



# South Otago High School

## Newsletter 23rd October 2020

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

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

#### *Kia Ora Tatou*

This week has been the senior exam week and an opportunity for senior students to sit assessments under the identical conditions that they will face in the final NZQA exams next month. We are aware that some students will think 'I don't need to sit the end of year exams as I have all my credits/ University Entrance etc' Whilst this may be true students should consider their future career or study pathway. They should ask themselves some questions such as:

- 'If I am going to university am I going to have to sit exams at the end of the semester?' If the answer is yes, then it is wise to attempt the external standards to become familiar and comfortable with the exam stress.
- 'When I go to work I am going to be undertaking training to gain further qualifications, will I have to sit closed book assessments which are done under time pressure?' If the answer is yes, then you should be sitting the external assessments.

Under the current system there is, as I have suggested, the opportunity to bypass external assessments. In some instances, this may be valid but I do believe that students do need to make an informed decision based upon their future destination not on the 'easy way out'.

#### Junior student leaders

This week the assembly on Tuesday was much smaller with the absence of senior students. We have advised the Y10 students that we do look for

student leaders to support the student activities once the senior exams are underway. We encourage students who would like to take on a leadership role within the school to put their name forward.

#### Senior student scholarships

During the last two weeks we have received notification from a number of higher education providers that a significant number of our senior students are to receive financial scholarships to support them with their studies in 2021. For some students this will be huge support to them as they transition from the free high school education system. As these students have competed, with their applications, with other young people about New Zealand it shows that South Otago High School compares very well against other schools about the country. I am looking forward to congratulating these students at the senior prize giving in a couple of weeks time.

#### Finally

Enjoy the long weekend. For senior students who have completed their practice exams, take a breath and then set yourself up for the final weeks of study and aim to ensure that all of your assessments are up to date. Similarly, for junior students check in on your progress towards your graduation certificate. The small sacrifice now will pay for itself in a very short space of time.

*Ka kite ano*

**Mike Wright**  
**Principal**

#### TELFORD OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 30th OCT 2020, 10am - 2pm

Opportunity to visit the campus and check out the great facilities, chat to tutors and staff about study options, career pathways and services.

Any interested Y11 - 13 students should contact Mrs Cullen asap.

[pcullen@sohs.school.nz](mailto:pcullen@sohs.school.nz)



#### SOHS Board of Trustee Elections

1. **Nomination forms** have been emailed to all parents/caregivers. If you did not receive a nomination form, please contact the school office (4180517).
2. Nominations close 1<sup>st</sup> November at noon. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Board of Trustees, further information is available on the website below:

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

## Chinese Prizegiving 2020

The Confucius Institute's Chinese Prizegiving for the Otago region was held on Wednesday night. Congratulations to the following students - Ashlyn Cloete (Year 9) received an Excellent Learner - Outstanding Achievement Award. Ryan Williams (Year 9) received an Excellent Learner - Outstanding Achievement Award and an Outstanding Performance Award in the South Island Chinese Proficiency Competition. Thank you very much to all our Mandarin Teachers - Gigi Wu, Snow Yang, Rebecca Gao and Jane Huijie.

*Xavier Kee (Year 10) received the same award as Ashlyn and Ryan. (Excellent learner - Outstanding Achievement) but was absent on the evening but received the awards.)*

**Photo Right:** Rebecca Gao, Gigi Wu, Ryan Williams, Ashlyn Cloete, Mr Douglas and Snow Yang  
**Helen Williams**  
**HOD Arts**



Above: Jessie O'Hara (Year 9) has recently received an award in a Nationwide Isometric Lockdown Photography Competition. Her photo was completed during the lockdown as part of a Visual Art / Photography Unit. Congratulations to Jessie.

**Helen Williams - HOD Arts**

***Congratulations to the following students for earning their Merit and Excellence badges so far this year!***

### **Y10 Excellence**

Charlotte Bennington  
Emma Bennett  
Katy Gilder  
Anna Lloyd  
Jahnae Palmer  
Evie Copland  
Eliza Non

### **Y10 Merit**

Tiffany Henry-Hewson  
Brayden Ferguson  
Pinky Promsuwan  
Xavier Kee  
Memphis Cook  
Luis Smales  
Abby Stewart  
Israel McRae  
Zara-Lee Tuhura  
James Dobbie

### **Y9 Excellence**

Ryan Williams

### **Y9 Merit**

Archie Smith  
Emily Jenkinson  
Zara Upston  
Jessie O'Hara  
Greta Luke  
Kayley Strachan  
Eli McRae  
Ashlyn Cloete  
Zara Milne  
Brayden Chaplin

### School Magazine 2020

A charge of \$20 has been put on all student accounts today. If you **DO NOT** wish to receive a school magazine, please email [jfrisby@sohs.school.nz](mailto:jfrisby@sohs.school.nz) and I will remove the charge from your student's account. I will email students/parents/caregivers when the magazine is available for pick up.

**Jackie Frisby**  
School Secretary

### Scholarship Success

Students in Year 13 are encouraged to apply for scholarships and there are a number available to school leavers. The following students have told us about their success with University Scholarships. These scholarships recognise students' achievements and provide significant support as they head to tertiary studies. Information can be found on tertiary websites such as

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/index.html>

#### Apology to Ryan Cross who was missed off last week's list of successful students:

- **Ryan Cross** University of Otago Pacific Scholarship
- **Luka Wilson** University of Otago Academic Excellence
- **James Briones** University of Victoria International Excellence Scholarship/ Wellington Tangiwai Scholarship, University of Waikato Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.
- **Faith Batt** University of Otago 150th Anniversary Scholarship
- **Hania Coll** University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
- **Aroha Stapleforth** University of Otago Maori Scholarship
- **Kaya Laban** University of Otago Pacific Scholarship.
- **Hannah Laugesen** University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship, Tangiwai School Leaver Scholarship
- **Charlotte Murray** University of Otago New Frontiers Sustained Excellence Scholarship

Well done to all the recipients, we are very proud of you and congratulate you on your success.

**Cath Bloxham**  
Year 13 Dean

### Year 12 Students Leadership Peer Support Training 2020/2021

Plans are underway at school for activities for the end of the year. We know that many of our students work over the holiday period so this information may be useful to you. On Monday 30th November current Year 12 students are expected to return to school (Library) from 10am-12 to learn about leadership opportunities in 2021 and an introduction to Peer Support. Non uniform is permitted on the 30th. A number of staff will be involved with leading activities for the programme. Attendance at this training is compulsory for a number of our leadership opportunities including being on the student council, and being a peer leader at Green park.

The Peer Support training day for 2021 is Friday 29th January starting at 8:40am. Year 13 are asked to meet the Year 9 students on their arrival at school at the bus bay/ entrance area and guide them to the main hall. Please mark this on your calendar. Students please bring a plate on this day to share for morning tea with Year 13 students. Year 9 and Year 13 wear uniform.

Peer support leaders work in groups with 2-3 leaders meeting once a week with 10-15 Year 9 students during term one to support them as they transition to high school. The Year 13 students are excellent role models for students and provide a valuable opportunity to support our school values of respect, perseverance and excellence. Students learn not only leadership skills but develop their ability to cooperate/collaborate and build their confidence, planning and organisational skills.

**Cath Bloxham**  
Teacher in charge of Peer Support

### Upcoming Events Term 4 2020

- *Monday 26th October*..... Labour Day - School Closed for Instruction
- *Wednesday 11th November*..... Last Day for Seniors, Senior Prizegiving
- *Monday 16th November*..... NCEA Exams start
- *Friday 4th December*..... Junior Prizegiving

### Health News

**Head Lice is present in our South Otago High School Community. Please check your student's hair and if you find/suspect head lice, please keep your student at home until you have treated the problem.**

**If you need advice on treatment, call public health or your local pharmacy**

**An information sheet is attached to this email.**

### TOUCH

Congratulations to the following SOHS students who have made it into an Otago touch team. The Otago trial was held last weekend at the oval in Dunedin. Our students now go to these tournaments:

- U14 - Oamaru and Christchurch
- U16-U18 - Oamaru, Christchurch and Auckland

Sydney Marshall  
Kairus Booth  
Aimee Johnson  
JP Human  
Reece Apiti  
Greta Luke  
Emily Unahi  
Ben Smart  
Callum Maze  
**Pam Hannah**  
**Touch**

Harlin Puna  
Henry Craig  
Wyatt Shanks  
Falconer Smith  
Troy Apiti  
Olivia Soper  
Gemma Johnson  
Blake Dodds

### Graduate Profile 2020

Last year SOHS launched its new graduate profile into Year 9. The graduate profile is a series of indicators that acknowledge the progress students make across the year. These indicators fall under three main headings - Academic, Citizenship and Participation. We are looking for the qualities that make a student a productive member of society.

This year we have extended the program into Year 10 and 2021 into Y11. The aim is for students to make progress over their time at school and gain an understanding of themselves and how to demonstrate the qualities of a productive member of society. This week mentors have been discussing this with students in Years 9 and 10 and how each individual is tracking towards gaining their certificate. Many students have already met the criteria and will be acknowledged during junior prize giving. For the students who have yet to meet all the criteria their mentors will guide them on how to do so. This may require them to resit some work in a class or volunteer to help somebody else. The criteria are listed here in the newsletter. I would encourage all whānau to take these over and how they are tracking towards them.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Paul McDowall**

**Deputy Principal**

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*The Year 9 and 10 Graduate Profile is on the following page.*

## South Otago Gun Club Inc. Registered Charitable Entity

Secretary  
P J Campbell  
027 601 4100  
[ross.trish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ross.trish@xtra.co.nz)

Club Grounds  
46 Glasgow Street  
Beside Aero Club  
Balclutha

## Have a Go Evenings Clay Target Shooting

**\$15 per person per round**

### Dates - Wednesday evenings 6 pm

2020 - October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
2020 - January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

The South Otago Gun Club invite students to up to four Have a Go evenings \$15 includes one box of ammunition (25 Shells) and targets until ammunition is used up, the loan of a members shotgun and coaching.

This offer is extended to one adult or caregiver attending with a student.

Payment due on the night in cash please. Internet banking acceptable.

Closed footwear must be worn.

Ear plugs will be supplied if you do not have your own hearing protection.

You may attend any four evenings.

If cancellation looks likely due to bad weather please text Trish 0276014100 to confirm.

Club grounds are located within SO Aero Club field, between the aircraft hangars and the railway bridge.

**Entry forms are available at the School Office**

## YEAR 9 GRADUATE PROFILE

### ACADEMIC - UNDERSTANDING AND ACHIEVEMENT

*Show understanding of and take responsibility for targets and progress over time.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Identify their five core SOAP targets
- Understand how to gain points towards their targets
- Meet or exceed a minimum of three of their SOAP targets
- Classwork is generally completed to a standard which allows progress
- Homework is generally completed to a standard which allows progress
- Arrive with the correct equipment to class

### CITIZENSHIP - LEADERSHIP AND VALUES

*Demonstrate a commitment to the school values and your own personal leadership and behaviour within and beyond the school community.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a commitment to others either within the school or outside of it (for example: canteen duty, student committee member or volunteer work in the community).
- Maintain a positive behaviour management record on KAMAR or attempt to show an improvement over a period of time
- Identify and articulate what leadership is and how they can strive towards it
- Working towards PB4L values - REP cards, earning badges (minimum one badge)

### CONTRIBUTION - ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

*Show willingness to participate and understand the value of contributing to extra-curricular activities.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Participate in three school-based extracurricular activities (athletics sports etc.)
- Identify and articulate the benefits of being involved in activities outside of the classroom

## YEAR 10 GRADUATE PROFILE

### ACADEMIC - UNDERSTANDING AND ACHIEVEMENT

*Show understanding of and take responsibility for targets and progress over time.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Identify their five core SOAP targets
- Understand how to gain points towards their targets
- Meet or exceed a minimum of three of their SOAP targets
- Homework is generally completed to a standard which allows progress
- Classwork is generally completed to a standard which allows progress
- Consistently arrive with the correct equipment to class

### CITIZENSHIP - LEADERSHIP AND VALUES

*Demonstrate a commitment to the school values and your own personal leadership and behaviour within and beyond the school community.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Identify and articulate what leadership is and how they can strive towards it
- Maintain a positive behaviour management record on KAMAR, or attempt to show an improvement over a period of time
- Contribute to an activity within the school beyond the level of just participating
- Work towards PB4L values - complete REP cards, earn badges (minimum of two badges over two years)
- Demonstrate a commitment to others either within the school or outside of it (for example: canteen duty, student committee member or volunteer work in the community)

### CONTRIBUTION - ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

*Show willingness to participate and understand the value of contributing to extra-curricular activities.*

This is generally accepted to be evidenced through the following criteria:

- Participate in three school-based extra-curricular activities (athletics sports etc.)
- Identify and articulate the benefits of being involved in activities outside the classroom
- Have an attendance rate of 90% or above, or be working to improve it
- Encourage / support the participation of others in extra-curricular activities

**Senior Prizegiving**  
**Wednesday 11th November, 2020 7.00pm**  
**Balclutha Town Hall**  
**All Year 13 Students are expected to attend**  
**The following Year 11 and 12 students will be acknowledged**

Y11		Y12	
Petra	Anderson	Meg	Albarico
Mhyna	Bacud	Taylor	Atkin-Coutts
Alyssa	Batt	Akira	Baxter
Chris	Bennett	Danyon	Benington
Lillie	Buckingham	Lachlan	Bennett
Ruby	Budge	Elliott	Budge
Brayden	Campbell	Max	Burrow
Mari	Chacapna	Aushiarn	Challis
Lucy	Clark	Adam	Craig
Josh	Dent	Lachie	Crawford
Charlotte	Gilder	Olivia	Davidson
Josiah	Goodwin	Maddie	Deacon
Bree	Hale	Briana	Dent
Matthew	Hannagan	Blake	Dodds
Chloe	Henderson	Alexa	Dovey
Jessica	Hollows	Kareena	Dunlop
Oliver	Hunter	Jaxon	Evans
Anton	Hutton	Glen	Garcia
Taison	Iyer	Stephanie	Gray
Emily	Johns	Kira	Grinton
Lachlan	Judson	Isla	Hastie
Caleb	Luke	Holly	Hewitt
Blake	Macdonald	Keely	Hill
Ollie	Maguire	Sophie	Hunter
Fraser	McAtamney	Lane	Illing
Leah	McLaren	Jordan	James
Shania	Morado	Gemma	Johnson
Nathan	Peoples	Callum	Maze
Lily	Pringle	Hamish	Mills
Ty	Robertson	Alliyah	Minoza
Pearl	Roger	Kathryn	Monaghan
Kadys	Roy	Jack	Pow
Alex	Sands	Tamaralee	Rodwell
Caitlin	Scherp	Lachlan	Roy
Bonnie	Shaw	Sophie	Ruffell
Hayden	Sheppard	Annie	Schofield
Jessica	Sheppard	Corey	Simonsen
Daeshaan	Stapleforth	Ben	Smart
Chirag	Thakkar	Tom	Stephens
Emily	Unahi	Vera	Stirling
Kasey	Valli	Emma	Stoop
Luana	Valli	Sam	Stratford
		George	Tabberer
		Brooke	Tremaine
		Christina	Ware
		Vaughan	Watt
		Beckham	Wilson

# SOHS Students participating in Clean Up New Zealand





**PINK SHIRT DAY**

# Speak UP STAND TOGETHER STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2020

