

# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

On Monday night the PTA was thrilled to be able to grant funding for the QPS teachers' wish list. A total of \$38,600 raised by the continued efforts of our school community was approved for purchases that will directly support the learning goals and day to day experiences of our children including:

10 MacBook laptops	\$14,000
15 PC Netbooks	\$11,000
Sails for the Year 7 block	\$ 3,600
Portable Marquee	\$ 3,000
Sports Equipment for our children to use at lunchtimes	\$ 2,000
Inside games for rainy lunchtimes	\$ 2,000
5 Digital still cameras	\$ 1,000
4 video cameras for student use	\$ 1,000
A video camera for QPS News	\$ 1,000

**What a week for the School - Thank you PTA!** As a School we are very fortunate to receive so much support from so many people and organisations. We hugely appreciate this and are always grateful. This week our wonderful PTA has pledged to provide just under \$39,000 in items to assist our children. This is only possible because of the continued dedication of our PTA and other parents that come on board for specific projects. To everyone who has assisted in raising money for our school, the staff say thank you very much.

This does not mean we can rest on our laurels, we want to keep raising money to be spent on our children. The Fair is our largest fundraiser in the year. We will need people to help on Friday 26 to set up and Saturday 27 on stalls or cleaning up, and all help will be gratefully accepted. If you can spare some time on either day, please leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get in touch with you. Please return the slip on the attached notice. If lots of people provide a small amount of support we will have a low stress and successful day.

## HOUSE LEADERS:

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Leaders for this year.

Kahu: Ashley Kirkness-Burney, Felicity Blakeley, Georgia Wilkinson, Hannah Macdonald

Kawarau: Victoria Arkell, Kayley Paterson, Gracyn Liscom, Tarn Thomas-Lusty

Rata: Luke Petre, Caitlin Paddon, Elise Streat, Kyle Mace

Tahuna: Meg Jolly, Drew Anderson, Zara McLeod, Callum O'Connell

## 2010 BOARD OF TRUSTEE PARENT ELECTIONS:

Would you like to be involved in the governance of the school? Board of Trustee elections will be held on May 7 2010. Nominations will be called for five parent representatives from March 15, closing April 23. Voting papers will be issued by April 28. Stuart Cochrane is the Returning Officer. Meet the candidates evening will be Monday 26 April; time and venue to be advised.

If you would like further information on what is involved, please contact any of our current Board members (listed below), through the school office, or come along to a Board Meeting. The next meeting is in the Staffroom, 22 March @ 6.00 pm.

Noel Saxon (Chairman), John Western, Jane Turner, Donald Jackson, Sharyn Hensman, Jayne Macdonald, Chris Duffy, Gaylene Hastie, Peter Rogers and Robyn Metcalfe.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Central Otago Swimming Sports in Cromwell recently. Top results are as follows:

Freestyle: 9yr Girls - Ruby Tall 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10yr Girls - Ella Gibson 1<sup>st</sup>, 11yr Girls - Alice Moran 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 yr Boys - Mitchell Mawhinney 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alice Moran set a new 25m Freestyle record.

Backstroke: 11yr Girls - Alice Moran 1<sup>st</sup>, Victoria Arkell 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11 yr Boys - Mitchell Mawhinney 2<sup>nd</sup>

Breaststroke: 9yr Girls - Bella Jolly 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9yr Boys - Cameron Moran 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10yr Girls - Abby Downing 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ella Gibson 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11yr Boys - Mitchell Mawhinney 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Butterfly: 9yr Boys - Cameron Moran 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 yr Girls - Ella Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 yr Girls - Alice Moran 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11yr Boys - Mitchell Mawhinney 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Relays: Our 9yr, 10yr and 11yr Girls relay teams were all placed 1<sup>st</sup>, with the 11yr Girls setting a new record.

## JAN HELLRIEGEL PERFORMANCE:

Jan Hellriegel is giving a free concert at the Arrowtown Village Green next Saturday 13 March, at the finish line for the Motatapu race, at around 5.00 pm. She will also be performing at our school assembly on Friday 12 March, giving our children a sneak-preview of what the rest of the local community will have the chance to see the following day. Thanks to the Motatapu team for making this possible.

## TOUCH RUGBY DRAW: 8 March

Time	Team		Team	Field	Time	Team		Team	Field
4.15	QPS 1	vs	Atown Lions	1B	4.45	QPS 2	vs	Atown Crocodiles	1B
4.45	QPS 3	vs	Atown Sharks	1A	5.15	QPS 4	vs	Atown Kinas	1

## SPECIAL EDUCATION REVIEW WORKSHOP:

We are having a workshop briefing hosted by Patrick Crowley, Ministry of Education, Special Education District Manager for Otago on Thursday 11 March at 3.30 pm in our Year 7 block. All teachers, parents and interested people are welcome to attend.

## Community Notices:

- **The Wakatipu Junior Rugby Club** is now taking registrations for the 2010 season. Please go to [www.wakatipurugby.co.nz](http://www.wakatipurugby.co.nz) and click on Junior Rugby to access our registration form and details of how to register. For further information please email [juniors@wakatipurugby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@wakatipurugby.co.nz). To register in person please come into the Wakatipu Rugby Clubrooms between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm on March 13 2010.

- **Queenstown Hockey Club AGM**, Wednesday 10 March 2010 @ 7.00 pm at the Queenstown Events Centre. Everyone welcome. Looking for players, coaches & umpires for 2010 season - all grades. Contact [queenstownhockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:queenstownhockeyclub@gmail.com) or phone 442 5860. Registration day TBA.

- **Queenstown Rovers Football Club** invites all footballers to the Central Otago Junior 5-a-side World Cup. 2 draws - Under 10 and Under 14. \$30 entry per team. Sunday 21 March at the Queenstown Events Centre, 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Phone Debbie 0274 423 624.

- **Milk Bottle Lids:** Please drop old milk bottle lids into the box at the office next week. Mr Dubnick is collecting them for possum hunting.