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QUOTS 2015

The competition concluded as a draw which resulted in both schools' Prefects switching uniforms for the final assembly. The QUOTS shield will spend the first half of the year at Queen Margaret College and the second half at Scots College.

2015 Duxes

At the Senior School Prize Giving, the 2015 IB Diploma Dux, Su Ying Shen, and the NCEA Dux, Isabel Sheat were announced. Both girls were awarded prizes from the Foundation Trust.



Old Girls' Association

At Senior School Prize Giving, the Old Girls' Association awarded Lauren Eagleson the Spirit of Adventure Scholarship. They also donated \$2,500 for the subject winners' prizes at the Middle School Prize Giving.

Leadership Experience

In January, the 2016 Head and Deputy Head Prefects, Shweta Iyer and Lily Tew, attended the Australasian Alliance of Girls' School Leadership Conference at Bond University on the Gold Coast with financial support provided by the Parents' Association.



House Update

House Trophies 2015

Performing Arts
A H Johns Trophy

Stirling

Sports
Old Girls' Association Trophy

Stirling

Service
Marjorie Townshend (Harding) Trophy

Glamis

Credits
Sally Aitken and Marian Peterson Trophy

Lochleven

Academic
Kersley Trophy
Braemar

Championship for All Points
W McLay Trophy

Braemar



Year 8 students lead 'Pack the Bus' for the Wellington City Mission

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Braemar Whole House Song at House Performing Arts 2015.



From the Principal

The movie, *Suffragette*, was released in New Zealand in the New Year. I had been looking forward to seeing this film and it did not disappoint. Set in Edwardian England just prior to the start of World War One, it tells the story of a working class girl, Maud Watts, who becomes a foot soldier in the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) led by Emmeline Pankhurst. Although Maud's story is fictional, the brutal events such as force-feeding in prison and bruising demonstrations that provide the context are not.

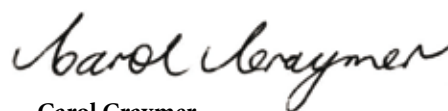
Prior to the roll of the credits, the movie ends with the listing of the dates as to when female suffrage was passed into law in countries around the world. Sitting in the darkened theatre I felt a sense of pride. First up on the timeline was New Zealand leading the way in 1893 and then later, the others - Australia (1908), USA (1920), England (1928) and, startlingly, Switzerland bringing up the rear in 1971. That New Zealand became the first self-governing country in the world to grant the right to vote to all adult women was a truly progressive change at that time but the pioneers, unencumbered by class and privilege, were receptive to new ideas. In other parts of the world, this was not the case and so it was a longer journey. In some countries female suffrage was only selectively granted as was the case for Black Americans and Aborigines who had to wait for their vote until 1920 and 1962 respectively.

This year, Scots College, celebrates its Centenary. It acknowledged

this milestone on Friday 5 February with boys marching from Queen Margaret College to Parliament. It was on our Thorndon site at 53 Hobson Street in 1916 that Scots College was first established, relocating to Strathmore two years later. Our common Founders were Presbyterian Scots who highly valued education for both young women as well as young men and so, in 1919, the Hon. John Aitken and Rev. Dr James Gibbs set up a girls' school, Queen Margaret College, in the now vacant Tower Building. Above is a photo taken the day the College opened, with the three Scots College boys who remained until they were old enough to travel to the new site. Up until 1929, the Colleges shared a board, after which date the two schools became self-governing. Congratulations to Scots on turning one hundred and best wishes for your second century.

For those girls who attended Queen Margaret College in the early years, the right to vote was a given; 12,000 miles away, this was not the case. In 1919, the 53 first-day girls who enrolled at the newly established College did not have the same breadth of opportunities as today's young women. However, New Zealand, as a liberal, egalitarian society, was at that time and continues to be in the forefront of promoting female education. Our College is part of that story. The history and development of Queen Margaret College over 97 years emphatically demonstrates that its purpose has been and continues to be striving to give every girl an education that identifies and fosters her unique potential.

Along with the wider school community it will be a privilege to celebrate this ethos in three years' time at the College's Centenary.


Carol Craymer





From the Board

The College has started 2016 with a record roll of 700 and every one of these students contributes to the vitality and diversity of Queen Margaret College. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our 110 new students. Some of them have siblings at the College, others are daughters, nieces or grandchildren of Old Girls, as well as those who are related to staff members or who are neighbours and friends. Queen Margaret College is full of connections but we also welcome many who have no prior connection to the school. There are students relocating from Australia, the USA and Trinidad & Tobago and those who have lived in Wellington their whole life.

Whether you have a prior connection with the College or not, all 110 students and their families already have one thing in common with the rest of the College community and that is you are seeking out the best education for your daughter. As a father of two Old Girls, I can assure you that you have made the right decision.

As you see in this edition of QMCalling, there is a long list of girls who have achieved outstanding results in their 2015 examinations. I congratulate those students and also Carol Craymer and her team on supporting the girls of Queen Margaret College to excel in both the IB Diploma and NCEA.

It is pleasing for the Board of Governors to see that the increase in our roll has occurred across the school with classes added at Year 1, Year 5, Year 8 and Year 10.

As part of the continued improvement of our facilities, we also start 2016 with sprinklers throughout the entire Craven Block and two of the Craven Laboratories refitted in time for the first day of the school year. While the new Physics laboratory is still a work in progress, I am thrilled to see what has been achieved at the College within the short period of time that the summer break provides.

Lastly I would like to congratulate our brother school, Scots College, on achieving the milestone of 100 years. This is an admirable feat and I wish them all the best with their centenary celebrations throughout 2016, the first event of which involved a parade of staff, students and Old Boys from our site Hobson St (where Scots was founded) to Parliament.

So what's next for the Queen Margaret College Board of Governors ... well I encourage you to watch this space.

Paul Foley



New Zealand Scholarships



Fiona Curtis
Technology



Charlotte van Boheemen
Physical Education



Morgan Bole
English



Lily Dalton
English



Laura-Jane Douch
Photography



Brittany Eng
Technology



Rei Goddard
English



Lauren Hansen
Physical Education



Charlotte Hollywood
English



Jayde Maguire
Physical Education



Sophie McLaren
French



Gabriella Shea
Technology



Isabel Sheat
Art History

IB Diploma *40 and Above*



Anamika Nampoothiry
IB Diploma 41
Full marks in: French ab
Initio, Chemistry, Extended
Essay, Biology



Kate Kenna
IB Diploma 40
Full marks in: Extended
Essay, Business and
Management, Physics,
Chemistry



Maisie Ryall
IB Diploma 40
Full marks in: French B,
Business and Management



Mio Shirataki
IB Diploma 40
Full marks in: Extended
Essay, Mathematics

Dual Qualification Results

IB Diploma	Results	NCEA	Results
Awarded Scores of 40 Plus (45 is the maximum score)	4	Level 1	99%
Number of full marks (7 or A) Awarded	31	Merit & Excellence Endorsements	93%
Awarded the Diploma	100%	Level 2	100%
Awarded University Entrance	100%	Merit & Excellence Endorsements	87%
World Mean	30	Level 3	100%
QMC Mean	34	Merit & Excellence Endorsements	71%

Further Individual Academic Success

IB Diploma

Individual Subject Grade 7 or 'A' Pass in Extended Essay

Naomi Berger: Business and Management
 Grace Brosnahan: Spanish ab Initio
 Freya Crestani: Extended Essay
 Lily Dalton: Extended Essay, EVSS
 Zoe Fuller: Theatre
 Annabelle Hammond: Extended Essay
 Caitlin Heesterman: French B
 Brittany Hogan: Extended Essay
 Peri Jeffries: Extended Essay, French B
 Sabrina Kao: Extended Essay
 Olivia Kelly: English, Biology
 Amy Ngan Kee: Extended Essay
 Su Ying Shen: EVSS
 Antonina Smolnicki: Business and Management
 Luisa Zeilinger: German B, Extended Essay

NCEA Level 3

Certificates of Excellence

Sophie Ashton
 Lucy Bolter
 Fiona Curtis
 Laura-Jane Douch
 Brittany Eng
 Lauren Hansen
 Ayla Murphy
 Isabel Sheat
 Sophie Stewart
 Charlotte van Boheemen
 Hannah Withers

NCEA Level 2

Certificates of Excellence

Josephine Dixon
 Catherine Fell
 Rei Goddard
 Ashlee Maguire
 Jessica Moore
 Rachel Ngan Kee
 Jaime O'Sullivan
 Emma Stewart
 Lily Tew
 Matisse Uluilalata
 Phoebe van Boheemen
 Eloise Wu
 Caroline Lyons (Year 11)

NCEA Level 1

Certificates of Excellence

Lily Andrews
 Hayley Apanowicz
 Grace Beedell
 Shelby Black
 Otilie Bleackley
 Amy Brokenshire
 Stephanie Cheevers
 Sophia Crestani
 Lisetta Darroch
 Phoebe Ellis
 Keeley Farrell
 Sarah Findlay
 Mika Goodyer
 Katie Harford
 Samara Harvey-Lawn
 Amelia Hayman
 Lucy Heaton
 Mira Karunanidhi
 Caroline Kay
 Stacey Leong
 Niamh Leuthart
 Jiaru Lin
 Grace Lloyd
 Estelle Macadre
 Caitlin MacArthur
 Grace McLean
 Avia Murray

Saffron Nemet-Sargent

Sonesavanh Phouphayly
 Megan Prentice
 Anna Riddle
 Julia Sasse
 Anna Seabrook
 Rosalind Sinclair
 Hannah Sinkins
 Anna Smith
 Grace Stewart
 Georgia Taylor
 Grace Tresidder
 Saskia van der Wilt
 Meg Vogel
 Olivia Watson
 Drew Welsby
 Felicity West
 Arabella Wiles
 Caitlin Wong
 Estella Wong
 Lauryn Yee

Student Leaders 2016



Head Prefect: Shweta Iyer
Deputy Head Prefect: Lily Tew

Sports Prefect: Tayla Taggart
Drama Prefect: Rachel Kemp Whimp
Music Prefect: Katherine Lopez

Year 10 Prefect: Kendall Tatham
Year 9 Prefect: Sarah Ross
Year 8 Prefect: Matilde Washington Emerson
Year 7 Prefect: Clare McDonald

Junior School Prefects: Lauren Eagleson, Emma Stewart
International School Prefect: Charlotte Hollywood
Hobson Prefect: Rachel Ngan Kee
QUOTS Prefect: Jessica Moore

Stirling House Prefects: Matisse Uluilata, Tilly Schwarz
Braemar House Prefects: Megan Hodder, Eleanor Milner
Berwick House Prefects: Georgiana Pay, Madeleine Knowles
Lochleven House Prefects: Hannah Chapman, Catherine Fell
Glamis House Prefects: Izabella Smolnicki, Phoebe van Boheemen

Year 10 House Leaders
Berwick: Kaylee Alexander-Hall
Braemar: Charlotte Lynch
Glamis: Skye Lovatt
Lochleven: Kate Yule
Stirling: Jenna Eagleson

Year 8 House Leaders
Berwick: Lola Gonzalez Boddy
Braemar: Harriet Smith
Glamis: Emily Cass
Lochleven: Angelina del Favero
Stirling: Georgia Aliprantis

Year 6 House Leaders
Berwick: Sophia Phillips
Braemar: Daisy Carter
Glamis: Mia Webb
Lochleven: Maya Elmes
Stirling: Vishani Amarasena

Carpe Diem

Seize the Day

Shweta Iyer – Head Prefect

Our new Head Prefect has already made a name for herself at the College and has a number of strings to her bow. A proud member of Berwick House, Shweta began her Queen Margaret College journey in preps back in 2003. She followed her eldest sister Shruti into the College family.

“There was a sense of unity my parents identified with the College,” she explains.

Shweta finds it difficult to select just one word to describe herself.

“I think I am a whole raft of things – I guess we all are, which is one thing that makes people so exciting, but perhaps one of my dominant traits is that I enjoy thinking – so perhaps I am a thinker,” she says.

Shweta is halfway through studying the IB Diploma and says her favourite subject is currently Biology.

“It is a subject that continually wows me, and I have always felt the need to know why things happen the way they do,” Shweta comments.

Outside the classroom Shweta enjoys sport, but anything to do with music sits at the top of her list.

“I love choirs, orchestras, playing in chamber music groups or just playing the violin in my room as a means of procrastination. Once you have an instrument that you are familiar with, it becomes a home that you can keep going back to and discovering more with.”

Amongst her many musical achievements, Shweta won the 2015 National NZCT Secondary Schools Chamber Music Competition as part of *Trio Glivenko*. Shweta has also played a number of sports over the years, her favourites being Hockey and Handball.

Our Head Prefect has many fond memories of the College but her favourite is when she performed *Hallelujah* with the Berwick Small Group on House Performing Arts Day in 2014.

She can still remember feeling a “magical moment of unity and power” as the girls sang and moved together.

Shweta explains that the driving force behind her and Lily’s leadership will focus on the “why” of what they are doing. They hope to encourage each and every girl to take advantage of opportunities, and have fun while they are doing it.

“We only get to go through school once so we may as well enjoy it.”

Shweta says the founder of the Suzuki Method, Shinichi Suzuki always emphasised that when love is deep, much can be accomplished.

This advice has encouraged Shweta to see tasks as opportunities, and to continually discover, learn and love what exists around her.

“When we focus on loving what we do, I think we give it more care and attention, and get more enjoyment out of it.”

Lily Tew – Deputy Head Prefect

You may have already met our new Deputy Head Prefect on the Football field or the Netball court. Another dedicated member of Berwick House, Lily began her education at Queen Margaret College in 2012 as a Year 9 student.

She is the third of three sisters to attend the College, so naturally there was never any doubt as to where Lily was going.

“Both my sisters really enjoyed their time at the College so the choice was easy,” Lily comments.

If there is one word Lily would use to describe herself, it is committed. When she sets her mind to something, she makes sure it is completed fully and to the best of her ability.

“I do not like to do things by halves,” Lily explains.

She has demonstrated her commitment time and time again, particularly on the sports field, by always giving 100 percent.

Lily, who is studying NCEA Level 3 this year, says her favourite subjects are History and Physical Education.

“Physical Education is part of my DNA. It is just something I love and want to do everyday,” she explains.

Lily also finds History fascinating because the subject has encouraged her to think about the world around her.

Not surprisingly, when outside the classroom, Lily loves her sport. A talented sportswoman, for the past few years Lily has been part of the QMC Senior A Waterpolo, Football and Netball team. This year she is also hoping to compete with the Year 13 Dragon Boating squad.

What you may not know about Lily is that she also has a musical side to her and plays the drums.

“I will never be a famous musician but it is a very enjoyable instrument to play,” Lily comments.

Her favourite memories of the College involve being part of the Senior A Football and Netball team.

“Going away as part of tournament week has been so much fun,” she says.

Lily is excited for 2016 and is looking forward to working alongside Shweta.

“I hope to bring a sense of fun and enjoyment to school life,” she explains.

“When you enjoy yourself, you are able to take a lot more in.”

Lily adds that she hopes to build unity between the girls and encourage a strong sense of belonging within the Queen Margaret College community.

Lily’s best piece of advice ties in nicely with the theme chosen by Shweta and herself for 2016: Carpe Diem.

“Seize the moment, do not wait to be ready,” Lily says.



Three Golds

From One Class

Three of our Junior School students achieved outstanding results in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Last year Jaskiran Rahi, Nishka Parekh and Divya Srinivasa each achieved the top ICAS examinations grade in Year 4 for New Zealand in Writing, Mathematics and Digital Technology, respectively. All girls were invited to Auckland for a special ceremony where they received Gold Medals for their achievement.

Nishka, Jaskiran and Divya say they were hoping to win a Gold Medal but were still very surprised when they did.

"We prepared for the tests by practising with past papers. Some of the questions were very hard," Jaskiran explains.

Nishka was also awarded High Distinction in English, Writing, Mathematics, Digital Technology and Science, and Distinction in Spelling. Jaskiran was awarded High Distinction in Writing and Mathematics, and Distinction in Science. Divya was awarded High Distinction in Digital Technology and Distinction in English, Spelling, Writing and Science.

Queen Margaret College had exceptional ICAS results in 2015 with 21 High Distinctions and 94 Distinctions. Students earn High Distinction if they are within the top one percent of participants followed by Distinction Certificates if they are in the next top ten percent of participants.

These young polymaths have also demonstrated their abilities outside of the classroom by taking part in the College Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Programme (LEAP).

Through LEAP, the girls have taken part in Writing Workshops, Art Enrichment sessions and the Junior School Writers Group.

Divya and Jaskiran also competed in the Tournament of Minds Competition.

Divya's Language/Literature team received Honours and Jaskiran's Social Sciences team placed first in the Regional Wellington Competition.

Jaskiran, who won her medal for writing, has aspirations of one day becoming an author and illustrator of her own books.

"Writing is a way to express yourself, to be creative. I like to put my ideas down on paper," Jaskiran says.

She also has a passion for coding and constructed her very first robot last year using a 3D printer.

Nishka and Divya would like to become scientists, an occupation where their strength in Mathematics will certainly come in handy.

"I like the idea of experimenting. I think it would be very interesting," Nishka explains.

A shared love of reading will also be useful for these budding scientists, who enjoy nothing more than a good book.

"When I start a book, I cannot put it down," Nishka says.

If a career in Science does not work out, Divya says she would like to pursue her passion for running by becoming a professional athlete.

"I'm good at Mathematics but my favourite subject is Physical Education," she says.

"I like to keep active."

With many more years ahead of them, the sky is the limit for our three medal winners.

Once In A Lifetime

Opportunity

Adventure was calling for Queen Margaret College student Jessica Yule.

Jessica was one of only 14 young New Zealanders selected for the 2016 Young Blake Expedition to the Southern Ocean and Sub Antarctic.

She disembarked on the 1st of February and spent two weeks onboard the HMNZS Otago to the Auckland Islands with a crew of subject experts, scientists, educators, communicators and leaders.

“I was ecstatic to be selected!” Jessica comments.

“It’s something I was itching to participate in ever since I took part in the Sir Peter Blake Trust Youth Enviro Leaders Forum. I felt very privileged.”

As part of the application process, Jessica was required to write a 1,000 word essay on what she had learnt and done since attending the Enviro Leaders Forum and her plans for the future.

Jessica has been involved in a number of environmental initiatives within the Wellington community. Since April 2015 she has organised volunteer days at Zealandia, beach clean ups around the Wellington region and joined Wellington’s Climate Challenge Council. As part of the expedition, Jessica was tasked with raising \$1000 herself and raising awareness of the expedition in the process.

“The purpose of the trips was to encourage New Zealanders to get active in the protection of important ecosystems,” she explains.

Jessica became interested in Environmental Science after studying the subject as part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

“If it wasn’t for the IB Diploma, I would never have realised my



Jessica Yule with her crew as they head to the Southern Ocean and Sub Antarctic.

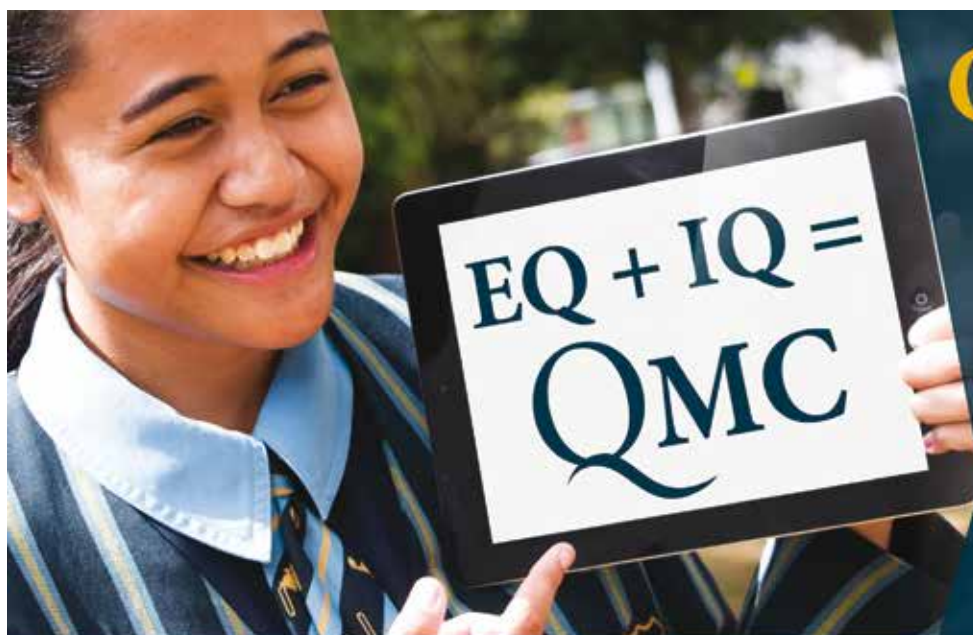
love for this subject and have these leadership opportunities,” Jessica comments.

Visiting an untouched ecosystem and being involved in the Trust’s conservation work were highlights of the experience.

“The chance to come face to face with mammals and birds in their natural, isolated habitat will be one I’ll likely never get again.”

“It was also exciting to live on a boat for two weeks. That is not an adventure you get every day either!”

Once she returned from the expedition mid-February, Jessica began a conjoint Science and Arts Degree at Auckland University.



OPEN DAYS

Friday 18 March
9AM – 3PM

Sunday 20 March
1 – 3PM



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A Diverse Education

Our International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) Coordinator for 2016, Holly Payne, is looking forward to her new role.

Even from a young age, Holly knew she wanted to become a teacher.

“I had a passion for many different subject areas - Physical Education, Health, English and Drama - as well as for young people, and so teaching seemed the most suitable vocation for me,” Holly explains.

Her teaching career started off at Queen Margaret College where she taught for two years. Life then took a complete turn when she left for Tanzania, Africa to take part in Volunteer Service Abroad, New Zealand’s main volunteer aid organisation.

“My objective was to help pass on teaching skills to teachers in Tanzania and my assignment was based at Gyetighi School in Karatu, a small town just outside of Arusha,” Holly comments.

On her return from Tanzania she took up a position at Wellington Activity Centre (WAC).

“This involved teaching and supporting students who had left mainstream education due to various behavioural and social issues,” Holly explains.

With a diverse wealth of teaching experience behind her, Holly returned to Queen Margaret College in 2012 to take on the role of Year 10 Dean.

Her teaching career has taken more of a curriculum focus in the last few years, with Holly coordinating the Senior Mixed Programme (SMP), leading IB English and teaching Theory of Knowledge. Now taking on the role of IB Diploma Coordinator, Holly is excited to be given an opportunity to support the teaching of a leading qualification.

“The IB Diploma is academically challenging and internationally-minded. It provides students with wide knowledge, excellent work habits and cultural sensitivity, skills that are essential for university and life beyond,” Holly says.

“Students really do become critical thinkers and independent learners, and I have had numerous past students emailing me to say so.”

The IB Diploma is not just about studying six subjects. There are three additional elements, Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity,



Action and Service (CAS), and the Extended Essay (EE). These core elements endeavour to educate the whole person and make the IB Diploma truly unique.

Holly explains, “The strengths of TOK is that it challenges students to think about their own knowledge. In class they become active participants in debates and critical thought. It also allows for different cultures and perspectives to be acknowledged and considered; often something students have never been forced to do before.”

“CAS allows students to pursue and be rewarded for their own extracurricular interests and it forces them to become active citizens in their community through providing service. Last year some students volunteered in Fiji or took part in the Global Young Leaders Conference in Prague, Vienna and Berlin as a part of the Service strand. On average QMC Year 13 IB Diploma students completed 243 hours across all three elements, much beyond the required 150 hours.”

“The major strength of the Extended Essay is that it allows students to gain invaluable independent research and writing skills in preparation for university. The academic style of writing mirrors what they need for first year university, giving them a head start in their chosen tertiary studies.”

In 2015 extended essay topics ranged from *How does an understanding of group dynamics influence the bystander effect?* (Psychology) to *To what extent did the Executive Privilege Doctrine influence the outcome of the U.S. versus Nixon trial of 1974?* (History).

Holly says her own teaching philosophy aligns well with the IB Diploma qualification because she is a firm believer in a broad and diverse education.

“I think students need to be exposed to languages, the Arts, Mathematics, Sciences, English, and Human Sciences, as well as being engaged in service and extra-curricular interests,” she explains.

“The rigorous nature of the IB Diploma, as well as the wide subject choice forces each student to gain a well-rounded education.”

With the qualification opening doors to international universities and scholarships, the opportunities are endless, Holly says.

Left: Holly in Tanzania



Budding Authors Impress

From poetry to prose, we had a number of outstanding entries in the 2015 *Te Karere* Creative Writing Competition. The competition, which is run annually by the English Department, was judged last year by writer, poet and Queen Margaret College Old Girl Nina Powles.



Nina reads stories from her book to Year 8 students.

Nina recently graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with an Honours degree in English Literature and Chinese. She was Books Editor for *Salient* in 2014. Her poetry and non-fiction (mainly about whales, books, or feminism) have appeared in *Turbine*, *Sweet Mammalian* and *Salient*.

Nina's first book *Girls of the Drift* was published in 2014. This debut chapbook features poems about real and fictional women from New Zealand history and literature, including Katherine Mansfield and some of her creations, the first permanent lighthouse keeper, the daughter of a whaler, poets Jessie Mackay and Blanche Baughan, and our very own Queen Margaret College ghost.

In 2015, Nina taught a poetry masterclass for the National Schools Poetry Award finalists. She is currently working on her next book for her MA at the International Institute of Modern Letters. She also makes poetry zines (hand-made, self-published mini magazines).

It was tough for Nina to select winners from the high quality of entries but she managed to select three that really stood out.

She commented on Caroline Kay's piece, "The writer of this piece is a keen observer with great poetic insight. Like two trains passing each other in slow-motion, the writer slows time and leaves us suspended in the mystery of the moment – echoing exactly how we experience these moments in real life."

Nina was impressed with Lexie Cantwell's ability to conjure an entire imaginary universe in only 500 words.

"With captivating details such as Solax's 'dragon-like wing' and the glowing 'Data Vault', I wanted to stay and get to know the heroine and her monster. This writer has a boundless imagination and a gift

for character and story."

Nina also described Rishika Khera's poem, *Aros Square* as a sophisticated poem full of colour and sound.

"The poet shows an impressive understanding of poetic form and rhythm. Everything comes alive – trees dance, tulips shake – making us feel like we are there with her in the dancing light of Aros Square."

Below are the full results of the *Te Karere* Creative Writing Competition. The winning pieces were published in the 2015 edition of *Te Karere*.

Senior School

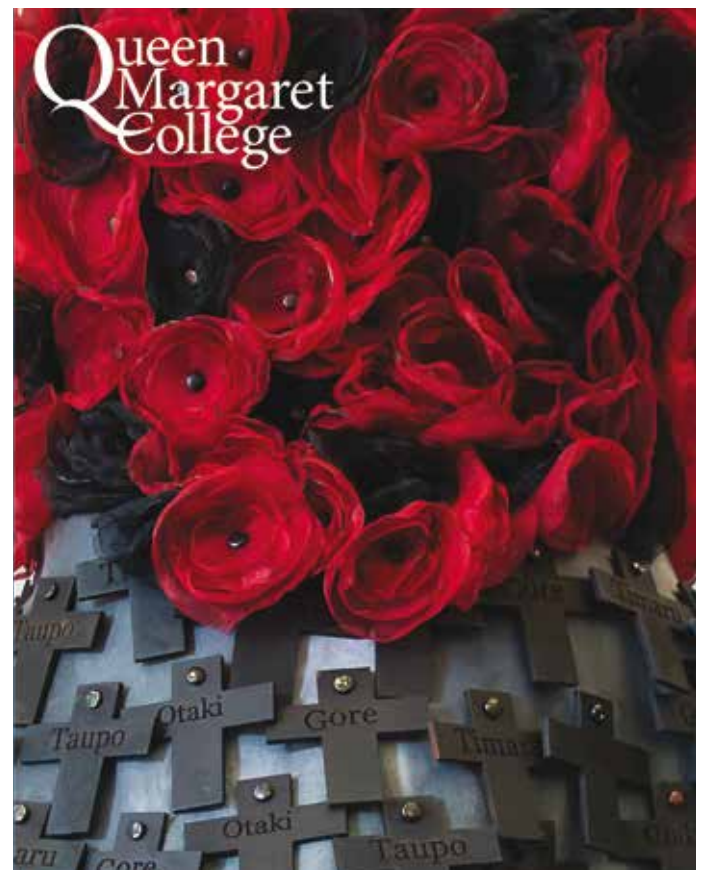
First Prize: Caroline Kay, Year 11, *Late Night Trains*
Highly Commended: Jiaru Lin, Year 11, *Changing Heart*
Isabella Moon, Year 11, *My Grandad*

Middle School

First Prize: Lexie Cantwell, Year 8, *Monsters*
Highly Commended: Olivia Morphew, Year 7, *The Wrong Katherine*
Lucia Jakich, Year 8, *Everyone Knows Cold*

Junior School

First Prize: Rishika Khera, Year 6, *Aros Square*
Highly Commended: Divya Srinivasa, Year 4, *Feelings Of The Sea*
Edith Bygraves, Year 3, *The Waves Were Rolling In*



Shakespeare With A Twist

Last term, some talented Year 7 and 8 performers took to the stage in a performance of the Shakespearean play, *The Tempest*.

Organised by the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand, the production was a collaborative performance between Wellington schools as part of the Primarily Playing with Shakespeare programme.

Each school rehearsed different scenes from *The Tempest* before coming together for the final performance at Queen Margaret College. Students sang, danced and wore an array of costumes, all bringing their own interpretation of the play to the stage.

For students Olivia Morphew, Charlotte Lee, Rosa Findlay, Isabelle Osborne, Tallulah Nemet-Sargent and Brooke Raitt, getting to grips with the plot of this Shakespearean Romance was the first challenge.

“Some of the language was confusing at first but we made some changes to the text to make it easier for a modern audience,” Tallulah Nemet-Sargent, who played Adrian, comments.

The budding actors put their own spin on this classic story, dressing Alonso and company as scouts while they roamed the remote island.

Brooke Raitt, who played Prospero’s magical servant Ariel, says the highlight of the experience was the final performance in front of



family and friends.

“We had a quick rehearsal together with all the schools before taking to the stage. It was an exciting day,” Brooke comments.

“Everyone had a better understanding of the play after the performance. I would definitely like to do more Shakespeare in the future.”

Mad About Coding

Year 5 student Jaskiran Rahi proves that coding and robotics are not just for boys.

This talented nine-year-old recently built and programmed her very first robot and admits she is hooked.

“I love programming. I really enjoy it because it is another way to express myself creatively.”

Jaskiran attended an afterschool programme for children interested in coding and robotics and discovered an exciting new hobby.

She became familiar with coding using an online web tool called *Scratch* and tutorials from *Code.org*. From there Jaskiran learnt how



to 3D print, construct and programme her own robot in just six weeks.

Her two wheeled robot, aptly labelled Jaskiran, can move forwards, backwards, left and right all at the touch of a remote. One special feature of Jaskiran’s robot is two ultrasonic sensors at the front which detect objects 5cm in front of the robot. The robot is then programmed to stop, reverse and change direction thus avoiding a potential collision.

Jaskiran enjoys coding so much she decided to share her passion with her school friends. In Term 4, she conducted two coding sessions as part of the world wide ‘Hour of Code’ with students from Year 4, 5 and 6. She directed beginners to start with tutorials from *Code.org* while going through *Scratch* with more experienced coders.

Jaskiran says the difficulty level of coding can vary.

“If you want to programme a robot to do more actions, it becomes more complicated,” she explains.

Nevertheless, she is excited about more girls becoming interested in coding and hopes it will continue. As for what next, Jaskiran has a few ideas up her sleeve she would like to try.

“I’ve been thinking about developing my robot further or making a new robot in the future,” she says.

“I’ve been inspired by a xylophone app to try and programme a robot to play the drums. It is just an idea for now.”

First Place Photographer

Bridget Tangaere won the high school category of the 2015 Canon EYECON Photography Competition with her fairytale entry.

The win was a surprise for Bridget, who was a relative newcomer to the art of photography.

“This was the first year I had taken photography as a subject,” Bridget explains.

“I am honoured to be chosen out of the thousands of people who entered.”

Bridget’s inspiration for her award winning series came from visual artist, Rocio Montoya.

“Her work is done by hand and collage, and is used to show the emotional states and behaviours of the human being, the reality from manipulating the image to convey the environment around them,” Bridget comments.

The series of work, which Bridget created for her NCEA Level 3 photography folio, was about getting lost in the mystery of the fairytale.

“This series was used to show that she has been taken into the fairytale and that this is her new reality and environment,” she adds.

The competition judges were impressed with Bridget’s entry and made the following comments.

“Unique and stood out for its creative use of photographic elements, good use of colour. The use of collage and mixed media added to the end result. Refreshing result in cohesive images.”

As part of winning the competition, Bridget was awarded \$3000 Canon NZ dollars to be spent on Canon products, a Canon PIXMA PRO-100s printer, a trip to Queenstown to attend a workshop at the Queenstown Centre for Creative Photography with Canon EOS Masters Jackie Ranken and Mike Langford, and agency experience with Canon’s creative agency, bcg2.

Queen Margaret College was also given \$2000 Canon NZ dollars and an EYECON mentor talk for photography students at the College.

Bridget enjoys photography as an artistic medium because of the freedom it allows her as an artist.

“An idea can be expressed in completely different ways depending on the viewer and photographer perspective,” she comments.

“I have learnt to be confident and trust myself with my work and then the rest will flow.”

Bridget, who graduated from Queen Margaret College last year, will continue photography in the future as part of her Bachelor of Design at Massey University, Wellington.





Purpose Built Pre-School Now Open!

At the end of last year Queen Margaret College opened the new purpose built Pre-School. Working with McKenzie Higham Architects and Maycroft Construction Ltd, building began early in 2015. It was a pleasure to have former Principal, Ann Mildenhall, who had the foresight to open the original Pre-School in 2003, cut the ribbon on the new building in November last year. Relicensing of the new Pre-School has included extending its opening hours from 7.30am through to 5.30pm and increasing its capacity to 40 pupils.

Quick Facts About the Pre-School:

- All staff are fully qualified and registered
- 20 hours free ECE Ministry of Education subsidy scheme
- Open 7.30am - 5.30pm
- Emphasis on early literacy and numeracy learning
- Weekly sessions in the College Gym
- Regular visits to the school Library
- Use of ICT tools in our programme
- Transition to Junior School programme
- Open 48 weeks a year

Refurbished Science Labs

The Foundation Trust's objective in 2015 was to support the refurbishment of the Craven Science Laboratories. With a group of highly enthusiastic parents, the Trust endeavoured to raise money for the labs with the QMC eGala, a week long online auction run through Trade Me. The eGala raised a total of \$22,000. We were really overwhelmed with the support shown by businesses and parents. Please see a list of donors and helpers below.

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Our Community

At the end of 2015 the College held a number of events with the support of our community. The Foundation Trust was thrilled to host the Pantomime *Robin Hood* at Circa Theatre where prizes were awarded to those in the best costumes.

Carols on the Lawn and the Art Exhibition were held as a joint event, allowing parents to view art from Junior through to Senior School, then head to the Old Hall to sing Christmas carols. Once again our Old Girls' Association showed up to make blue candy floss for the girls while the Parents' Association cooked up sausages on the BBQ.

As the year came to a close the Parents' and Old Girls' Association joined forces again to host the Year 13 Leavers' Dinner. Here students listened to Old Girl Eva Prouse before being handed their Old Girls' badges.

If you would like to be involved with the Old Girls' Association, Parents' Association or would like to make a donation to the Foundation Trust, email communications@qmc.school.nz and we will put you in contact.



Centenary 2019



We are getting ready to turn 100!

In just three short years we will be celebrating 100 years of educating girls in Wellington. At this time we will invite all Alumnae back to the College to help us celebrate this milestone.

So what do you need to do?

Update your contact details with the College.

How do I update my details?

Email: Gail.hedges@qmc.school.nz

What is the plan?

At the moment dates are being finalised with the school calendar and we hope to confirm these with you soon. What we can confirm is there will be Cake!

We will continue to keep you informed via email, QMCalling and Facebook as we countdown to 100.



Reunion Weekend 2016

The Coromandel Bell is Calling Old Girls Home

Whether you were there for the whole journey or just a couple of years, you and your cohort are invited back to school. This is an opportunity for Old Girls to come and reminisce with their peers.

Friday 10 and Saturday 11

3rd Form (Year 9)	7th Form (Year 13)	Head Prefect	Dux
1936	1940	June Cairney	Barbara Wall
1946	1950	Judith Booker	Jeanette Greville
1956	1960	Lynne Castle	Wendy Fleming
1966	1970	Catherine Cardiff	Jennifer Todd
1976	1980	Louise Boyd	Jennifer Currie
1986	1990	Elizabeth Parker	Amy Gale, Helen Preston, Katherine Studd
1996	2000	Jenny Lackey	Alison Sturrock
2006	2010	Zoe Webster	Katja Heesterman

Friday

- Join the Special Honoured Old Girls' Assembly and Banner Ceremony
- Enjoy lunch followed by the traditional Year 13 Netball game
- Friday 5s, Drinks and nibbles in the Old Hall, 5 - 7pm

Saturday

QMCOGA will hold its AGM followed by the traditional Seniors' Lunch (aged 60+)

If you would like to organise something special for your year group or further information email development@qmc.school.nz

Ground-breaking Research

An interest in science has led Old Girl Alanna Cameron into a fascinating career researching cancer immunology.

Lochleven supporter Alanna always knew she wanted a career in science. She attended the College from 2003 to 2007 and Biology quickly became one of her favourite subjects.

Struggling to choose between a Radiation Therapy or Biomedical Science Degree in her final year, Alanna received some useful advice from then Careers Adviser and Old Girl herself, Mrs Shona Carstens.

“She thought I would get bored being a radiation therapist and doing the same thing every day. For once I listened, and in retrospect that was very good advice for me,” Alanna says.

“One of my favourite things about research is that what I do is always changing, it is very rare that two days are the same.”

After finishing secondary school Alanna went straight to Victoria University in 2008, where she began a Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

“I had a feeling that if I went travelling first I wouldn’t want to come back to study, so I thought I was best just to get straight into it,” she comments.

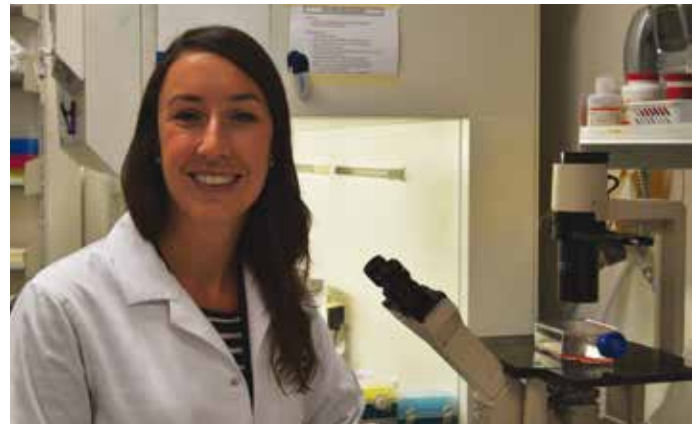
“Although, I didn’t anticipate that I would only just be finishing at university eight years later.”

At the end of her second year Alanna was fortunate to receive a summer internship with Professor Mike Berridge at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research.

“That first summer I worked on a cancer research project, looking at the mechanism of action of a drug isolated from a sea sponge.

“I really loved being in the lab and at the end of the summer I knew I wanted to do cancer research as a career.”

Alanna began her Masters in 2011 under Professor Berridge’s supervision at the Malaghan Institute before she converted to a PhD, which she handed in September 2015.



Alanna’s PhD research has been in cancer immunology, an area of research that studies interactions between cancer and the immune system with the aim of developing treatments called immunotherapies to harness the immune system to fight cancer.

“I have been investigating combining a targeted anti-melanoma drug with an immunotherapy in models of melanoma. It’s been a really exciting area to be working in for the last few years as recently there have been a number of breakthroughs using immunotherapy to treat cancer, and specifically to treat melanoma. “

For Alanna, one of the perks of completing a PhD has been the travel opportunities. Alanna has attended conferences throughout New Zealand, as well as in Australia, USA and Canada.

“These conferences and lab visits have been invaluable experiences. I’ve met top cancer and immunology researchers and been exposed to some cutting edge facilities and research.”

As her PhD has progressed, Alanna has become more and more interested in how the immune system functions, or does not, which has relevance to many diseases. In 2016 Alanna started a postdoctoral position at the Max Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics, in Freiburg, Germany.

“In Germany, my research will be looking at how immune cells use energy, and how this impacts their function,” Alanna says.

“I’m really excited about this new adventure!”

A promotional poster for Scots College Open Days. The background is dark blue. On the left, there is the Scots College crest and the text "SCOTS COLLEGE YEARS 1 - 13" in red. Below that is a circular logo with the letter 'b'. In the center, a young boy with red hair, wearing a red and black striped blazer, is holding a white sign that says "OPEN DAYS" in large red letters. Below the sign, the dates "SUN 20 MAR 2PM" and "WED 23 MAR 7PM" are written in white. At the bottom, it says "REGISTER ONLINE SCOTSCOLLEGE.SCHOOL.NZ" in white. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "SCOTS 100".

Raising The Bar

Accomplished Barrister Catherine Stewart decided on a career in Law during her early years at Queen Margaret College.

From 1977 to 1983, Catherine was a student of the College and took an active role in school life, involving herself in productions, debating and as Music and Drama Prefect.

However, it was as early as fourth form (Year 10) that this Braemar girl realised that she wanted to go into the Law profession.

“We had a careers afternoon and there was one brochure that stood out for me because it listed the skills I loved – public speaking, English, writing, academic study. I opened the brochure to discover that I was suited to be a lawyer,” Catherine explains.

“That occupation had never entered my mind before then. It was a defining moment and I never looked back in my desire to be a lawyer.”

After leaving College, Catherine went straight to Victoria University, Wellington to study a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Languages.

In her second year she was fortunate enough to be awarded a scholarship to study in Germany.

“This was a truly amazing experience and I’m sure I learned a lot more in life skills from this experience than I ever would have from academic study,” Catherine says.

“Being totally immersed in a new culture and new language, having the experiences of travelling to different countries and meeting many new and interesting people was a sure way for me to broaden my horizons.”

Graduating with an Arts Degree and Law Degree with Honours, Catherine worked for a number of law firms before finally taking the plunge to go out on her own as a barrister nearly four years ago.

She worked her way up the ranks from Solicitor to Senior Associate to Partner at Brookfields Lawyers before becoming Special Counsel for law firm Kiely Thompson Caisley. Now she runs her own legal practice as an Employment Law barrister.

In 2013 Catherine was awarded the top award for Employment Lawyer of the Year, and she was also first runner up for Barrister of the Year at the NZ Law Awards.

Other strings to Catherine’s bow include being a regular presenter and writer on topical employment law issues, as well as a member of the New Zealand Bar Association, the New Zealand Law Society, the Auckland Women Lawyer’s Association and the Auckland District Law Society.

She is also the Convenor of the Employment Law Committee for the Auckland District Law Society.

Despite her professional success, Catherine says, without doubt, her greatest achievement is her three children.

“At the end of the day no awards or success in my career can compare to the experiences of watching my children grow up and seeing them happy and healthy,” Catherine comments.

Reflecting on her time at the College, Catherine has many fond memories but the one that stands out was ascending the clock-tower on the last day of school and writing her name on the tower wall.

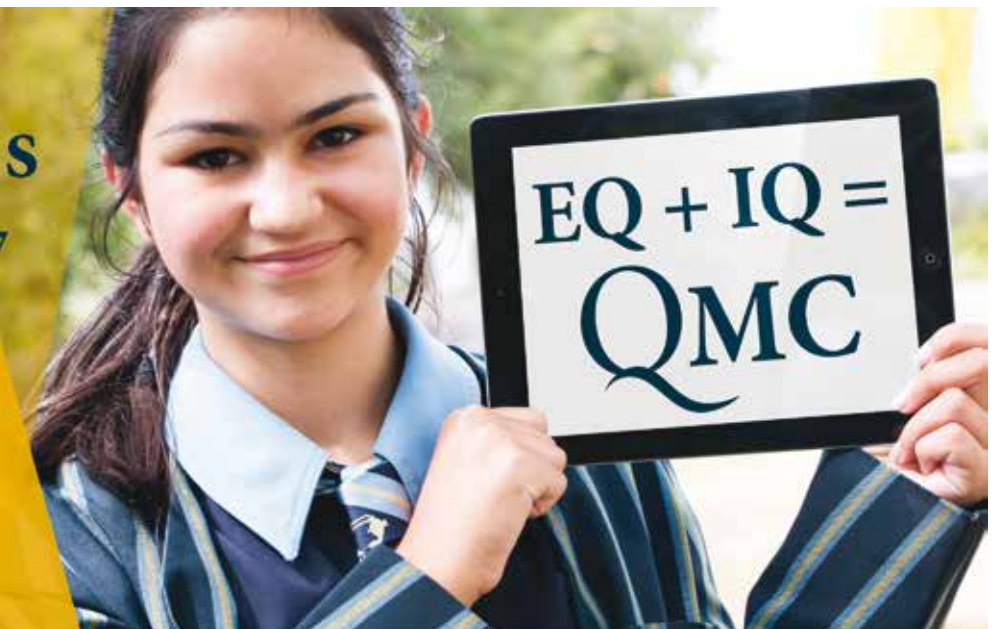
“Finally being allowed to climb it was a bit like a rite of passage into the real world,” she explains.



Year 7 & 9 SCHOLARSHIPS

Now Open for 2017

Applications close
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National Tennis Champs

Tennis stars Ivy McLean and Jourdan Craig have won a national title.

This talented pair played in the National Junior Team Event tennis tournament as part of the Central 14s team and came home with a gold medal.

The girls travelled to Auckland for the four day competition held at the Scarbro Tennis Centre to face some tough competition.

Junior tennis players from around the country came and represented one of the six New Zealand Regions.

The combined boys and girls Central 14s team played a mixture of singles and doubles and won all five rounds and their overall age grade.

Ivy, who was the first ranked female player for Central, played five singles and four doubles games.

She was particularly strong in the doubles winning four from four with team mate George Stoupe.

Central itself did exceptionally well at the competition and were ranked second overall.

Jourdan, who was reserve for the Central 14s team, enjoyed the opportunity to play against some of the top junior players in New Zealand.

“Our team faced some tough matches but everyone was on top of their game.” Jourdan says.

Jourdan and Ivy are proving a formidable pair on the tennis court with a host of recent achievements.

Ivy won the 2015 College Sport Wellington Junior Singles



Jourdan Craig and Ivy McLean.

Championships while Jourdan, hot on her heels, placed second.

In 2015 Ivy also won the Wanganui Junior Open for her age group and Jourdan placed second at the Central Region RPC tournament.

More recently, after winning the gold with the Central 14s this month, Jourdan and Ivy both played in the 2016 16U New Zealand Junior Championships and Jourdan won her round of the 16 & U Mixed Doubles Tier 4 with team mate Hamish Arbuckle.

At only 14 years of age, these young tennis players will be worth watching for in the future.

Rowers Race To Victory

Queen Margaret College rowers made history in December after winning a new event at the Karapiro Christmas Regatta.

Rowers Bridget-Anne Horgan (stroke), Megan Wilson, Sarah Bagley, Kate Welch, Lily Symes, Elizabeth Jensen, Charlotte Lynch, Amber Jiang and Bridie Sheedy (cox) won the Womens Club Coxed Octuple Sculls A Final.

As this was the first time the Womens Club Octuplet race has been staged at a Karapiro Regatta, Queen Margaret College has made history by becoming its very first winners.

Overall the College performed exceptionally well at the regatta held at Lake Karapiro, making five finals.

Rosie Dossor (stroke), Emily Young, Elizabeth Jensen, Kate Boswell and Sofia Udovenko (cox) placed third in their initial heats with a time of 9:13.91 seconds before placing eighth in the B Final of the Womens Novice Coxed Quad Sculls.

Saskia van der Wilt was hard to beat in the water coming second in the C Final Girls U17 Single Sculls. She joined forces with Molly Nicholson for the Girls U17 Double Sculls and came sixth in the C Final.

Seasoned rowers Jessica MacPherson and Bella Smolnicki also proved themselves in the water, placing sixth in the B Final for the Girls U18 Double Sculls.

Queen Margaret College rowers went out on the water again the



following month to compete in the Cambridge Town Cup at Lake Karapiro and proved themselves as strong competitors once more.

They made twelve finals, six of which were A finals. The College once again won the A Final of the Women's Club Coxed Octuple Sculls with a slightly different crew of Bridget-Anne Horgan, Sarah Bagley, Lucy Poole, Emily Young, Lily Symes, Elizabeth Jensen, Keeley Farrell, Amber Jiang and Emma Green.

Saskia van der Wilt was on top form once again coming third in the B Final of the Girls U17 Single Sculls.

Sports Teams Celebrated

Three sports teams were recognised last year for their 2015 successes at the College Sport Wellington Awards.

Queen Margaret College was awarded pennants for Tennis, Triathlon and Floorball after its top teams won the Premier Divisions.

Triathlete Emma Stewart was thrilled the College Triathlon team had won first overall.

“The College has never really won at Triathlon before but we had some amazing results last year,” Emma explains.

At the College Sport Wellington Triathlon Championships, Prajna Baskar was on top form, placing first in the U14 Girls Individual Division followed closely by Molly Newton Smith, who placed second. Sophia Hitchins and Tallulah Nemet-Sargent placed second and third respectively in the Year 7 and 8 Girls, Lucy Newton Smith placed fifth in U16 Girls, while seasoned triathlete Emma Stewart placed a commendable fifth in U19. The combined efforts of the eight girls who competed resulted in Queen Margaret College being ranked first by a wide margin.

Emma also qualified for the ITU Age Group World Championships for the second year in a row.

Tennis has been a consistently popular sport at Queen Margaret College, but 2015 was a particularly excellent season for Tennis players Charlotte van Boheemen, Grace McLean, Ivy McLean, Jourdan Craig and Kate Bolton.

In addition to winning the College Sport Wellington Premier Grade, Charlotte, Grace and Ivy won the Pryde Cup.

Charlotte says sisters Grace and Ivy proved to be a tough combo to beat also winning the doubles title in the open division of the College Sport Wellington Championships.

The Tennis team narrowly missed out on qualifying for the National Secondary Schools Championships, after convincingly beating teams in the early qualifying rounds, but losing in the final play-off.

The Senior Floorball team showed skill and teamwork on the court throughout 2015. Team members Estelle Macadre, Zara van der Wilt, Oriane Macadre, Ashley Chandra, Mia Ululelata, Matisse Ululelata, Shweta Iyer, Grace Beedell and Emily Register played exceptionally well not only winning the Premier Division but also placing second at the Secondary School National Floorball Championships last September.

One of our dedicated coaches, Gail Donaldson was also acknowledged at the awards as a finalist for the College Sport Wellington Coach of the Year.



Estelle Macadre, Emma Stewart, Grace McLean.

Sights on Nationals

Seasoned athlete Jessica Moore is gearing up to compete in the 2016 National Surf Life Saving Championships after a successful summer season.

Jessica recently competed at the Eastern Regional Surf Life Saving Championships in Mt Maunganui and came home with three medals.

She won a gold medal in the U19 Womens Ski Relay, a silver medal in the U19 Womens Board Relay and a silver medal in the U19 Womens Taplin (swim, board, ski).

In all three events, Jessica represented Lyall Bay Surf Club with two team mates.

“Surf Life Saving is mostly individual but team work is very important,” she says.

Jessica has been competing throughout the summer season, but is now preparing to join almost 1400 athletes in March for four days of competition at the 2016 Nationals in Whakatane.

This talented athlete is no stranger to competitions, competing in Surf Life Saving since she was ten years old.

“Surf Life Saving involves four disciplines: running, swimming, board and ski,” Jessica explains.

“My favourite is Ironman because it combines all four disciplines.”

Jessica was named most promising athlete of Lyall Bay Surf Club in 2015 after a year of successes, including winning the U16 Ski Race at the 2015 Eastern Regional Championships.

She also plays Netball but Surf Life Saving is her main priority, even training throughout the winter months before the summer competition season.

Training for ten months of the year can take its toll but Jessica is extremely passionate about Surf Life Saving.

“I enjoy the training, the opportunity to travel, and the people,” she comments.





Aquathlon Angels Raise Over \$3000

The Junior School ended last year on a high note raising a record amount for the Mary Potter Hospice from its Aquathlon Fundraiser.

Girls from Year 4 – 6 swam the length of Thorndon Pool before hitting the streets for a 1km run to raise money for the Hospice. For the first time Year 1 – 3 girls also took part in the annual fundraiser with a Duathlon held at the College.

The Year 4 students had a particularly special role in organising the event, creating race packs and holding a prize giving and barbeque for the hungry Aquathletes after the race.

Eimear Fitzgerald and Amelia Taylor say, despite the weather, the event went off without a hitch and everyone enjoyed themselves.

“It was a nice feeling to raise money for the Hospice,” Charlotte Mears adds.

The Hospice will use the money raised by the girls to buy much-needed equipment for patients’ day rooms.

Following the Aquathlon, the Year 4 Strawberry Angels also sang for the local community at the Mary Potter Hospice Strawberry Festival held at Midland Park – complete with costumes created by parents and teachers.

Year 4 Teacher Jane Heather-Sclater says raising money for the Hospice has special meaning for the girls because many of them have known a relative or family friend who has required the Mary Potter Hospice.

Competing in the Aquathlon in groups is also a great team building exercise, Jane adds.

“The girls have an opportunity to push their boundaries and build resilience.”