



South Otago High School

Newsletter 3rd June 2022

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

It has been a pleasure to be back in school after having been required to isolate and subsequently becoming a covid case myself. I have full sympathy for those that have the 'covid brain fog' and this has certainly not been 'just like having a cold'

The time away from school was an opportunity to reflect upon how school and work has changed. I do believe that we are all missing some of those opportunities that we have had in the past to come together for events such as athletics or cultural competition. Even just the opportunity for the whole school to attend a school assembly is missing from our regular routine. I do hope that we are able to return to these activities in the very near future.

Masks and review

Following our weekly review on Wednesday we have decided to lift the requirement for students to wear masks whilst in doors. However, we do strongly recommend the use of masks whilst in doors. The decision to remove the mask requirement in doors has been made as a result of low case numbers in the Clutha community and very low case numbers in school.

Masks are still required to be worn by students who access school transport to get to school or travel for sporting, cultural or curriculum activities. This is a government requirement and one we will be adhering to for all school activities.

For visitors to school we also ask that they also wear masks as then enter the school. This will be a requirement for parents who will be attending the parent teacher interviews in the next couple of weeks.

Covid and Flu

Whilst we have seen a significant fall in covid cases in the school community during the last two weeks we are seeing a significant number of students suffering from flu. Parents who are reporting student absences are saying that this flu bug is very nasty. Therefore, I do encourage students and whanau to consider getting a flu vaccination.

Students who do become confirmed Covid cases please do report these to school as we are still required to report staff and student case numbers to the Ministry of Education each week.

Participation in sport and cultural activities

In the past we have placed expectations on student attendance to be considered eligible to represent the school at sporting and cultural events. Whilst we continue to maintain an expectation of good attendance we do review each student's attendance on a case by case basis and do look at attendance in previous years. Where a student has been genuinely unwell or been required to self isolate we do not consider this negatively in their attendance review. We expect students to stay away if unwell or self isolating. However, if we believe that a student is being truant either for a prolonged period of time or for odd lessons then we will have a discussion with the individual and they may find that they cannot participate in co-curricular activities.

Finally

This weekend is a great time to take a break. For those who may be recovering from Covid I do encourage you to take the opportunity to take a break and rest. Do take the time to do something for yourself and enjoy the extra day off.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Upcoming Dates for Term 2 2022

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| • Monday 6th June..... | Queen's Birthday—School Closed |
| • Sunday 12th and Monday 13th June..... | OSS Netball Tournament |
| • Thursday 16th June..... | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| • Tuesday 21st June..... | Taieri Interchange |
| • Friday 24th June..... | Matariki—School Closed |
| • Thursday 30th June..... | Co-Ed Tournament |
| • Friday 1st July..... | SNOB |
| • Thursday 7th July..... | Open Night |
| • Friday 8th July..... | End of Term 2 |

Parent – teacher meetings

We are looking forward to running our parent teachers' evenings on:

Thursday June 16th from 4pm to 8pm

These will be an opportunity for you to spend 5 minutes with each of your child's teachers. In these conversations you will be able to talk about your child's achievement so far this year and what their goals are for the remainder of the year.

To book these meeting time please goto www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and click on "make a booking". You will need to enter the code **k433j** and then you will be able to make bookings. Please leave 5 minutes between appointments so you have time to around the school to be at the next appointment on time. We will be more spread out this year, so we are socially distanced and reduce the size of groups that are gathered. We expect students to attend and they will also be able to help you find your next appointment.

For the face to face meetings with staff at school we require you to wear a mask. If this is not possible, I would ask that you email the teachers you wish to speak to and make alternative arrangements for an interview at a different time. Masks will be available at the school office.

Nigel Scarth – Deputy Principal.

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PB4L

We are a PB4L school - this stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning, and means that we focus on building and restoring relationships between students and teachers.

Our school values are Excellence, Perseverance and Respect and at the moment our PB4L emphasis is on Respect. It has been great to see many students holding doors open for their peers and their teachers lately and we hope this continues!

The next aspect of Respect the PB4L team would like to focus on is increasing the use of good manners. Pleases and thank-yous go a long way to setting a positive, respectful tone in the classroom. We would love to see everybody making an extra effort to be polite; this will help foster stronger relationships and assist us all in doing our best at school.

Deborah Ward
TIC PB4L

Hockey

The 11 aside team played against Otago Boys this week, winning once again. Everyone had a great game, and the improvements each player is making, did not go unnoticed. All players played well and worked together to bring home an 8-0 win. The positive manner and attitude of each player allowed the team as a whole to develop stronger team unity for future games. The team worked hard to make sure a good game was played.

Written by Ashley Malone, Y9.

The 6 aside team played a great game this week against Taieri girls, as every player was determined to do well and play to the best of their ability. The passing within the team was fantastic, as it allowed us to score within the first 10 minutes. Each player was able to perform good hits and sweeps within the game to get the ball towards the goal.

Wade Lumb and Clayton Sheppard did well with putting pressure on players and scoring the goals for the evening. The final score was 5-1 to us.

Written by Wade Lumb & Jade Maber, Y9.

The values this week are awarded to:

11 aside:

- Respect: Ashley Wendelgelst
- Excellence: Callum Leeds
- Perseverance: Kate Inder

6 aside:

- Respect: Courtney Jelley
- Excellence: Jade Maber
- Perseverance: Wade Lumb

Reminder

We are selling honey to help with fundraising. \$20 for a 1kg jar of creamed or liquid honey. Contact Miss Stephens if you are interested.

dstephens@sohs.school.nz



Above: Luke Holden with Hayden Paddon and his electric really car by the ETCO display



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DUNEDIN EXPO



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Above: Leah Stephens, Zoe Hyslop, Zara Upston and Sydney Marshall happy with the information packs they gathered up at the Dunedin Careers Expo on Thursday.

Boys' Football

South Otago High School Junior Boys had a bye this week.

South Otago High School Senior Boys played Kings Boys Lions at the turf in Dunedin on Wednesday evening. This was the first game where we managed to get all of the seniors playing without anyone out due to illness. The first half started with a brace of Kings goals before we could compose ourselves and though we had plenty of aggression and opportunities to go forward, we found it difficult to break through the Kings defense and at times the frustration got the better of us, we missed simple interceptions and this resulted in a 3-0 finish at half time.

After an inspiring half time speech from the coach for the evening, Daniel Simmonds, the boys started the second half in fine form, finding the net twice and creating 7 goal scoring opportunities by having much of the possession for 20 minutes. Gabriel McCone made his senior debut and was in fine form in the second half breaking down the Kings attack. It looked like we might manage to get something from the game at 3-2 down just ten minutes into the second half but alas the Kings boys managed to catch us on the counter attack. A final score of 7-2 flatters KBHS and undermines the performance of the SOHS boys. Israel McRae was man of the match on the night with a fantastic performance. He managed to intercept everything down the right wing and had great composure on the ball under pressure, well done Israel. The Senior Boys play Kavanagh College on Wednesday evening at 5pm on the Turf in Dunedin while the Junior Boys play Logan Park High School at Logan Park on Wednesday evening at 5pm. Below are a few images of the senior team in their new football kit, which were collected before the game. Our thanks to Outback Welding & Engineering, HM&CO Hayward McAuslan Ltd. Chartered Accountants and Seven Oak Farms for sponsoring the new Senior Team kit. Thanks also to Julie Wendelgelst for the photography.

Owen Doherty

TIC Boys' Football



Junior XI	Coach: Daniel Simmonds	Coach: Alfie Nicol	Senior XI
South Otago High School Football			
			
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Venue: Logan Park S3 Time: 5pm Date: 08/06/2022		Venue: Turf A2 Time: 5pm Date: 08/06/2022	
Logan Park High School		Kavanagh College	
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SOHS vs Taieri College Winter Sports Interchange Taieri College, Mosgiel, Tuesday 21st June

We will contest our annual Winter Sports Interchange with Taieri College, on Tuesday 21st June.

Your child is involved and are in one of the following teams:

- Rugby - 1st XV, U15, U14 and Girls 10's
- Hockey - Two mixed teams
- Football - Senior and Junior Boys
- Basketball - Senior and Junior Girls and Boys
- Netball - Senior A, B, 10A and 9A
- Theatre Sports

We will be meeting in the SOHS bus bay at 8.45am, and returning to school by 3.10pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person which covers the cost of the buses. Payment and permission slip must be returned by Friday 10th June. All students are to travel in correct school uniform to and from Mosgiel no team kit is to be worn on the bus.

Any questions please ring or txt me on 027 4128280, phannah@sohs.school.nz or 034180517 ext 211

Pam Hannah

Sports Coordinator

Taieri College Winter Interchange 2022 - Please return to Mrs Hannah.

I give _____ permission to attend the Taieri College Interchange representing SOHS
Enclosed is the \$15.00 as cash **OR**

I have deposited \$15.00 into the school bank account (02 0918 0160198 00) on _____ (date) **OR**

I have an automatic payment/direct credit arrangement already set up for payment of SOHS fees. Please charge the amount of \$15.00.

Parent's Signature _____ Name _____



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