



# South Otago High School

## Newsletter 28th August 2020

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

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

#### *Kia Ora Tatou*

This week house groups have been starting their preparation for the upcoming Cultural Competition later this term. It is good to hear the pride and passion with which the students perform. I am hoping, that as in previous years, we will be able to invite guests from our community to hear our students perform.

#### Class Act

As happens each year there was a wonderful write up in the Otago Daily Times to mark the Class Act recipients from throughout the Otago region. Whilst I accept that I am biased, I did think that our two recipients, James Briones and Luka Wilson, spoke extremely well and spoke with pride about South Otago High School and that their achievements and contribution to the community stacked up very well against other recipients. I applaud both recipients for their future ambitions and I look forward to seeing how their future achievements progress.

#### World beating achievement!

Luka Wilson recently decided to participate in the Global Education Perfect Science competition. This concluded this week and he was awarded 11th overall in the world and is to be presented with an Elite Award.

Other competition stats for South Otago High School:  
1st in New Zealand for the 251-500 students category (out of 95 schools)

97th overall globally (out of 1,874 schools)

31st overall in New Zealand (out of 478 schools)

7th overall in the 251-500 students category (out of 420 schools)

Once again a demonstration that our students can do as well as the best and proving that a rural high school is no barrier to success.

#### Community Consultation

This week we commenced our community consultation process. It was lovely to travel to Clinton last Monday evening to receive feedback on the school. We covered a range of topics from mentoring, provision of sport and cultural activities, academic progress to communication and uniform. The information provided will provide guidance to the Board as we set the strategic direction for the school for the next three years.

As we are working under Covid-19 Alert Level 2 at the present time I would ask that you please register for one of the meetings detailed below. We will ask participants to use the hand sanitizer provided on arrival and we will have a contact register for each of the events. Please contact the school office so that we can prepare and

know how many we expect to attend for each event. The meetings will be held:

- Clydevale, Greenfield Tavern, Monday 7 September at 7pm
- Kaitangata, Community Centre, Thursday 10 September at 7pm
- Balclutha, Town and Country, Tuesday 15 September at 7pm

#### Pomahaka Block

On Monday morning we officially moved back into the first half of Pomahaka Block. In the morning there was a traditional blessing and walk through to formally open the first stage of our redevelopment. By 9am students had moved in and were enjoying their new facilities. I have been talking to teachers who use the space and they have commented positively about the impact that this development has had on student work. I hope that this new environment will sustain this positive work effort. Certainly students have appreciated the new furniture and work environment.



#### Finally

This week I have for the first time since arriving nearly 5 years ago managed to escape from school to join the Y12 PE and Outdoor Education students on their annual ski trip and assessment. The timing was perfect with a fresh dusting of new snow and clear skies.

It was a pleasure to see the students persevering as they worked to develop their personal skills. I am sure that the trip will remain one of the highlights for the year (and possibly their time at school) for these students.

Whilst this was a curriculum based trip for these students we cannot afford to offer these invaluable experiences without the financial support we request in donations towards the costs of these activities. Thank you to all of the families that have supported this and other curriculum experiences.

***Ka Kite Ano***  
**Mike Wright**  
Principal

**Cups and trophies are required to be returned, clean, to the school office by Friday 18th September.**

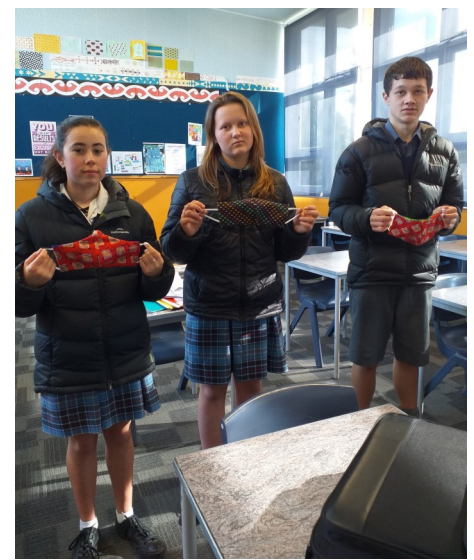
### Year 13 PE Trip to Dunedin

Year 13 PE visited recreation facilities including Otago Polytech, Unipol and the Edgar Centre this week. Students are currently investigating strategies and pathways to continue with their physical activity passions as they transition into study or employment in 2021. A great day was had by all.

**Hannah Gold**  
**HOD PE/Health**



**2020 SPEC** students making re-useable masks. Thanks, Mrs Nicol for your time and patience.  
Mya Dovey, Courtney Maguire and Jarrod Andrews



## Hockey

Tuesday night's game vs Kavanagh College 1st XI started in a shower of hail and rain and the ugly weather was similar to what was taking place on the turf. SOHS 11 a-side again started slow and were generally failing to execute basic skills like trapping and passing whilst trying to dribble through opposition players far too often. This contributed to the team not scoring any goals in the first half but luckily Kavanagh couldn't score any either. Another stern halftime chat and the team knew they could do better. Finally Brayden Campbell broke the deadlock after a bit of a scramble in the circle. The game really sparked to life after that with both teams lifting a gear or two. Kavanagh replied with a quick goal to make it 1 all but SOHS weren't done and continued to attack the Kavanagh goal. The pressure told after some nice passing and Tyler Lornie put the ball away neatly on his backhand. A bit later and some more good passing saw Kelan Smith's shot deflect off an opposition stick high into the back of the net to make it 3-1. From there we controlled the game nicely so that Kavanagh had no chances to come back. A much better team effort featured in the second half. Player of the day went to Mack Maaka who had some nice touches and passes in the attacking zone which created opportunities for others.

The SOHS 6 a-side team played after the 11 a-side team on Tuesday night against Taieri College Green. Memphis Cook stepped into the goalie gear and had a great game, deflecting the ball away from the goal box. Clay Marshall proving a strong player in the mid and forward positions, and Shaun Bennett, who had played in the previous game for the 11 a-side also, had lots of fun, moving from a back into a forward position when Breanna Uren took his position in the backs, proving she can control the back line. The team made Shaun work for his position, making him run, and with their help, scored two goals, earning him Player of the day. Maddox Solomon and Alec Mills topped the scores though, with three goals each, and Wyatt Mellon achieved one, with the final score being 9-4 to SOHS. The work the team is doing with their drills with Simon, and Kelvin at practice are showing in their game, their confidence is soaring as they develop into a great little team. It is really good to see so many parents supporting the team at the turf in Dunedin. We all appreciate the time and effort you need to make to get to the turf to watch our games!

Next week is Tournament Week and there is no hockey for either team. We will be back into it the following week, heading into our final games and playoffs.

**Simon Cullen 11 a-side**

**Jo Bennett 6 a-side**

## 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*

## Horticulture Careers Day- Ettrick 7th September 2020 10 am-2 pm

Roxburgh Area School/GoHort and Fruit producers in the region are hosting a Careers day.

Visiting Orchards/ Packhouses and all the related jobs in the industry including pest identification/ fruit maturity/harvest decisions/quality control/ market suitability and access/ MPI requirements/ dispatching fruit/ Pathways into industry. Lunch will be provided. If there is sufficient interest the school will provide a minivan to transport students (travel cost \$15pp). Please wear warm clothing (Bring a high visibility vest if you have one). Closed in footwear. Bring a drink bottle.

As registration is required by Monday 31st August interested Y11 -13 students MUST contact Mrs Cullen by interval on Monday morning.

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03 4180517 ext 208

## Upcoming Events Term 3 2020

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| • Monday 31st August - Friday 4th September..... | Tournament Week             |
| • Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September.....   | Year 8 Enrolment Interviews |
| • Tuesday 15th September.....                    | Sports and Cultural Photos  |
| • Friday 25th September.....                     | Last Day Term 3             |

## Rugby

Last weekend was possibly our most successful Saturday in terms of results. The U14 blue team travelled to Alexandra to play Dunstan. It sounds as if it was a fantastic game where it could have gone either way. Dunstan took the win by ONE POINT (41-40). Sounds like try of the day went to James Budge. Thank you very much to Fyn Gilder for jumping in and playing a game for the boys.

The U14 red team had the long journey to Oamaru to take on Waitaki Boys. Another solid win for these boys, 40-15. Back home, the Colts boys played Cromwell who turned up short of players. We threw four players their way so the game could be played. Apparently it was an outstanding team effort and was a really good game to watch. The SOHS boys took the win 35-22. A first win of the season went to the U15 team who beat West Otago 39-32. Tony tells me the SOHS defence was outstanding and the whole team worked well together. The First XV had a great win against Waitaki Boys 29-0. A big thanks to the First XV for turning up at my house to sing Happy Birthday to Esme, she loved it. I would also like to thank all of our supporters for staying away from the game.

This weekend we have managed to establish a plan to allow supporters on the SOHS school field, however, there are some guidelines that you **MUST** meet to allow this to happen. These are requests by myself and the school. If you feel you are unable to meet them, please do not turn up on Saturday.

- You **MUST** sign in by either using iDMe code or writing your name/contact number on the paper as you come through the gate.

- Follow the arrows to access areas

- Do not attend if you are sick

- Maintain social distancing

- DO NOT cross through red 'no public areas'

- No public toilets will be available.

- U14 and U15 spectators will not be allowed on grounds until 10.30am. They must leave directly after the conclusion of the game.

- First XV spectators will not be able to access the field until 12.50pm (once U14/U15 spectators have departed).

- Zones #1 and #3 are areas set for visitors while zones #2 and #4 are set for SOHS supporters (map attached).

- **Please note that spectators numbers may have to be limited if they approach 100 people per zone**

Please see games and times for this weekend below:

- U14 Red vs OBHS U14 Blue (SOHS) - 11.15am – New Gym

*The U14 team will be using the new gym to get changed in, however, will need to remove their gear after getting changed.*

- U14 Blue vs OBHS U14 White (Dunedin) - 11.15am

*Tony will advise the team what time the vans will depart for this game.*

- U15 vs OBHS U15 White (SOHS) - 11.15am – Old Gym

First XV vs John McGlashan (SOHS) – 1.00pm – New Gym

The U15 tournament team is off to Invercargill on Monday to play in the South Island tournament. I want to thank Adam Wyber and Nathan White for giving up their time and coaching these boys. I also would like to thank Davina Robson for the large amount of organisation that she did to ensure that this event will run smoothly.

**J Palmer (TIC Rugby)**

### SOHS Rugby - 29th September

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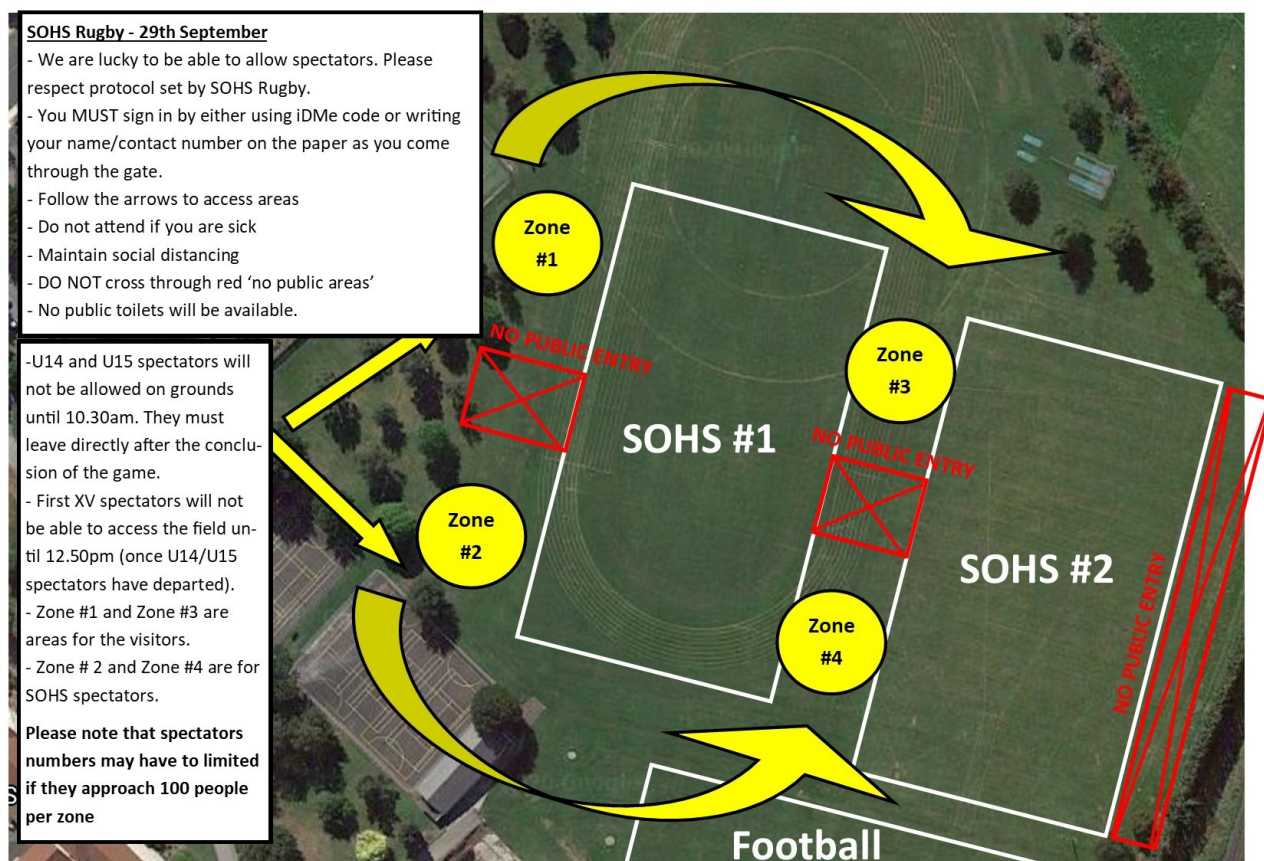
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## TOURNAMENT WEEK

It is so exciting this week is finally nearly here and happening, with all the uncertainty with COVID and still being at Level 2 I did wonder if this event would take place. Unfortunately for our U15 Girls Rugby Team their tournament has been cancelled but we have the following teams attending:

- Girls Football - Dunedin
- Boys Football - Invercargill
- UN 15 Rugby - Invercargill
- Senior A Netball - Invercargill

Results will be posted daily on our Facebook page for those that would like to follow how our teams are getting on. Good luck to our students, coaches, managers, timekeepers, TICs, camp Mums, medics and supporters.

***" I don't believe in magic I believe in hard work" RICHIE MCCAWE***

## NETBALL

Our netball team of 10 girls and 3 management head away to Invercargill on Saturday afternoon with their first game at 8.30am on Sunday against OGHS then Taieri College and lastly St Hildas and that is only day one. Thanks to Michelle Odelle, their manager for all she has done to make this tournament a success. Trudy Cochrane is their coach and Tarryn May the medic.

### Senior A Netball Team

- Maddie Deacon
- Briana Dent
- Kaya Laban
- Gemma Johnson
- Jade Kyle
- Amber Mowat
- Cassidy Robertson
- Brooke Storer
- Sophie Ruffell
- Luana Valli

For Kaya, Amber, Cassidy and Brooke this is their last Tournament playing for SOHS so lets get it DONE girls!

## Girls Rugby

On Wednesday our two teams travelled away. Seniors were at Taieri College, Juniors at Opoho. Our Senior girls were light on numbers for this game but still gave it their best and borrowed Taieri College girls for the game. Our Junior Girls played Queens up at Opoho and came away with a win.

- SOHS Seniors 52-10 Taieri College
- SOHS Juniors 43-30 Queens

Our girls have a week off next week because of tournament week so this will be a great chance to rest and mend any injuries.

**Pam Hannah**  
**Sports Coordinator**



# DAFFODIL DAY 2020

