
THE SCRIPT 2016



Campaign edition

Hey everyone. We bring you an exclusive, special edition of The Script this time!
We present to you The Script: Campaign Edition!

Every year, an important part of the APSA calendar is the elections for APSA Execs. Elections are held to determine who will lead next year's APSA committee and cohort. We've asked each of the nominees to send in a blurb about them and why they should be picked by the student body. If you haven't put your name forward for consideration, don't feel discouraged. APSA executive committee is by no means the only way to represent Pharmacy as there are other opportunities available, such as becoming student class reps. 2016 has been an amazing year and the whole APSA committee would like to pass the baton to the next group of fine students to take charge. We wish everyone the best of luck in this year's elections, and we know next year's committee will do an excellent job!

Without further ado, the nominees for 2017's APSA committee are...

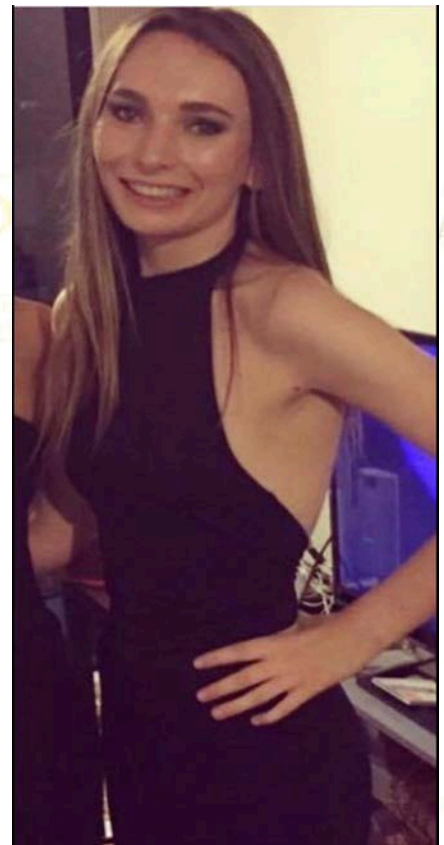
Hannah Poole for President

After two years of Grassroots rep I've decided to put away my gumboots and run for APSA president. I've had the privilege of being part of 4 committees within the university (APSA and Grassroots both twice) which has given me the chance to watch and learn from 4 different presidents; each of whom I've learnt valuable lessons from.

Within my role as Grassroots I've had affiliations with not only APSA and Grassroots but AUMSA, NASA and the NZOSS. Working with these associations has given me a real insight into different approaches and goings on in the wider Grafton community; invaluable experience to bring forward to this Presidential role. Delegating between Grassroots and its associations has not been easy but it has given me a really amazing platform on which I've had a huge (sometimes terrifying) level of responsibility. A highlight for me was organizing a trip to low decile schools down in Hawkes Bay, the majority funding of which came from my own sponsorship initiatives. This, alongside the rest of the events I've organized and helped organized over the last two years (whether it be education events or social events such as the infamous Pharmacy Hamilton Pub Crawl of 2015) has given me a really good taste of what each of the other exec positions on the committee will be going through.

I want to work closely with our external committees such as MAPAS and grassroots to ensure that our rural and MAPAS students have their voices and opinions heard

I want to see APSA continue onwards and upwards in 2017. Such awesome groundwork was made by this year's exceptional committee and we require strong leadership to capitalize and further this. I pride myself on being approachable and friendly, open to discussions and not afraid to talk about the hard stuff. My journey through university has not been an easy one but it has given me an incredible amount of life experience. I want to use this to lead the 2017 committee and give APSA its most holistically awesome year yet.



Stacey Lewin for President

Hi, for those of you who do not know me I am Stacey, a 3rd year pharmacy student. I'm just a small town girl living in an uptown world. I grew up on a farm and came to Auckland to study Pharmacy.

My hobbies include hockey, hockey, more hockey and cats. I love the aspect of knowing all of the people in your community and I like to look at our 'Pharmily' in the same manner.

I have lots of ideas and skills to bring to the table to APSA, especially seeing how presidents in previous years and other organizations work. You start to learn positive ways to deal with different situations.



I especially want to emphasize and support the marketing team to gain more funding, as with more money APSA is able to do more for the students. And let's be honest, we would all like more events.

As I have been a part of APSA in multiple roles I have experienced the demands required as one of its members. Being a competent member of this team in a subordinate role has made me want to take the bull by the horns and add my flair to all areas.

Skills to offer

- Being involved in many different organizations (PSNZ, UOA Hockey Association and APSA for 2 years) I have a great idea of what it is like regarding running a team and what does/does not work.
- Social animal, understanding, leader, confident, professional but know how to have a good time
- I balance good grades, sporting commitments, involvement in APSA and other organizations as well as a bustling social life
- I find teams work best by encouragement and by building friendships between the different team players. When this happens people not only want to do the best for themselves and their position but they also want to do it for the team. This is an element I was to install and encourage in APSA

Proposed activities

- Bring new ideas to fresher's camp like a beer pong tournament for the organized last night party
- Pub Quiz
- Beer pong party at our flat

If you want success, vote for the best
Stacey Lewin for APSA President 2017!



Stefan Romic for Vice President

Hey, I'm Stefan and I'm going for Vice President. Throughout history, many great leaders were supported by equally great supporting acts: Al Gore to Bill Clinton, Tesla to Edison and who could forget, Patrick to SpongeBob. All these historic figures were able to support their respective leaders, work diligently behind the scenes, set aside their egos for the benefit of many and importantly, step up when required. I am capable of doing all this, and more as your Vice.

I know I am able to prioritize, communicate effectively and think critically. These skills will ensure that the committee is effectively led in 2017.

I have past experience of working within two different APSA teams; once as a class rep and this year as a PSNZ rep. I believe my time doing this has given me significant insight into the running of APSA and what makes a good committee work. This experience has ensured that I have the necessary skills and knowledge to help run the committee going forward.

Lastly, I promise to [REDACTED] ** RETRACTED **. This will ensure that 2017 is the year to make Pharmacy great again.



Jessica Li for Secretary

Hi guys, I'm Jess :) and I would love to be the secretary for APSA 2017. It's my final year next year and I would love to get involved in APSA and get to know more of the pharmily throughout the years. I'm a friendly, fun loving person that you can rely on. As secretary of APSA, I would ensure all meetings and important information are noted and passed onto the rest of the committee to ensure everyone is on the same page :) I'm an organized person so I'll be able to prioritize this role to make sure I do a good job. Anyway, I think this is a great role in APSA and I would love to be your secretary for 2017.



Jess for secretary 2k17 xxx

Ajay Yeleswaram for Secretary

Hey guys, I'm Ajay from 3rd year and I'm running to be your secretary for 2017. APSA organises some cracking events, and I would love to collaborate with the rest of APSA to make them even better next year. The role of secretary involves performing administrative work for APSA meetings and collaborating with the rest of APSA to ensure that everything runs smoothly. I am well organised and a team player, and hence I believe I would be a suitable secretary. I also love meeting and listening to all of you and I believe this is useful in helping to make sure you guys get what you want. So if you feel you like the sound of what I have to offer, vote Ajay and let's make 2017 an enjoyable and successful year for us all!



Soumita Basu for Secretary

Hi guys! My name is Soumita. I know, hard name to say but you can call me Mita (like mee-ta). I am running to be secretary next year. The reason why I am running is because I want to make a difference in pharmacy so I can look back on it later to think that I actually did something besides study for 4 years. lol. I am a very motivated and driven person. I work well with other people and communicate well. I may have a resting bitch face but I swear I am a friendly and approachable person and always willing to lend a hand if I can. But overall I think I would be ideal for this position because I am a highly organised person, which is basically what this role is about. I aim to ensure APSA meetings run as smoothly and efficiently as possible so that the students of pharmacy get the events, freebies and fun they deserve. So if you think I make a good fit, Vote for Mita! 😊



Olivia Hollard for Treasurer

Hi guys, for those of you that don't know me I am currently in my third year, and I would love to be your APSA treasurer for 2017!

I have always been super passionate about APSA and all the awesome events that it holds, especially after my class representative position in first year where I got some great APSA experience!

I am super excited for next year and I would love to be able to be a part of such a fantastic team by organising the best way to use our funds to make our great (and super stressful) time at uni the best it can be! I am very organised, great at budgeting/keeping records, extremely trustworthy and have the skills to pay the bills! Plus, I like to think that I'm very approachable and an all-round good and reliable person who just wants the best for people! I do know a fair few of you and hope you agree that you can count on me! -'scuse the pun!



I look forward to making sure that there is enough money for exciting events like high teas; enough alcohol and partying for the ball; and most importantly, sufficient pizza, because pizza basically equals happiness.

So please vote for me so I can show you how money can really buy you happiness as long as it used right! I will truly treasure your vote! <3

OLIVIA FOR TREASURER;
It just makes cents!

SOCIAL REPS 2017

Hey this is Abi, Mei Yinn and Chase and we want to be your social reps for 2017!!!!

It's time for the pharmacy social scene to have a shake up and we're prepared to step things up (i.e. let's get crunk). Having gone through the rights of passage from first year initiation camp to the many pubs crawls and balls, we want to follow in our fellow leaders' footsteps and take the social scene far and beyond! Despite cramming for exams and tests when it comes to such important matters (i.e. being social), we take organization very seriously.

Our GOAL for 2017 is to implement new social events, with a mix of the classic piss ups and some classier nights ahead. We will join forces with the other reps to bring you BIGGER and BETTER events. We are full of ideas, enthusiasm and ready to make our mark on the social calendar. Here are just a few of the ideas we have coming:

1. **Wine and cheese night**
2. **Beer pong and scrumpy hands tournament**

AND of course the old faithful's, **epic pub-crawls** and a **ball** to remember!

The library life isn't all uni has to offer, so we're here to make sure you also have a brilliant time!!

We want you to keep some sanity throughout the madness of this degree!

Peace out,

Your wannabe social reps



DUNCAN & AYESHAH FOR APSA MARKETING

IT'S YOUR FUTURE,
WE CAN MAKE IT ORA-SWEET



Love discounts and free stuff? So do we!

No matter where you want to go after your degree in Pharmacy - community, hospital, industry, tanning on a beach in Hawaii...

A generous dash of employability and a healthy pinch of connections can help get you there!



There was a life-changing event this year at the second semester pub crawl. On the way to the third venue, in one of the party buses, was a little boy, with no real goal in life. He was met there by one of the veterans of APSA and in his completely sober and awoken state, the predecessor told the youth that to him, the young fella was the MVP of the intrafaculty netball tournament. This tiny comment in passing from the seasoned exec, which he may or may not remember, stuck with the young man and gave him a new purpose in life that he diligently wishes to accomplish; to fill the shoes of the antecessor. That little boy is me. And it is my desire to carry on the legacy of the sports rep, and bring inspiration to the future pups of pharmacy.

What is sports? Sports is more than just movement of the body, it's a movement of the mind and soul. It is a harmonious unity where all of the body, mind, ball/grass/water/racquet come together, completely in sync, symbiotically and gracefully. When you step out onto that court, field, swimming pool etc. you're there to test your skills and win. There is however one essential component that is paradigm to the meaning of sports and that is the enjoyment of the sport you're taking part in. It is my goal to ensure that your body, mind and soul are stimulated to the highest degree of euphoric bliss. My love for sports is unfathomable and I can assure you that the amount of effort put into planning and organising these events will be nothing short of amazing.



We also think sports rep seems like a pretty cool job.

We've both had the pleasure of participating in multiple sports in the past which has allowed us to build appreciation for all sports. We have worked together as basketball coaches before and know what it's like to be in charge of such an important role. Sports holds a special place in people's hearts, it unifies us and helps us to further develop the bonds in pharmacy. We will do everything we can to bring an unforgettable experience to you all.

Skills we bring: puns, Omer's big muscles, inspiration, a level of enthusiasm and energy that you've never seen before.

Proposed activities for next year: Round the bays, touch [rugby], netball, futsal, volleyball.



HEY GUYS AND GALS,

WE ARE YOUR FUTURE MEDIA MASTERS

We're Abby (on your right) and Sarah (to the left, to the left)

We are ace team workers, reliable and organised.

We would love to document another great year of pharmacy for us all to show our grandkids...

Love,

Your fun-loving, fotogenic, feisty females

Abby and Sarah for media

We may not run very often, but when we do, it's for media reps #mediaASbro



What we can offer

FB stalking for days (it's really investigative research right?)

Lovers of instagram #nofilter

Website Maestros

Enthusiastic and hard-working (we'll get the job done!)

Even though we may be CHEESY, It would be GOUDA if you vote for us...

Media Representatives

kimberley chung // joelson villanueva



Nothing a little bit of photoshop can't fix...

In what our cohort would describe as the yin and yang (literally and figuratively) of pharmacy, we have joined forces in an attempt to be the Media Representatives of APSA 2017! Our main motivation for joining forces is to grow APSA as a whole through our creative ingenuity and artistic savviness. We have a variety of ideas lined up for next year such as the creation of videos 'documenting' APSA's big events such as camp and pubcrawl to showcase what APSA is about. We aspire to foster the student culture of pharmacy and to promote APSA's events through Kim's photoshop wizardry and to capture the memories that we will all reflect upon years from now through Joelson's photographic flair. Joelson brings experience as the current marketing coordinator of arguably the university's largest cultural, social club - TANSA (Taiwanese and New Zealand Students Association), a noteworthy achievement considering he is not even Taiwanese and can only speak very limited Mandarin. He is dedicated to his craft and is well versed in the arts of social media. He values the relationships he has with his peers quite dearly so is unlikely to release any of your not so flattering photos. On the other hand, Kim is a repressed graphic artist at heart. Her skills in digital design were honed at a young age, being the designated student designer for the prestigious Kristin School of the North Shore. With her dreams of one day becoming an actual graphic designer crushed by her parents (who wanted her to be an accountant instead), Kim ultimately decided to pursue a career in pharmacy in order to one day be APSA's media representative so that she could put her skills to use once again.

PAULA DONAMAE DELA CRUZ

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WELFARE & EDUCATION REP

**I am your
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"My motivation for running for this position is to be able to look after future pharmacists by ensuring their well-being and safety as during APSA events and whilst finishing the degree. Also, this position will give me the opportunity to develop my connections with the Pharmacy academic staff and other UoA parties as I advocate for students. I am a reliable and organized individual who is focused when carrying out responsibilities. I am also caring, friendly and approachable. If I was to be given this role, I would propose more practical activities focused on learning essential skills to being pharmacists."



Himidiri Vithanage for Welfare & Education Rep



Hey everyone! For those who don't know me, my name is Himi (for short). I'm applying to be your Welfare and Education Representative for 2017! I thoroughly enjoyed being part of APSA in 2014 when I was Class Rep along with Olivia, so I would love to be part of 2017 team next year! Why should you choose me to be your Welfare and Education Representative? We all know that University life can get pretty tough...from the workload to finding the time to de-stress and have some fun. As your Education Rep, I will be helping liaise any academic issues to the appropriate staff so that your educational needs can be met. If anyone requests for tutoring I will do my best to match them up with an appropriate tutor, because sometimes having someone who's been there and done that is all it takes! When the time comes to letting loose and having fun at APSA organised events, I'll be there sober and ready to come to your rescue! I've planned on getting my First Aid certificate over the summer so I can look after you if you injure yourself. If you're still not convinced, let me tell you about the time I saved my drunk friends from rolling down a hill in the middle of the night at Fresher's camp and gave them lots of chocolate cake and water to sober up. To simply put it, vote for me so I can look after you! #pharmilylove

Natalia Hunt and Cassidy Garrett for MAPAS Reps

Kia ora koutou

We are Natalia and Cassidy and we would like to be your MAPAS representatives for 2017.

We have been part of MAPAS from day one of our time at Auckland University and are current members of the Maori Pharmacists Association. The people around us have such a passion for Maori health and the support they give us makes us want to do our part to try and make a difference.

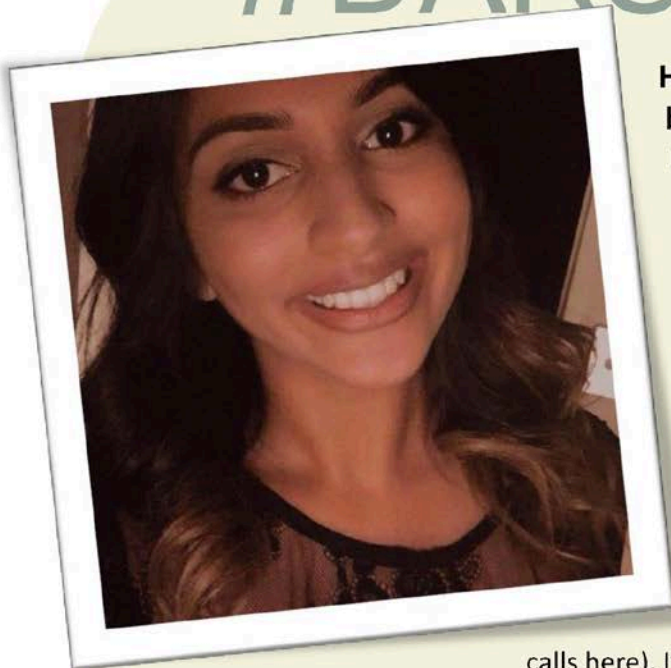
As well as social events, we want to help promote pharmacy not only to Maori students, but to everyone interested in a degree in Health. We are hard working and determined students who want to increase awareness of Maori health amongst our profession. With only 3 of us in MAPAS Pharmacy, there is plenty of room for more!



Ngā mihi.

Natalia and Cassidy

#DARSH4PSNZ



Hey pharmily my name is Darshna and I want to be your PSNZ rep!!

I want to be the puzzle piece that connects #pharmlife with the big world of pharmacy. We are extremely fortunate to get the chance to have input and be able to be informed on what is going on out there in the real world. We are the pharmacists of tomorrow and it's important that we collaborate with the wider community in a way that will help us out in the long run **#wearethefuture**.

I would be honored, no humbled to be the person that provided this link.

I believe I'm the best person for the job as I have been working for 3 years in community pharmacies, can banter with the best of them and make a wicked cup of tea (I know I'm making big

calls here). I'm not afraid to voice my opinion when necessary and

you can rest assured I will always be dressed for the occasion.

If I get the chance to be your PSNZ rep I will work to make sure events like careers evening are the highlights of your calendar and that the pharmily is kept in the loop with the new and wonderful things PSNZ have in store for us. **This role requires #disasterdarsh to take a back seat but like a great mullet it's all about being formal in the front and party at the back ;)**



Farah Syed and Kate Shilston for PSNZ Reps



It is fate that has led us to run for PSNZ Reps 2017. For those who do not know: PSNZ is a professional, member based association that represents 3,400 pharmacists and technicians all over NZ. They offer advice, support, and continued education and training to enable you to maintain your professional edge. They also provide access to a wide range of online clinical resources and supply the self-care cards that have saved us so many times in 301 dispensing labs. As pharmacy students we receive free membership so we believe it's important to take full advantage of this.

Our main motivation for running is to connect pharmacy students with the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ and the wider pharmacy community. We are the right representatives for this role because we are friendly, organized and work well together. We aim to be the voice of the student body and will ensure that your opinions, thoughts, and ideas are heard. Thanks to Pharm 101, we have acquired a wide range of communication skills that have prepared us well for this. We not only promise to be the best PSNZ reps ever, but to also host a variety of informative evenings that will give you an insight into possible career paths and intern sites. We are well equipped for this position as we are dedicated, hard-working, approachable, and are skilled in singing heavy metal nursery rhymes – should this be required.



Proposed activities: career information evenings, PSNZ events, internship information evenings (PSNZ run the Evolve internship program) – we'll be sure to have amazing food at all events!

So why vote for us? Because we are fate. And fate cannot be fought.

Farah and Kate for PSNZ, together we are FATE.

Grassroots

2017 #KNEESUP



Hello my name is Sandy So and I would like to represent you as the Grassroots rep for 2017.

Being from a rural background, I feel that I would be the best candidate for this role. I was born and grew up in a small town called Balclutha, located on the lower east coast of the South Island, lying near the end of the Clutha River. The population is just under 4500 and the town is known for its farming industry. It is a place that I am proud to call home. We are pretty big on community at home and being in such a positive environment has really taught me the importance of a well-functioning community which is how I believe the students of

pharmacy should be.

Ever since attending my first pharmacy Fresher's camp, I have always wanted to be the future grassroots rep. I believe that I am the right person to be chosen for this role as I am truly passionate about rural health. My vision is to ensure that the pharmacy cohort of 2017 makes the most of their opportunities when it comes to what rural health can offer. I will also ensure that Kneesup lives up to its usual expectations and will be the sickest party of the yet

SO is the way to go for Grassroots 2017.

APSA Staff Member of the Year Nominations

APSA have put these lecturers forward in recognition of their outstanding teaching performance, which includes but is not limited to effectively engaging students and promoting a deeper understanding, enthusiasm and stimulating further interest in subjects, genuine approachability and student support, excellent presentation style, communication and preparation, exceeding expectations, relevant and expert content knowledge and overall academic contribution to the progression of the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree and Pharmacy students of the University of Auckland.

This award is a new initiative established by APSA this year (and one we wish to continue) as we wanted to show our appreciation to staff on behalf of the students for the many years of incredible teaching by the Pharmacy faculty staff (although in particular for 2016). Voting for the five nominations will commence during our APSA executive committee elections for 2017. All active Pharmacy students (part 2-4) will have the opportunity to vote for one of the five shortlisted nominees put forward by APSA.



Trudi Aspden



1. What motivated you to teach?

Easy - it was the money, glory, and the opportunity to use the words levigation, trituration and displacement volume on a regular basis...

It is fair to say I have been a little disappointed with all these aspects of my current role :-)

2. Who inspires you?

My sister, because she has fun and makes the most of life, my kids because they are awesome and full of potential, all those who don't take themselves too seriously and put the needs of others before their own, Patsy Stone from Absolutely Fabulous and finally, of course you, the BPharm students.

3. What was the last movie you watched, did you like it (why/why not) and would you watch it again?

Rams – I loved it because it was cool, quirky and comedic, full of bleak Icelandic scenery, tender scenes of men expressing love for their sheep flocks, fraternal feuds, fighting the authorities ... and subtitles, thankfully.

Yes I'd watch it again, although I might struggle to find someone to watch it with me.

Maureen McDonald



1. What motivated you to teach?

It was by accident really. A friend asked if I wanted to go and help out in the dispensing labs at the new Pharmacy school in Auckland. I discovered I loved it! I really enjoyed the interaction with the students and watching the progress they make and those light bulb moments when everything clicks and they start enjoying themselves.

2. Who inspires you?

Michael Phelps. Amazing on so many levels.

3. If you could be any animal in the world, what would it be and why?

A Dolphin because I'm a bit of a water baby and I can think of nothing more fun than riding bow waves of boats and making friends with the people on them :-).

(Sorry Maureen, we couldn't find a photo of you)

Zimei Wu



1. What motivated you to teach?

By nature I really enjoy interacting with my students, and sharing my knowledge with them. I think the feeling was mutual. I strongly believe that students flourish best in a friendly and supportive environment. To me, a teacher is more than a communicator with a broad range of knowledge; a positive attitude towards teaching and learning will make one a role model to the students, and a positive attitude towards the students will help them to learn more effectively. As a lecturer, therefore, one needs to be enthusiastic and encourage students to learn; and to be empathetic and willing to devote time and energy in helping the students.

Secondly I recognize how important it is to educate the future pharmacists in their role in improving quality use of medicine in such a health care profession. I have been a clinical pharmacist before and as I moved to pharmaceutical research, I know we have lots to contribute to health care as a pharmacist, and also the knowledge of pharmaceutical sciences, which puts us in a special position to optimise the use of medicine; we are the only profession who fully understand how the medicinal products work. So I do like my students to understand how the medicinal products are made and the role of formulations in optimising therapeutic outcomes.

2. Who inspires you?

My students. I love to see them in the class, engaged and enjoying. It is an amazing feeling when you know your students are enjoying their study and doing well.

3. If you could only eat one food item for the rest of your life - what would it be and why?

I would like to try a student's food choice - if I can only have one food. Because I would like to know more about your daily life (at least before I am retired). But I suppose if I had to decide then perhaps egg white - because I can use the yolks to make liposomes ;-)

Darren Svirskis



1. What motivated you to teach?

To teach you have to understand, making others understand is hugely rewarding.

2. What has been the most rewarding and/or favourite moment of your career thus far?

Having students complete, and then play with the crazy ones who come back for post-grad.

3. If you were deserted on a desert island, which two pharmacy staff would you wish to be stranded with and why?

Rhys Ponton as he would train snakes and shoot food for me. Lynne Bye, as she would find a pharmacy on the desert island for my placement.

Maree Jensen



1. What motivated you to teach?

Ready for a new challenge - I was on the steering committee to set up the school in 1999, and enjoyed the involvement with something new (academia) yet familiar (Pharmacy).

2. What has been the most rewarding and/or favourite moment of your career thus far?

Meeting up again with students (=chickens) who have graduated, registered, and gone on to do amazing things – in many different ways, it's fabulous to see them grow, develop and change the way pharmacy is practised, improving the health and life of many NZers in the process.

3. Would you rather be either rich, intelligent or funny, and why that one? And what's your favourite colour?

Probably should say intelligent, but life is very long if there is no humour – so I would say probably funny! Favourite colour – need you ask – Purple (with a side serving of animal print!)



Notes only – will NOT be marked.

