



# Queen's News



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Kia ora and Greetings

The term started with the outstanding talent and thoughtfulness of both Queen's and King's students to the fore in the student-driven Tsunami Fundraiser event which contributed over \$1,300 to the Red Cross Relief effort. Well done students-what a fantastic effort!

Over the last weeks outstanding academic and leadership achievements have been acknowledged with prestigious scholarships, (ranging from three to ten thousand dollars), that support university study, going to five Queen's girls. Libby Simpson has received a University of Otago Young Leaders Award, Amber Hosking, a Russell Mc Veagh Law Scholarship, Sonia Polak, a University of Auckland scholarship Emily Berryman a Victoria University Scholarship and Hannah Davidson the First Foundation Award. We are very proud of these awards and the commitment to academic excellence and service within the school that these students have shown, over their time at Queen's.

Leadership opportunities are encouraged at all levels in the school and our junior RYPEN students have learnt much from the year long Rotary Programme and the inspirational speakers and activities they have taken part in. The Year 9, 10 and 11 speech competitions have also challenged girls to step outside their comfort zone building self confidence and public presentation skills.

Contribution to Maori within the school is celebrated in this issue with our Mana Pounamu Award winners Talia Ellison and Missy Hosking featuring. Also Matoia Wilson, who performed with dignity and poise at the Nga Manu Korero National Speech Competitions held in Rotorua in September.

We can all be proud of the successes in this edition of Queen's News, including our Gold Heartbeat Award for the canteen. We always knew gold lay at the heart of Queen's.

Good luck to the girls for their examinations.

*Julie Anderson  
Principal*

## **First Foundation Scholarship Award.**

Congratulations to Hannah Davidson, who has been awarded a First Foundation Scholarship. This is the first time it has been awarded to a student in Dunedin and it is funded by Foodstuffs Dunedin. The scholarship will provide Hannah with holiday work, contribute to her university fees and she will participate in a mentoring programme. Hannah, who will be in Year 13 in 2010, takes up the award in 2010. At the Assembly on Monday were the representative of First Foundation Mr Anthony Ford, SI CEO of Foodstuffs, Mr Steve Anderson and Mrs Jan Parry, owner operator of Gardens New World.



## **Gold Heartbeat Award**

Congratulations to the whole school for the prestigious Gold Heartbeat Award. The Health Committee, school canteen and the Foods department have actively worked to ensure that the food made and eaten at school is nutritious and healthy. Students in foods classes are taught about nutritious eating and how to adapt recipes. The school canteen provides a wide range of healthy foods for students and staff including soup and hot meals on cold days. The school Health Committee ably led by Year 13 students has maintained its focus in healthy eating at school as well as offering interesting fitness activities such as self defence training. At Monday's assembly, Ms Joanne Arthur the local health Promotion Co-ordinator presented three of our Year 13 Health Committee members, Fiona Callahan, Emma Taylor and Rebecca Webb with the Gold Heartbeat Award and an apple tree to be planted in the school garden.



## Years 9 and 10 Leaders - Rypen Programme

An excited, energetic and enthusiastic group of year 9 and 10 students had a wonderful weekend at a Rotary sponsored and organised event held at Tirohanga. The students were challenged with a range of physical activities including a confidence course, abseiling and lobstering. As well, they had an interesting group of speakers including a young woman, who inspired the girls with how she has achieved very highly in sport and academically but had personal challenges to overcome she was inspirational.



The camp focused on increasing the confidence of every girl, helping develop her leadership potential and looking at how she might give to her community. The girls made new friends and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. A huge thank you to Glenis Sim, an ex-staff member of Queens for her organisation and leadership over the weekend and to the St Kilda Rotary Members.

## Speech Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Yr 9,10 and 11 speech competition held recently.

Year 9: 1<sup>st</sup> Siraya Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia Bernard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Bungard  
Danielle de Caigney



Year 10: 1<sup>st</sup> Mona Aden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah White  
3<sup>rd</sup> Laken Yarker



Year 11:  
1<sup>st</sup> Calypso Goldsmith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anneke Rombouts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rosa Sangster



## Soccer success

Congratulations to Victoria de Filippi who played for Otago 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer Team which won the South Island event to become the South Island Champions.

## Rhythmic success

Congratulations to Fenella McGrannachan who won a silver medal in the group section of the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in the September holidays.

## School Council Gift to School

The afternoon of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November saw leaders of the Student Council, Amber Hosking and Anne Gordon, brave the strong wind and threatening rain in order to plant fruit trees around the school. The project to plant fruit trees around the school had been in place since last year, and through organising and fundraising throughout this year we were finally able to achieve our goal. Accompanied by the school gardener, we planted four trees around the grounds: a feijoa, plum, nectarine and peach. We hope that these trees will survive the harsh Dunedin weather so that there is fruit around the school for all the girls to eat in coming years.

Also planted was the apple tree donated to the Health Committee by the Heart Foundation for achieving the Gold Heartbeat award and Rebecca Webb assisted in the planting of this tree.



## Queen's Rowing

The 2009-10 rowing season has begun for Queen's Rowers both old and new. Bright and early last Saturday morning our novice girls took to the water very nervously to compete for the first time in Queen's colours (lycra rowsuits!) and came in a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior girls' coxed quad. By contrast one of our senior rowers Sam Scott, enjoyed her last



row for school in the Senior girls single with an encouraging 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Best wishes and calm waters to all our rowers for the coming season.

### **Cancer Society Gift**

The Cancer Society has given a copy of their DVD "Out of sight, out of mind" to our school library. It includes interviews with people of various ages who have suffered serious health problems as a result of smoking, as well as researchers and health professionals who discuss the importance of removing tobacco promotion at checkouts in supermarkets, dairies, and petrol stations. The school Health Committee has supported the campaign to remove tobacco promotion. If you are interested in borrowing this DVD please email our Librarian, Carol Gardener at [caroleg@queens.school.nz](mailto:caroleg@queens.school.nz) or phone on 45571212 ext. 831

### **Food Successes**

Congratulations to Nikita Stevenson who competed in Auckland in the National New Zealand Secondary Schools Hamburger competition as the Otago Southland finalist in term 3.

Congratulations to Courtney Dowdall and Shana-Lee Te Waiti who competed in Auckland during the last school holidays in the National Secondary School Challenge event, coming home with silver medals. They had to prepare and present a two course meal (entrée and main course) within a given time frame. Both girls are in the professional foods class which is taught in a weekly four hour block by a trained chef, Alison Lambert.



### **Chemistry Quiz Success**

Congratulations to our Year 13 chemists, Amber Hosking, Anne Gordon, Jordan Lloyd and Lucia Ji who came third in the University run chemistry quiz held recently at the museum. Mr Todd described their performance as 'brilliant' and added that the year 12 teams gained valuable experience for the 2010 quiz.



### **Get 2 go**

This event was designed to challenge students in the outdoors. Students were involved in outdoor pursuit activities including mountain biking, kayaking and orienteering. The purpose of the challenge was to compete competitively as a team and to have a positive 'give everything a go' attitude. A mixed team of year 9 and 10 students competed and thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of the day.

### **Photographic Success**

Congratulations to Libby Atkinson who won first place in the 14 and under Animal section of the Otago Wildlife Photography competition held at the Otago Museum in late September. This is Libby's fifth win - a talented photographer. Well done!

### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

- Are you having a clean out?
  - Have you gear sitting around not being used?
  - Could it be donated to our Outdoor Education Department?
  - We would love old gloves, waterproof parkas/jackets, gym shoes with tread, wetsuits, ski trousers, mountain bikes (in working order) etc/
- Gear can be dropped off at the school office. If you have larger items then we can organise collecting them from you.

*Thank You!*  
Sonya Finnie  
TIC Outdoor Education

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## **Successful Fundraiser for Tsunami Relief Fund**

Congratulations to all the students and staff who contributed, participated and performed in the highly successful Queen's/King's Tsunami Fundraising Concert. The range of talent was a real tribute to the professionalism of all the students involved. The Concert was run so smoothly with students from both schools introducing the performances. Red Cross were presented with a cheque this Friday. Thank you to the families and friends who came to enjoy our wonderful, talented students. The concert was opened and closed by our Pacific Island group who, as always, performed to a very high standard. Their performances are polished and their energy, enthusiasm and smiles enhance their performance.

### **Mana Pounamu Awards**

Congratulations to Talia Ellison and Missy Hoskins who were recipients at the Mana Pounamu Awards held last Friday evening. The awards recognise the contribution Māori students make to their school community as well as their special talents. The Senior award winner, Talia Ellison, year 12, is the student representative on our Board of Trustees. She is studying English at level 3 this year and is a committed member of Te Kimi Matauranga, and taught international students how to do poi. Talia has strengths in oracy, and has helped lead the tautoko and kinaki at different events, including the Polyfest and Nga Manu Korero competitions.



Missy Hosking, the junior award winner is also a committed member of Te Kimi Matauranga as well as being recognised for her talents in Art. Missy is very supportive of all Māori students and in particular is a respected role model for younger students.

### **Dates and Deadlines**

Nov 9 – 13	Junior Exams for years 9 and 10 Students at school all day during exam week
Nov 9	International students farewell dinner
Nov 10	Whanau meeting
Nov 11	Last day for years 11-13 - 12.20 finish Year 13 finish 2.55 Leavers dinner 6pm
Nov 13	Senior prizegiving 7pm All award winners to be at the rehearsal 10am – 12noon
Nov 14	1 <sup>st</sup> day NCEA examinations
Nov 18 – 20	The Real Game – year 10 students
Nov 19	School finishes 12.20
Nov 24	BOT Meeting
Nov 25	'The Christmas Carol' at Mayfair Theatre
Nov 30-Dec 4	Year 10 Camps Year 9 in normal classes
Dec 10	Last day of school for students Junior Prizegiving 7 pm, PAC
Dec 11	Junior Reports Posted

### **Nga Manu Korero Competition**



Late in Term 3 Matoia Wilson travelled to Rotorua with our teacher of Māori and a supportive group of students. Matoia performed superbly against very strong competition and in particular spoke convincingly in the impromptu section.

### **School uniform**

We would appreciate receiving clean and tidy school uniforms no longer required by year 12 students after they have completed their NCEA examinations. These can be sold at the Schools Uniform shop which is managed by the Queen's PSTA.