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### QMS Equestrian Team Continues Hot Streak

*Thunderbird Showpark lucky ground for QMS riders*

**July 14, 2015 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – Even with the summer heat driving most people inside for cooler temperatures, the Queen Margaret's School Equestrian Team continued their season competing on the hot sands of the Thunderbird Showpark in Langley for the *Westcoast Classic*.

"Thunderbird Showpark continues to be one of our favourite venues to compete at," says Cheryl Keith, QMS Equestrian Head Coach. "Our students and their horses feel comfortable on the course and really enjoy entering the arena each time. When a horse and their rider find that 'zone,' great results are bound to happen."

*Emily Cake* (Grade 10) entered the competitions on *Te Amo* and *Marlowe*, working hard to earn consistent ribbons in the Children's Jumpers, the Junior Hunter's and Mini CET Medal rounds. "Emily continues to develop nicely as a rider," explains Coach Keith. "She displays confidence in the saddle and creates positive bonds with the horses she competes on."

Veteran QMS rider *Kassidy Keith* (Grade 12) rode *Wallabee* to win the Cobblestone Junior Amateur Hunter Derby, the CET Medal and second place in the McClay Medal. Keith's continued wins on *Crackerjack* taking the WHIS Medal overall and Reserve Champion Pre Green Hunter on Maplebrook's *Heaven* earned her the High Point Junior Equitation award.

Both Cake and Keith then entered a fun class with a friend called the Just World Fundraiser Costume Hunter Class. "The girls dressed up as characters of *Frozen* while they competed, and they won first place," laughs Keith. "That class is really fun, yet still competitive."

QMS' Head Coach doesn't sit idle while her students compete. She also entered the arena, riding Dreamscape Farm's *Farscape DSF*. "Riding such an athletic and versatile horse was a great opportunity," reflects Cheryl Keith. "I was honoured to ride him." Keith's performance on *Farscape DSF* earned her second place in the Canadian Hunter Derby and Reserve Champion in the Hunter 3'6 Division.

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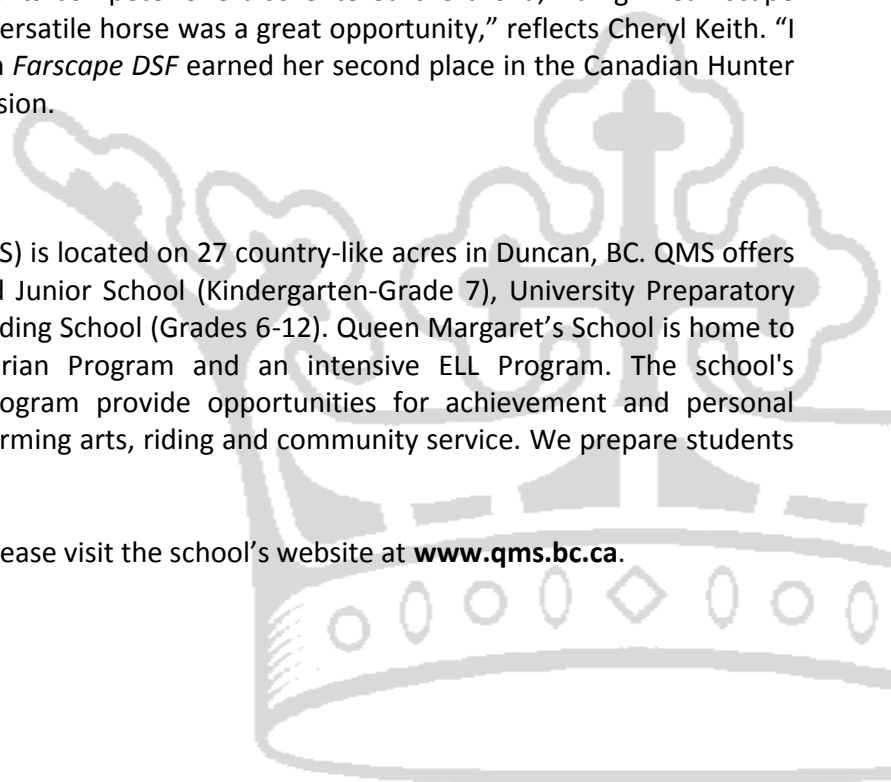
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**Photo by Thunderbird Showpark:** QMS rider *Kassidy Keith* (and her canine friend Buttercup) took first place in the Thunderbird Showpark's *Just World Fundraiser Costume Hunter Class* as Queen Elsa from *Frozen*.



**Photo by Thunderbird Showpark:** QMS rider *Kassidy Keith* and *Wallabee* are congratulated by Kit Thomas of Cobblestone Farms, Jane Tidball and Chris Pack of Thunderbird Showpark on winning the Cobblestone Junior Amateur Hunter Derby.

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