



South Otago High School

Newsletter 4th September 2020

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

This week has been quite busy with a number of students travelling for the winter tournament sports competitions representing South Otago High School in netball, rugby and soccer, both boys and girls. During the week results have been trickling in and the feedback was very positive. It has been so good that students have been able to have this opportunity to travel and play when earlier this year and even this term it all seemed so unlikely.

Back in school it has been reassuring to see students focussing on their studies as the end of the year draws even closer. For senior students there will be slightly less than seven school weeks to complete internal assessments and prepare for external exams and portfolio submissions. The remaining time is precious and we expect to see students persevering with their studies to achieve their true potential.

Senior options

Students in Year 10 to 12 have received the course option details for 2021 and are currently meeting with senior leaders to confirm that their selection is going to meet the needs for their future goals. As in previous years, for Y12 and 13 students we have an increasing number of options for students who would like to follow vocational programmes leading to trade qualifications.

Some Year 12 students are considering transitioning to tertiary providers under the lure of fees free promotions for certain trades. Whilst I appreciate the appeal of moving to a city and studying full time there are other costs for students which are not free such as transport, accommodation, rent, food and utilities. Tertiary students are finding part time work more challenging to secure.

Whilst I do not wish to stop students from making the transition at the end of Year 12 to tertiary study I do encourage students to thoroughly research what is entailed and the full costs. Sorry Mum and Dad you may have your son/daughter at home for another year! But, from feedback we have received in the past from parents, employers and other providers, Year 13 is a year when a

lot of our young people really grow up and mature which supports their future transition to employment or tertiary study.

Community Consultation

Our community consultation process continues next week with a visit to Clydevale, Monday 7 September at 7pm and then Kaitangata, Thursday 10 September at 7pm.

I am looking forward to meeting parents at both of these meetings and receiving feedback to support our ongoing development. 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 sanitiser 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

Finally

This weekend the annual school ski trip heads to The Remarkables Ski area. I am sure that students will have a great time and enjoy the fresh snow that has been falling this week. I look forward to the report back from staff and students next week. Also some of our Senior Geography students head to Mount Cook. This is a spectacular trip and a great learning opportunity. I look forward to their report back to school too.

Ka Kite Ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Important Uniform Information

All uniform is now available at Stirling Sports and Schooltex, Balclutha.

Limited second-hand uniform items are available from South Otago High School **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Any uniform being dropped off at school for sale MUST be laundered and packed in a clear plastic bag with a sales docket attached - dockets available at the office.

Thank you

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

Learn to Save a Life:

Learn First Aid with PowerNet and St John

Book your FREE St John First Aid Community Course today.

PowerNet and St John have joined together to increase First Aid knowledge in the Southern region.

To book your Free St John First Aid course - call Glenys Riach at 0800 785 646 ext 3656 or email glenys.riach@stjohn.org.nz and quote the code printed below.

St John has limited spaces available on First Aid Courses on:

- Tuesday, 29th September 2020 - 8.30am - 5pm at St John Balclutha on 5 - 7 High Street, Balclutha 9230. The code is **POW0615**

SIT Open Day

The Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) would like to extend a warm invitation to senior students and parents, to attend the rescheduled Open Day which will now be held on Friday 25th September. The Open Day will commence at 10:00am at the Tay Street campus, Invercargill and conclude at 1:30pm. The programme will include campus tours and the opportunity to attend various workshops and a mini expo. Please contact Mrs Cullen asap if you would like a programme and details for registration (now required under the changing Alert levels of Covid-19).

Pam Cullen

Gateway / STAR / Careers Co-ordinator

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.

pcullen@sohs.school.nz

03 4180517 ext 208

Library

Our book this week is a cool new mystery called The Fire Star, written by A.L Tait and Published by Penguin books it is a story about Castles and Knights, Kings and Horseman, secrets and jewels. A Kingdom in trouble and a mystery to solve. Can Maven and Reeve find the fire star? They only have 3 days.

Katrina Pudney

Librarian



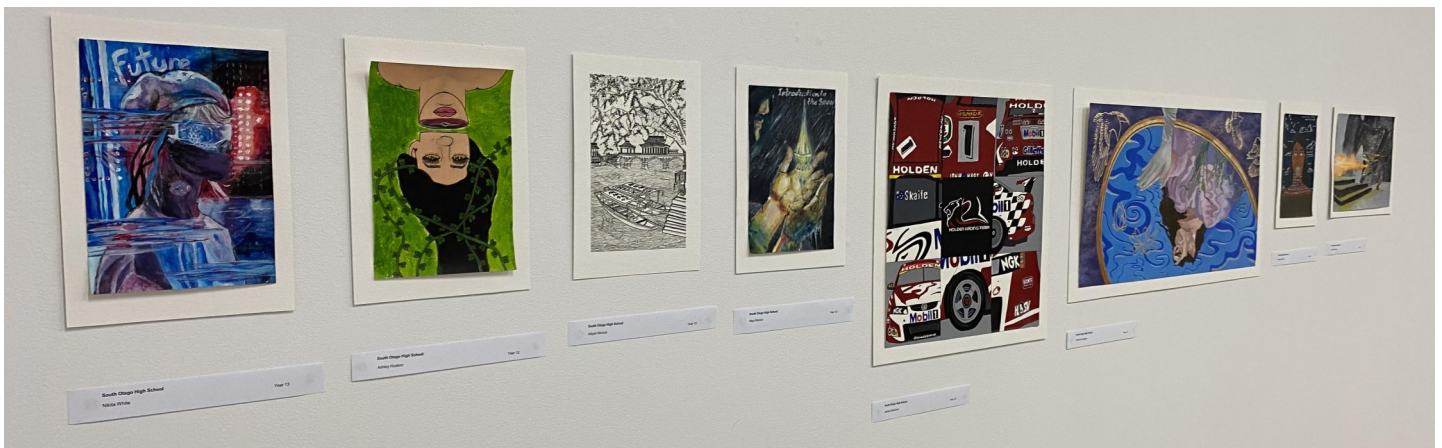
Upcoming Events Term 3 2020

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| • Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September..... | Year 8 Enrolment Interviews |
| • Tuesday 15th September..... | Sports and Cultural Photos |
| • Friday 25th September..... | Last Day Term 3 |

Dunedin School of Art - Celebrate Art Exhibition 2020

On Monday a small group of year 12 and 13 students went to view their artworks on display in an annual Otago High School students Art Exhibition held at the DSA. We had 8 students selected for this exhibition this year. Congratulations to all the Art students involved in this exhibition.

Below: Alliyah Minoza, Meg Albarico, Jess Davidson, Hannah Laugesen, Aroha Stapeforth, George Tabberer. Absent - Nikita White and Ashley Hudson



Year 9 and 10 Parents - Health Programme

Year 9 and 10 Students are about to start a topic around Sexuality Education in Health. Teachers use the newly revised 2019 Family Planning resource - Navigating the Journey: Sexuality Education. This resource is widely used by New Zealand schools and is linked to the New Zealand Curriculum. Prior to your child commencing this unit you will receive a letter via email with further information on the outline of the programme. We would also like to ask for your feedback on the suggested programme for this year and would appreciate it if you could please complete a short survey using the link provided in the letter you receive.

Hannah Gold

Head of Health and Physical Education.

Girls Football

We had our most successful year at the tournament for the last six years this week, A tenth place finish was a good result and an improvement on last year's 23rd place. More importantly, every game was competitive and we were not well beaten in any of the games.

The first day began with two nil all draws against St Kevins then Fordland Colleges. They were contrasting games though with us being hard on defense and working hard for the draw against St Kevins while with Fiordland we were dominant but did not make the most of our chances to score the vital needed goal. (I've said that a few times this season). Players of the game for us were Caitlin Scherp in goal for the first game and Chloe Henderson in the middle of defence in the second game.

Our hardest and possibly best game came the next morning against Columba College. Columba went on to lose the final in extra time and also narrowly missed out on winning the division above us this year. After St Kevins had beaten Fiordland that morning it was a must win game for us to be able to make the top eight. The strategy was pretty straightforward. Defend with all that we had and hope to pinch a goal on counter attack in the last 15 minutes or so. It so nearly worked!!! With another superb performance from Caitlin and great work from the defence we looked to be heading to half time at nil all. Agonisingly they scored with the last kick of the first half which was a cruel blow for a team that had followed the pre match strategy perfectly. They scored again about 15 minutes into the 2nd half so with nothing to lose we threw on another attacker and went close to scoring a goal of our own but the game finished 2-0 to Columba.

That left us with the tough job of two more games that afternoon to try and qualify for the top 10. That started well with a 3-0 win over a combined Kaikorai/Bayfield team thanks to two goals by Olivia Stewart. The third goal came from an own goal brought about by good pressure by Olivia which well justified her being player of the game. The tough ask was always going to be then facing a much fresher Queen's team who had played half the number of games we had. It was another tough defensive game and we went close to snatching a goal near the end when Jess Coetser broke through to be one on one with the goal but her shot went agonisingly wide. Chloe was again, player of the game for her effort in defence.

That night it was time for our annual farewell dinner for the Year 13's who are leaving the team. In a new approach this year we also invited those from the second eleven who are also leaving. To Petrina Scherp, Grace Jessop, Sarah Van Asperen, Olivia, Nikita White, Madeline Bennett and Evelyn Thorn - thank you very much for playing for the school, we appreciate all of your efforts and wish you well for the future. Hopefully we'll see you continue the tradition of ex-players coming along and supporting us on the sideline in future tournaments. You will all be missed!

The previous day had ended with us expecting to be playing for 11th or 12th the next morning as Queens looked far too strong for the combined team and were expected to score more than three goals to go above us in the table. It was with great relief the next day when we found out the score had been 4-2 to Queens which put us through to the top ten on goal difference. Without making excuses though, it was a very tired and sore team that we put out in the play off against Menzies College. It was a thrilling game with both teams making good chances to score but desperate defence and good goalkeeping kept the teams equal well into the second half. Unfortunately for us it was Menzies who were able to break the deadlock and take the lead which they held until the end of the game. Player of the game for us was Sarah who had been excellent on defence all week.

With Caitlin and Chloe tied on two games each as MVP, the award for the tournament went to Chloe based on the fact one of her MVP's had been in the final round of games. Personally I think they both played excellently all week and both deserved the award.

Mike Beeby
TIC Girls' Football



Rugby

Hi team, thank you very much to all of you who helped me out in the weekend by following the Level 2 guidelines put in place. The SOHS fields certainly look as if rugby has been played. I am hoping the wind will dry them out a little before tomorrow.

We had a winless Saturday, however, despite the scores, all of the games I watched at SOHS were tight and I think you boys should all be proud of the way you played.

- U14 Blue (19) - OBHS (60)
- U14 Red (15) - OBHS (27) - THIS WAS THE TOP OBHS U14 TEAM
- U15 (14) - OBHS (31)
- First XV (5) - JMGC (40)

I have had a good few days away with the U15 tournament team who performed extremely well at tournament. Unfortunately we were in a very tough pool which made it challenging, however, the boys were amazing and had a great time. Results below:

- SOHS (0) - Cashmere (24)
- SOHS (0) - Central Southland (5)
- SOHS (36) - St Kevin's (12)
- SOHS (33) - Mt Aspiring (7)
- SOHS (12) - Verdon (12) - Joint winners in the plate final

This weekend only the two U14 teams and the First XV will be playing. The U15 team has finished for the season and because of the ski trip, the Colts team does not have the numbers. Dunstan are also in the same position with a large number of their players having to fill gaps in their First XV.

- First XV vs Waitaki Boys - 1.00pm (Clutha Showgrounds)
- U14 Red vs Wakatipu U14 - 1.00pm (SOHS #2)
- U14 Blue vs Taieri - 11.15 (Taieri College)

If there are any U15 players who would like to help the U14 Blue team out, could you please contact Tony Mallon (mallonbuild@xtra.co.nz)

J Palmer (TIC Rugby)

Social Studies 9T

This term we are studying Sustainability, and as part of this are undertaking a project/investigation. Today we started our project looking at litter here at SOHS.

During period 5 we went out and picked up (hopefully) all of the rubbish around school in 7 different areas.

Attached are some photos from the class counting the rubbish back in class.

The class picked up the following:

- 174 pieces from out the front of A block and the bus bay entrance to school
- 132 from around T block/between T and A blocks.
- 172 from the quad area in front of canteen/by the hall
- 141 from around D block
- 88 from in front of Music/Drama block and by the hall
- 76 from along the front of school (they impressed with getting right in amongst the bushes/garden
- 238 from the tennis courts area

From here we will be mapping the data and looking at patterns in where litter is found and why that might be the case. Hopefully then coming up with some solutions too!

Kelly Bensley
Social Sciences



Boys football tournament



A huge word of thanks must go to Unifone for sponsoring polo shirts and to night 'n day for sponsoring kit bags and bottles for the tournament.

The South Otago High School boy's first XI football team went to tournament in Invercargill this week playing a range of teams. Southland Boys High school was their first group game on Monday morning. The boys threw everything but the kitchen sink at the opposition goal including Caleb McKay and James Hayward who hit the woodwork three times. Jack Murray slotted home a well earned penalty created by Oliver Wakelin who found himself in a one on one with the goal keeper before being brought down from behind. Moments later we had a penalty awarded against us and the result was a hard to swallow 1-1 draw.

Game 2 on Tuesday morning against play Mount Aspiring. The boys were worried about this fixture before the tournament and after having seen Southland Boys High School concede four against them on Monday afternoon we felt a little more confident especially given the number of opportunities we could have converted into goals against Southland Boys. Unfortunately it wasn't our day and though we fought hard and pushed Mount Aspiring on a number of occasions we were again unable to convert chances into goals. The final score of 4-0 meant that we and Southland Boys High School were inseparable with regards points or goal difference and as such a coin toss was the only means of deciphering who should go through. Having lost the coin toss, we would not be able to achieve any higher than 9th position, having won the coin toss Southland boys were guaranteed a top 8 finish.

Game 3 on Tuesday afternoon against Menzies. The first half seen Menzies take the lead, we had to make a quick change of formation after Jack Murray had to be removed from the field of play and subsequently the tournament after having received a black eye. It looked like it was going to be another one of those days. Cometh the hour, cometh the man and in the form of Ben Witt. Stepping into a centre forward role, Ben put three past Menzies before subbing off for Callum Brown. James Hayward seen his cross converted into an own goal from a Menzies defender. Late in the second half Blake Mosley came off after taking a knock during the game and Ben took to the field again. Not happy with having earned a hat trick Ben slotted home a header from a cross to make it 5-1 before the final whistle.

Game 4 on Wednesday morning against Verdon College. Another tight game which looked like one way traffic at times. After having conceded two goals against the run of play, Blake Mosley rattled the crossbar from a free kick and had his effort cross the line. The referee wasn't going to call it but luckily Oliver Wakelin was at hand to follow it in and ensured the ball found the back of the net. Caleb McKay got the second during a goal mouth scramble to even the score at 2-2. On this occasion the draw resulted in penalties. Blake Mosley, Caleb McKay and Tyler Foster all converted their penalties into goals before Ryan Lloyd pulled off a great save to give us the upper hand. Oliver Wakelin scored the next penalty before Ben Witt guaranteed the victory.



Game 5 on Wednesday afternoon against Central Southland College. Another game in which we troubled the opposition but couldn't convert the chances into goals. On this occasion we had a pretty even match up and the game could have went either way, and it did but in favour of Central Southland College who scored one in the first half. The referee and opposition managers commended us on the quality of football played and commented on what a fantastic end

to end game of football we had just played.

We had the pleasure of including some talented year 9 and 10 students in the squad in the form of Callum Brown and Shaun Bennett. From Year 11 we had Ryan Lloyd, Hayden Sheppard and James Hayward who were a handful for every team we played with their determination and willingness to win. From Year 12 we enjoyed the experience, creativity and flair of Ben Witt and Tyler Foster as well as the resilience, structure and stability offered by defenders Lay-tun Lornie, Lachlan Bennett, Thomas Hamilton and Hamish Mills. We had the pleasure of having four year 13 students playing their final tournament this year in Jack Murray, Blake Mosley, Caleb McKay and Oliver Wakelin, each of which managing to get on the score sheet this tournament. A special mention of thanks to Astrid Murray who also attended her last tournament this year and was an outstanding help at the tournament ensuring the boys were nutritionally prepared for each game.

On the whole we are extremely proud of the determination and effort the boys have put in during the tournament to place 10th and we take some solace in the knowledge that we were impressive against Southland Boys High School who placed 3rd overall. We looked as though we could have beat anyone in front of us with a little luck in front of goal, unfortunately luck was against us on this occasion, but we move on and begin working towards next year's tournament.

Owen Doherty - TIC Boys' Football



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This years netball tournament was not the usual South Island Secondary Schools one like normally happens in tournament week, this year it was a condensed three day Otago/ Southland Tournament which was awesome even to get this especially for our four departing Year 13 girls, Amber Mowat, Kaya Laban, Cassidy Robertson and Brooke Storer. The rules we wavered a little allowing 22 spectators per team and ILT Stadium was partitioned off allowing only two games at a time in that space.

RESULTS

- 19-40 loss OGHS
- 31-28 win Taieri
- 19-51 loss St Hildas
- 34-17 win Menzies
- 22-23 loss Central Southland College
- 20-37 win Mt Aspiring
- 19-41 loss Wakatipu

Results were up and down at this tournament but our girls gave it their best every time they took the court. We played Wakatipu in the play off for 7 and 8th unfortunately the better team won this game on the day which placed us 8th in A grade for 2020. Thanks to Trudy Soper (coach), Michelle Odelle (manager) and Tarryn May (medic/camp Mum) for your efforts over the three days in Invercargill.



We had three of our girls umpire at this tournament thanks to Olivia Davidson, Lilly Campbell and Anna Lloyd for all your efforts at this tournament with these girls having three sometimes four games a day. Senior A Netball has three more weeks of netball to go until their season is done for the year. I am looking at hosting a Netball break-up in the near future and more info on this will be posted on our facebook page.

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator



Pop Up Covid Testing in Balclutha

Clutha District residents are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19.

Clutha Health First, Tokomairiro Waioara, Clutha District Council, WellSouth primary health network and Southern DHB are providing COVID-19 swabbing at a one day 'pop-up' surveillance testing site.

The drive-through testing centre will be at:

Cross Recreation Centre - 18 Glasgow Street, Balclutha

Thursday 10 September, 10am to 4pm

"I encourage everyone to come out and have a test, even if you don't have any symptoms," says Ray Anton, CEO, Clutha Health First. "It only takes a few minutes and it's free."

This pop-up surveillance site is part of ongoing surveillance testing in the South and around the country that is happening over the next couple of weeks.

Dr Susan Jack, Southern DHB, Medical Officer of Health, says testing asymptomatic people in the community is an important part of ensuring the district continues to be free of COVID-19.

"We remain at Alert Level 2 and there are currently no cases of COVID-19 or community transmission in the district," she says. "Pop up testing sites help us to continue to ensure this is the case – particularly as people are moving around the country more."

Wendy Findlay, WellSouth Director of Nursing, says: "This drive through pop-up testing site helps make COVID-19 testing convenient and accessible."

Clutha District Mayor Bryan Cadogan says: "I encourage everyone in the Clutha District to show solidarity and support. This is a prudent measure that we should all contribute to and do our part."

Testing available in general practice

Testing continues to be available for people with symptoms at general practices throughout the Southern region. Anyone wanting testing should call their GP or 0800 VIRUS19 (0800 847-8719) to be referred for testing. Testing is free and available seven days a week.

What to know about COVID-19 testing:

COVID testing is free for everyone, regardless of citizenship or visa status.

Information is not shared for immigration related or other enforcement purposes.

You don't need to be enrolled with a doctor or general practice to be tested.

You don't need to self-isolate (But if you are sick, stay home until you are symptom-free - just as you should when you have a cold.)

You do need to provide contact details – usually a phone number – so you can be informed of your test results.

More Health Information

Healthline free on 0800 611 116 can also provide advice about any health issues. And For COVID-19 specific enquiries – call 0800 358 5453 (or for international SIMs +64 9 358 5453)

Call 0800 VIRUS19 for more information on where to get tested in the Southern district. Or check <https://www.southernhealth.nz/COVID-19>