



# South Otago High School

## Newsletter 2nd November 2020

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

### **Dear Parents/Caregivers**

#### ***Kia Ora Tatou***

I trust that you all enjoyed the long weekend and were able to get outside when the weather allowed.

This week senior students have been receiving the practice exam results. I encourage students to learn from the results, seek feedback and ensure that the forthcoming exams have a successful outcome.

#### **NCEA Call backs**

This week deans and senior leaders have been looking at senior student results for NCEA to determine which students will need additional support beyond study leave on 11 November in order to complete their NCEA certificate or achieve their goals for the year. Next week students will learn who will be required to attend school to complete their qualifications for 2020.

#### **Teacher only Day**

Earlier this year the Government mandated teacher only days to support the changes for NCEA which are due to be rolled out over the next few years. Due to Covid-19 the first of these was cancelled this year. However, on 17 November the staff at South Otago High School will be engaged in professional development to support the changes to NCEA. There will be no classes running on this day and teachers will not be available to assist students with exam preparation.

#### **Rugby Awards**

On Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural South Otago High School Rugby Awards. It was a pleasure to see so many of the volunteer coaches and managers alongside parents and students attending the event. Unfortunately I was not able to attend for the whole event but it was great to see so many of the students from The Catlins Area School, Lawrence Area School and Tokomairiro High School attend too. The students from these schools now make up nearly 30% of our players. I am so proud that we

are able to welcome these players into our teams and provide an opportunity for them to participate in our national game.

Otago Regional Council would like to hear what you want for the future of your waterways? This week I received a request from the Otago Regional Council seeking feedback from our community regarding our waterways. At South Otago High School we have, for the last few years, provided an opportunity for our junior students to contribute towards improving the quality of our streams and rivers by planting native trees and bushes. Improving our environment is important as we are so fortunate in New Zealand to have such a high value of our environment which we all strive to protect. Therefore I have included the request for feedback from the ORC below:

What do you value most about your local lake, river, groundwater, stream or wetland? Is it being able to go fishing or swimming? Or do you rely on freshwater for your crops or farm animals? Maybe you want to see native animals and plants living in the water? What's your vision for your waterways? Please tell us here

[www.orc.govt.nz/OurWaterOurVision](http://www.orc.govt.nz/OurWaterOurVision)

#### **Finally**

On the 11 November I am looking forward to celebrating the success of our senior students at the Prize Giving event which is being held at the Memorial Hall. I hope that parents will be able to join me at this event where we will acknowledge the achievements of students in academic and vocational studies, sport and cultural activities.

*Ka kite ano*

**Mike Wright**

**Principal**

### NCEA exams

NCEA exams start on Monday 16 November. A copy of the exam timetable is attached with this newsletter. Students will be given their admissions slips at mentoring time on Wednesday. They must keep this document safe as they are to bring it to all exams and will not be able to enter the exam without it. Students will also be given a copy of the exam rules, which have been reinforced by Mr Patterson, our Exam Centre Manager, when he meets with the students next week. Please encourage them to familiarise themselves with these rules in preparation for the exams.

If you have any questions about exams please email [asmith@sohs.school.nz](mailto:asmith@sohs.school.nz)

**Amanda Smith**  
Principal's Nominee

### OUASSA 2021

Congratulations to Hamish Mills for his acceptance into the Otago University Advanced Science Academy (OUASSA) for 2021. Hamish will do two block placements at a Hall of Residence where he will participate in a range of workshops related to Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

**Mr Sly**  
Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator



### Upcoming Events Term 4 2020

- *Wednesday 11th November*..... Last Day for Seniors, Senior Prizegiving
- *Monday 16th November*..... NCEA Exams start
- *Monday 30th November*..... Leadership Training Year 12\*
- *Thursday 3rd December*..... Graduation Dinner Year 13\*\*
- *Friday 4th December*..... Junior Prizegiving 12pm

\*Non uniform, 10am - 12pm, SOHS Library

\*\* South Otago Town and Country Club

# Tea in a Tub



## By South O Eco

Order Form - You may mix and match flavours for the 3 for \$15

NAME:
CONTACT NUMBER:
ADDRESS:
POSTAL CODE:

Item:	Amount:	Price Per Piece:	Total:
Strawberry Dream		1 for \$7 3 for \$15	
Rose		1 for \$7 3 for \$15	
Lavender (pre-order)		1 for \$7 3 for \$15	
		<b>OVERALL TOTAL COST:</b>	

For Payments:

Transfer money to bank account:  
38-9022-0365810-00  
\*please write your name as a referral

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**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