



2024 OUMSA Update - August Edition

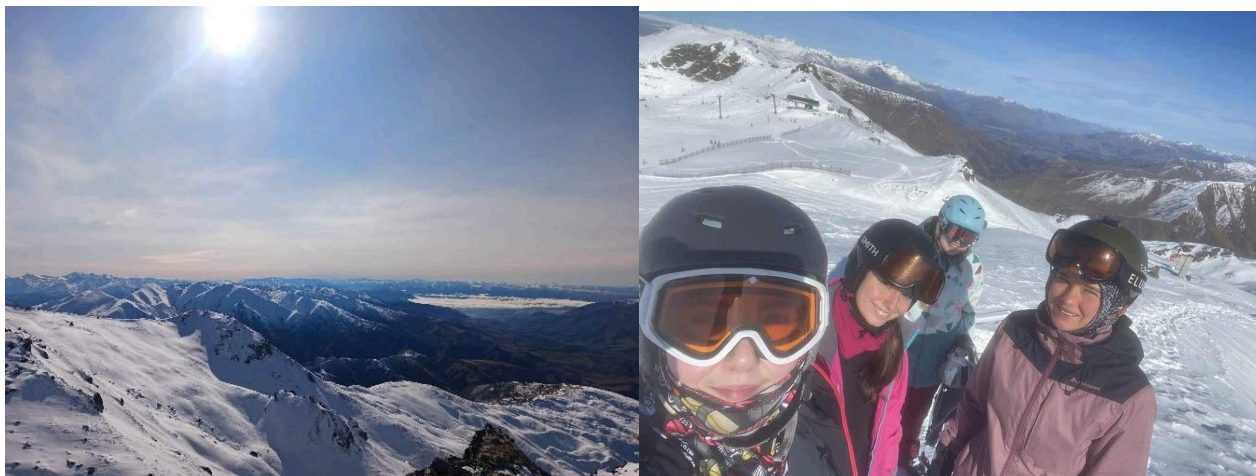
Kia ora e te whānau! In 2024, we (the OUMSA executive team) have made it our goal to improve transparency and increase communication with our members. Whilst we recognize that some of our handlings are sensitive and cannot be shared to the public domain, we want our students involved in the running of OUMSA as much as possible. In light of this, we will be releasing monthly updates that outline our actions during that month.

MedRevue

Three nights. Full house. MEDAGASCAR. Our ELM theatre kids set the stage ablaze with show-stopping performances on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August. Their medical rendition of Madagascar, featuring skits, dances, a cappella, and band performances, captivated the audiences for weeks. Whether it was the cinematic references, political satire or classic student humour, there was undoubtedly a joke for everyone - Ruth couldn't stop grinning about the clinical skills skit 'General Observations', and Latika's cameo appearance in the skit 'You Too' was easily a favourite for many (herself included). With a cast and crew of 63 students - including 40 cast, 8 band, and 15 backstage members - the production was an extraordinary team effort spanning over ten months. Raising just over \$11,000 for charity while creating lasting memories, it's safe to say that Med Revue 2024 was an incredible success on multiple levels. We are immensely proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the support of all those involved! - Akhila Ramesh

Ski Trip

The first 2024 med ski trip was one to remember! On a late Friday night, we arrived at our hostel which was conveniently located in the middle of the city, making it incredibly easy to get around. Most of us skied on the Saturday after strategically deliberating which mountain to go up. Whether it was The Remarkables or Cardrona, there was picture-perfect weather all around. Slopes were shredded, great food was relished, and breath-taking views were admired. Some of us didn't ski at all - the natural beauty of Queenstown providing the perfect weekend away to relax and take in the scenery. - Emily Jin



Pō Fiafia

The first-ever Medicine Cultural Night 2024, hosted by OUMSA, TOKO, and PIHPSA, was truly a night to remember! Delicious kai took us on a culinary journey across the globe, setting the stage for an evening filled with stunning cultural performances that celebrated the diversity within our medical school. Medical students, staff, and the wider university community came together in a vibrant celebration of heritage and shared identity. This inaugural event not only highlighted the rich tapestry of cultures that make our medical whānau special but also laid the foundation for a new tradition that promises to shine even brighter in the years to come.

- Carmel Ah Chong



Study Buddy

Huge thank you to Ruby Hosking who ran the ELM3 Endocrine Study Buddy and Hayley Bennett for the ELM2 Respiratory Study Buddy sessions in August. For the ELM3 Endocrine Study Buddy, there is a further 1hr zoom session from 1-2pm on Saturday 14th September to complete the Application section, so make sure to tune in! We are super grateful to all of the tutors for sharing their tips and knowledge, as well as Boston (Education Officer Internal) for his Study Buddy organisation this year.

Teddy Bear Hospital

Another year, another cheer for Teddy Bear Hospital! This annually-run event is with the initiative to create a positive doctor experience for young children under the age of 5, in order to reduce some of the fear and anxiety experienced when visiting a health professional. We had Community Day on Sunday, and then 5 days of weekday clinics. Thank you so much to all the ELM2 and ELM3 students who came to help out for this busy week. It was such a success, and we are stoked with how it turned out! You've all made such an incredible difference to our tamariki in Dunedin 😊

Class Division

Class Division has now wrapped up for 2024. Huge thank you to everyone for their patience and support of each other during a difficult time for many. Feedback has been collated into a 2024 Letter to the Medical School relating to Class division which is available to ELM3 students on the Class of 2027 facebook page. Response has been extremely positive from OMS and changes will be made in regards to each recommendation to improve the process going forward.

Coming up in September...

- ELM3 Wellington BYO - 12th September
- ELM3 Christchurch BYO - 14th September
- OUMSA Election Campaigning and Nominations - 12th - 16th September
- Ski Trip 2 - 13th - 15th September
- Legal Education Session - 17th September
- OUMSA Election Voting - 17-18th September
- ELM3 Dunedin BYO - 19th September
- OUMSA AGM - 20th September
- Med Ball - 21st September
- Interfac Sport - 26th September
- ELM3 Verticals Study Buddy Part 1 - 28th September