



South Otago High School

Newsletter 26th June 2020

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

This week I have been reviewing the applications for the South Otago High School nominations for the Otago Daily Times Annual Class Act representatives. Students were asked to prepare a brief personal outline that highlights their contribution to academic achievement, sport, cultural activities leadership both in the school and wider community.

The standards that our students have met are extremely high. We have young people who have diverse talents, great experiences and have already developed significant leadership skills. The decision as to who should be the two recipients of this prestigious award was very challenging. It is my absolute pleasure to announce that the 2020 Class Act recipients will be

- James Briones
- Luka Wilson

I look forward to accompanying them to the award ceremony where they will have the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister as they receive their awards.

Open Night

On Thursday evening we hosted our annual open night for prospective new students. The evening was well attended and I greatly appreciated the work of the current students who gave up their time to demonstrate activities about the school and also to act as guides answering questions. The feedback from parents who visited with their Y7 and Y8 students was very positive.

Pride Week

This week the school has celebrated Pride Week. Visitors to the school will have noticed the rainbow flag flying which represents the diverse and inclusive nature of the school. On Wednesday morning I reflected with the staff how accepting our school community is and how supportive the

students have been. I have also noted other changes in the positive relationships about the school and how school is a supportive, caring environment for all students and staff. Thank you to the students of the QSA Group (Queer Straight Alliance) who, with the support of Ms Adams, did a great job.



Second half of the year planner

At the start of the year we provide each family with a copy of the school plan which had important dates for the year. With the changes in the term dates and the loss of time in school some of the dates and events have had to be moved. Next week we will be e-mailing home an updated plan for the year with revised dates. The end of the school year date remains unchanged. However the scheduled Teacher Only Day that was on the earlier plan for 4 August has now been postponed until 2021

Finally

As we approach the final week of the term and the mid point of the year it is an important time for students to reflect upon what they have achieved so far and to plan how they are going to attain their goals at the end of the year. This next week I encourage parents to sit alongside their child to look at the feedback from the live reports on the Portal and check the achievement so far. Talk to your son/daughter about what they need to do next. The aim should be to prepare for the school holidays so that students have both time to take a break but also prepare for what lies ahead.

Have a good weekend.

Ka Kite Ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Upcoming Events Term 2 2020

- 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

Below: Hospitality students baking 400 cupcakes in preparation for Open Night.



Library News

This week I would like to remind students to return their library books or come in and get them extended for the holidays. Any books that are not returned or extended will be added to accounts. So please have a look at home for any books that need to be returned.

This week I have been reading *The light in Hidden Places* which is based on a true story that took place during World War Two. Written by *Sharon Cameron* and published by Scholastic it is set in 1943 and focuses on the main protagonist, a 16-year-old Catholic girl called Stefania who works in a grocery store for a Jewish family in Poland. Life changes dramatically for Stefania when the German army arrives in her home town and Stefania ends up helping her Jewish companions to hide from the army. Will she be successful in her endeavor to save their lives? This is a great book so come and grab it and lose yourself in another time and place to find out how it ends.

Katrina Pudney
Librarian



The Science department offers the students of year 9 and 10 to extend themselves and create interest in science by choosing to do science badges. There are 29 topics to choose from. The students get an activity sheet of their chosen topic and they do the activities in their own time. They are then awarded with a certificate and a badge. They can do as many topics as they want.

Mrs S Bir

Acting Assistant HOD Science



Year 12 Biology and Technical Science students went to Kaka point to the rocky shore on Thursday. They were sampling the restive abundance of 4 species of their choice on the shore. It was a great day out (very cold to start with - ice on the sand!) and everyone enjoyed themselves!

Chris Sly HOD Sci-



Outdoor Education

Rock Climbing at Long Beach



Year 13 Visual Art Trip

On Wednesday students from the Year 13 art class, went to see a touring NZQA Top Art Exhibition. The exhibition presents a variety of portfolio panels that reached Excellence for the External Portfolio Examination on 2019. We also looked around the Art School to see the facilities and see the opportunity that are available at tertiary level in Visual Art.

Helen Williams
HOD Arts



Peer Support

The Year 9 students and their Peer Support leaders met in mentoring time this morning to connect and enjoy a hot chocolate together. Students have received information this week on extra supports for their wellbeing. Thank you to Pat Wyatt our Public Health Nurse, Margaret Cardno from the Malcam Trust and Mrs Bloxham our Guidance Counsellor.



Hockey

Tuesday night hockey presented another interesting game for SOHS seniors versus old foes Taieri College. The team got off to a fast start with a well taken goal from a Brayden Campbell strike and put away by Mack Maaka on the left post. From then on Taieri picked up their game and created numerous chances with just scrambling SOHS defence keeping them out for most of the first half. Eventually the pressure told and they scored to make it 1 all at halftime. The second half was an end to end affair with both teams creating plenty of chances. Unfortunately Taieri converted several of their chances while SOHS were left to rue some golden opportunities to score that went begging. Final score 1-4 to Taieri. Liam Lawlor had a great game at right half in his first effort at this level, earning him player of the day.

For the SOHS Juniors, it was a step up playing against Bayfield, who were a bigger team. Once we managed to get ourselves into the game, the team managed to hold them off in the second half. Shaun and Alec managed to play the ball up the turf setting up Breanna who scored both the two goals scored by the team. Breanna worked well with the team, and her playing, scoring both goals and earning player of the day.

Jo Bennett Coach

Netball

Netball Results from the first of 7 rounds of netball for the South Otago Netball Centre.

- SOHS A 32- 19 Southern Plumbing
- SOHS B 26-22 Hillend Social
- SOHS C 14-34 Lawrence A
- SOHS Alpha 12-38 CRFC White
- SOHS Beta 20-4 Lawrence Gold
- SOHS Blue 25-8 Hillend Shotz
- SOHS Green 4-46 Lawrence B
- SOHS Red 14-18 SO Invitation Team

Draw

Saturday 27th June

- SOHS A vs McAndrew A @ 9.00am. Good luck team for the first of your Dunedin games
- SOHS A vs Hillend A @ 2.00pm Crt 3
- SOHS B vs Alpha @ 2.00pm Crt 2
- SOHS C vs Lawrence B @ 2.00pm Crt 4
- SOHS Alpha vs SOHS B @ 2.00pm Crt 2
- SOHS Beta vs SOHS Red @ 1.00pm Crt 5 (SOHS C Umpire)
- SOHS Blue vs Balclutha Motors @ 1.00pm Crt 1 (SOHS B/SOHS Alpha Umpires)
- SOHS Green vs SO Invitation Team @ 12.00pm Crt 4
- SOHS Red vs SOHS Beta @ 1.00pm Crt 5

Right: Year 13 decorated science board for Open night



Girls' Rugby

Finally on Wednesday night the Girls rugby season kicked off. We have three teams that play two games of sevens each week. Tony Pringle, Daniel Marshall and myself coach a team each. Thanks to our supporters that came up and watched us.

RESULTS

Seniors

- St Hildas 1 37-0 SOHS
- St Hildas 2 19-14 SOHS

Junior-Chiefs

- St Hildas Blue 30-0 SOHS
- Queens A 29-15 SOHS

Junior Crusaders

- St Hildas White 21-19 SOHS
- SOHS 49-0 Columba Green

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator



Updates from Careers

Southern Institute of Technology

Study ONLINE with SIT2LRN Distance Learning! Live chat with our Team for the SIT2LRN Online Open Night and get all of your questions about SIT2LRN answered.

WHEN: 29 JUNE 2020

TIME: 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Find out about Distance Learning, explore our wide range of NZQA approved programmes and let us help you find a programme that's right for you. We'll have a live chat running with the team so you can talk directly to the people who will be supporting you during your studies.

Register at <https://www.sit.ac.nz/SIT2LRN-Open-Night>

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.

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 her.

Pam Cullen
TIC Careers

Virtual Open Day

Friday 17 July
4pm–7pm

**Grow your
potential**



Rugby

Well done to all of our teams who finally got to play some rugby. Our Colts and U14 Red team travelled through to Cromwell, the First XV travelled to Dunedin while the U15 and U14 Blue teams played at home. Unfortunately in the junior grades we had two injuries. Daniel Ross has broken his collarbone and Caleb Marshall broke his arm. I would like to say a huge thank you to Dan Marshall and Hannes Human who helped out with the U14 Blue team while Tony Mallon was away. Also to the ladies who helped me organise the food for the U14/U15 after function, I really appreciate your help.

Results below:

- First XV (15) – OBHS #2 (17)
- Colts (17) – Cromwell (12)
- U15 (17) – Taieri U16 (43)
- U14 Red (20) – Cromwell U14 (17)
- U14 Blue (0) – Taieri U14 (31)

I really enjoyed watching the U14 Blue and U15 games. While the scores may seem high, they certainly do not reflect how well both teams played. I think it is important to point out that in all of the grades (apart from First XV) there are no flag points awarded, therefore there are no "winners" at the end of the day. I realise that it is important for boys to want to go out and win, however, it is more important that they are having fun with their mates. I want to congratulate all teams for the state that they left the changing rooms and the buses. I checked both buses and all changing rooms after the games and they were spotless. Well done boys, I hope that this continues for the season.

Tomorrow all of our teams are playing away. Please see the draw below:

- 1.00am – First XV vs Waitaki Boys (Oamaru) The bus for this game will be leaving at 8.00am sharp. There are still spare seats on the bus for anyone who would like to travel up and watch the game. To help cover the cost of the bus I ask that supporters please pay \$10.
- 11.15am - Colts vs Kings U15 Panthers (Hancock Park)
- 11.15am - U15 vs Kings U14 Panthers (Hancock Park)
- 11.15am - U14 Red vs Kings U14 Tigers (Hancock Park)
- Colts and U15 will be travelling in the bus while the U14 team will be travelling in two vans. These will leave the High School bus bay at 9.00am sharp.
- U14 Blue vs Cromwell (Toko) - 11.15am

Players will need to be at the Toko Rugby grounds at 10.15am. Tony will meet you there. If you are able to drive a car and transport students, please let me know. If you need a ride then please let me know. Can I please ask that all boys bring a plate of food? If there are some Toko parents that could help out with setting this food up please.

Finally, another reminder that subs need to be paid by the start of term 3. I don't like chasing up money and I don't like having to pull players out of teams if subs have not been paid. Please ensure that these have been paid to the school account by the due date.

Jason Palmer (TIC Rugby)

Photo courtesy Kay Merrett



STREET SMART

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