members of our Aerobics Team have qualified for the Nationals in Christchurch, with five first places gained at the regional competitions and the Kapa Haka was placed second overall in the Otago/ Southland Hautanga Competition last week.

The Jazz band had a week of performance at the "Southern Jazz Jam" in Blenheim winning a bronze medal and the best "other than instrument" playing with Victoria Bernard's tap dancing adding to the sound.

Our Year 9 students have excelled in the Otago Science Fair winning eleven major awards from the six projects entered. At higher levels in the school, future physicists have taken to the skies flying a four seater aeroplane over the southern coast as part of their flight studies.

With senior practice examinations in two weeks time and winter sports coming to a close it is now time to ensure the girls are focussed on their academic pursuits in order to be well prepared for the end of the year.

*Julie Anderson
Principal*

TE KIMI MATAURANGA

Te Kimi Matauranga with the King's Kapa Haka group have been working for several months in preparation for their performance on August 11. Their hard work and the self-discipline expected of them by their tutors was worth it. They were placed second in the competition and have qualified for the national competition in 2010. Congratulations.



International Languages Week

We have enjoyed celebrating International Languages week with some fun activities including Japanese skipping organised by the students learning Japanese, a language quiz and the canteen getting into the spirit with food from different countries on the menu.

Next week a 'food court' is planned and students will be able to taste food from many countries including the food from our International students' countries.

Maori Language Week Success

Congratulations to Missy Hosking who participated in the Toku Reo art workshop with Simon Kaan in Maori Language Week. She won the top award for her graffiti art which was about the importance of Te Reo to Missy.

Queen's High School—Sporting Achievements

Emma Sutherland—Cycling 2 gold medals at South Island Secondary Schools Cycling

Congratulations to Emma Sutherland Year 12 who has recently won double gold medals at the South Island Secondary Schools Cycling Championships held in Christchurch in early July. Emma's first gold was in the U17 girls Time Trial on the Saturday which was raced over a 3.4 km circuit tackling bitter weather conditions in a race against the clock. Emma had a nail biting finish winning the time trial by 10 sec. Day Two of the Championship proved to be just as fruitful with Emma going on to win her second gold in the U17 road race by a comfortable 100 metre margin. She rode the last lap by herself proving that she was the strongest in her field. Congratulations Emma!



Rosa Sangster— N.Z. Champion Highland Dancing

Rosa Sangster Year 11 has set history in Piping and Highland dancing in New Zealand being the first person in New Zealand to win both the U16 and U18 titles in New Zealand Champion of Champions competitions. This is a great feat to achieve both titles at only the age of 15. Rosa enjoys the technical challenges the sport brings with the designing and creating of steps for her routines. She entertained us at the Showcase of dance with a wonderful Sailor's Hornpipe performance. Well done Rosa!

Danielle De Caigney—Regional Selection

Congratulations to Danielle De Caigney who has been selected to run as a member of an Otago Age Group Team in the National Road Race Championships to be held in Dunedin on September 5th.

Queen's 10A Netball Tournament Team Junior South Island Secondary Schools

The lead up to this tournament was very full on and we were training 4 times a week – 2 fitness sessions and 2 skills sessions. As a benchmark we played some senior teams for experience and to try our combinations. We really enjoyed the trip to Christchurch. It was a great team building experience that we will never forget and we were proud to represent our school. Playing against some really strong teams gave us all some goals about how we want to perform and our future in netball and we look forward to other Queen's teams attending the tournament next year.

Written by Jess Tuxford (Captain), Aiden Hogg and Mahalia Finnie



Team: Coach – Debbie Hogg, Manager – Sonya Finnie
Jess Tuxford, Mahalia Finnie, Aiden Hogg, Sam Tafao, Sarah White, Gemma Baldock, Tessa Milne, Telesha Wilkinson, Tauromi Dean, Brittannie Hippolite, Laura Vaughan.



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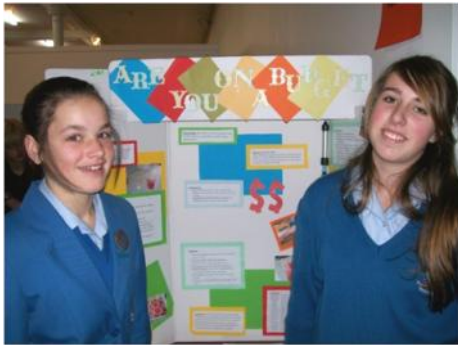
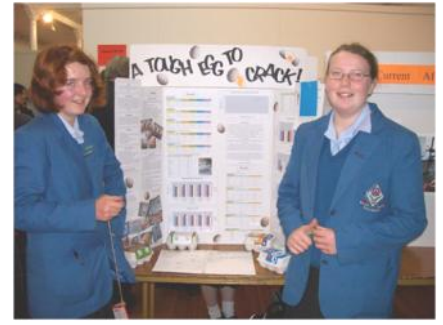


Science Fair Success

Students in 9 Swan worked on science investigations and inventions in class during term 2. Students could work individually or in pairs and needed to independently complete a science investigation. Six of these completed projects were entered in the Aurora Otago Science and Technology Fair. The high standard of work was acknowledged by the judges in all of the projects entered by our students.

Janelle Watts was highly commended for her projected "Water versus Water" looking at plant growth in response to a variety of water types. Lydia Bernard and Emily Gordon received the Australian Corrosion Association Award for their project that looked at the effect of heat on the pitch of musical instruments.

Rebekah Fox put some Photoshop techniques to good use and surveyed students to determine if they made judgements of others based on their hair colour. Rebekah won 2 prizes from Otago University - the Psychology Department prize and the Children and Young Peoples Research Cluster prize. Torea Scott-Fyfe and Esther Kelly won an Aurora Award and the NZ Institute of Food Science and Technology prize for their project "A tough egg to crack", which compared the egg shells of free range versus battery hens. Danielle De Caigney and India Hawke tested a variety of fruit to see if it could be used as a marinade to tenderize meat. For this project they received 3 prizes – an Aurora Award, the Department of Biochemistry prize and the Horticulture Research Award. Libby Atkinson offered wild birds a selection of foods and determined their food preference. Libby's project also won 3 prizes, one each from the Department of Conservation, the Department of Zoology and the Society of Animal Production.



Science fair is open to anyone who is interested in developing a project in their own time. We hope to offer Science Fair as a 25th hour option if there is enough interest next year. Get thinking now as the biggest challenge is always coming up with an original idea or a new approach to an old idea. Talk to Mrs Swan if you want to discuss an idea.

Flying Physicists—Year 12 and 13 Physics students

On Sunday the 14th of June, a group of students from the year 12 and year 13 physics classes travelled out to the airport to fly an aeroplane, for the first time in all of our lives.

We went off in pairs, or individually flying the aeroplane, and watched the others while waiting for our turn. During this time we were tormented by some parents on how our journey would end up. After minimal instruction, everyone flew a small four seater aeroplane up into the sky and around Brighton, over the ocean. The views were amazing, as we were lucky to have no clouds in our way, and some people could even see their house! But of course, what journey would be complete without the one person who threw up!



Year 12 Snowboarding Trip

On Wednesday the 12th August, the year 12 PE class jumped in a bus driven by Mr McCall. Destination: Coronet Peak! During the 3 day trip we attempted the extreme feat of snowboarding, day one being filled mainly with epic falls and backwards rolling down the mountain. The majority of the day was spent with students on their bottoms, desperately trying to avoid Mrs Finnie and her camera!

The nights were spent at the Otago Ski Lodge where we eventually slept after hours of night time sledging, hurling ourselves over jumps. Eventually our natural snowboarding talent showed through and we were up the chairlifts with Mr McDonald who had given up on snowboarding and resorted to his trusty skis (tut, tut).

As my good friend Hannah Collins would say; the trip was fantabulous and we all have the aching muscles to show for it.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The fuelled 4 schools initiative is going well, with the lunchtime self-defence classes appealing to a regular group of students.

Sport and Cultural Blues Evening

Queen's High School Sport and Cultural Evening is held early Term 4 and students will be given the opportunity to make the school aware of their achievements. We welcome parents contacting school to tell us of their daughter's achievements to ensure her excellence is recognised and rewarded. Please email information to sport@queens.school.nz.

JAZZ BAND

Queen's and King's jazz band travelled to Blenheim for the annual Southern Jam Jazz Festival. The students had a fabulous time performing in a range of venues and Victoria Bernard won an award for her tap dancing and singing.

NCEA Fees

If you have not paid your daughter's NCEA fees please pay promptly at the student office. The fees are overdue. Financial Assistance forms are still available from the student office.

Clean Sweep in Regional Aerobics and Dance

Our aerobics and hip hop dance group achieved outstanding results at the regional competition held recently in Invercargill. Earlier in the month they had entertained family and friends in our Showcase of Dance at the Performing Arts Centre. Te Kimi Matauranga, Queens' of the Pacific and individual students contributed to an evening which 'showcased' the talent, and the very high level of performance and professionalism of all the performers. The results are as follows:

Aerobics

Individual

Junior Novice – Lydia Bernard 1st
 Junior Open Novice – Courtney Cummings 2nd
 (yr 9-10)
 Senior Open Novice – Annelise Lowther 1st
 (yr 11-13) - Aleisha Gaudelius 2nd
 - Sarah Hughes 3rd

Team

Novice – Lydia Bernard and Vyenna Percy – 1st
 (yr 9-13)
 Open Novice – Annelise Lowther 1st
 (yr 9-13) Aleisha Gaudelius 2nd
 Sarah Hughes 3rd

Hip Hop Same School (yr 9-13) (Static)

Marianna Fa'avae Sulieti Ikahihifo
 Ashleigh Aberahama Serena Vaitupu
 Cassie Growden Johnal Clark
 Chantelle Fuka

It is wonderful to see ex-students coming back into school and sharing their talents with our girls.

Gemma Lowther, a NZ representative in aerobics choreographed routines and with her Yr 11 sister Annelise coached the aerobics students. Litea Ikahihifo, older sister to Sulieti brought her experience at national level and performance with the NuStylz Dance Group to the Hip Hop Group.



Dates & Deadlines

- Aug 31** - Winter Sports Tournament Week
- Sept 4**
- Aug 31**
- & 1 Sept** - Option Evenings for Parents and daughters to discuss 2010 courses 4-7 pm Library
- Sept 1** - Mufti Day
- Sept 3** - 'Stickdown Day' for Year 11 Art
- Sept 4** - EXCEL school of performing arts lunchtime performance.
- Sept 7-11** - Senior Exam Week
- Sept 8** - Otago Secondary Schools Music Festival Concert
- Sept 11** - Last day for option forms to be handed in
- Sept 11-15** - Year 11 Ski Trip (3 pm departure)
- Sept 16-18** - SELL Programme Year 11
- Sept 19-20** - Nationals for Aerobics and Dance in Christchurch
- Sept 21-24** - Speech Competition for Years 9 - 11
- Sept 22-25** - Year 13 ski/snowboard trip departs 3pm
- Sept 23** - Year 12 Biology Field Trip
- Sept 24** - Wearable Arts - whole school
- Sept 25** **Last Day Term 3**
 - Year 10 - Moment in Time
 - Year 9 - Lipsynch
- Sept 26** - Daylight Saving Starts!
- Oct 12** **1st day Term 4**

PSTA Fundraiser

The Queen's High School Parent, Student, Teachers Association invite you to order books and calendars from their 2009 fundraiser.

Coloured flyers were included with the junior reports and the senior newsletter.

More copies available from the Student Office.

Great Christmas Presents!

Orders due to the Student Office by 28th August.