



South Otago High School

Newsletter 7th August 2020

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

This week the school has been buzzing with the aftermath of the SNOB last Friday. I have, this week, congratulated the SNOB Committee on an outstanding job in their preparation for this event. In the five years that I have been attending this school function this has been the best yet.

Students have also been talking this week about what a great night it was. As principal greeting all the guests it can be challenging to recognise these young people who are so well turned out, looking so smart and mature. The behaviour throughout the night was superb. Talking to some of the adults who helped in the kitchen and with security, they were equally impressed with our students.

It was so good to see nearly 200 young people having a great time and enjoying themselves.

My thanks to the staff who assisted with supervision and all the adults who assisted with organising students, preparing food and helping with the preparation and clear up. A special mention to the Year 10 students who waited on tables and also Mr Douglas and Ms Jory who supported the SNOB Committee.

The Year 12 students now have a year to plan for their event next year and to improve upon a fantastic night.

Conferences

We are now starting to prepare for the mid year round of student lead conferences. We will be hosting a day on 20 August and evening on 19 August. We expect that all students will attend a 20 minute meeting to discuss their progress towards their goals and what their next steps are to ensure that they are successful. We appreciate it when students are accompanied by a parent/ whanau or caregiver. The support from home is vital for student

success and these conference meetings are a means of demonstrating the support and assisting with the positive outcomes for students.

Year 9-12 survey

This week I have reminded Year 9 and Year 12 students to return the survey to support us with the planning for future developments at school. So far the rate of return has been very low. As a school we value your input and feedback in this way. Please do return completed surveys to the school office so that we have your feedback on the work done at South Otago High School.

Tertiary Open day

On Monday next week most of our Year 13 students will be travelling to Dunedin for the Tertiary Open Day. This is a great opportunity for our students to discover what study will be like both at Otago University and Otago Polytechnic. For students who are uncertain about what they will do in 2021, it is a day to look at the options available and the accommodation that they could move into in the future. I encourage all Year 13 students to attend this day and use it as a learning experience.

Finally

Whilst most students are aware of the process of reporting to the school office if they are feeling unwell during the school day we are finding that some students are leaving the school site without informing the office. We are also finding some parents are collecting students without the school being informed. We ask that parents reinforce with their children what the school process is and make sure that the school office is informed prior to students leaving the school grounds.

Ka Kite Ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Conferences

We look forward to seeing you at Conferences on Wednesday 19th August from 4pm to 8pm or Thursday 20th August from 9am to 3pm. To book an appointment with your child's mentor please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the booking code **cdarw**.

The aim of this round of Conferences is to review your child's progress towards their goals and to adjust these as necessary for the rest of 2020. I would encourage you to talk to your child about this before the appointment and it is expected that students attend with parents or caregivers.

To assist you in talking to your child about their progress I will email shortly with information and reminders on how to log onto the portal along with what the information means.

Mr Scarth
Deputy Principal

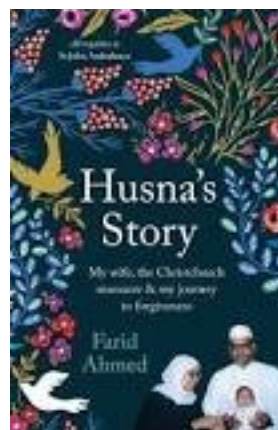
Library

This week in the library we are coming to the end of our Chess competition and should have a result by this time next week. We are looking forward to seeing who is going to be the champion for 2020.

In other news, I have had confirmation this week that I have passed my Diploma in Library and Information Studies so I am really pleased to have achieved it and look forward to my graduation next May.

A book that has caught my eye this week is a poignant story of one of the families who were involved in the Christchurch Mosque attack in 2019. Husna Ahmed's husband Farid tells the story of what a selfless woman his wife had been and how she saved other women and children before she re-entered the Mosque to try and find her husband. This is an amazing story of bravery and forgiveness, a book worth reading.

Katrina Pudney
Librarian



Board of Trustees

Student Representative

Would you like to represent the
students on the Board of Trustees?

**This is a 12 month position—you attend
Board of Trustee meetings in the
evening, once a month (from 6.30pm
onwards)**

**Petrina Scherp is the current
Student Representative**

Nominations open

Tuesday, 18th August

and close *8th September*

Voting for the student rep will

be held at the end of Term

**Call at the office for a nomination form and job
description after 18th August**

Year 13 Careers Guidance and Planning

On Thursday during mentoring time we met with Year 13 students to discuss Tertiary Open Day and future planning. Most of our Year 13 students are attending Tertiary Open Day on Monday 10th August. Students have been given a digital copy of the Open Day booklet/instructions for the app and should be planning their day. The bus leaves the South Otago High School bus bay at 7:30am, students please arrive by 7:20am. Students who are not travelling to Dunedin on Monday the 10th are expected to be at school and report to the hall period 1.

Halls of residence applications are now open on line. Students should refer to their 'Year 13 key dates' google doc for information on this process; many halls require them to complete the common confidential reference form (CCRF) as part of the process. This requests a reference from the school. Students who are not sure what they would like to do next year and have no plans are encouraged to make a booking (in person or for an online meeting) with us on conference day Thursday 20th August for some guidance and support with planning future directions.

Cath Bloxham
Year 13 Dean

Pam Cullen
Careers Advisor

Upcoming Events Term 3 2020

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| • <i>Wednesday 19th August</i> | Conference Evening |
| • <i>Thursday 20th August</i> | Conference Day |
| • <i>Wednesday 26th August</i> | NCEA Option Evening |
| • <i>Monday 31st August - Friday 4th September</i> | Tournament Week |
| • <i>Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September</i> | Year 8 Enrolment Interviews |
| • <i>Tuesday 15th September</i> | Sports and Cultural Photos |
| • <i>Friday 25th September</i> | Last Day Term 3 |

Geography and History

Mr Palmer and I had the pleasure of taking 35 Year 13's away on a field-trip to Queenstown earlier this week. This is the first time we have combined the history and geography trips like this but it seemed to work and is something we are keen to continue.

For history the focus of the trip was researching the museum archives for their research standard. There was also the opportunity to visit a number of historic sites to further their understanding of gold mining and even the opportunity to pan for some gold. Given Mr Palmer turned up to school on Wednesday I suspect this was not a lucky endeavour though. The class is now working on annotating and evaluating the sources they found in the museum.

The geographers had three different standards to contend with on the trip. The main focus was again on research as they surveyed local businesses to find out about how covid 19 had impacted on them. There were some predictable results but also some good news stories which opened the student's eyes. They also had the opportunity to look at how tourism is promoted in the region and how tourism has developed over time.

A big thank you to Mrs Bensley and Zelda Pearson for coming on the trip with us. I know the students appreciate you giving up your time and being very adaptable to get the students to the different locations they needed to be in. Also a big thank you to the students for their hard work and good behaviour on the trip.

Mike Beeby

HOD Social Sciences



Hockey

It was a battle for Clutha District honours on Tuesday night in Dunedin with the SOHS 11 a-side taking on Toko HS 1st XI. It was definitely a battle with both teams getting stuck in, the tackles were willing and the refs were mostly letting the game flow. Toko played a fast and unstructured style which was challenging to defend against but also presented opportunities to counter attack. SOHS opened the scoring following a piece of luck with the ball hitting the ref's foot in the Toko circle and preventing it going over the backline. With the call as 'play on' SOHS was first to respond and Kelan Smith slotted a powerful goal from the top of the circle. Near the end of the half some good lead up work from the midfielders presented Kelan with another opportunity in the circle and he calmly slotted to make the score 2 nil at halftime. Toko wasn't going to go down easy though and they came out firing in the second half. SOHS spent a fair chunk of the second half repelling waves of Toko attack. Only scrambling defence led by the back four and Ashley Wendelgest in goal was keeping us in front. Eventually the pressure told and Toko scored which made for an exciting last few minutes but we managed to hang on to secure the first win of the season. Player of the day went to Ashley in goal, pulling off some clutch saves to keep the ball out.

The SOHS 6 a-side team played against Otago Boys Blue in an exciting game. OBHS quickly took the lead with three successive goals, which immediately put the pressure on the team. However, SOHS found their game and controlled the ball back to the opposition half for goals scored by Shaun, Madox and Clay, making it 3-3. Another goal each by Shaun and Madox meant that SOHS was two up by half time. An exciting second half with OBHS scoring 5 goals and SOHS another four, two off Madox's stick and one each from Clay and Wyatt, saw SOHS take the win 9-8. Player of the day was Madox with a tally of four goals for the game. The team played together extremely well, and their practices involving accurate passes and strikes is starting to show during the game. Well done both SOHS teams

Next week:

- SOHS 11 a-side vs JMC 2nd XI 5.40 leaving SOHS 3.30pm
- SOHS 6 a-side vs OBHS Red 5.40pm leaving SOHS 3.30pm

Simon Cullen 11 a-side

Jo Bennett 6 a-side



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COUNTRY COACHING

Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association are running Junior Country Coaching on Tuesday 11th August. Rugby, Netball and Basketball are the sports.

These sessions run in two time slots 9.45am - 11.00am then 11.30am - 12.30pm.

Netball	Netball	Rugby	Rugby	Basketball
9.45 - 11.05am	11.30 - 12.30pm	9.45 - 11.05am	11.30 - 12.30pm	9.45 - 11.05am
Imogen Barlow	Madi Findlay	James Budge	Henry Craig	Archie Smith
Zoe Hyslop	Paige King	Will Clark	Oakley Davey	Ryan Williams
Greta Luke	Emily Jenkinson	Kingston Davis	Blake Evans	Kingston Davis
Sydney Marshall	Millie McNab	Johannes Human	Rylan Gouman	Ethan Hale
Leah Stephens	Jacklyn Wakeman	Ben Judson	Ethan Hale	Nate Robertson
Kayley Strachan	Cosine Chacapna	Clay Marshall	Blake Henderson	William Maze
Darrian Sutton	Holly Davidson	Kaleb Marshall	Tyler Jillett-Lornie	Tyler Lornie
Zara Upston	Amber James	Max Marshall	Regan Macdonald	Brendan Soper
Georgia Woodward	Emily Smith	Jordus McDonnell	William Maze	Hadley Lowry
Sam Affleck	Jasmine Van	Harry McHaffie	Jack Newport	Ashton Navarosa
Maddie Bielski	Asperen	Nate Robertson	Harlin Puna	
Bella Brown	Daikoyta Wier	Jack Soper	Nic Ramsay	
	Leticia Cochrane	Trey Stapleforth	Cass Rodwell	
		Troy Apiti	Wyatt Shanks	
		Kairus Booth	Morgan Stephens	
		Jesse Willis	Chase Te Moananui-Currie	
		Archie Smith		

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator

Rugby

It was great to see so many supporters down on the SOHS fields on Saturday. I can't remember the last time I would have seen that many supporters down there. Please see scores below:

- Colts (5) vs OBHS U15 (35)
- First XV (17) - Wakatipu (29)
- U15 (0) - Wakatipu (67)
- U14 Blue (62) - KV/Kavanagh (10)
- U14 Red (63) - Dunstan (17)

It was great to see the U15 Blue team record their first win for the season. I have a feeling that things are starting to come together nicely for these boys. My thoughts go out to Blake Dodds who had an ambulance journey to Dunedin after popping his shoulder out. It was a fantastic tackle he made but unfortunately he came off second best.

Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen who helped prepare a very good feed for the Queenstown lads. I also want to thank Uppy for manning the BBQ for the Colts boys. Also to Bottings butchery for their sponsorship of the sausages. Check out their Facebook page for some amazing deals!

This weekend we have three teams playing at home and one team away, the U15 team has a bye this weekend. Please see the draw below:

- First XV vs Mt Aspiring (1.00pm) - Cromwell
Jules will be in touch with the team regarding the time that the vans will leave the High School.
- Colts vs Cromwell (12.30pm) - SOHS #1
The Colts will be using the old gym to get changed in.
- U14 Red vs JMGC Blue (11.15am) - SOHS #1
U14 Blue vs JMGC White (11.15am) - SOHS #2

Due to a lack of changing rooms, the above teams will both be using the new gym.

The draw for the 15th of August is as follows:

- First XV vs Combined Co-eds (12.30pm) - Taieri HS
- Colts vs KV-EO-BAY (11.15am) - SOHS #1
- U15 vs Kings U15 Tigers (1.00pm) - Hancock Park
- U14 Red vs Taieri Juniors (11.15am) - SOHS #2
- U14 Blue – Bye

J Palmer (TIC Rugby)

Girls' Football

It was a hard day in the office for both of our teams yesterday.

Our first eleven learnt a harsh lesson in their game against the Otago Girls Second Eleven. Despite dominating the game, spending most of it in the opposition half, creating a number of opportunities and some excellent corners we came away with a 2-1 loss. After a scrappy start to the game we managed to take the lead when Olivia Stewart pounced on the loose ball on the opposition penalty area and rocketed a shot past the helpless keeper. When the opposition equalised nearing half time we were left to rue a few more missed opportunities and that was compounded when they scored again halfway through the second stanza. Both opposition goals came from counter attacks and against the run of play but that's football some days. While we didn't get much luck on the day, had some crucial refereeing decisions go against us, we had the chances to score and should have won but did not take them.

Player of the game for us was Caitlin Scherp who set up a number of good attacking opportunities in both open play and from set pieces. Sarah Van Asperen had a strong game at the back as did Chloe Henderson and Bronte Williams (Catlin's Area School). It is hard to fault many of our players given how dominant we were but we'll need to capitalise on our chances in future games.

A very positive moment at the end of our game was how Caitlin and Petrina Scherp recognised one of the opposition players had been injured on the final whistle and cared for her until the opposition had finished their celebrations and realised she was hurt. This extended to helping her to her father's car as well and was great to see the care shown by our players.

The seconds had a 7-0 loss to the Kaikorai Valley first eleven in their game. Despite the score we feel the team is improving and it was just a couple of players on the other team who made the difference.

Breanna Uren was our player of the day but Evelyn Thorne also had a good second half playing in goal. Despite the results the players seem positive, are gelling better and are having fun each week. .

Mike Beeby

TIC Girls' Football

Girls' Rugby

Our 1st XV Rugby girls have finished their 7s competition and now move onto 15s. This week we had a bye. Next Wednesday we have a home game around the back of the showgrounds at 4.30pm it would be great to get a lot of home support as we don't very often get home games. The photo below is of Elish Doyle at one of our trainings. Elish is the ORFU Coaching Development Officer.

Thanks to Tony and Michelle Pringle from (Agreeable Nature) for the sponsorship of the girls tops.

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator



Netball

Tomorrow is the last game for the 2020 shortened season thanks to South Otago Netball Centre for forging through and making this happen.

DRAW for Saturday 8th August 2020

- A vs Southern Plumbing @ 2.00pm crt 3
- B vs Hillend Social @ 1.00pm crt 2
- C vs Lawrence B @2.00pm crt 1
- Alpha vs Johnstones Electrical @1.00pm crt 4
- Beta vs Catlins 2.00pm crt 5
- Blue vs Hillend Shotz @ 1.00pm crt 1

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