



Queen's News

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Kia ora koutou,

Shakespeare at Olveston, in a fantasy garden setting, was magical for the performances of *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night*, presented by our Year 12 and 13 Drama classes. Members of these groups went on to win two prizes, plus runner-up, in the University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival last Thursday night. Matawai Uiti Me-Nicolls won the best individual performance and will attend a weekend of national workshops with a possibility of going to the Globe Theatre in England. Ms MacTavish's outstanding direction was also acknowledged at the event. Well done to all performers and Ms Selbie for her support of the productions.

Gym sport, orienteering, karate and horse riding are just some of the diverse sports featuring in this Queen's News. Our senior team won the Otago Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships and Amber Dewar (Year 13) was placed second in her equestrian jumping event. Travelling to events in Tapanui for karate and Alexandra for gym sport paid off for both groups with all competitors returning home with medals. Sporting activities do not happen without coaching support and two of our Year 12 student coaches, Afe Fa'avae and Kerry Remon, were acknowledged for their commitment to coaching with a trip to Auckland organised by Sport NZ, to learn about new training techniques and ideas to motivate students. The Sports Report included in this issue outlines the important dates for the winter sports season so you can plan for the term ahead.

Queen's girls can also cook. Lauren Wright (Year 13) won the senior, and Trinity Redmond (Year 9) the junior points trophies at the recent ILT Southland Secondary School's Cooking Competition. Lauren had to prepare soup and pasta in front of a live audience and we look forward to her appearing on Masterchef in the future. Lauren is completing a Gateway work placement at Pier 24 where she is learning skills from expert chefs Michael Coughlin and Greg Piner.

We were delighted to welcome our Year 9 parents into the school last Thursday to share the learning journeys of the girls following their Berwick Camp experiences. Thank you to Ms Hearn-Rollo for organising the afternoon and to the girls for their comprehensive village models, historical posters and basketball music display. It is wonderful to see the creative thinking and artistic talent that went into the learning tasks.

I look forward to meeting with you at the student, parent and teacher interview night on Tuesday May 13th at the start of next term. It has been a long and very productive term so I wish you all a joyful Easter period and a relaxing holiday break.

Julie Anderson, *Principal*

OTAGO ATHLETICS AWARDS: JUNIOR SUMMER ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

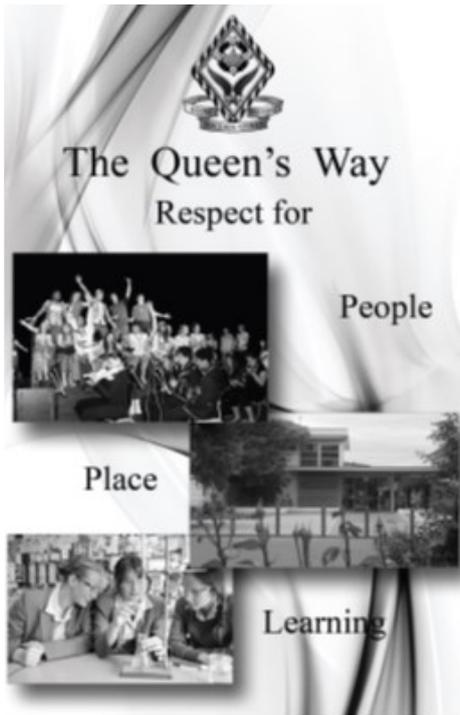
Congratulations to Christina Ashton, Year 12, who has recently been recognized for her talent and success in Athletics.

Christina's most recent Athletics accomplishments were recognised at the Otago Athletics Awards evening, where she was awarded the Helm Trophy for Junior Women in sprints and hurdles, as well as the Bruce H. Cowan Trophy for Junior Summer Athlete of the Year.

These awards top off a stunning season for Christina, whose most recent successes were at the South Island Secondary School Athletics championships in Timaru, where she won the U19 100m hurdles and was 3rd in both the U19 100m and 200m.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING UPDATE



The last four weeks of Term 1 have seen a focus on respect for place and people. In particular we wanted students to think about how they treat the environment around school; making sure they leave areas such as bathrooms and lunch spaces clean and tidy is a simple way we can all show respect for place.

We also had a focus on respect for people, in particular how we talk to those around us. Whether it is to a parent, a teacher or another student, we can show respect for people by speaking politely and positively to one another.

Next term we are going to have a term long focus which we are calling 'Proud to be a Queen's Girl'. Our aim is to encourage students to celebrate what it means to be a student at Queen's, and show that they are proud of this in everything that they do.

We are also going to start sending home a note of achievement and the rewards to the students whose names are drawn out of the hat for receiving Ka Pai cards each week. This will hopefully encourage students to put their Ka Pai cards in the house boxes, and parents can be a part of their daughter's success.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN AT OVELSTON

Senior Drama students performed a series of free Shakespearean highlights in the gardens of Ovelston a few weeks ago. The gardens were an exquisite setting for Ms MacTavish to direct and students to perform some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes.

A review from one enthusiastic audience member proves the experience was a wonderful one:

"We thoroughly enjoyed our time at Ovelston this afternoon watching the engaging, funny, clever, witty and wonderful students from King's High School and Queen's High School performing The Tempest and Twelfth Night in the Ovelston gardens. The audience was small but very engaged. One audience member told me she felt as though she was right in the play. The day was wonderful, the grounds were looking superb and the cast, terrific. Terry MacTavish, the director, swapped the roles and had, for the most part, Kings boys playing the female roles. The costumes were wonderful. I'll stop raving now so you can look at the photos"



SPORT AEROBICS UPDATE

Three girls competed in the Otago Gym Sports qualifying competition in Alexandra on April 5th. The girls need to qualify in at least two competitions, by scoring 15+ points, to represent Otago at Gym Sports nationals in October.

Well done to all three Queen's students who have qualified in this competition by achieving the following results:

Riley Haugh: 1st Step 6, 15-17 years individual.
Sian Remon: 2nd Step 6, 13-14 years individual.
Kerry Remon: 1st Step 8, individual.



KARATE SUCCESS: MULIT STYLES MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION

On March 28th the West Otago Multi Style martial arts competition was held in Tapanui. Competitors came from martial arts clubs in Invercargill, Queenstown, Dunedin and all places in between.

This competition is unique in that it is open to all martial arts styles, not just karate. It was a great competition and organisers said there were about 150 entries. It was the first ever competition for Queen's students Morgan Buchanan and Suzanne Kydd and both performed very well despite some nerves!



Results:

Morgan - silver, girls 15-17 development kata; bronze, women's development kata; bronze, girls 15-17 kumite (tie); bronze, womens development kumite.

Suzanne - gold, girls 15-17 development kata; silver, womens development kata; bronze, girls 15-17 kumite (tie).

Ms. Hall - silver, womens premier kata; silver womens premier kumite; gold, open grade mixed weapons.

Next year the goal is to have a bigger team as there is a trophy up for grabs for the club with the most points (won by Samurai Karate Wanaka this year).



OTAGO SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETICS RIBBON DAY

On Wednesday 26th February schools from all over Otago competed in the Otago Special Olympics Athletics Ribbon Day. Queen's was represented by a group of 13 sporty students who supported each other and tried their best in all the events.

The events included shot put, javelin, long jump, walking, and running. Students who competed for the first time said it was lots of fun, and students who have competed for several years are still enjoying it. We won lots of ribbons, and we are looking forward to the next ribbon day.

By Shontelle Evans and
Kama Warburton



EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

Cate Davidson, Amber Dewar and Shaleena Wilson all competed at Outram on April 5th in the secondary school teams event. With four riders needed to make up the team Molly Stephenson-Morley from LPHS joined the QHS team.

Riders were judged on dressage, jumping, games and turnout. All four girls displayed fine horsemanship but Amber is to be especially congratulated on her second placing overall in her group, which is based on the height she and Rainbow Zara were entered to jump.



SPORT IN EDUCATION UPDATE

Kerry Remon and Afe Fa'avae, accompanied by Mrs Lowther, attended a Young Coaches Forum in Auckland on April 4th. This is part of the Growing Coaches Programme that we run at here at Queen's.

Growing Coaches is a Sport NZ coach education programme for secondary school students which is designed to:

1. provide teachers with a leadership programme where coaching is the context for learning.
2. give students the tools to begin coaching and continue to develop as coaches.
3. encourage clubs, regional sport and recreation organisations and schools to work together to mentor and guide young coaches.



Afe and Kerry had the opportunity to meet former Black Sox coach Eddie Kohlhase and former Tall Black Dylan Boucher, who both spoke about the coaches that they had who inspired them to fulfil their sporting dreams, and their career highs and lows.

The girls also attended a number of presentations where they learnt how technology can be used to enhance coaching and how to maximise practice session times. The day was very successful, and the students returned with new ideas and a greater passion to make a difference through sports coaching.

SPORT REPORT

Some important dates to note:

- * Queen's **Cross Country** will be held at Kettle Park 1:15 – 2:30pm on **Wednesday 7th May**, with postponement date being Friday 9th May. There will be normal classes in the morning. All girls should bring home a letter about this during the last week of term.
- * Football competition starts on Thursday 8th May.
- * Netball: Saturday 17 May - 30 August.
- * Rugby 15's season: Wednesday 14 May – 2 July; 7's in term 3.
- * Basketball: Friday 16 May - 29 August.
- * Hockey: Monday 12 May – 25 August.
- * Badminton: Tuesday 6 May – 1 July.
- * The **annual interchange** with Southland Girls' High School is on **Tuesday 10th June**.

Leaders' Breakfast: Five Queen's girls who have shown leadership skills in sport were invited to attend a Leaders' Breakfast, organised by OSSSA. Guest speaker at the Park Regis breakfast was Southern Steel Captain and Silver Fern, Jodi Brown. Representing Queen's were Madré Mostert, Lana Tall, Grace Patu, Casey Kruishoop and Riley Homan.



Sports Council: A large group of girls attended the first meeting with our sports leaders, Lia Crosland and Emily White. They plan to meet again during the last week of term to prioritise their list of activity ideas and to discuss roles within the Council. We look forward to what they have in store for Term 2.

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED...

Athletics: As well as Christina Ashton's successes, mentioned on Page 1, two staff members also received recognition at the Otago Athletics awards for their achievements over the summer. Julie Edmunds received the Watkin Trophy for Track/Field Race walking and Noeline Burden received a certificate listing her new Otago age group records in high jump, long jump, triple jump, 60m and 100m.



Underwater Hockey: A small group of girls have shown interest in learning more about this intriguing sport, so they are looking forward to a lunchtime information meeting with 'the experts' on Wednesday 16th April. All are welcome to attend.



Oceania Gold Nuggets Basketball Camp: for High School Pupils Only APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 28TH APRIL - 1ST MAY, 1pm -3pm, Edgar Centre. Cost - \$100.00 (4 Days) More info is available at the sports office.

Netball Coaching: Netball South is asking for registrations for Term 2's Junior Academy (8 -13 yr olds). This coaching will be held at the Edgar Centre Wednesday 13th May – 1st July, 4 – 5pm, at a cost of \$100. Registration forms are available for students outside the sports office.

OTAGO CAREERS FESTIVAL 2014

Discover new career possibilities during May 2014 at the Otago Careers Festival.



The 2014 Otago Careers Festival is incorporating the theme 'Take charge: make the most of you'. This will incorporate events around building your own future, investing in yourself and entrepreneurship. It will relate to any age group and career stage.

The Festival showcases the range of opportunities to live, learn and work in Otago. Whether you are planning your first career, your next career move or want to improve your work / life satisfaction you will find fun and informative events to help you along the way.

All events during the Festival are FREE to attend and events for all ages and career stages are catered for. Take action today and move closer to the life you want. Queen's students will have the chance to take part in some of the programmed activities during the day. If you wish to check out what is on offer please visit: www.otagocareersfestival.co.nz.

INTERIM REPORTS AND STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER NIGHT

Interim reports will be emailed home today, and posted to those who do not have email access.

Included with these will be a letter about the upcoming parent night, where parents/caregivers and students will have the opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss students' progress. The parent night is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th May**.

Bookings for the parent night will be made online, and details of the website and access code are included in the letter. If, for any reason, you are unable to book times online, please feel free to contact the school office for assistance.



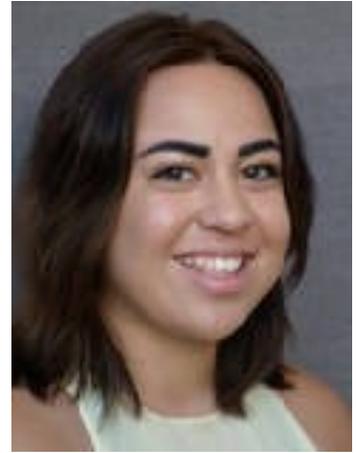
DUNEDIN PASIFIKA EDUCATION CHURCH SERVICE AND AWARDS



On Tuesday 8th April the Ministry of Education held awards as part of a church service to celebrate Pasifika achievement in Otago at Level 2 NCEA.

Our Year 13 Pasifika Prefects Grace Patu and Taryn Lome were awarded Level 2 NCEA Achievement Awards. Both girls gained their Level 2 NCEA but have also contributed to sport and culture in the school.

Grace is a leader in the Queens of the Pacific and plays in the Senior A Volleyball, Netball and Rugby teams. Taryn is in both He Waka Kōtuia and Queens of the Pacific and plays Netball.



The Mayor, Dave Cull, spoke about the importance of education and the opportunities it provides for a better life. Tasi Lemalu was awarded a plaque from the Minister of Education in recognition of her long service to Pasifika education in the city. The service concluded with a wonderful meal hosted by the community at First Church. Thank you to the Pasifika community for supporting this event and well done Grace and Taryn.

S.W.I.D. OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Shania Smith, Year 10, and Kama Warburton, Year 11, who both received ribbons for their success at the recent S.W.I.D. Otago Secondary School championships.

Shania and Kama competed against students from other secondary schools in the Otago region and we are proud of their efforts and results.

Shania won the 50 metre freestyle and was third in the 50 metres backstroke, and Kama Warburton was second in the 50 metres backstroke and third in the 50 metres freestyle.



Fundraiser – French Exchange Trip Dec 2014



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SHAKEPEARE FESTIVAL SUCCESS



More than 200 pupils from 13 Otago secondary schools performed in the 2014 University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, which was held at the Kings and Queens Performing Arts Centre last week. The national festival was established in 1992 to enhance life skills through the study, production and performance of Shakespearean works.

The young Shakespeareans performed 15-minute scenes or five-minute excerpts from 15 of the bard's plays, in the hope of qualifying for the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Festival, in Wellington at Queen's Birthday Weekend.

A Denise Walsh ensemble award was

presented in honour of the ex Queen's girl and Logan Park High School drama teacher, who died last month after inspiring generations of Dunedin pupils and being awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2013 for her services to youth theatre. Queen's were thrilled and proud to win this award for their performance from *The Tempest*.

The Queen's performers, directed by Drama teacher Terry MacTavish, were also runner-up in the 15 minute scene category for their *Twelfth Night* performance, and Matawai Uiti Me-Nicolls, pictured right, was awarded direct entry to the national schools Shakespeare production for her outstanding dramatic performance. Matawai will now attend a workshop in September where 24 students from around New Zealand will be selected to travel to the Globe Theatre in London.



A ROYAL EXPERIENCE

Chantal Vanisi, Year 11 (pictured front, centre, in the photo), had an enviable experience last weekend, after she was chosen by Ngai Tahu selectors through the Manawa Hou programme, to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Catherine.

Manawa Hou is a youth initiative designed to give Ngāi Tahu rangatahi an opportunity to explore their Ngāi Tahu identity. Rangatahi meet each other, learn their history, hear their stories and are encouraged to be proud of who they are. The programme is part of the wider iwi-capability and leadership development strategy and is an important first-step to get Ngāi Tahu rangatahi participating in tribal activities.



Chantal travelled to Queenstown specifically to meet the Duke and Duchess as a young representative of Ngai Tahu, where she not only got to speak personally to them, but also have a thrilling ride on the Shotover jet, which she described as "amazing and scary". Chantal was incredibly grateful to have been chosen for this once in a lifetime experience.



ROWING UPDATE

Queen's Rowing travelled to Twizel for the NZSS Rowing Championships during the last week in March. This was an incredible week, from the Street Parade at the start to the "Ruatahiwha Shindig" at the very end, and everything in between; the nerves, the recovery food, the terrible Tuesday and time trial Wednesday, the highs & lows, the homework sessions with Cam our coach, turned Maths tutor, and winning 3rd place rosette for Queen Chloe (our tolerant & much photographed mascot).

Then there was the magnificent rowing as well!

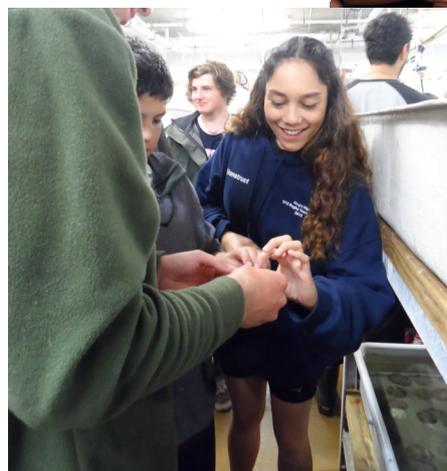
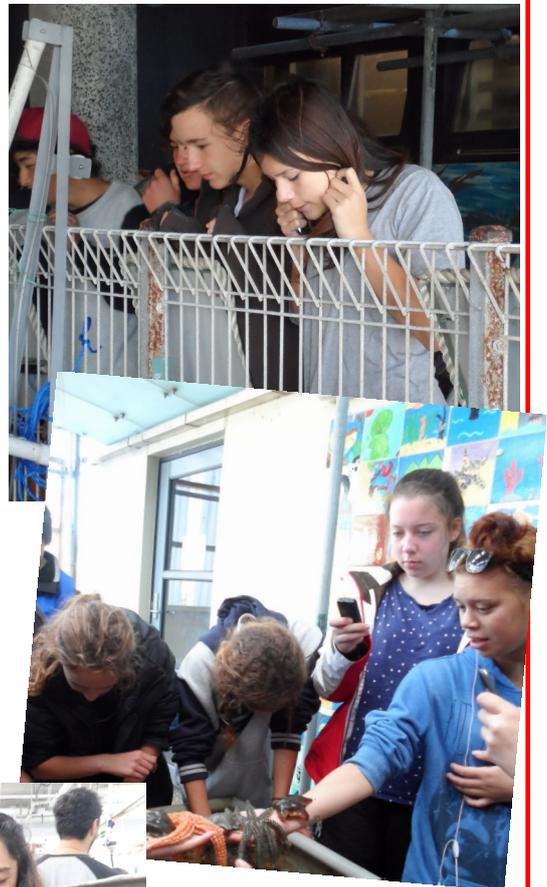
We are again very proud of Riley Homan who came through to row in a B Final in the Under 16 single, and came away determined to shave off a few precious seconds.....watch this space! All the crew have worked very hard and this was a fantastic finish to a great season. HUGE THANKS to our coach and all our parents and supporters. We just couldn't row without you!

SCIENCE WĀNANGA EXPERIENCE

From the 10-12 March, Year 10 students Makareta Wesley-Evans, Hope Moses-Emery, and Kaila Tahitahi and Year 11 students Tequila Dick-Karetai, Lily Collins and Hope Henare attended the Science Wānanga at Ōtākou Marae. Activities included a trip on a research vessel (when some of the girls got to pilot the boat), a shore erosion study and a visit to the marine lab.

Science Wānanga are fully funded three day, hands-on experiences for Māori secondary students in Aotearoa. Science Wānanga provide secondary students of Māori descent, and their teachers, with the opportunity to gain practical scientific skills and knowledge in real-life contexts, working alongside university scientists, postgraduate students and the local Māori community, as inspirational role models who respect the matauranga that students bring.

The girls stayed for two nights at the Ōtākou Marae, and spent their evenings floundering, laying fish traps and socialising! They all had a great time, and would recommend the science wānanga to any other students lucky enough to be invited to



attend. The scientists who supported the wānanga were great, and the graduate students who helped run the programme had some really inspirational stories to share. Overall, it was a lot of fun, and all of the girls learned something new!

YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This term has flown past. We have really enjoyed learning many new skills from our expert mountain biking instructor Scarlett Hagen. Currently we are climbing and abseiling, and really looking forward to our day out at Long Beach. Next term sees us kayaking. Highlights to be remembered - the huge puddles and heavy rain on the first day of track biking, and the beautiful sunny, hot days at the beach bodyboarding.



PE OE Module

The PE OE module have completed our kayaking unit with sea kayaking at Karitane. The girls had a fantastic time learning new skills and putting these to the test out on the water.



ORIENTEERING: OTAGO SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

Queen's High School triumphs once again in the Otago Orienteering School Champs! The orienteering team kicked the summer school series off with an impressive start, with many girls across all year groups competing against time, and other students, at various locations to gain as many points as possible. During these weeks there were many wipe-outs resulting in being covered in mud, bruises, and being soaking wet – all of which have been considered as honourable “battle scars”.



Congratulations to all the girls who beat their personal scores during these weeks, and to those who went up to compete at a more difficult grade of map - you girls did fantastically!

An even bigger congratulations goes to Hanri de Bruin for taking home 1st prize, Roche de Bruin coming 2nd and Ana Manza for coming 3rd in the Senior Girls Championship for the whole series.

Thanks to the efforts of all members of the squad, Queen's also won the trophy for Top Girls Team across the series.

On Sunday 30th March the Otago Orienteering School Champs were held at Seacliff where 6 of the girls competed and represented our school amazingly. Congratulations to Ana who came first and also won a trophy for winning the Championship event, Hanri de Bruin who came 2nd and Roche de Bruin who came 3rd in the Senior Championship Grade, while in the standard grade, Aileen Welp came 2nd and Katrin Schwan came 3rd. You girls all did amazingly.

And now – onwards and upwards to the South Island Schools Championships!
Good Job Queen's Orienteering team for a great season! (Written by Roche de Bruin)

ILT SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS COOKING COMPETITION 2014

Queen's students entered in to a range of classes at the ILT Southland Secondary Schools Cooking Competition in Invercargill on Sunday 6th April.

Lauren Wright entered into the Live Practical Cookery section of Soup and Pasta, gaining 1st Place in Soup, 2nd Place in Pasta and in the static class, 1st Place in Decorated Cake/Sponge, and the cup for Most Points - Senior Section. She is pictured right receiving the book prize and cup for Most Points - Senior Section from Scott Richardson.



Other award recipients included: Trinity Redmond, 1st Place in Cupcake Open Section and Cup for the Most Points – Junior Section; Abby Johnson, 2nd Place Cup Cake Open Section; Jelaine Van Welie, 2nd place Selection of Muffins.

Congratulations to these girls, and also well done to the others who entered the competition for their efforts: Tayla Pohe, Louise Nicolson, Kimiora Priestley, Aleisha Chaplin, Jadei Peek, Stephanie Campbell and Sienna Metuakore. A special thanks to Greg Piner at Pier 24 for his generosity in giving advice and mentoring to Lauren, and the lending of serving dishes for the competition.

QUEEN'S WEARABLE ART SHOW 2014



TICKETS (AVAILABLE FROM QUEEN'S HIGH SCHOOL):

ADULTS \$8, STUDENTS \$5, FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$20

EARLY SPECIAL: 4 PERSON FAMILY TICKET \$10

SPORT IN EDUCATION 2014

The Sport in Education Programme is a three year project that has eight selected schools throughout New Zealand, trialling the use of Sport as a Context in Education to improve academic achievement, encourage positive engagement in the classroom and increase participation in sport.

This is a Sport NZ initiative supported by the Ministry of Education, New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council, New Zealand Olympic Committee, New Zealand Council of Education Research, Physical Education New Zealand and other major organisations.

It has been a great first term for the Sport in Education Programme. The year started with the Sport and Culture Expo that saw our summer sport participant numbers increase. We also had students involved in sports that previously had few participants like equestrian, golf, orienteering, karate and rowing.



We have continued with our work in the PE curriculum with Year 11 Kiwisport at St Clair Primary School, Year 12 leadership at the Year 9 camps and the Year 13 Getting People Active achievement standard. The Year 11 module class also assisted with the Primary Schools Triathlon at St Clair Esplanade.



The Year 10's have just completed a sport education unit on Touch. The Junior Sport Development group has completed their introductory training on how to coach and will start coaching at Tahuna Intermediate next term. The Sochii Winter Olympics was a focus for some curriculum areas at the start of the year and the Commonwealth Games will be a focus in term two and three.

A new initiative this year is the 12 ALPS (Active Leadership through Participation in Sport) Programme.

This programme has selected students involved in sport and is a physical activity programme that focuses on keeping the students positively engaged in their learning and supporting them to achieve their academic goals. We are pleased to have the support of Anytime Fitness, Macandrew Road, for an assessment unit on Managing Personal Fitness.



UPDATE FROM QUACK

We have had a very busy first term and have been involved in the following activities:

We organised our school grounds again into areas for the Adopt-a-spot scheme. Each form class has an allocated area around the school to look after and make sure to check for rubbish every two to three weeks. Make sure you check the map so you know which area is yours as you can win eco –points for your form class.

Our recycling doll competition ran for four weeks towards the end of this term and we did receive some beautiful entries – you can admire them at the student office until the

end of term. The winners were: Samantha Scholten, Yasasmi Basnayake as well as Katelyn Andrew and Shannay Nicholls. They all received wonderful prizes from Trade Aid.



We have now started working in our garden – harvesting beautiful potatoes as well as apples. The boxes were all empty and we used our compost to enrich the soil. We are now ready to plant herbs and winter vegetables. We had a very successful stall at the Farmer's Market at the end of March and made over \$250 through giving away our produce and sandwich wrappers for donations – a much better way to fundraise we found out – as people are much more generous. We will use this money for prizes for our competitions as well as plants for our garden.



Five students will go to Quarantine Island for our annual hui to meet up with other high school students to exchange ideas for projects - we are looking forward to hearing back from Monica, Morgan, Suzanne, Isabelle and Yasasmi to inspire us. For next term, we will carry on with eco wars, with a song competition and other really cool activities. Have a great break and look after yourselves and your environment.



RAIL TRAIL BIKE TRIP

Last weekend some YIP and International students enjoyed a beautiful trip biking on the Central Otago Rail Trail. We left on Friday after school driving to Ranfurly, where we spent the night.

The next day we hopped on our bikes. We saw great landscapes, a lot of sheep and cooked our lunch on the BBQ. Some of us peddled the whole way, 40 km to Omakau, where we spent our second night. In the evening we enjoyed playing games together, even if some of us weren't as good as others! The next day we continued our biking with four of us completing the whole trail to Clyde (another 42 km), where we had a BBQ lunch and a big rest. In the afternoon we drove back to Dunedin with a few stops to visit tourists attractions.

We were all tired and felt a little bit of pain, but it was a great experience, where we had fun in the outdoors.

A big thank you to Ms Selbie, Maria and Mrs Finnie for coming on the trip. An even bigger thank you to Katrin and Aileen for doing most of the organising!



13 PE DUATHLON

Well done to all the Year 13 PE students who completed the duathlon on Tuesday afternoon. Despite the Met Service giving the class a very unpleasant forecast for the event, the students stayed focused. Everyone came to school on Tuesday prepared to race, and ended up being treated with near perfect conditions for the event; the rain came after the last person crossed the finish line.



The event consisted of a 2.5km run, a 10km cycle and then ANOTHER 2.5 km run, to keep the legs feeling like jelly. Everyone in the class passed the practical performance achievement standard, which is based on the time they complete the event in. A number of students improved from their practice times by more than 5 minutes, which goes to show you what a bit of competition, pressure and adrenaline can do for you. All the girls should be very proud of their results.



The trophy this year goes to Lia Crosland who completed the race in 50 minutes. A big thank you to Mrs Burden, Ms Palmer, Scarlett Hagen and Megan Day for all their support around the course.



FUNDRAISER FOR JAPAN 2014 TRIP

Another fun Quiz Night is planned for **MONDAY 12th May** at the **Kensington Pub** (seating at 6:30 pm for a 7pm Sharp start).

Funds raised are going to support the King's/Queens' student trip to Japan in December 2014.

Tickets are **\$30 for a table of 6**. Please call: **Jackie** on **027 699 3653** to book a table. The last quiz sold out and there were some fantastic raffle prizes on offer, so plan to bring your brains, some friends and some extra dollars to support this worthy event.

INTERACT PROJECT: CRAFTING CHAMPIONS

As our community project for the year, Interact Club will be recreating jewellery to sell, to support He Waka Kotuia in their efforts to get to Gisbourne for the National Kapa Haka Championships.

To support this project, can you please have a hunt through your wardrobes, under the sofa cushions and anywhere else you can think of, to see if you have any old jewellery items that you no longer use or wear which we could use to create new and unique jewellery to sell.

Can we also have big thick coloured pencils, and any other items you think we could use creatively to make jewellery items.



There will be a box at the student office which any items can be placed in between now and early next term, and you can look out next term for how to buy jewellery also.

