



South Otago High School

Newsletter 19th June 2020

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa
Warm greetings to you all

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

Today is the end of week 10. In a normal school year this would be the end of term and staff would this afternoon have farewelled students encouraging them to take a break, get some rest and do some preparation for the new term ahead. Instead, we still have two weeks of teaching and learning ahead of us all. This is on top of recovering from 7 weeks of lockdown, a 'non holiday' in April where we were confined to our own homes and reliant upon our 'bubbles' for help and support companionship.

So, it is hardly surprising that we are seeing all members of our community feeling tired and hanging out for the July holiday. Whilst we cannot change the holiday we can help ourselves by being aware of our own well being. For me personally I have set aside time when I put away the computer, the cell phone and anything that connects me with work. I allow my mind to be fully occupied by my family, working in the garden or going for a run.

For students, this weekend and each night this next week, I would like them to do something similar. For them, they should put away their devices, their school work and devote an hour, or more to doing something that does not require a screen and that immerses them in something of interest. This could be reading a book, going for a walk or bike ride (How much did we enjoy this under Covid-19 Alert Level 3?!) Obviously there are some challenges

with very short days and dark nights for those of us that want to go outside!

This hour is a time to relax, to allow the brain to discharge from the stresses of school or work and to enjoy the real purpose of life! It may be an opportunity to do something together as a family even if it is enjoying a meal together without the television being on!

Finally

This weekend sees the shortest day pass. Whilst the days are certainly cooler it will be good to see more of the sun. With the colder mornings we have seen a lot of ice on roads and paths in the morning. I am aware that we have a number of students who drive to school in the morning and I encourage parents to talk to student drivers about being cautious on the road and allowing extra time for their journey.

For all students, it has been good to see so many prepared with suitable winter jackets and good shoes. However, we are seeing some students wearing canvas or fabric shoes which are no good in wet, icy conditions and do not meet our expectation for uniform. Please make sure your son/daughter has suitable and acceptable footwear for the winter conditions.

Have a good weekend.

Ka Kite Ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Upcoming Events Term 2 2020

- *Thursday 25th June*..... Open Night
- *Friday 3rd July*..... Last Day Term 2

Upcoming Events Term 3 2020

- *Monday 20th July*..... First Day Term 3
- *Friday 31st July*..... SNOB - Senior Ball

NETBALL

The season for our teams FINALLY starts on Saturday (how exciting). Thanks to all our girls for doing the little things right:

- Turning up to training (on time and happy to be there)
- Coming to get there kit
- Helping out with coaches
- Filling in for other teams
- Being organised and on time

All of these things and more are important to make for a happy netball team. Good luck on Saturday girls, coaches and managers..

Draw

- SOHS A vs Southern Plumbing 12.00pm Court 3
- SOHS B vs Hillend Social 1.00pm Court 4
- SOHS C vs Lawrence A 1.00pm Court 1 (SOHS A Umpire)
- SOHS Alpha vs CRFC White 1.00pm Court 2
- SOHS Beta vs Toko Gold 2.00pm Court 5
- SOHS Blue vs Hillend Shotz 2.00pm Court 4
- SOHS Green vs Lawrence B 1.00pm Court 5 (SOHS A Umpire)
- SOHS Red vs Invitational Team 12.00pm Court 4

School Beta- Clean up duty

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator

Recording Absences

When informing the school of a student absence please call the school on 4180517 and follow the instructions. Please do not send an email to a staff member regarding an absence as this may not be passed on to the attendance officer if the staff member is absent and the student will be marked truant. There must be an explanation given for the absence or the student will be marked truant.

Hockey

Hockey got underway this week, with two teams travelling to the turf on Tuesday night. This season, Otago Hockey gave us the option of a junior six a-side team in Division 4, as many schools in the competition struggled with fielding teams after the Covid-19 lockdown. At the beginning of the season, we were fielding two 11 a-side teams, but we found ourselves in the position like many other smaller schools, only having the numbers to field one senior 11 a-side team, and one junior 6 a-side team.

The first game of the new season saw SOHS seniors up against Logan Park 1st XI. The team is in the Boys Division 2, a step up from last year. The team was slow out of the blocks and very tentative in the first half which wasn't surprising given our limited preparation. As a result we went into half time 3 nil down. A bit of mental adjustment at halftime brought a far better performance in the second stanza. 1-all in the second half meant a 4-1 end result. We showed we can compete at this level and will only get better.

Player of the day went to Nathan Peoples with a gutsy effort in midfield. Big second halves from Kelan Smith, Robbie Jackson, Brayden Campbell and Vaughan Watt helped lift the team. Ashley Wendelgelst was very solid in his first effort in goal at this level.

The first game for the junior 6 a-side team saw them playing a strong opposition team from East Otago High School. In the 6 a-side competition, the games are 20 min halves on half a full sized turf.

SOHS were strong from the outset of the game, and leading to a 7-5 win. Memphis Cook was strong in defence in his first hockey game for SOHS, while the mid and forward players worked together to push forward to the goal box. Goal of the day went to Wyatt, a team player from Toko HS, with the aim of the second half was for Wyatt to get a goal. Player of the day went to Memphis Cook, for his solid role in the back line. Thank you to Murray for helping with the team.

Draw for next Week - Tuesday 23 June:

- SOHS Seniors v Taieri College 1st XI 5.40pm Otago Polytechnic Turf
- SOHS Juniors v Bayfield Juniors 5.40pm Lion Foundation 1 Turf

Both teams will be travelling together, and we will be leaving the SOHS bus bay at 3.30, and stopping at Toko. A separate email has been sent with further details

Simon Cullen - Coach

Jo Bennett - Manager

Updates from Careers

Greg Heller, Otago University Student Liaison will be at SOHS on Monday 22nd June
And Emilie Crossley, Otago Polytechnic Student Liaison will be at SOHS on Tuesday 28th July at 1.30pm to assist students for 2021 course planning. Please contact Mrs Cullen if you would like to meet with either / or both liaisons.

University of Otago Virtual Open Day

Date: Thursday 23 July 2020, 3:30–7:30pm

Can't make it to Dunedin to see the University in-person? Our Virtual Open Day allows you to explore all that Otago has to offer right from your computer. Step into our virtual expo hall and access all the information you need to know about studying at Otago

There will be a registration required for the virtual open day. This link will be posted on our website when available.

Dunedin On-Campus Open Day

(Otago University & Otago Polytech)

Date: Monday 10 August 2020 9 – 3.30pm*

On-Campus Open Day is your opportunity to come down to Dunedin, check out the University, explore Otago Polytech and to discover for yourself what life is like as a student in Dunedin:

- Take a campus tour
- Tour our residential colleges
- Check out presentations about a wide range of subjects offered at Otago
- Talk with staff from across the University at the Expo

*Please be aware that the On-Campus Open Day will only go ahead if the Government Alert Levels will allow us to proceed in August.

Pam Cullen

TIC Careers

Virtual Open Day

Friday 17 July
4pm–7pm

**Grow your
potential**



Library

This week has been a successful one for me with handing in my last assignment for the Diploma of Information and Library studies. It has been a great learning experience and a busy couple of years studying every weekend which I have really enjoyed.

Just a reminder this week for students to remember to check their emails. Every day emails are sent out to students who's books have become overdue. They need to come to the Library and return their books or if they are still reading them they can get them extended. We have a lot of books overdue this week so please go and check those emails and bring your books along next week so I can process them correctly. Students who do not bring their books back will have them added to their accounts.

Katrina Pudney
Librarian

Aquathon and 10km Run



On Tuesday Year 12 Physical Education classes competed in either a 10km run or Aquathon after engaging in a training programme for the last four weeks.

We congratulate all participants who put in a sterling effort including Mr Douglas who completed the 10km alongside the students.

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported.

Hannah Gold and Nathan King
PE Department

Young Enterprise

Students from our two Young Enterprise companies took part in Otago's Pitch Day. Students from many Otago schools were required to make a presentation to judges about their products and how they were going to market their products. This is one of the many challenges the students have to complete during the year.

John Douglas
TIC Young Enterprise

Right: Kareena Dunlop and Hamish Mills



Rugby

I hope that you all had a great weekend and enjoyed the sun. I travelled to Dunedin with the First XV on Saturday and they had a great win against the Combined Co-ed team (27-7).

I would like to welcome three new volunteers to SOHS rugby. John Puna has jumped on board to help Adam with the U14 Red team. In the First XV, Jules Witt will be managing while Suzie Roy will be the team medic.

This weekend we have three teams travelling away and two teams playing at the school.

- Colts vs Cromwell - 11.15am (Cromwell #1)
- U14 Red vs Cromwell - 11.15am (Cromwell #2)

The bus for both of these teams will be leaving the high school at 7.00am SHARP and will pick up students from Clutha Valley outside the primary school at approximately 7.30am. Due to the large number of Colts players the coaching staff are going to organise a car to take the overflow of boys up.

- First XV vs OBHS #2 - 1.00pm (Littlebourne)

The bus for the First XV will leave the bus bay at 10.00am sharp. There are spare seats available and I would like to fill these if possible.

The following two teams will be playing at the High School.

- U15 vs Taieri Colts - 11.15am (SOHS #1) – NEW GYM
- U14 Blue vs Taieri U14 (SOHS #2) – OLD GYM

All players in the above two teams will need to bring a plate/packet of biscuits for the after match function. This can be dropped on the tables in the New Gym when you arrive at school. I am aware that some boys are yet to get socks and shorts. Please do not panic if you have not yet organised this. Their club socks will do until you are able to get uniform sorted.

As I have mentioned in previous emails, the draw for the junior grades is very fluid. I will send this to parents as soon as I receive it although often I will only get this less than one week in advance.

Another reminder that subs need to be paid as soon as possible. I would expect that every boy will have paid theirs by the first week of Term 3.

Jason Palmer (TIC Rugby)

Girls' Rugby

Next Wednesday is the start of the long awaited season for our girls. We start with 7s for four weeks we have one senior and two junior teams playing this year which is awesome. Thanks to Tony Pringle and Daniel Marshall who are our coaches this year. A reminder to the girls to come prepared with the right gear and on time. We leave at 2.30pm to make our games at 4.00pm.

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator