



SOUTH OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL



2023

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Absent: K Wright, C Crutchley, A McPike, D Robertson-Dunn, L Currie, A Kidd

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Mrs J Nicol - Teacher Aide

Ms A McPike - Teacher Aide

Mrs L Burlison - Teacher Aide



Mike Wright
Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

2023 has been a good year where I hope that we have waved farewell to COVID-19 and for most, life has returned to normal. 2023 has been a year where we have, once again, focussed on our students and what we have done to support them to achieve as well as some of the successes that they have enjoyed throughout the year.

None of this would happen without the support and hard work of the teachers who work with students in class, as well as providing extra help when needed and act as mentors, linking school and home. Also, the Board, who informs and provides feedback on the school's endeavours and represents the community. Thank you all for your contribution.

It is the students who breathe life into the school and are our first priority and drive all that we do. So, to the students:

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

If you follow the path of learning, the world will be your oyster.

To those students who are considering moving on or have completed their high school education, now is the time to spread your wings and fly!

Your time at South Otago High School has been preparation and training for this next step. I trust we have prepared you well. With any change, there will be uncertainty and a fear of the unknown! Embrace that fear. Be independent. Be flexible and prepared to adapt to any change.

Moving on from high school may be daunting, much like the first day at high school several years ago! But making new friends and developing a new support network where you live is more important. During the last few years of lockdowns and hybrid learning or working from home, we have learnt that those people who have a support network connected to their work or studies are more successful.

Use your network of friends to support you with your studies. We have trained you for this, but it is now up to you.

My generation and the adults who have supported you, need you to be successful. Our time to make significant changes for the improvement of the environment and the future of society is diminishing. We will look to you as the driving force for the future generations

Grab that education, spread your wings and enjoy success wherever it may be in the world or where you choose to fly to!

We wish all of our students a successful year in 2023 and hope that in the future you will look back on your time at South Otago High School with pride and joy.

Ka kite ano.

Bronwyn Campbell - BOT Presiding Member

Tēnā koutou katoa

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to acknowledge our students who are receiving the rewards for their hard work and perseverance tonight. It is great that as a school community unlimited family and friends are able to attend tonight's prizegiving with no pandemic restrictions! Tonight is all about celebrating our students and therefore I would like to congratulate all of you on your efforts throughout the year to receive these higher accolades – something that you should all be proud of.

As a Board, we are continuously reviewing our school's resources –such as staffing, property, and finance to ensure that our students can achieve to the best of their ability whilst at SOHS. Projects this year have included updating the boiler used from coal to wood pellets, accessibility ramps implementation around the school, and the purchase of two new school vans. 2024 will see the commencement of two long overdue building projects with modifications to D block and the staff workroom. Last week the Senior Leadership Team met with ERO which resulted in positive feedback exceeding expectations which will be available publicly in due course.

We thank those families that took the time to recently complete the community consultation to set our strategic goals for 2024-2025 which are currently being refined. Personally, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those families that contribute to the cattle grazing fundraising scheme which enables us to fund additional projects around the school.

Along with my current fellow board members: Angela Ferguson, Louise Simpson and Mike Beeby - I would like to acknowledge our two departing parent representatives - Jules Witt and Emma Kell as well as student representative Ryan Williams for all their time, contributions, and wisdom they have shared while being on the board. We welcome our two new parent representatives Claire Cooper and Leon Kana, as well as Hadley Lowery as our new student representative.

I would also like to thank Mike and the Senior Leadership Team for all their enthusiasm and initiatives for the variety of different opportunities and experiences that all our students can participate in during their time at SOHS.

To all staff, both teaching and support staff, the Board thanks you for the wide-ranging commitment and consideration that you give to our students. From academic achievement to voluntary involvement outside the classroom, we are extremely lucky to have staff that are so fully committed to all aspects of our students' school life.

Finally, as we farewell our Y13s I wish you well as you embark on your next journey in life.

To all our 2024 returning students, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.



Farewells



Matthew Simpson

Matthew Simpson joined our staff in 2019 to teach Hard Materials and Hospitality. He assisted with constructing the set for the school production and introducing Bio Technology into our Friday programme. Matthew joined the staff at Catlins Area School at the beginning of 2023.



Cheri Crutchley

Cheri Crutchley was a Teacher Aide in the Learning centre for over 17 years. She supported a large number of students and especially enjoyed helping students with their Mathematics work.

Cheri was an important member of our Teacher Aide team. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Balclutha Rotary Speech Winners

Sarah Bloxham, Annaliese Bisset, Hannah Madayag, Isabel Stirling and Olivia Soper who presented speeches at Rotary Balclutha (who sponsored prizes for the school speech competition and two tertiary study awards for Sarah and Olivia)



From the English Department

There has been lots of fun and fascinating work done by students in English this year. Behind the scenes there is a lot of work reading, listening and viewing different pieces of work and creating them as well.

Our annual speech competition for Years 9, 10 and 11 was a stunning success with the three year level winners presenting their speeches at the Balclutha Rotary Club meeting at the end of Term 3.

We held our annual dress up Book Day to celebrate the fun that is reading. The English department dressed as the crayons from *The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Oliver Jeffers.

Initiatives like a school wide reading challenge began, seeing a number of students honoured in assembly for their enthusiasm for reading, and a Writing Club started up which has turned into a Book Club and Debate Club for any students with a love of words, written or spoken!

Ms K Beaumont
HOD English





Year 13 Writing: Jethro Ware

A selection of short poetic stories about the fundamentals of the universe. To illustrate to the reader, that life is finite, and that we should be kind to people, and make the most of it while we are here.

Photon Perturbation

As we gaze up at the night sky our retinas are lightly penetrated by thousands of tiny photons. If we step back and consider the history of even one of these photons, we find an enthralling tale of loneliness:

Born in a fusion reaction in the core of a distant star, the photon spends its youth bouncing around the inside of its mother, before being expelled into the cold, dark expanse of space. It embarks on an odyssey that began long before us humans were around to contemplate it. A million year trek into the abyss, that may never end. Yet, as we gaze up into the starlight, by happenstance, this long and arduous journey finally reaches its terminus. The photon collides with our retina, once again being absorbed into an electron orbiting a nucleus; returning to a system much like the one it once called home.

Just like these photons, we humans go through our own odyssey in life.

Powder Day

Winter has fallen, it's damp, it's cold, it's dark, but little do the boys and girls know that far above their heads, high in the atmosphere, tiny water molecules, indistinguishable to the eye, are joining together; forming minuscule strands of ice crystal. The children are left sipping cocoa in front of a raging fire, listening to an old adage from their mother, as these crystals begin to join together, they know nothing of the countless thousands of entirely unique flakes of snow that are forming in the clouds tonight; nothing of the gentle journey each flake embarks upon that night...

That is of course, until dawn breaks, and the light of day seeps into their rooms, bathing them in its glow. Waking up and yawning, they open their eyes to see the beautiful winterscape before them. A perfect winter's day presents itself, an appropriate remittance to the days of rain and sleet.

Looking through the kitchen window, the mother smiles at her two children rolling snow to make a snowman. She laughs when her daughter makes the older son lift the snowballs onto each other.

Sometimes we need help from someone else, we can't do everything by ourselves.

Insecure Isotopes

In the heart of nuclear reactors around the world lies an unbalanced soul, a deeply depressed piece of matter on the brink of oblivion. All it takes is for one stray neutron to strike this poor Uranium-235 isotope for it to all fall apart; exploding in an awesome display of power that can shake cities. As we humans ponder about the lonely lives of such atoms, we begin to realise that we are not so different. One who has never been shown love or never experienced the compassionate embrace of a true friend is just as unstable as that poor Uranium nucleus; just as unstable, just as capable of exploding without warning.

All it can take is one small infraction, say one harsh comment being taken to heart, and they can be set off in a way that will destroy them, triggering a chain reaction in the people around them; the same way Uranium atoms decay in series with each other.

So smile next time you see someone frowning, show them that all isn't as bad as it may seem.

Schrodinger and his poor old cat

Darkness, that's all you see; stuffed inside this small box, containing nothing but a capsule labelled with something you can't understand. You hear muffling, it sounds like, no, it can't be; yes it is, your master, Erwin Schrödinger is talking about you. But what is he saying?

"In this box, I have placed my cat."

Yeah, but get to the point you think.

"But this isn't just any box, in the box I have placed a vial... A small vial of Potassium cyanide"

You begin to back into the corner, hiding from what you begin to understand.

"The vial is connected to a trigger mechanism, which could at any moment smash it, killing the cat"

Now whimpering, you bury your head...

You eventually open your eyes, but what are you looking at? It's yourself, your dark fur and fat body cowering from view. But what's that over there? It looks like you, but wait, your eyes are bulging, your paws are spasming. You again here you master.

"I do not know if my cat is dead, or alive, until I open the box. It is in a sort of superposition where it is both"

Suddenly, a bright light appears above your head, and your consciousness is dragged back into one of the scenes you were gazing into...

Sometimes it is better to be blissfully ignorant, than painfully aware.

Atomisation

Bright, all you see is bright. The luminosity of a thousand suns burns into your brain, and then, there is nothing but darkness... That is until you open your eyes to find yourself floating above the ruins of your home. You look down to the now decimated concrete wall you leaned against what now feels like years before, only to see a dark shadow. An imprint of what was once there staining what remains.

You look up, and all you see is destruction. This is the power of an atomic device.

Thousands of people atomised in an instance, before they even knew what hit them. But some are lucky, some are far enough away from the blast to survive. Climbing from the rubble to see what remains of their once beautiful town. But this is short lived. While these few were spared from the intense heat and power of the initial explosion, they will certainly die within days, if not hours from radiation sickness. Their skin will rot, limbs will fall off, and organs will cease to function. It would have been better to go like the rest, become nothing but a shadow on the pavement, rather than a pile of rotted, irradiated trash in a mound of rubble.

In the end, we all will cease to exist, even the universe itself will eventually die. The unstoppable march of entropy insures this; so while you're here, enjoy yourself...



Back Row Anna Lloyd, Jethro Ware, Georgia Milne, Katy Gilder
2nd Row Leone Goldenhuys, Aimee Johnson, Lilly Campbell, Mrs Jory
Front Row Ryan Williams (Deputy Head Boy), Alec Mills (Head Boy), Mr M Wright, Sarah Bloxham (Head Girl), Charlotte Benington (Deputy Head Girl)

Head Student Report

Sarah Bloxham and Alec Mills

We have been incredibly grateful to be the South Otago High School head students for 2023. It has opened up so many opportunities for us and provided us with the chance to be good role models for the school. We have had many highlights throughout the year, such as speaking at the Anzac ceremony, running Friday assemblies, Peer support and the Greenpark Y9 days.

Our council also worked very hard to organise non-uniform days and other events like SNOB and Staff vs Council games. We therefore want to thank the whole council for their support, as they have been a great group of people to work with.

SOHS is an awesome community, and on behalf of the council, we would like to say we are all grateful to the school for giving us the opportunity to be student leaders; it has made us better leaders and developed our organisational skills, which we all appreciate. Alec and I have been particularly honoured to be head students. We would like to thank Mrs Jory for giving us guidance throughout the year. We wish the best of luck to all the head students and council of 2024, and hope they enjoy the roles they are given as much as we have.



Council Activities

As usual, we have supported athletics day, swimming sports, cross country and other house group events. One of the major days we promote that the whole school gets involved with is Pink Shirt Day. This day promotes anti-bullying and focuses on inclusion. We also supported Mental Health Awareness Week, Daffidol Day, donated to the Foodbank, helped with International Food Day, ran weekly quizzes for mentoring time and played hard against the staff in the Staff vs Council games. We have all enjoyed the opportunity of being on the council and hope the students have enjoyed the activities and assemblies that we have run.



Bus Monitors 2023

Clydevale	Baranika Ketike
Wangaloa	Nataleah Marshall
Hillend	Leone Geldenhuys
Inch Clutha	Darrian Sutton
Waitepeka	Amber James
Kaka Point	James Budge
Tuapeka	Luis Smales
Waiwera South	Mariska Capper
Lakeside	Breanna Uren
Clinton/Taumata	Taylor Dobbie

Year 13 House Group Leaders 2023

Blaikie	Annie Lawrence
BL1KT	Katy Gilder
BL2HY	Koen Robson
BL3KM	Lilly Gooch
BL4BI	Luis Smales
BL5BU	Amber Craig
BL6CN	

McDonald

MA1SW
MA2DY
MA4KZ
MA5ST
MA6CA
MA7BG

Breanna Uren
Edwin Mori Oliveras
Chloe McKenzie
Aleigha Marks
Bridee Lumb
Olivia Soper

Somerville

SO1RE
SO2MH
SO3SB
SO4KH
SO6TO
SO7SL

Emma Bennett
Nicole Sinclair
Nataleah Marshall
Althea Pagarigan
Brayden Ferguson
Devin Thomson

Sutherland

SU1BW
SU2AD
SU3KW
SU4MS
SU5WM
SU6HA

Laila Asman
James Dobbie
Ashley Wendelgelst
Emily Scanlan
Ben Storer
Baranika Ketike

Whanau

Cartina Latu



House Group Leaders

Term 1 2023

Monday 30th January
 Tuesday 31st January
 Monday 6th February
 Wednesday/Thursday 8th/9th February
 Wednesday 15th February
 Tuesday 21st February
 Monday 27th February
 Tuesday 28th February
 Wednesday/Thursday 1st/2nd March
 Monday - Friday 6th - 10th March
 Monday 20th March
 Tuesday 21st March
 Monday - Friday 27th - 31st March
 Monday/Tuesday 3rd - 4th April
 Thursday 6th April

Peer Support and Year 9 Students start the school year
 Full School Starts 2023
 Waitangi Day
 Greenpark
 School Photos
 Year 11 Geography Stream Study
 Athletics Day
 Year 12 Outdoor Education Tramp
 Conferences
 Year 10 Tautuku Camp
 Otago Anniversary Day
 Year 11 Outdoor Education Tramp
 Year 11 Geography Stewart Island Trip
 Year 11 Physical Education Trip
 Last Day Term 1



Term 2 2023

Monday 24th April
 Tuesday 25th April
 Friday 6th May
 Monday 8th May
 Monday/Tuesday 8th/9th May
 Tuesday 9th Thursday 11th May
 Wednesday 10th May
 Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
 Tuesday 16th May
 Thursday 18th May
 Friday 19th May
 Tuesday 22nd May
 Monday 29th May
 Monday 5th June
 Friday 16th June
 Sunday 18th - Tuesday 20th June
 Thursday 22nd June
 Friday 23rd June
 Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th June
 Friday 30th June

Term 2 begins
 ANZAC day
 Teacher Only Day
 Tertiary Open Day
 Year 12 Geography Trip
 Physics of Flight
 Year 13 Geography Trip to Kaka Point
 Road Safety Week
 Year 13 Outdoor Ed Tramp
 'Loves Me Not'
 Pink Shirt Day
 Year 12 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing
 Rockquest
 King's Birthday
 Rocquest Finals
 Year 13 Milford Sound
 Co-ed Tournament
 SNOB
 Senior Production - 'Footrot Flats'
 Last day Term 2



Term 3 2023

Monday 17th July
 Monday 17th - Friday 21st July
 Monday 24th/Tuesday 25th July
 Thursday 3rd August
 Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th August
 Wednesday 9th August
 Thursday 10th August
 Thursday 17th August
 Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd August
 Thursday 24th August
 Thursday 24th August
 Monday 28th - Friday 1st September
 Monday 4th September
 Tuesday 5th September
 Wednesday 6th - Wednesday 13th
 Tuesday 19th September
 Friday 7th September

Term 3 begins
 Matariki Week
 Year 12 Ski Trip
 Parent/Teacher/Whanau Interviews
 Year 13 Arrowtown History Trip
 Speech Competition Finals
 Open Night
 Year 13 Biology Trip
 Year 12 Snow Caving
 Southland Polyfest
 Year 13 Abseiling
 Tournament Week
 Year 13 Climbing
 Sport and Cultural Photos
 Senior Exams
 Swimming Sports
 Last Day Term Three



Term 4 2023

Monday 9th October
 Friday 13th October
 Monday 16th October
 Monday 23rd October
 Tuesday 31st October
 Monday 6th November
 Monday 13th - Friday 17th November
 Wednesday 22nd - Tuesday 27th November
 Thursday 30th November
 Friday 1st December
 Monday 4th - Tuesday 5th December
 Wednesday 6th December
 Thursday 7th December

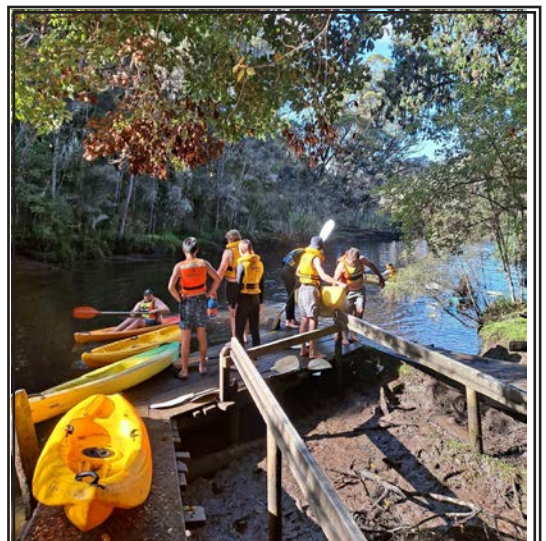
Term 4 Begins
 International Food Festival
 Career Exp
 Labour Day
 Last Day for Seniors/Senior Prizegiving
 NCEA Begins
 Otago/Southland Schools Junior Sports
 Year 9 and 10 Exams
 NCEA Finishes
 Junior Production
 Junior Activity Days
 Ki o Rahi
 Junior Prizegiving/Last Day 2023



Greenpark



Tautuku



Geography Y11 Stewart Island Trip

We ran the trips differently this year. We had three classes so there were too many students to run one trip. We divided the group into two and took them for half a week each. Wednesday saw one group leave as the others arrived in much the same way that we run the Year 10 camp. The other big change was that we changed where we stayed. Instead of staying in Oban we stayed at Mamaku Environmental Education Lodge. We were hoping a quieter location in a scenic reserve would increase our chances of seeing a Kiwi at night. Sadly we took a few too many noisy Kiwis of our own for that to eventuate.

We ran a similar programme to previous years but the new location added opportunities for fishing and swimming as well. There was also a penguin sanctuary on site and some students got the opportunity to feed them there. In Oban itself students spent time at the museum, the DOC visitors' centre and exploring the SIRCET displays about trapping on the island. The humour of seeing a trap made out of signs showing the former prime minister was a source of amusement to many.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to Ulva Island. This is a pest free sanctuary (though it has had a rat family settle there recently) that allows students to see a variety of wildlife. The sea lions and Weka on the beach as we arrived were a real treat and easy to find. There were some rarer species including the Kaka-riki (Red crowned parakeet) and Mohua (yellowhead) awaiting some of the groups and we were so lucky to see these. Walking around Ulva Island is always more rewarding when you can be as quiet as possible.

Overall field trips are about more than just subject content and making new environments accessible to students. They also give the students the opportunity to contribute positively to a bigger group, show respect for the environment and other's property as well as show empathy and compassion for others. It was great to see most of our students being able to do this on the trip.

A big thank you to Miss Bonney, Mr Carroll, Mr Williams and Mrs Wright for their work and help on the trip. We could not run these experiences without you.

We will actually take a break from going to Stewart Island next year. The new curriculum and standards really push us towards going to Aoraki/Mt Cook instead. The Year 10s should not worry though as the goal is to take Year 12 Geography to Stewart Island in 2025 so they won't miss out.

Mike Beeby - HOD Social Sciences



Geography Year 12 Mount Cook Trip



In early May 46 keen Year 12 Geography students headed to Aoraki/ Mt Cook to complete a research task and assist them with their end-of-year exam on the local area. Though the weather was never perfect and the students are still yet to see Aoraki / Mt Cook the trip was an amazing experience for the students.

The main task for the students to complete was collecting a range of data looking into how vegetation changes as altitude increases. Students measured things such as plant size, temperature, wind speed and plant type. The students did wonderfully at this task and collected solid data in wet conditions on a tricky climb up the Red Tarns track.

Alongside this students also visited the Twizel area, looked into the Hydroelectric dams, and visited the local salmon farm. Sadly our plane trip was cancelled due to poor weather which was a real shame for all those on the trip.



Overall the Year 12s were amazing on this trip and gained a great insight into how glaciers, vegetation, and tectonic processes have drastically changed the South Island landscape. This has proved crucial in our learning back in the classroom.

Kelsi McLellan
Geography Teacher



Athletics



	U14	U15	U16	16&O	EventsTotal	Entries	Points	House Groups	Total
Sutherland	46	36	57	59	198	210	408		
Somerville	67	25	57	49	198	194	392		
Blakie	40	60	14	63	177	203	380		
Macdonald	40	38	23	8	109	148	257		

16 & Over

Male	First	Second	Third
Event			
100m	Kairus Booth	Jack Soper	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor
200m	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	Jethro Ware	Jack Newport
400m	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	Jethro Ware	Ashton Navarosa
800m	Jethro Ware	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	Alec Mills
1500m	Jethro Ware	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	
Long Jump	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	T-Jae Valli	JP Human
Triple Jump	T-Jae Valli	Liam O'Riordan Lawlor	Ashton Navarosa
High Jump	T-Jae Valli	JP Human	Ashton Navarosa
Shot Put	Jack Newport	Wyatt Shanks	Asshley Wendelgelst
Javelin	Jack Newport	T-Jae Valli	Alec Mills
Discus	Morgan Stephens	Brendan Soper	Luis Smales

Female

Event			
100m	Leone Geldenhuys	Charlotte Benington	Baranika Ketike
200m	Charlotte Benington		
400m	Charlotte Benington		
1500m	Aimee Johnson	Emma Bennett	
Long Jump	Leone Geldenhuys	Charlotte Benington	Chloe McKenzie
Triple Jump	Leone Geldenhuys	Charlotte Benington	Jessie O'Hara
High Jump	Leone Geldenhuys	Charlotte Benington	Izzy Jenks
Shot Put	Leone Geldenhuys	Ashlee Anderson	Nicole Sinclair
Javelin	Leone Geldenhuys	Izzy Jenks	Aimee Johnson
Discus	Leone Geldenhuys	Ashlee Anderson	Lilly Gooch

U16

Male	First	Second	Third
Event			
100m	Jack Soper	Luka May	Kapi Kana
200m	Elliot Hunter	Luka May	Logan Cooper
400m	Elliot Hunter	Kade Semmens	Kairus Booth
Long Jump	Kapi Kana	Reed Malone	Ulysses Cu
Triple Jump	Reed Malone	Kapi Kana	Tyler Stephen
High Jump	Reed Malone	Kairus Booth	Max Ogden
Shot Put	Kairus Booth	Kane Benington	Jamin Bokilis
Javelin	Ulysses Cu	Jamin Bokilis	Max Ogden
Discus	Henry Villar	Tyler Stephen	Kane Benington

Female

Event			
100m	Ella Senior	Poppy Johnston	Dahlia Anderson
200m	Ella Senior	Bree Campbell	
400m	Ella Senior	Bree Campbell	Poppy Johnston
Long Jump	Ella Senior	Elri Geldenhuys	Yvonne Vuni
High Jump	Taylor Dobbie	Nadia Asman	Ina Ah Lam
Shot Put	Courtney Jelley	Bri Ware	Annaliese Bisset
Javelin	Elri Geldenhuys	Mariah Ioane	Bri Ware
Discus	Bri Ware	Ariana Cross	Courtney Jelley

Under 15

Male	First	Second	Third
Event			
100m	Lamont Tourel	Johnston Phillips	Nathan Bocoock
200m	Blake Hyslop	Max McHaffie	Archie Valli
800m	Sam Wright		
Long Jump	Max McHaffie	Blake Hyslop	Kade Semmens
Triple Jump	Clayton Sheppard	Daniel Witt	
High Jump	Johnston Phillips	Blake Hyslop	Max McHaffie
Shot Put	El Shaddai Pouniu	Max McHaffie	Kade Semmens
Javelin	Sam Inder		
Discus	Max McHaffie	Rashaun Melvin	Archie Valli

Female

Event	First	Second	Third
100m	Molly Paterson	Bella Paterson	Penny Coote
200m	Molly Paterson	Bella Paterson	Isabel O’Riordan Lawlor
400m	Bella Paterson	Isabel O’Riordan Lawlor	
800m	Isabel O’Riordan Lawlor	Bella Paterson	
1500m	Isabel O’Riordan Lawlor	Bella Paterson	
Long Jump	Molly Paterson	Penny Coote	Abby McKinney
High Jump	Isabel O’Riordan Lawlor	Molly Paterson	Jade Maber
Shot Put	Krystal Vuni	Holly Bisset	Abby McKinney
Javelin	Holly Bisset	Makita Kee	Jenny Galt
Discus	Holly Bisset	Abby McKinney	Mia McKenzie

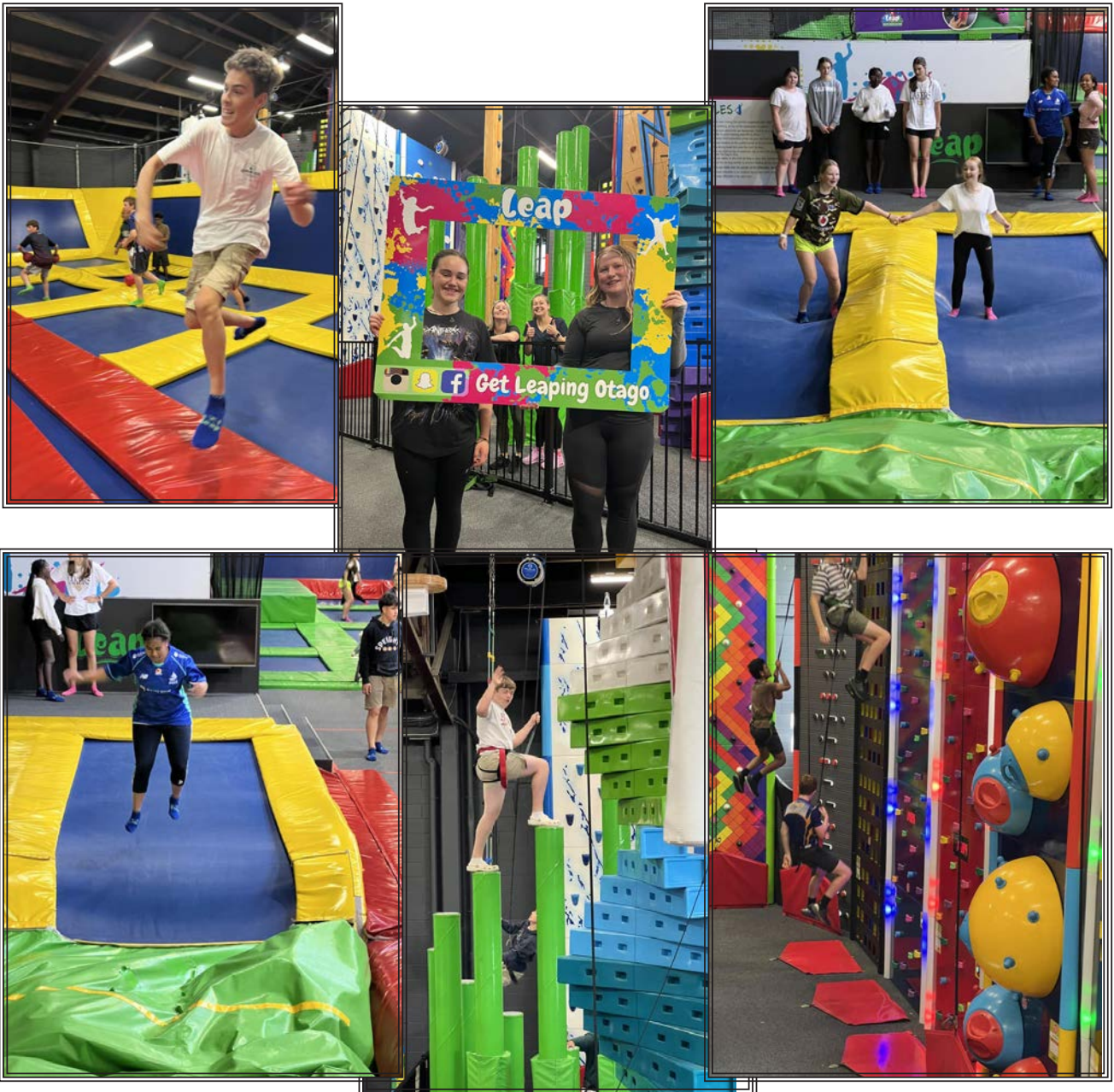
Under 14

Male	First	Second	Third
Event			
100m	Zion Bokilis	Liam Hill	Patrick Kearon
200m	Liam Hill	Zack Smith	Daniel Dunlop
400m	Toby Allan	Alex Ryan	Oliver Scarth
800m	Finn Leeds	Oliver Scarth	Alex Ryan
1500m	Finn Leeds	Oliver Scarth	
Long Jump	Zack Smith	Henk Human	Noah Kennedy
Triple Jump	Zack Smith	Oliver Scarth	Cooper Geary
High Jump	Zion Bokilis	Blake Cochrane	Alex Ryan
Shot Put	Zion Bokilis	Freddy Daumann	Cooper Baird
Javelin	Matt Simmonds	Villiame (Stan) Ramakuke	Zion Bokilis
Discus	Jayden Gelacio	Cooper Baird	Freddy Daumann

Female d

Event	First	Second	Third
100m	Zoe Brown	Tia Ware	Zoe Senior
200m	Tia Ware	Zoe Senior	Leah Cambridge
400m	Libby Campbell	Mabel Ferguson	Leah Cambridge
800m	Libby Campbell	Emmy Marshall	Mabel Ferguson
1500m	Libby Campbell		
Long Jump	Zoe Brown	Tia Ware	Azaria Vining
Triple Jump	Addyson Macdonald	Olivia Pennell	Hannah Macdonald
High Jump	Addyson Macdonald	Zoe Brown	Hannah Macdonald
Shot Put	Rosemariah Pene Vasa	Ivi Laban	Scarlett Gentle
Javelin	Keely Shanks	Olivia Jack	Bella Nicol
Discus	Scarlett Gentle	Ivi Laban	Jessamine Daumann

Physical Education Leap Trip Year 11



Year 11 Leap Trip

Every year we take the year 11 students to Dunedin for a trip to LEAP AMP and Clip and Climb. The students got to experience the challenges and obstacles designed to test their confidence and participation. All students got involved and pushed themselves to overcome a fear or try something new. We also went to Tunnel beach for a look and quick walk, allowing students to see new sights of Dunedin. A big thank you to Miss Stephens, Miss Reid and Mr Matsas for their organisation and taking students on trip.

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YEAR 13 THEN AND NOW



Reece Apiti



Laila Asman
In 2024 Laila will attend the University of Otago studying towards a B.A.



Crystal Bellaney
Next year Crystal will return to Australia and hopes to study Veterinary Science



Charlotte Benington
In 2024 Charlotte will be studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury



Emma Bennett
Emma hopes to travel in 2024



Sarah Bloxham
Sarah hopes to study Law and Geography at the University of Otago next year



Lilly Campbell
Next year Lilly will begin studying for a BA at the University of Otago in the hopes of becoming a teacher



Mariska Capper
Next year Mariska will either study at Telford or Polytech to be Rural Animal Technician



Amber Craig
Left in Term 2



Pagan Cross
Left in Term 2



Dani Delaney
Left in Term 2



James Dobbie
Next Year James will start his Bachelor of Commerce at Otago University



Brayden Ferguson
Next year Brayden will be attending the University of Otago



Quinn Gabolinscy



Leone Geldenhuys
In 2024 Leone will undertake a Bachelor of Midwifery at Otago Polytechnic



Katy Gilder
Next year Katy will study towards a Bachelor of Education in the hopes of becoming a teacher



Lilly Gooch
In 2024 Lilly will be studying a BCom in the hopes of becoming a digital marketer



Kate Jackson
Next year Kate will be studying Nursing at the Southern Institute of Technology



Izzy Jenks
Izzy will be studying Health Science at Otago University and hopes to gain a degree in Physiotherapy



Aimee Johnson
Aimee will be studying to become a Rural Animal Technician at Otago Polytechnic in 2024



Xavier Kee
Xavier hopes to obtain an apprenticeship next year



Baranika Ketike
In 2024 Baranika will study Health Science at the University of Otago



Lindsay Lambert
Next year Lindsay will take a gap year before furthering her studies



Cartina Latu
Next year Cartina plans to join the Air Force and study aviation



Annie Lawrence
Annie will study towards a BA at Otago University in the hopes of becoming a Secondary Teacher



Anna Lloyd
In 2024 Anna will be studying Health Science at Otago University and hopes to study Pharmacy



Bridee Lumb
Bridee is looking for full-time employment in 2024



Aleigha Marks
Left earlier this year



Nataleah Marshall
Nataleah hopes to study towards a Bachelor of Applied Science In Sport Exercise and Nutrition



Chloe McKenzie
Next year Chloe will be studying at Teachers College in Invercargill



Alec Mills
In 2024 Alex will study Engineering at the University of Canterbury



Georgia Milne
Georgia will be studying towards a degree in Sport and Recreation at Lincoln University



Michael Monathan
Left earlier this year



Edwin Mori Olivera
Next year Edwin will be studying towards a BA in Psychology at Otago University



Ashton Navarosa
Next year Ashton hopes to gain a Building Apprenticeship



Byron Odell
In 2024 Byron will study Engineering at the University of Canterbury



Althea Pagarigan
Althea will study towards a Bachelor of Teaching and would like to become a Primary Teacher



Koen Robson
Next year Koen will seek full-time employment



Daniel Ross
Next year Daniel will seek full-time employment



Nicholas Roy
Left at the start of Term 3



Emily Scanlan
Next year Emily will study Health Science and hopes to study Radiology in the future



Mohammed Aymaan Shah
Aymaan hopes to obtain an apprenticeship locally next year



Nicole Sinclair
Next year Nicole will study towards a Diploma in Agriculture at Lincoln University



Luis Smales
Luis will study towards a BCom at Otago University next year



Falconer Smith

In 2024 Falconer will complete his building apprenticeship



Olivia Soper

Next year Olivia will study towards a degree in Oral Health in the hopes of studying Dentistry



Ben Storer

In 2024 Ben will be seeking employment



Devin Thomson

Devin will undertake a Bachelor of Psychology at the University of Otago in 2024



Zara-Lee Tuhura

Zara-Lee will be studying towards a Bachelor of Teaching and hopes to become an ECE teacher



Breanna Uren

Next year Breanna will start a double degree in Teaching and Law



T-Jae Valli

Next year T-Jae hopes to gain an apprenticeship locally



Ashley Vivas



Jethro Ware

In 2024 Jethro will study Mechatronics Engineering at Canterbury University



Ashley Wendelgest

Ashley looks forward to farming and hopes eventually to have a career in Firefighting.



Ryan Williams

Ryan looks forward to studying abroad in 2024 hopefully pursuing a career in the medical profession

Christina Wright

Next year Christina will continue with her education

Muhammed Mustaneer

Next year Muhammed plans to continue his studies, and plans to attend University or Polytech in the future



'Battle of the Pans'

On Wednesday, 31st May, our senior Level 3 Hospitality class competed in the Battle of the Pans competition which was hosted at South Otago High School and the first time the competition was held in the South Island. Battle of the Pans is a competition run by Service IQ who are a vocational education provider with a hospitality industry based background allowing our students to undertake Unit Standards at an industry based level. This was a great opportunity for our students to compete against Tokomairiro Area School and really hone in the skills they have learnt in hospitality.

There were some live cooking competitions with categories including: Burger and Cafe Sandwich and Pasta. The following students competed. Zara-Lee Tuhura - Burger, Nicole Sinclair - Bao Bun, Lindsay Lambert - Carbonara Pasta, Lilly Gooch - Creamy tomato and spinach pasta and Katy Gilder Creamy cheese and Cauliflower Pasta. There was also a static category for baked goods. This was a cafe cake, cupcakes and biscuit category which included both ANZAC and melting moments.

Tokomairiro students and SOHS students entered in some high quality, exceptional entries. Katy Gilder and Zara-Lee Tuhura did Cafe Cakes, Lindsay Lambert and Lilly Gooch - Biscuits and Nicole Sinclair, Cartina Latu and Baranika Kiteke did cupcakes.

The competition was marked by a points system. It was similar to Masterchef on the TV where the judges walk around and critique and mark on your cooking skills, personal hygiene and food safety practices and the final plated product. This was done in a time allocation - 45 minutes for the burger/sandwich and 60 minutes for the pasta. The static entries were also marked with a point system.

The static results:

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| • Zara-Lee Tuhura | Bronze and Silver |
| • Baranika Kiteke | Silver |
| • Cartina Latu | Gold |
| • Lilly Gooch | Silver |
| • Katy Gilder | Gold |
| • Nicole Sinclair | Bronze |
| • Lindsay Lambert | Silver. |

For the Live cooking

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| • Zara-Lee Tuhura | Bronze |
| • Lilly Gooch | Silver |
| • Katy Gilder | Bronze |
| • Nicole Sinclair | Bronze |
| • Lindsay Lambert | Silver. |



The overall winner of the Live cooking categories with the highest scored points with a silver was Lindsay Lambert for her carbonara and took away as a prize a set of digital scales and the opportunity to work alongside a chef for a day's mentoring. This will be completed at a later date with Service IQ. Well done Lindsay.

I am incredibly proud of what my senior students accomplished with this competition and they should be extremely proud of themselves!!

Jackie Brown Hospitality



Year 13 Geography Te Anau Trip

There is no better way for students to understand the magic of Milford Sound and the issues surrounding its accessibility than actually taking them there and experiencing it for themselves. The issues are centred on people visiting the sound as a day trip beginning and ending in Queenstown. This leads to issues of safety, congestion, missed cruises and road closures that affect the quality of the visit.

We spend the nights before and after our visits staying in Te Anau. Even that results in an early morning for the students to be able to make their 11am cruise. We've not missed a cruise yet but have come close and have had to run from the car park to the terminal in the past. This year we were well on time which left the students questioning our sanity regarding the early start. Had they missed the cruise though then they might better understand the reason.

After the cruise we then head back to Te Anau but stop in the Hollyford Valley to discuss some potential developments to solve the issue as well as a few stops to show students some other magical places to visit along the road. These are the experiences that people miss out on if they travel directly between Queenstown and Milford Sound. Students then get some time to explore Te Anau and dine out if they like, which is about helping them to understand the town is a destination worth visiting.

We visit the glowworm caves the next day to give students another experience of Te Anau as a tourist destination before heading back home.

A big thank you to Miss McLellan for coming on the trip with us.

Mr Mike Beeby - HOD Social Sciences



Thai Student Visits 2023



Physics of Flight Trip 2023

SOAC Aerodrome



Chris Sly
TIC Physics

On Tuesday 16th May 20 of our students got to fly in a Cessna 172 as part of our Physics programme. Before the flight students were given a lesson on the physics and practicalities of flying a light aircraft by our flight instructor, Joe. Students then took off with their pilot for the day, Stefan. The students spent half an hour in the air. During this time the students got to experience banked turns, steep climbs and rapid descents, and got a feel for positive and negative g-forces. They also got to enjoy the fantastic view of our local coastline. For the lucky students in the front seat the controls were handed over to them and they had a turn flying the Cessna back to the Balclutha Aerodrome.

A big thank you to Lisa Watt, Bill O'Connor, Joe, Stefan and the South Otago Aero Club for making this trip possible.



Wellbeing/Student Support 2023

Peer Support



Cath Bloxham
TIC Peer Support
Guidance Counsellor
Year 13 Dean

Year 13 Peer Support

At the end of 2022 and start of 2023 our Year 13 leaders completed training for peer support. They spent time welcoming and supporting Year 9 students. Our Year 13 leaders help our Year 9 students as they transition to high school. Some of the outcomes include helping students to feel valued in our school community, developing relationship skills, self esteem and a sense of belonging. Peer support sessions occurred during Wednesday mentoring times during term one and at other special times during the year. Sessions covered getting to know one another, finding out about people and places students can go for support, learning about our school values, understanding diversity, cooperation and communication skills as well as a cybersafety session. My thanks go to Mr Ensor, Mrs Penn, Mrs Bir and Mrs Hannah for their help with this valuable programme and we thank the leaders for their help and leadership.

Blaikie Leaders: T-Jae Valli, Katy Gilder, Lilly Gooch, Annie Lawrence, Alec Mills, Luis Smales, Zara Lee Tuhura, Jethro Ware.

McDonald Leaders: Anna Lloyd, Sarah Bloxham, Lilly Campell, Mariska Capper, Pagan Cross, Chloe Mckenzie, Edwin Mori Olivera, Olivia Soper, Breanna Uren.

Sutherland Leaders: Ashton Navarosa, Laila Asman, Charlotte Benington, James Dobbie, Baranika Ketike, Cartina Latu, Georgia Milne, Aymaan Shah, Ashely Wendelgelst, Ryan Williams, Izzy Jenks, Nicholas Roy.

Somerville: Aimee Johnson, Emma Bennett, Brayden Ferguson, Leone Geldenhuys, Kate Jackson, Nataleah Marshall, Althea Pagarigan, Devin Thomson.





Pink Shirt Day Friday 19th May Year 13 Leaders

Students and staff continue to support this initiative as part of the nationwide anti-bullying week. Pink Shirt Day has spread all over the world to raise awareness of the impact bullying can have on people of all ages, genders, and cultures. The day promotes the development of positive relationships and respectful environments where everyone can feel safe.



Loves Me Not Thursday 18th May Year 12

We had a team of police officers from Dunedin and Balclutha, Victim Support and our local Public Health Nurse present the Loves Me Not programme to all our Year 12 students. Working alongside senior school staff the Police presented this full day programme developed after the death of Sophie Elliot. The programme was developed by the NZ Police in partnership with the foundation and the Ministry of Social Development. Its primary aim is to help young people keep safe. We are grateful to the Police for their continued support of this programme in our school.



Pink Shirt Day



Visual Art 2023 - Regional and National Student Art Exhibitions

NZQA Top Art Exhibition 2023

Ryan Williams Outstanding Scholarship 2022 - Te Nohohoaka o Tukiauaau - 'Fracturing of a self'



Top Art is an annual touring exhibition featuring some of NZ's top secondary school art portfolios. Ryan's received Outstanding Scholarship in 2022 and his painting board is touring NZ as part of this year's exhibition.

Ringa Toi Student Exhibition 2023

Ringa Toi 2023 is an annual Exhibition that showcases the artwork of Secondary school students from throughout New Zealand with a focus on Toi Māori. The student work selected showcases a range of Māori art forms. This year the exhibition has held at Te Papa the National Museum of New Zealand. Congratulations to Ryan Williams who had three artworks selected for the Exhibition and Paige King had one of her paintings selected for the Ringa Toi 2023 Exhibition.



NZ Art House Trust Student Art Finalist Awards 2023



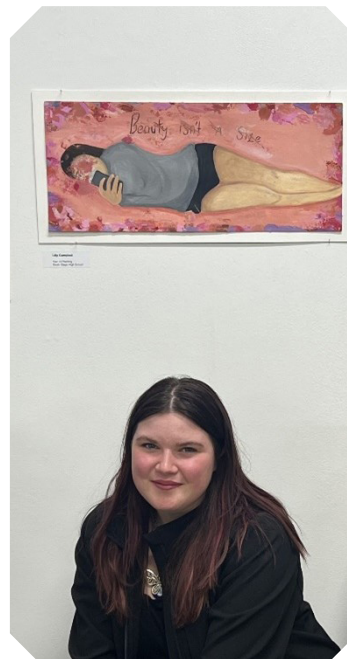
Ryan Williams - Internal Dissonance-Printmaking September 2023

Ryan Williams was selected as one of the 25 NZ Secondary School Art Finalists. This is a prestigious event; and Ryan's second year as an NZ Finalist. The Secondary School Art Awards recognise and celebrate emerging artistic talent in New Zealand. "These are the young artists to look out for in the future. Artworks in the mediums of drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, and sculpture make up the works on show". Art House Trust Website. The Exhibition is an annual event held at The Pah Homestead in Auckland.

Dunedin School of Art - Celebrate 2023



This year six of our Year 12 and 13 Visual Art Students had their paintings exhibited at the Annual Dunedin School of Art Celebrate Exhibition for Year 12 and 13 students in the Otago Region. Congratulations to the students involved in this exhibition, Annie Lawrence, Sarah Bloxham, Ryan Williams Olivia Soper and Lilly Campbell. Special congratulations to Shelley Lambert for receiving an Excellence Award. Photographed from left to right is Shelley Lambert, Lilly Campbell and Olivia Soper.



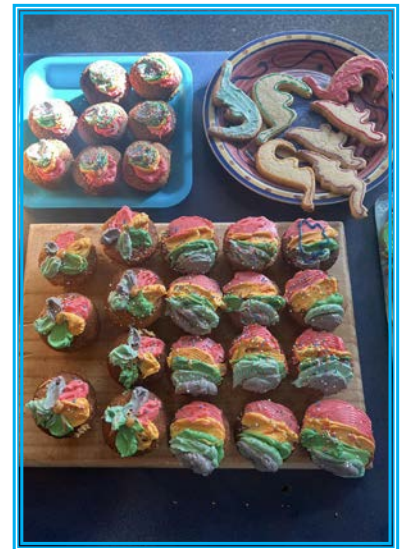
QSA

QSA (Queer Straight Alliance) continues to thrive with a vibrant group of students regularly attending meetings.

Despite the challenges of rostering home, Pride Week went ahead towards the end of Term 2, at the same time as many other schools across NZ. There was a record 300+ schools across the country participating, including over 60% of all secondary schools. We are supported by Izzy, our Inside Out Otago Rep who has visited our QSA group at lunchtimes and kindly donated some rainbow Lego and a new Progress Flag.

The rainbow baking and rainbow dinosaurs were a big hit during Pride Week.

It is awesome to see our school embracing diversity and become an increasingly tolerant, safe space where all students can be true to themselves. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us on this journey.



Book Day





SNOB 2023



Senior Production 'Footrot Flats'

+This year we went rural with our senior production and performed the Kiwi classic show, Footrot Flats the Musical.

It was great to have a big group of enthusiastic students involved in the production, including a number of rugby players who made a popular cameo performance during the show.

The characters were a hit for the children at the matinee performances in particular. Some of them, particularly Cecil the ram, had very comical costumes that inspired much giggling around the hall!

Putting on a show requires a huge amount of effort. Work was carried out by a dedicated cast of students, as well as teachers toiling away behind the scenes. Special mention must also be made of Wayne Reichel who put in countless hours organising the lighting and the sound.

Thanks to Damian Bertanees and Belinda Penn for directing and co-directing, to Darbe Stephens for choreography and to Olivia Calman for back-stage work. Thanks also to various other staff members who helped to make the show a success.

Deborah Ward
Musical Director



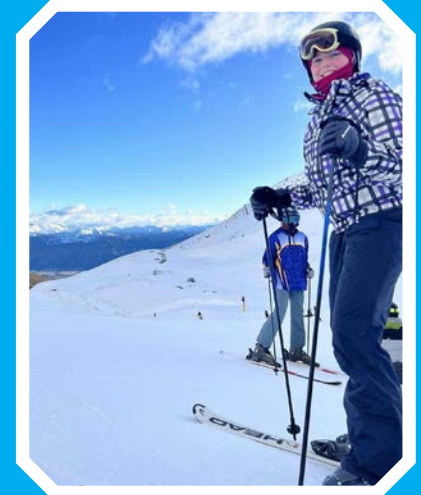
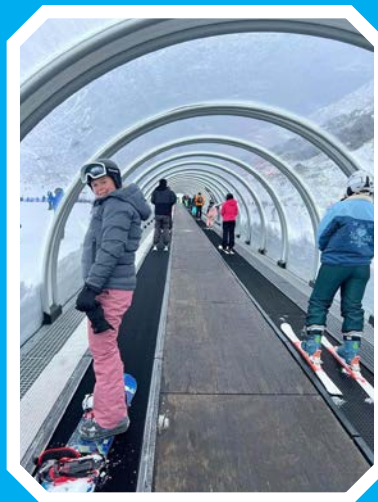
Spirit of Adventure

Early in 2023, 10 of our year 10 students traveled to Auckland and went on the Spirit of Adventure on a trophy voyage. They participated in many activities such as rafting, sailing, tramping and other activities which targeted a variety of skill sets. They made a whole new group of friends and came 3rd out of 4 schools. All our students strongly represented our school values and have done the school proud. Once again, thank you to Mr Palmer for organising the trip and Mr Matsas who accompanied the group.



Year 12 Physical Education Ski Trip

This was an amazing trip! Two great days up the mountains at the Remarkables with students improving their skiing or snowboarding skills. All students displayed excellent behaviour and demonstrated all of the school values! Really impressed with the attitudes and skill levels. Thanks to Miss Bonney, Mr Matsas and Mrs Jory for making the trip run smoothly.



2023 Cross Country

RESULTS

Under 14 Girls

- 1st-Libby Campbell
- 2nd-Emelia Arthur
- 3rd-Mabel Ferguson

Under 14 Boys

- 1st-Finn Leeds
- 2nd-Oliver Scarth
- 3rd-Blake Cochrane

Under 15 Girls

- 1st-Bella Paterson
- 2nd-Isabel O’Riordan-Lawlor
- 3rd-Molly Paterson

Under 15 Boys

- 1st-Wade Lumb
- 2nd-Hayden Wendelgelst
- 3rd-Lamont Tourell

Under 16 Girls

- 1st-Ella Senior
- 2nd-Bri Ware
- 3rd-Dahlia Anderson

Under 16 Boys

- 1st-Kade Semmens
- 2nd-Josh Shore
- 3rd-Elliot Hunter

Senior Girls

- 1st-Jessie O’Hara
- 2nd-Aimee Johnson
- 3rd-Emma Bennett

Senior Boys

- 1st-Liam O’Riordan-Lawlor
- 2nd-JP Human
- 3rd-Jack Newport

House Group Final Placings

- 1st-Somerville
- 2nd-Blaikie
- 3rd-Sutherland
- 4th-McDonald



Speech Competition 2023

On Wednesday, 9th August, we held our annual speech finals for Years 9-11. We were blown away by the high calibre of speakers this year. It is an impressive skill to speak well in public and these young speakers did us proud. The speech finals had been postponed from Term 2 and some speakers had initially presented their speeches in Term 1, so it was a long time coming. The self selected topics our speakers presented on were varied and sophisticated, from the fear of missing out, to the value of golf as a sport for young people to intersectional feminism. Well done all, you did a fantastic job!

Ms K Beaumont
HOD English

Year 9 1st Place: Hannah Madayag **Runner Up:** Jayden Gelacio

Top speakers: Reuben Bellaney, Erin Turner, Franco de Villiers, Hannah Murray (not pictured)

Year 10 1st Place: Isabel Stirling **Runner Up:** Rashaun Melvin

Top Speakers: Blake Cochrane, Jorja Andrews, Leilah Williams, Logan Dunn, Hayley Weir

Year 11 1st Place: Annaliese Bisset **Runner Up:** George Souness

Top Speakers: Courtney Jelley, Hunter Taylor, Nathan Bocock, Charlie Ferguson



Model United Nations



Anna Lloyd
Year 13

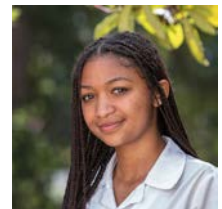
Over the June holidays I had the wonderful opportunity to go to NZ Model UN. This is an event where high school students from across New Zealand go to Wellington to debate as delegates of UN countries. I was lucky enough to be a delegate of Ukraine and debated topics such as drug management and criminal justice. I also had the opportunity to attend regional delegation where MUN delegates from all across the country stayed in a hotel together. This event allowed me to meet some amazing people and learn so many new skills.



Librarians



Year 12 Poetry
Ashlyn Cloete



Identity - Being Different

Your hair is too messy
Tame it with gel as your glue,
If that doesn't hide your natural curls,
Straighten it so society will accept you.

You're too hairy,
Wax yourself so that you're silky smooth,
Cover yourself with long sleeves and pants,
Don't let them see the truth.

Your skin is too dark,
Use make-up 3 shades too light,
Looking more pale will make you prettier,
To be beautiful is to be white.

Kapa Haka

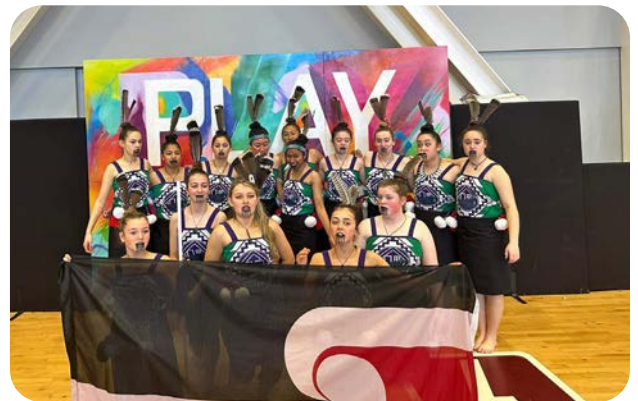
2023 has been a hectic year for South Otago High School's Kapa Haka roopu. We were lucky enough to participate in Hautonga, which is the regional competitive Kapa Haka competition. Although we didn't place, we learnt a lot from the process and received some great comments from the judges!

As well as Hautonga, we have also participated in:

- Invercargill Polyfest
- Otago Polyfest
- Danone performance
- South Otago High Schools Matariki celebration
- Opening of the *Te Pou Ō Mata-Au*

We would like to thank all the parents and teachers who have helped and supported us during the year. A special thanks to Mr Bertanees, Mrs Jory, Mrs Ward and Mr Williams for helping with practices and travelling with us to our numerous events. We would also like to thank our tutors who have put in heaps of work over this year.

A big shout out to Cartina Latu and Baranika Ketike, who are in their final year with the roopu.



Year 13 Outdoor Education Tramp



Year 12 Outdoor Education Snow Caving



Outdoor Education

Another year has passed and another group of students have experienced outdoor education at South Otago High School.

The year started off with another Year 10 camp at Tautuku and we were greeted by a week of beautiful weather. The students participated in a camp out, confidence course, abseiling and kayaking. For many, camp is an opportunity to push themselves outside of their comfort zone and to try something new and this was evident for a lot of the students. As always, activities such as camp require hard work and commitment from the staff involved and I would like to thank each of the teachers who attended.

The Year 12 Outdoor Education programme spent quite a bit of time in the outdoors this year. The Silver Peaks tramp introduced students to the course and for many this really tested their fitness and perseverance. The second day was the hardest with thick fog and areas of bog underfoot which made travel slow going.

The course introduced students not only to tramping but also navigation, mountain biking and most importantly, planning and risk management. This was necessary during the snow caving activity where students spent the night in the Pisa Range in snow caves that they had constructed themselves. The snow caves took approximately six hours to construct, however, these were constructed very well and managed to keep the students reasonably warm during the night.

The Year 13 Outdoor Education course utilised the new kayaks and spent most of the first term in the lagoon. The students learnt how to paddle the boats in flat water and in the river as well as how to complete rescues.

At the start of Term 2, students completed a tramp on the Kepler Track. A challenging 800m climb took us to Luxmore Hut where we stayed the night in fresh snow. Unfortunately due to these conditions, we could not go over the tops, however, managed to drive to Rainbow Reach and spend our second night at Moturau Hut.

Both Year 12 and 13 courses completed a rock unit where students learnt to abseil and climb. The Year 13 students took their climbing a step further and learnt the basics to lead climbing. This not only taught them how to clip quickdraws and climb, it also taught them how to fall.

Overall this was a great year for Outdoor Education at South Otago. Course numbers were high and there was great interest among all students.

Jason Palmer (Head of Outdoor Education)



Daffodil Day



Trapshooting

This year the annual Inter-School Trap shooting competition was held at Roxburgh. This was a great afternoon, students were able to put their skills to good use. Everyone improved their scores and we ended up coming 2nd. Well done to Riley May for being the top shooter of the day, only missing one target. We would like to thank Trish and members at the Balclutha Gun Club for running the practises throughout the year. Also a big thanks to Miss Bonney for her organisation.

Gemma Bonney
TIC Trapshooting



Swimming Sports

UN14 Boys - Stuart Swallow
UN14 Girls - Ellie Olsen-Vetland

UN15 Boys - Clayton Sheppard
UN15 Girls - Bridget Roy

UN16 Boys - Luka May
UN16 Girls - Poppy Johnstone

Senior Boys - Alec Mills
Senior Girls - Jessie O'Hara

House Points:

- 1st - McDonald
- 2nd - Sutherland
- 3rd - Blaikie
- 4th - Somerville



Bowls OSS



Squash Tournament



Badminton



Cricket

After a Covid-hit Term 1 of 2022, it was, happily, a case of business as usual for boys' cricket over the summer of 2022/23. With increasing numbers of our boys hitting Year 11, it was decided to enter a team in the Dunedin Cricket Open Secondary Schools' 40-overs grade. The side played ten matches over the two terms, recording seven wins and three losses. This record placed the side 2nd in the competition to Logan Park High School, who beat us rather convincingly on two occasions.

Some of the highlights of the season included:

- * Two magnificent centuries by Luis Smales, who scored 106* and 175 against Otago Boys' Gold and Trinity respectively. Luis also scored 64 against Otago Boys' Red and 52 against the King's 4th XI.
- * A stunning 201* by Jethro Melville against Otago Boys' Red (made even more remarkable for the fact that he didn't hit a single six in the innings). Jethro posted another century (128) against Otago Boys' Gold and 59 against that same opposition.
- * A superb 80 by Finn Gilder against Trinity. This was part of a stand of 216 for the fifth wicket (with Luis Smales). Finn also nabbed four important scalps in the final match of the season, which guaranteed us second place in the grade.
- * Tight affairs against Trinity, King's 4th XI (both wins) and King's 3rd XI (narrow loss).

A big thank you to those who have contributed to the success of the 2022/23 season. It was really cool having more games in South Otago, meaning parents could more easily get along to matches to support us. I felt there was a typically strong South Otago vibe among the playing group and the on-field banter (always in good humour, clean and well-directed) was good to be around. At the end of the summer, I decided to step down from coaching for the time being with three kids of my own keeping me pretty busy at home. I hope that the boys will continue to play the game and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Elliott Carroll
TIC Boys' Cricket



Year 13 History Trip to Arrowtown

Ben Williams

TIC History

On the 6th of August, the Year 13 History class headed to Arrowtown to conduct research on the Otago Gold Rush. We made our first stop at the Goldfields Mining Centre, where we got to have a go at panning for gold. We had a couple close calls, but none of us headed home any richer.

We settled into our accommodation and the next day headed into the Arrowtown Museum. We were lucky enough to have access to a wide range of primary sources regarding the Gold Rush and gathered a lot of information and resources for our assessment. Amanda, the Education Programme Manager at the museum, was extremely helpful and helped narrow down our research. We then went on a tour of the town and looked at a range of different buildings.

This was a great experience and we are super grateful for both the Arrowtown Holiday Park and the Arrowtown Museum for their accommodation. A huge thank you to Mr Williams and Mrs McLlellan for their organisation and supervision on the trip.)



NETBALL



Pam Hannah
Sports Coordinator
Netball

This year SOHS has had a very good season with teams doing well in the SONC competition. I would like to make special mention of Alpha and Beta who both won their promotion/relegation games then moved up a grade. Alpha then showed they were up to being in Premiere Two by making it to the semi-final and what a game this was. The game went in to extra time and eventually the team lost but it was a tremendous effort. While other teams didn't always have games go their way, everyone stayed in their grades.

I would like to give special thanks to my coaches, you guys are the best and it is really appreciated by myself and our girls. Thank you to our supporters, parents, grandparents and whanau. Thank you to our umpires that umpired on Friday nights, Saturday mornings and with our two tournament teams. All the very best to our departing Year 13 girls. Thank you for your contribution to SOHS netball.

SONC Cups/Awards

Janet McPhee Trophy - To a person who gives 100% on and off the court - Aimee Johnson

Teachers Hostel Cup - SOHS BLUE

Anderson Cup - Winner Second Round Senior 1 - SOHS B

Rover Cup - Most Improved in the lower grades - SOHS BETA

Pyne Family Trophy - Most Promising Junior Umpire - Keira Frisby

SOHS Prizewinners

Amanda Guthrie - Excellence in Juniors - Emmy Marshall

SOHS Council Cup - Most Promising Junior - Addy McDonald

Glenys Ferguson Cup - Most Improved Player - Zoe Hyslop

SOHS Cup - All round Excellence - Elri Geldenhuys

Sahron Curruthers Cup - Leadership Contribution - Aimee Johnson

SONC REP TEAMS

UN16

Bree Campbell, Elri Geldenhuys, Aniva Gouman, Poppy Johnstone, Brylee McElrea, Maddy McElrea, Abby McKinney, Olivia Moffatt and Ruby Smith.

UN14

Olivia Ludeman, Emmy Marshall, Lulu Marshall, Libby Campbell, Addy McDonald, Olivia Pennell and Kyla Te moananui-Currie.

SISS Senior Tournament

This year SISS was held in Invercargill which meant an inside venue. This was our first year in B grade, we had mixed results for the week and finished 25th. A huge thanks to Marina Turrell and Noelene Scott for your expert coaching all week. Tournaments are not all about winning and a lot was learnt along the way. Lilly Campbell was our traveling umpire.

Next year is an exciting year for netball at SOHS as we are taking a touring party of 34 to Australia's Gold Coast to compete in the International Netball Festival. Planning for this is well underway. Thanks to Kelsi McLellan for steering this ship and to Bronny Campbell for your help along the way.



Netball A



Netball B



Netball C



Netball Alpha



Netball Beta



Netball Green



Netball Blue

Junior SISS Netball Tournament

In the July school holidays, eleven Year 9 and 10 netball girls traveled to Christchurch to partake in the Junior SISS Netball Tournament over three days. We played a range of teams from all around the South Island where the girls played a wonderful style of netball that saw them play high-quality netball throughout.

In pool play the girls walked away with five wins from their five games, this meant we earned our spot in the finals. After a convincing quarter-final win against Cromwell 36-11 the girls earned themselves a top 4 spot. Sadly the girls closely lost their semi-final 25-20 in a closely fought game with Greymouth College.

Winning our third and fourth playoff against Motueka 29-26 meant the South Otago Girls walked away earning third spot in a competition with 32 teams. The girls played extremely well with only one loss over a total of eight games.

A massive thank you goes to Amy Morrison for coaching and Bronwyn Hutton for coming and helping.

Kelsi McLellan
Manager



**Netball Junior
Tournament Team**



Netball Umpires

Rugby

It was a bit of a mixed year for all SOHS teams this year. The First XV started off the season near the bottom of the table, however, some consistency throughout the season meant that they were able to progress to the top of the table and eventually by mutual agreement with Otago Boys, make their way into the top six. Unfortunately they were hit with some pretty tough games and some significant score lines kept them at the bottom of the pool. Finishing up 7th for the season sets them up nicely for 2024. Thank you to Adam Wyber and Nathan White who worked well together and set these boys up nicely.

The Second XV went well under the guidance of Jason Gilder and Calvin May. They started with a large squad that could almost have made up two teams. These boys worked well together and managed to make it into the final where they came up against a hotly contested Cromwell College. Unfortunately Cromwell came away with the win, however, the boys played above and beyond to get to the final.

The U15 team played in a grade alongside some of the larger boys schools. There were not too many wins but the boys played out of their skin and deserved to be in this grade. The scores did not reflect how well they played. A huge thank you to Mark Shore, Luc Thomson, Craig Hyslop and Jules Witt for the work they did with this team.

The U14 team were coached by three of the most experienced coaches in the district, Tony Mallon, Tony Valli and Rym Geary. The season started off a bit tough and the boys struggled to find their feet as they got to know each other, however, as the season progressed the team improved and some solid wins started appearing. We look forward to seeing these boys in the future.

Jason Palmer
TIC Rugby



1st XV



2nd XV



Under 15



Under 14

Rugby



David Matsas
TIC Girls' Rugby

The 1st XV went under the leadership of Craig Upston and Mr Matsas for the 2023 season. The girls played fantastically all season, they competed physically and technically with the big town schools. Highlights include two wins against Taieri College within the regular season which guided us to 4th place out of five teams and a massive 61-0 victory against Dunstan High School closed out the season. A massive thank you to Len Geldenhuys for managing the 1st XV and Craig Upston for his coaching.

A new development team was formed for 2023 and Ken Campbell and Matt Lawlor returned to take the reins. The future of SOHS rugby looks bright as the development side had an incredibly successful season winning 5 from 7 games, finishing 2nd in their division. They continued their form in the U15 tournament placing 4th out of 10 teams. A big thank you to Jasmine Goodwin for managing the girls and to all the coaches for all their work.

A massive congratulations to all the girls who made representative teams this year, with a special mention to Aimee Johnson who made the Otago Spirit Development team.



Girls' 1st XV



Girls' Junior



**Girls' Junior
Tournament**

Football Girls'

This year we unfortunately did not have enough players to fill two teams. We got around this by having 20 players picked in the team and five players missing out each week. This meant that some of our second division players from last year had to step up and play in the top division. This was a better option than having our top players in a grade that was too easy as playing tougher football was a good way to get better.

To be fair, some of the games looked like real mismatches when you look at the scores. Scores do not always tell the full story though and hide just how competitive this team was at times. We had:

7-0 and 14-0 losses against Otago Girls'
13-0 and 6-0 losses to Queens High School
Two 3-0 losses to Columba
2-1 loss and a 1-1 draw with Logan Park
3-0 and 6-0 losses to Trinity College

Some of these results were standouts for me. Obviously the two results with Logan Park were very pleasing and I feel like we had enough chances in both games to win. Sometimes when you spend a season defending it becomes harder to score goals when you get the chance. The 3-0 losses are also a good sign that we could compete in the top division with the team that we had. The much improved result against Queens is great and made even better by it occurring during production week with eight regular players away and a couple filling in makes it an even better result. The remaining big losses mostly contained spells in the game where we defended and kept them out but ultimately the pressure meant they were able to score goals in quick succession at other times. For example, four goals were scored in the last five minutes of each half in the second game against Columba which means they were only able to score 2 goals in the other 50 minutes.

Some of these results had the potential to be destructive to the team's morale but not our team. I think we are lucky to have such a good team spirit that the players soon bounced back and did not let the losses phase them. I know that travelling an hour together every week is great for unifying the team but ultimately I think it is the way our senior students create a positive environment for new players that is the key to why our morale is so high. This, in my mind, creates a feedback loop in following seasons where the same welcoming and friendship is extended to the next group to join us. I know there are some very keen Year 8's coming through and hopefully we can find a few new players in the other years to try and make a second team again.

For tournament week we had four players who were unable to attend. We had a change of venue for once and travelled to Timaru to play. A quick glance at our pool showed the team was in a tough week with them being expected to play the South Canterbury, Central Otago and Otago champions for 2023 in the first two days. The team did very well to hold both Timaru Girls High School and Wakatipu High School to three goals in the first halves of Monday's games but both games blew out a bit in terms of the scores after halftime as senior players were rested for the end of the week.

A similar pattern followed with players being rested against Queens the next day seeing us finishing pool play with three losses out of three games.

Wednesday saw us meeting Ashburton College in our first knockout game. In a tight and close game both teams created and stopped chances to score and the game looked headed for penalties. An interesting decision regarding timing saw Ashburton grab a winner in the 3rd minute of overtime. The feeling of disappointment was clear as the girls came off the field but a rousing speech from Katie Murray about how proud she felt soon turned things around. Unfortunately we could not repeat the performance on the field in the second game of the day and went down to St Kevin's and faced the dreaded last place play off the next day..

Our last game was against Fiordland College. They took the lead early but our team did not give up and showed how much they have learnt and developed this year. Two crucial contributions by Poppy Dobson, one of our youngest players, set up goals from Molly Paterson and Jessie O'Hara seeing us take a lead into half time. Fiordland fought back and equalised but Molly, once more, found the back of the net to give us a tight 3-2 lead. There was time for more drama as Fiordland College went close to equalising but the post and then a fantastic save from Ashlee Anderson prevented that and left us as the winners on the day. That moment capped off a great week for Ashlee as she went on to take our team's MVP for the week. Mention must also go to Jessie who had the same number of game MVPs as Ashlee but she was a part of the final choice in recognising Ashlee deserved it more.

The winning for our team was not over though. At the prizegiving we were awarded the fair play trophy by the referees. Our team had scored a whopping 29 out of 30 points across the week showing that losing did not affect the positive way in which this team shows off our school values. In fact there was a lot of interest from our players on how we lost a point and what we can do next year to not do that.

A big thank you to Tracey Murray and Julie Lumb for coming away for the week with us. The players and I both appreciate the contribution that you made to the week. A bigger thank you and goodbye to Charlotte Benington, Mariska Capper and Bridee Lumb who played their last game for the school in the match against Fiordland. It was great we can farewell you with a win. I also want to include Bree Uren in this goodbye who played in her last game against Logan Park and thanks who also leaves the team but did not come to the tournament.

To those players coming back next year, have a good holiday and I'm looking forward to working with you again. If you can bring a friend or two along to join in and get us a second team then that would be great!

Mike Beeby
TIC Football - Girls



Football Girls

Women's FIFA World Cup

One of the biggest events for the country this year was the FIFA women's World Cup for football that New Zealand was a co-host for. The fact that games were played in Dunedin opened up a number of opportunities for our students.

The first of these was an event to celebrate the reveal of the trophy around the country. This was open to female students between the ages of ten and fourteen. We only had two of our school's players that qualified for this so we put an invitation out to younger players at the football club and ended up with a group of nine students attending. This was a great chance for us to start to make contact with our players of the future. During the day they got the chance to participate in a number of football drills, make their own trophy out of craft materials, have a photo with the trophy and play a game against some top players in New Zealand. The match between eight semi-professional players and a mob of over fifty young people was a very tight affair.



The second opportunity for our students was the chance to visit the fan zone and go to a game. A big thank you to the Dunedin City Council who funded both the tickets and the travel for this. We got to watch Argentina play South Africa and well done to the students who dressed up to support one of the two teams. We were lucky enough to be seated behind some very passionate Argentinian supporters and I think this was quite an eye opener for our young people. A big thank you to Danny Simmonds, Barry Munto and Jackie Brown for driving our students to the game on the day.

This event was such a fantastic opportunity for our students and some future students to experience something that was so big globally. I hope some get the opportunity again one day.



Basketball Boys



Basketball A



Basketball B



**Basketball
Senior Mixed**



**Basketball
Junior**



**Basketball
Tournament**

Basketball Girls'



This year our team competed in the Dunedin School competition where we were put in A Grade which was mixed with Prem Grade. It was very challenging, but also eye opening to play amongst the top schools in the Otago Region. As a team we worked hard at trainings and on the court to grow our skills and basketball ability. As the season progressed, our skills, courtplay, and teamwork got better as we all developed as a unit. During the season we were able to fundraise enough money to buy new playing uniforms. Thank you to everyone who supported us. Our super talented Year 10 player, Molly Paterson, was also a part of the Otago Basketball Under 15 Girls squad. Our Year 13 players Olivia Soper and Lilly Gooch are leaving us and we wish them all the best for everything coming their way. Basketball is a great and opportunity-filled sport and I'm excited to see our team continue to progress in 2024. We owe many thanks to our coach, Daniel, who gave up hours of his time to organise our trainings and coaching us through the games, we really appreciate it. Lastly, a big thank you to Miss Bonney for managing our team, organising fundraising, and being supportive throughout the season.

Gemma Bonney
TIC Girls' Basketball

Touch



Football Boys



Football 1st XI

**Football
Tournament**



**Football
Junior Boys**



Confucius Programme

This year saw the resumption of the Mandarin Assistant Programme (MLAs). We were very fortunate to have Jingwei WU (Mya) joining us for this year. She has taught Year 9, Year 10 and a senior group Mandarin. Many senior students completed Level 1 Achievement Standards. She has also visited primary schools. Jingwei also promoted Mandarin and Chinese culture during Chinese Language week. A number of our students attended the University of Canterbury, Confucius prize giving in Dunedin. We thank Jingwei for her work in our school this year and wish her all the best as she returns to China at the end of this year.



Mandarin Classes 2023

I'm Mya Wu, a graduate student studying at Huazhong University of Science and Technology. 2023 is my second year of graduate school and I've been lucky enough to get the opportunity to come to New Zealand this year. Although Balclutha is very quiet, it didn't take me too long to fit in the new environment here probably because I grew up in the countryside and my hometown has some similarities with Balclutha.

I worked as a Mandarin Language Assistant in Balclutha and taught Mandarin in four schools: South Otago High School, Rosebank Primary School, Romahapa School, and Catlins Area School. It took me quite a while to get used to the teaching style in New Zealand. At the very beginning, teaching here was a little bit challenging for me because I had students from Y1 to Y11 and students of different ages are very different and have their own characteristics. So, I applied different teaching strategies according to students' age and year level. Compared with high school students, I prepared more class activities and designed more interesting games for primary school students.

In Mandarin classes this year, we have learned a lot of topics, like self-introduction, family members, countries, animals, body parts, money, food, fruits, sports, etc. Besides, I also carried out a lot of cultural activities, such as making dumplings, Chinese brush pen calligraphy, drawing plum blossom trees with ink, making Chinese knots, Chinese shadow puppetry, making paper dragon boats, paper cutting, and so on. All the students enjoyed these cultural activities a lot. I also discussed the cultural differences between New Zealand and China and shared what modern China looks like with them. Hopefully learning Mandarin can give them a glimpse of a different culture, broaden their horizons, and give them more opportunities in the future. I am very glad to see their improvements in language abilities and all the students I taught made my year colorful and meaningful.

Besides teaching, I also spend a lot of time traveling around New Zealand. I made the most of every term break to travel with my friends. We explored splendid mountains, lakes, seas, islands, small villages like Hokitika, and bustling cities like Auckland, which always amazed me. I enjoyed these fantastic trips, took a lot of pictures, and got precious memories.

How time flies! It's been almost one year since I came to New Zealand. I had a great time during my year in New Zealand. This year, I taught lots of students, saw a lot of gorgeous scenery, met a lot of people, and had lots of happy moments, which are all unforgettable for me. Although it's time to say goodbye, I'll take all these happy memories with me.

Many Thanks

Mya Wu

Gateway



Maxine Agnew
Gateway/STAR Coordinator

The Gateway programme is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission and complements the students-based learning.

Through the programme students can gain skills and qualifications in the workplace that will help them start a career in their chosen industry. This Year 20 year 12 and 13 students have participated in the Gateway programme. Workplace experience was gained in the following industries. Agriculture, Conservation, Early Childhood, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Veterinary, Electrical, Mechanical, Animal husbandry, Dentistry and Fitness. We appreciate the ongoing support offered to the programme by local businesses.



Brooke James
Year 12

I was lucky enough this year to be a part of the Gateway program for 2023. I was given the opportunity to work in a workshop and learn more about working on and fixing vehicles. I really enjoyed being able to partake in this. The gateway program has offered me many opportunities this school year including partaking in a health and safety course as well as a first aid course which has set me up for work next year. Gateway has also offered me the opportunity for an apprenticeship for 2024.

Duke of Edinburgh/Hillary Award



The Award scheme is thriving in our school. We have a number of Bronze, Silver and Gold students. Congratulations to Ryan Williams for completing his Gold award this year. We have 2-3 students who will complete their Gold award in the coming months.

It is the 60th anniversary of the award in New Zealand this year. We will continue to promote the relevance and enjoyment of the award scheme in our school.



Hockey



Darbe Stephens
TIC Hockey

The hockey season of 2023 started off with lots of keen and interested hockey players. We retained great numbers from 2022 and welcomed a few new players allowing us to have 2 decent sized teams, an 11 aside and a 6 aside team. Both teams travelled to Dunedin each week to play in the Secondary School Competition, for a 14 week season. We had our 11 aside team competing in the 3rd division this year, and the 6 aside team played socially in the social grade.

Both teams had successful seasons, with many wins under their belts. Each team developed skills and strengths to allow them to work well together and achieve many wins. They gained new expertise and strengthened many of their talents, with many more drag flicks, aerial balls and sweeps taking place and making for a very exciting game. Each team still had their losses, however they held their heads high, looking for the win the following week. This fueled their determination to take home the next win and maintain our spot on the leaderboard.

When it came to the end of the season, the 6 aside team was close for 1st place, and the 11 aside team was close for 2nd place. Unfortunately, it was not our season to take home the trophy, as our teams placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively. However, we did not let this get the better of us as we still had a great season and took away a place on the leaderboard.

11 A-Side



6 A-Side

Interchange

Within the season, we had the opportunity to take a team away to Taieri College for the annual Taieri Interchange. This is normally a tricky game for our players, as we are predominantly made up of juniors, going up against strong Taieri seniors. However, we did not let this get the better of us, and all players went on to the field to play their best. We managed to hold them off for most of the game, only allowing 2 goals in. We had a couple attempts at goal but were unfortunately unsuccessful, thus meant coming away with a 2-0 loss. This is a huge improvement from last year when we were beaten 14-0, so our players were stoked with this result. It was awesome to see our players so determined and showing our school values; Respect, Excellence, and Perseverance, all throughout this day.



Tournament

At the end of the season, a selection of players travelled to Oamaru for the Secondary Schools Mixed South Island Tournament, to play against many co-ed teams from around the South Island, for a week. This was a huge week for everyone, filled with many highlights and team bonding activities, intense and exciting hockey games, sightseeing & good food. We were faced with some tougher games, but nevertheless, our players were determined to go out there and play to their full potential. Our final game was by far the best and most intense game of the week, going into penalty shoot outs. Ashley Wendelgest, our goalie, did a phenomenal job at defending the goal, not letting any shots go in. Our players also did a fantastic job at taking their penalty shots, with Tia Ware & Liam O'Riordan-Lawlor getting past the goalie, and scoring. This brought our final games score to 2-1, giving us the placing of 9th out of 16 teams. It was so great to see players from all ages and year levels, mix and mingle, developing new and stronger friendships. This enhanced our team building skills and cooperation, which was demonstrated on and off the field.

A big thank you to all parent helpers, who helped with driving, baking, fundraising and everything in between. Without parent helpers, many of the events and fundraising opportunities would not have been possible. It is awesome that we have parents to help support our players to experience these wonderful opportunities to upskill themselves. I look forward to next year where players can continue to develop their hockey skills and improve together within our teams.

If you or anyone you know, are interested in helping out next year within coaching or managing please express your interest to me ASAP through email - dstephens@sohs.school.nz.



Tournament

Volleyball



Volleyball Senior A



Volleyball Senior B

Multi-Sport



ManuKorero

Jorja Andrews and some of our Kapa Haka group went up to Dunedin to represent SOHS at Manu Kōreo. Manu Kōreo is a speech competition which is open to all Māori students. There are 4 categories: Junior English, Junior Te Reo, Senior English and Senior Te Reo.

Jorja did her speech on being “unapologetically Māori” and was supported by members of our Kapa Haka group. She did extremely well and won the Junior English section, securing a spot at Manu Kōreo Nationals in Dunedin on 19-21 September. The Kapa Haka group performed an awesome Haka after her speech to show their support.



Manu Pounamu

This year at Manu Pounamu Zara-Lee Tuhura and Jorja Andrews received awards for their achievements within the community and at school. Mana Pounamu acknowledges the many wonderful accomplishments of rakatahi Māori, and aims to inspire them to consider Tertiary education as a natural progression. The awards provide an opportunity to showcase our future leaders, providing inspirational role models to other Māori youth across the province.



**Zara-Lee
Tuhura**



**Jorja
Andrews**

SADD



Performance

Korimako Vocal Group

Deborah Ward

TIC Vocal Group

It has been wonderful to resurrect the vocal group at school this year! There is some fantastic singing talent at SOHS and I have been honoured to work with the kids as we prepared items for Senior prizegiving.

My hope is that we will be able to grow Korimako next year and work towards attending the regional choral competition, The Big Sing.

I would like to thank Mrs Salu Ta'avili for helping me lead the group. Salu is a gifted \ musician and we have benefited greatly from her advice and her skills as a pianist.



Vocal Group



Theatre Sports



Orchestra



Pipers

Learning Support 2023

2023 has been another busy year in the Learning Support Department. We have travelled to Dunedin for Have a Go - Tenpin Bowling, where our students joined other schools to learn how to bowl and have fun. Then, we travelled to Gore for a Rippa Rugby learning session. Sport Otago provides these trips to support students in learning new skills and meeting new people. Big thanks to Chris Moffitt for coming into school to work with our students on developing their physical fitness and abilities to participate in a wide range of sports.

Students thoughts on what they enjoyed during 2023:

Laura said, "I enjoy having Chris in our school because he taught us some skills and sports and games."

Aidan said, "In SPEC, we like cooking and doing Art".

Eve said, "I shot the hoop at the Mutil Sports Rippa Rugby, and I caught the ball.

These trips were the highlight for many of our students, and we thank everyone involved for their support in allowing our students to experience new events.

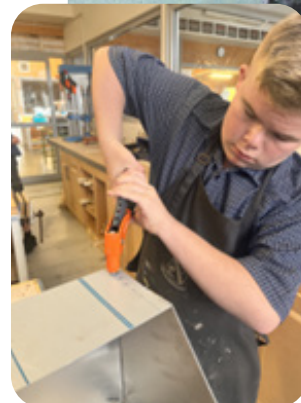
On the staff front, a big thank you to all our fantastic Teacher Aides and all the support they offer a wide range of students here at South Otago High School. Their work is much appreciated and vital to the success of many of our students. Mrs J Nicol and Ms A McPike always go above and beyond the call of duty to support our students and staff as a vital part of our school staff.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mrs T McHale as a part-time teacher assistant. Her enthusiasm to take on any task and see it through with a great smile has been much appreciated, and we wish her well as she moves to take over full-time duties in our school library for 2024. We farewelled Mrs C Crutchely, thanking her for supporting the students' learning, and wished her well with her future endeavours. We also welcomed Mrs L Burlison, who has worked on outstanding arts and crafts projects with the students, sharing her talents and passions. In 2024, we look forward to working alongside our students and welcoming several new students and their families into our school.

Keren Wright
SENCO



Special Olympics



Junior Technology : 2023

This year has been a busy time in the Junior Technology Centre. We welcomed Anna from the Tuhara Science Outreach Team of Otago Museum who spent a few whole days with our students from Primary schools in the district. We investigated how rockets could be launched into space, the impact of lighting hydrogen gas and using it as fuel. We also spoke about the “Rocket lab” work taking place in the North Island. We used prototyping to make our own rockets and tested how high we could launch them into the air using pneumatics. Students made great learning connections between Science and Technology and how we can use this to develop and modify safe space travel.



Our year 7s and 8s have been applying the Technology Design Process to meet a brief. They have made spice racks, silhouettes, personalised signs, handstitched “Manu” keyrings, needle felted characters and scenes using wool. They have learnt how to prepare and present a range of cultural dishes, making pasta and apply scientific principles when making ice cream pops. Year 8 students have also learnt how to use a sewing machine and scroll saw. Year 7s have learnt how to use a hot poker, hand tools and a scroll saw. The year 8s finish their year having made personalised, functional pocket pillows. We congratulate all students on a very successful year in Junior Technology.



We would like to thank all our client schools for their support of the Technology Centre and we wish all the Year 8 students the very best for what is ahead in Year 9.

We also want to thank Mr. Townsend for his work in the centre this year and wish him well as he settles teaching in the Senior Technology Area.

Mrs Bennett & Mr Kay

International Youth Science Forum

During Term 3, Jethro and I attended the London International Youth Science Forum. This was a 2 week long residential science programme, held predominately at Imperial College London, but also had visits throughout England and Wales. We were two of three South Island, and 15 New Zealanders in total of the approximately 500 participants.

We had lectures from leaders in their fields from across the world, such as Professor Ben Ferringa, 2016 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, Dame Sue Black Head of Forensics at Oxford University, and Professor Steve Cowley, Head of Princeton University's Plasma Physics laboratory.

While we also got to have specialist visits of our choosing throughout the UK. Personally, I had scientific visits at the Cambridge Biomedical Research Institute, The School of Pharmacy and Brain Imaging in Wales, and the Great Britain Association of Anaesthetists. While Jethro had visits at the National Space Institute, Imperial College Department of Aerospace, and the Cambridge Scott Polar Institute.

As well as this, I got to present my research on Wetlands, Marshlands, and Swamps, at the Science Bazar, where I was able to talk to leaders in their fields, as well as the delegates from all round the world.

However, more than just the academic side of the event, we had plenty of opportunity to explore London, and meet everyone from all round the world, to make many connections and friendships. Which was the highlight for both Jethro and myself.

Overall it was an incredible opportunity, which allowed us to open our eyes to a whole plethora of different opportunities. Seeing how science can be applied to the real world, and where our future careers could take us.

Ryan Williams
Year 13



Jethro Ware
Year 13



Staff V Council 2023

It's been a tightly contested Staff V Council competition for 2023. It was great to see the student council and staff so involved by getting out there and giving everything a go. Highlights included T-Jae Valli running backwards in the final leg of the relay to win the race and Mr Beeby's attempted slam dunk in basketball.

The results are as followed:

100m relay - Council

Touch - Staff

Netball - Staff

Soccer - Staff

Talent Show - Council

Basketball - Staff

So overall, the staff took it out 4-2.

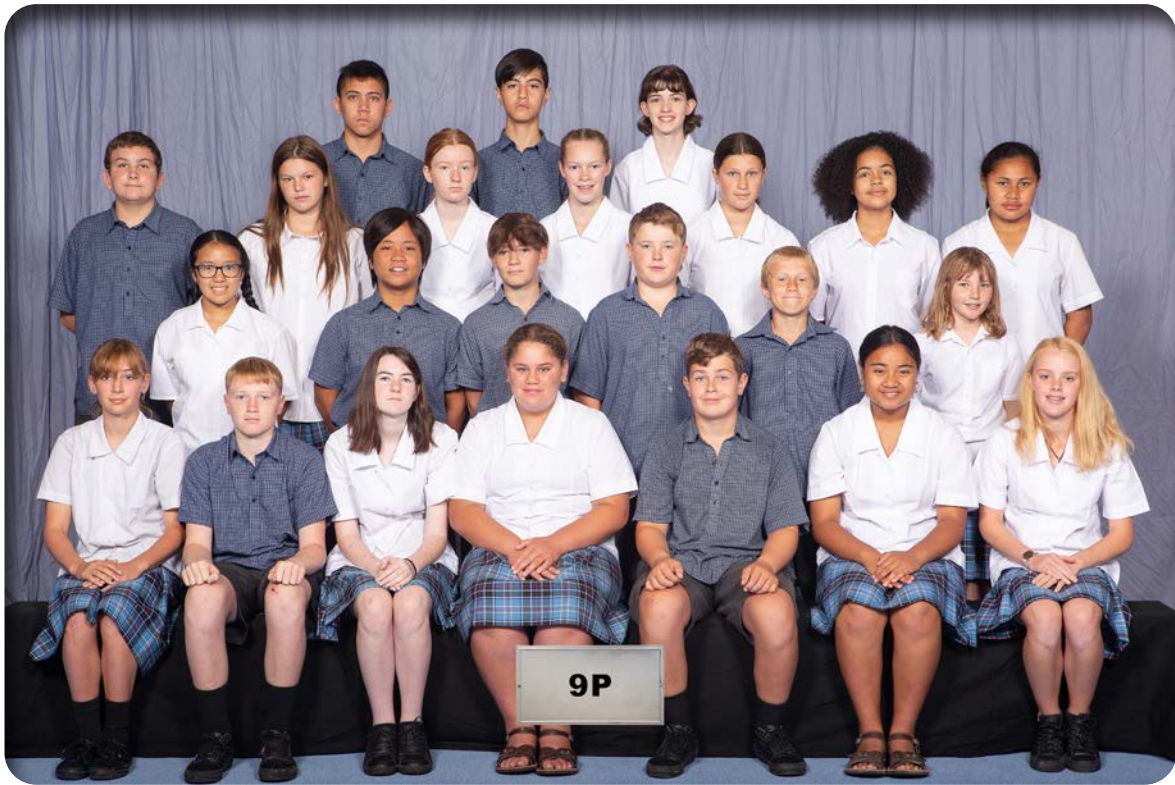


International Food Festival



Classes 2023





Back Row: Hayden Thompson, LJ Taylor, Sarah Knowles
3rd Row: Franco de Villiers, Harmony Carline, Olivia Jack, Mysha van Schalkwyk, Tia Ware, Amber Kasosera, Rosemariah Talione Vasa Pene
2nd Row: Wendy Agajona, Jayden Gelacio, Hunter Findlay, William Berney, Finn Leeds, Lee Crook
Front Row: Zoe Brown, Cooper Geary, Ella Kitto, Ivi Laban, Ben McKenzie, Rose Ootia, Leah Cambridge



Back Row: Noah Kennedy, Keely Shanks, Chase Coley*, Katie Ferguson
3rd Row: Zoe Senior, Reuben Bellaney, Puna Aila Numia, Daniel Dunlop, Addyson Macdonald
2nd Row: Mabel Ferguson, Patrick Reid, Poppy Dobson, Blake Jenkinson, Leshia Medalla, Shakaia Anderson-Ferguson
Front Row: Savanah Walsh, Olivia Pennell, Kyla Te Moananui-Currie, Matt Simmonds, Dylan Carr, Libby Campbell, Oliver Scarth



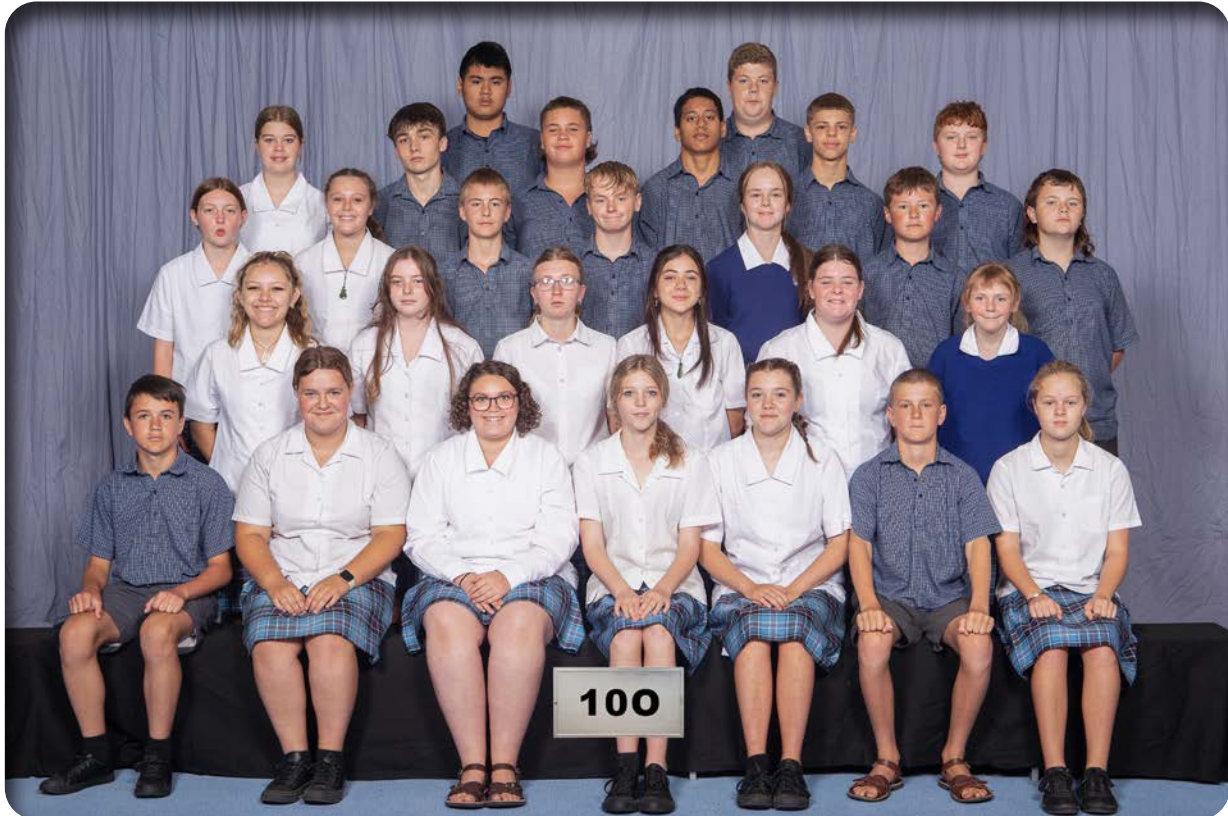
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3rd Row: Miley Milne, Hazel Buckingham, Maddison Win, Bella Nicol, Keira Frisby
2nd Row: Kiani Heperi, Jake Watt, Emma White, Conrado Tomeldan, Owen Mori-Olivera, Ruby McDonnell*
Front Row: Meghan Parlane, Jess Daumann, Kooper Wheeler, Brodie Armishaw, Hannah Murray, Scarlett Newport, Lia Mora-Huggins



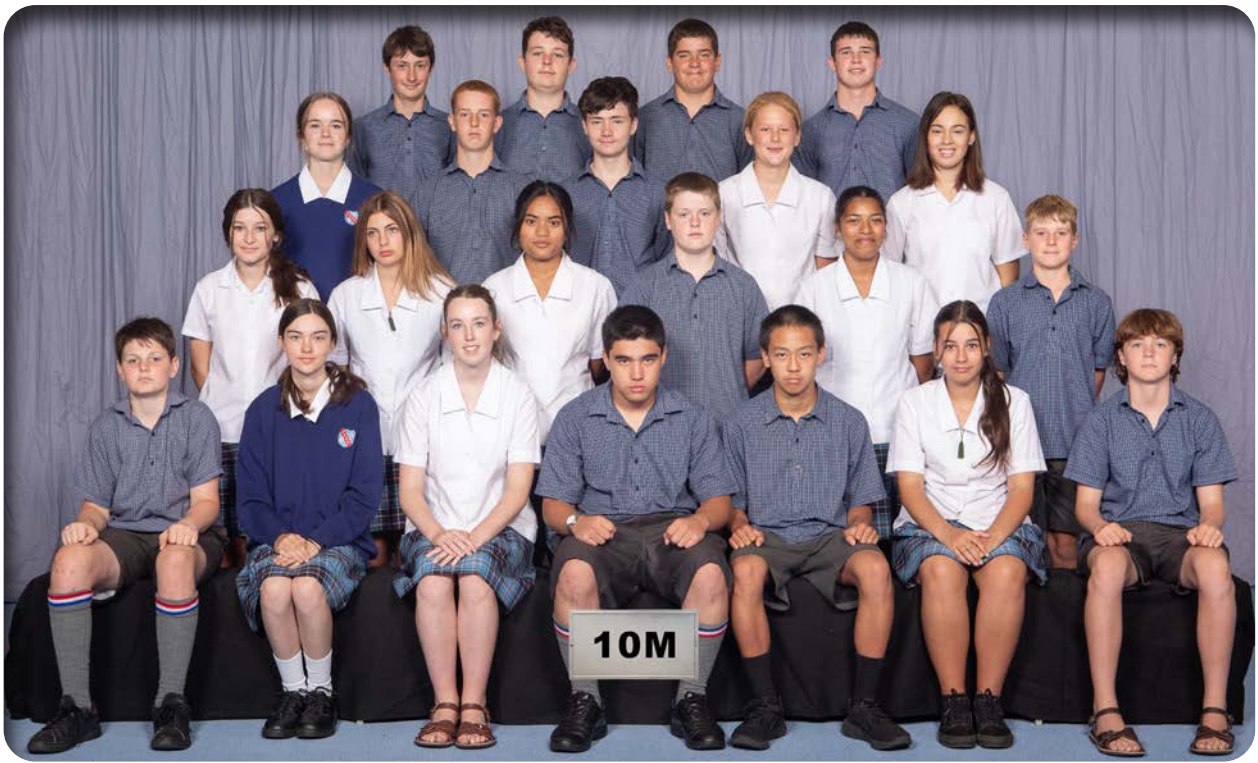
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3rd Row: Hannah Madayag, Marnina Kinnaird, Solomon Phillips, Ellie Olsen-Vetland, Rubi-Dawn Screen, Tilly Gregory, Liam Hill
2nd Row: Erin Turner, Tyler Reeves, Hannah Macdonald, Zack Smith, Yunique Papalii, Emma O'Brien
Front Row: Cooper Baird, Joss Winslade, Scarlett Gentle, Toby Craig, Lilly Taylor, Timaima Cakaurua, Kruz Sutton



Back Row: Matthew Hudson, Rylan Walsh, Lamont Tourell
3rd Row: Aiden Serong, Abby McKinney, Noah Saro, Wade Lumb, Olivia Ludemann, Kobe Robson
2nd Row: Holly Bisset, William Lawrence, Hendrix Pennicott, Alex Mardon, Priya Baskar
Front Row: Jade Maber, Jaylee Loper-Mercer, Isabel O’Riordan-Lawlor, Rashaun Melvin, Logan Dunn, Emmy Marshall



Back Row: Tristan Lugatiman, Liam Wilson
4th Row: Katie Barker, Isaac McCarthy, Ryder Gillatt, Teawa Ketike, Daniel Witt, Riley Pennell
3rd Row: Molly Paterson, Ella Holgate, Marco Smales, Sam Wright, Maddy McElrea, Jacob Stanger, Dresden Holdem
2nd Row: Jorja Andrews, Ava Milne, Laura Warren, Nala Cain, Millie Scott, Eve Macnee
Front Row: Henk Human, Mia McKenzie, Lucy Harrison, Brooke Van Overeem*, Aniva Gouman, Alex Ryan, Lulu Marshall



Back Row: Blake Cochrane, Rian Darmody, Jak Buckingham, Max McHaffie
3rd Row: Brylee McElrea, Blake Hyslop, Joshua Malley, Ruby Smith, Makayla Seed
2nd Row: Laura James, Riz Cooper*, Tangiria Taniera, Logan Ross, Charlotte Wakeham, Toby Allan
Front Row: Clayton Sheppard, Gemma Brook, Penny Coote, Freddy Daumann, Zion Bokilis, Emma Ward, Archie Valli
Absent: Grant Bennett, Aggy Sly



Back Row: Hayden Wendelgelst, Rylee Zwies, Ryco Rubay-Brown, Sam Inder, Phoenix Cook, Tavis Bonney
3rd Row: Rylan McCabe, Bella Paterson, Hayley Weir, Sam Ogden, Mitch Cooper, Leilah Williams, Krystal Vuni
2nd Row: Georgia Gray, Mathafasue Mikaele-Tanuvasa, Zacch McRae, Lucas Smithies, Isabel Stirling, Brooke Smith
Front Row: Hanre de la Harpe, Hannah Pow, Maddi Brown, Ranui Heperi, Danielle Lornie, Bridget Roy, Shanaye Sutton

Year 11



Back Row: Taylor Dobbie, James Uren, Reed Malone, Luke Wilson, Johnston Phillips, El-Shaddai Pouniu, Leo Shotton-Monaghan, Luka May, Petra McDouall, Tyler Walsh

7th Row: Riley May, Konnar Melvin, Riley Field, Kayson Watt, Brayden Carr, Riley O'Hara, Hunter Thomson, Hunter Taylor, Kapi Kana*, Tyler Kenealy*

6th Row: Tobie Sneddon, George Souness, Nathan Ward, Morgan Huddleston, Tyler Kitto, Jamin Bokilis, Olivia Moffat, Riley Phillips, Ry Wallace, Kane Benington, Geordie Bennett, George Ouyang, Finn Gilder

5th Row: Dakota Smith, Achala Samarakoon*, Kade Semmens, Hunter Baxter**, Xavier Marchant, Callum Leeds, Sannar Mikaele Tanuvasa, Ulysses Cu, Elliot Hunter, Arsheed Shah, Samantha Batt, Taaliah Melvin

4th Row: Jayden Scott, Sebastian Charlton, Kaitlin Miller, Millie Smith, Nathan Boccock, Chantal Smales, Ashley Simmonds, Taylah King, Ashley Vivas, Max Ogden, Poppy Johnstone, Logan Cooper, Bella Findlay, Kane McLaughlan, Henry Villar

3rd Row: Mr Deverson, Alexa Catequista, Katie Murray, Teue Kebwea, Porshia Frisby, Ariana Cross, Yvonne Vuni, Courtney Jelley, Balin Wood, Josh Shore, Jack Bloxham, Gabriel McCone, Charlie Ferguson, Lilly Maybee, Cameron Park

2nd Row: Ebony Scobie, Olivia Wilson, Greer Foster, Jenny Galt, Izarra Burne, Savannah Chaplin, Annaliese Bisset, Nicole Wakelin, Aleena Jaidee, Monica Hahn, Mariah Ioane, Kordelia Brown, Nadia Asman, Jess Allan, Bree Campbell

Front Row: Makita Kee, Kailee Cooper, Cassie Winslade, Ella Senior, Aleisha Davey, Elri Geldenhuis, Dahlia Anderson, Toby O'Connor, Aimee Arndt, Maddie Grinton, Willow Goodwin, Lucy Milne, Melania Yalewanirabe, Sophie Lyon, Maria Gamage

Year 12



Back Row: Regan Macdonald, Trey Stapleforth, Eden Colley, Archie Smith, Wyatt Shanks, Jack Newport, Hadley Lowry, Callum Brown

Sixth Row: Will Clark, Ciaran Darwen, Joshua Labes, Harlin Puna, Kairus Booth, Liam O’Riordan-Lawlor, Kingston Davis, Morgan Stephens, James Budge, Cohen Bethune, Blake Evans, Ethan Hale*

Fifth Row: Maddie Bielski, Cruze Smith, Chase Te Moananui-Currie, Rylan Gouman, Clay Marshall, Luke Holden, Oliver Shore, Kaleb Marshall, Brendan Soper, Jack Soper, Troy Apiti, Kaine Stewart

Fourth Row: Sam Affleck, Oakley Davey, Ben Judson, Sam Vining, Brayden Chaplin, Nick Stoddart, Tipene Wereta-McDiarmid, JP Human, Liam Samuel, Warrick Botha, Amara Coll, Shelley Lambert

Third Row: Jessie O’Hara, Zoe Hyslop, Brooke James, James Michie, Ashlee Anderson, Holly Davidson, Kate Inder, Emily Jenkinson, Gemma McAtamney, Sydney Marshall, Bella Brown

Second Row: Mrs B Penn, Megan Park, Julianne Dacones, Zara Milne, Jasmine van Asperen, Ashlyn Cloete, Zoe Sopp, Paige O’Neill, Erika Reid, Leticia Cochrane, Jacklyn Wakeham, Mai Sharata*, Cosine Chacapna

Front Row: Taelah Dawson, Greta Luke, Leah Stephens, Madi Findlay, Darrian Sutton, Millie McNab, Fayth Screen, Brooke Stratford, Daikoyta Weir*, Kayley Strachan, Emily Smith, Zara Upston, Amber James

Absent: Alex Anderson, Imogen Barlow, Ryan Brook, Pagan Buchanan, Alize Camp, Henry Craig, Kevin Esara Natia, Paige King, Tyler Lornie, Claudia Mardon, William Maze, Harry McHaffie, Kolopa Namulauulu*

Year 13



Back Row: Luis Smales, James Dobbie, Ben Storer, Brayden Ferguson, Jethro Ware, Nicholas Roy*

Fifth Row: Olivia Soper, Anna Lloyd, Daniel Ross, Reece Apiti, Ashley Wendelgelst, Xavier Kee, Emily Scanlan

Fourth Row: Chloe McKenzie, Pagan Cross*, Byron Odell, Lilly Gooch, Lindsay Lambert, Kate Jackson, Edwin Mori Olivera, Breanna Uren, Aymaan Shah

Third Row: Mrs Bloxham, Leone Geldenhuys, Izzy Jenks, Mariska Capper, Nataleah Marshall, Cartina Latu, Georgia Milne, Katy Gilder

Second Row: Amber Craig*, Annie Lawrence, Baranika Ketike, Crystal Bellaney, Laila Asman, Aimee Johnson, Emma Bennett, Dani Delaney*, Althea Pagarigan

Front Row: Aleigha Marks*, Bridee Lumb, Ryan Williams, Alec Mills, Sarah Bloxham, Charlotte Benington, Lilly Campbell, Nicole Sinclair

Absent: Quinn Gabolinsey, Michael Monaghan*, Ashton Navarosa; Koen Robson, Falconer Smith, Abby Stewart*, Izarra Burne, T-Jae Valli, Ashley Vivas, Christina Wright, Ingrid Scoon*

Mentor Classes



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K TAIAROA**

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**MA4KZ
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**MA5ST
D STEPHENS**



**MA6CA
E CARROLL**



**MA7BG
G BONNEY**



**SO1RE
A REID**



**SO2MH
M MURDOCH**



**SO3SB
J SIBLEY**



**SO4KH
K HUGHES**

**SO6TO
J TOWNSEND**



**SO7 SL
C SLY**





**SU1BW
J BROWN**



**SU2AD
A ADAMS**



**SU3KW
K WRIGHT**



**SU4MS
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**SU5WM
H WILLIAMS**



**SU6HA
MS HASANBEGOVIC**



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Prizes and Awards Achieved by Year 11 Students

Jessica Allan	Commendable Achievement in English, History and Statistics	Mariah Ioane	Distinction in Algebra Commendable Achievement in English
Aimee Arndt	Distinction in Statistics Merit in English and Science Blue – Academic	Brooke Johnson	Commendable Achievement in Statistics
Nadia Asman	Distinction in Algebra	Poppy Johnstone	Commendable Achievement in Geography Allington Cup – Intermediate Girl Swimming Champion
Kane Benington	Commendable Achievement in Physical Education	Graycen Kell	Merit in Statistics Commendable Achievement in Geography and Physical Education
Geordie Bennett	Stephens/ Shanks Trophy – Contribution to colts rugby	Reed Malone	Holland Cup – Intermediate Boy Athletics Champion
Annaliese Bisset	Distinction in English and History Merit in Art Jory Cup – Senior Drama Whittington Cup – Senior Speech Competition Balclutha Rotary Club Prize – Year 11 Speech Blue – Academic	Luka May	Distinction in Geography and Physical Education Commendable Achievement in Te Reo Māori
Jack Bloxham	Commendable Achievement in Geography and Physical Education	Riley May	Allington Cup – Intermediate Boy Swimming Champion
Nathan Bocoock	Merit in English and Digital Technology	Lilly Maybee	Commendable Achievement in Geography and Engineering & Technology Merit in Drama and English
Jamin Bokilis	Commendable Achievement in Geography	Gabriel McCone	Commendable Achievement in Statistics Distinction in Geography Commendable Achievement in Algebra and Commerce
Izarra Burne	Merit in Geography and Statistics	Kane McLaughlan	Vickers Cup – Football commitment to 1st XI Commendable Achievement in Statistics
Bree Campbell	Distinction in Algebra Merit in Science	Sannar Mikaele Tanuvasa	Commendable Achievement in Building Technology
Brayden Carr	Commendable Achievement in Hospitality	Lucy Milne	Commendable Achievement in English
Alexa Catequista	Commendable Achievement in Art	Katie Murray	Merit in Geography D. Bouman Trophy – Girls Football Most dedicated player
Kailee Cooper	Merit in History, Hospitality and Science	Toby O'Connor	Commendable Achievement in History
Logan Cooper	Merit in Building Technology	George Ouyang	Distinction in Algebra, Commerce, Digital Technology, English and Science
Ariana Cross	Commendable Achievement in English	Johnston Phillips	Blue – Academic Merit in Physical Education Commendable Achievement in Algebra
Ulysses Cu	Distinction in Physical Education Commendable Achievement in Algebra and Hospitality		
Taylor Dobbie	Distinction in Science Merit in Design & Visual Communication and English Blue – Academic		
Greer Foster	Commendable Achievement in English and Physical Education		
Jenny Galt	Commendable Achievement in Statistics		
Elri Geldenhuys	Merit in Statistics, Physical Education and Building Technology Sharon Carruthers Cup – Netball Leadership Contribution		
Bella Goddard	Commendable Achievement in English		
Monica Hahn	Merit in Statistics		
Elliot Hunter	Commendable Achievement in Engineering & Technology		

Kade Semmens	H. C. Gardner Cup – Intermediate Boy Cross Country Champion	James Budge	Distinction in Materials & Processing Technology
Ella Senior	Benson Cup – Intermediate Girl Athletics Champion	Ashlyn Cloete	Commendable Achievement in English
	Greer Cup - Intermediate Girl Cross Country Champion	Will Clark	Commendable Achievement in Geography and Statistics
Ashley Simmonds	Commendable Achievement in Algebra		Dillon Cup – Cricket, most wickets taken
Chantal Smales	Distinction in German	Leticia Cochrane	Distinction in Algebra, English and Geography
	Merit in Hospitality and Science		Merit in Biology
	Commendable Achievement in Physical Education		Commendable Achievement in Physics
Okalani Solomon	Commendable Achievement in Statistics		Blue – Academic
George Souness	Merit in English & Design & Visual Communication		I.Dent Scholarship –General Academic
Hunter Taylor	C.E. Campbell Trophy – Best contribution to music, male	Amara Coll	Commendable Achievement in Art
Nicole Wakelin	Commendable Achievement in Art and Geography	Ciaran Darwen	Merit in Ready to Work
Bri Ware	Distinction in Art, English and History	Oakley Davey	Commendable Achievement in Building Technology
	Merit in Science		Commendable Achievement in Materials & Processing Technology and Physical Education
	Shelley Todd Memorial Cup – Excellence in Year 11 Art	Kingston Davis	Commendable Achievement in Physical Education
	Blue – Academic	Kevin Esera-Natia	Commendable Achievement in L1 Samoan
Cassie Winslade	Distinction in Art	Madi Findlay	Commendable Achievement in Outdoor Education
Balin Wood	Merit in Geography	Johannes Human	Commendable Achievement in Engineering & Technology
	Commendable Achievement in Physical Education		Blue – Touch referee
		Zoe Hyslop	Merit in Hospitality and Physical Education
			Commendable Achievement in Geography
			Glenys Ferguson Cup – Netball Most Improved Player
			Commendable Achievement in English and Statistics
			Commendable Achievement in Ready to Work
			Merit in English
			Commendable Achievement in Gateway
			Merit in Materials & Processing Technology
			Blue – Visual Art
			Distinction in L1 Samoan
			Distinction in Art
			Commendable Achievement in English
			Blue – Visual Art
			Merit in Chemistry
			Commendable Achievement in English
			Blue – Academic
			Commendable Achievement in Materials & Processing Technology
			Merit in Materials & Processing Technology

Y11 Special Prizes

Luka May	Julie McNutt Award – Sport, Academic Effort and Achievement in Year 11
George Ouyang	SOHS Cup – Top Academic Y11 Student

Prizes and Awards Achieved by Year 12 Students

Alex Anderson	Commendable Achievement in Music	Kate Inder	Commendable Achievement in English and Statistics
	Williams Cup – Best contribution to music	Amber James	Commendable Achievement in Ready to Work
Ashlee Anderson	Distinction in Building Technology	Brooke James	Merit in English
	Merit in Engineering & Technology		Commendable Achievement in Gateway
	Commendable Achievement in Algebra	Ben Judson	Merit in Materials & Processing Technology
	Dallas Bequest – Agriculture/Hort/Geography	Paige King	Blue – Visual Art
Kairus Booth	Vance Latta Memorial Cup –Sport Excellence	Leisarah Kosena	Distinction in L1 Samoan
Ryan Brook	Commendable Achievement in Digital Technology	Shelley Lambert	Distinction in Art
Bella Brown	Distinction in English and Geography		Commendable Achievement in English
	Sarah Eyles Cup – Achievement and Effort in Year 12	Greta Luke	Blue – Visual Art
Pagan Buchanan	Commendable Achievement in Gateway	Regan Macdonald	Merit in Chemistry
			Commendable Achievement in English
			Blue – Academic
			Commendable Achievement in Materials & Processing Technology
			Merit in Materials & Processing Technology

Katy Gilder	Commendable Achievement in Geography	Breanna Uren	Distinction in History Merit in Science
Lilly Gooch	Commendable Achievement in Hospitality		Cliff Bisset Memorial Cup – Excellence in Y13 History
Kate Jackson	Vickers Cup – Service to Hockey		W.R. Stewart Scholarship – General Academic
Izzy Jenks	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship	Jethro Ware	Distinction in Calculus, Chemistry, English and Physics Merit in Geography Rev. Dr. Currie Memorial Prize for Literature
Aimee Johnson	Distinction in Physical Education Merit in Accounting, English and Statistics S.O.H.S. Cup – Netball All-round Excellence SOHS Council Trophy '04 – Contribution to Touch Amanda Guthrie Trophy – All-round Excellence Sport Blue – Rugby and Touch Otago Polytech Principal's Leadership Scholarship		Aaron Lloyd Award – Excellence in IT/ Technology Blue – Academic and Physical Sciences Merit in Outdoor Education Hayes Trophy – Most outstanding senior hockey player
Baranika Ketike	University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for International students	Ashley Wendelgelst	Distinction in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Geography and Printmaking Merit in Physics Michelle McIver Cup – Best Art work for the Year
Lindsay Lambert	Commendable Achievement in Statistics	Ryan Williams	R. Jaansen Scholarship – Art Blue – Academic, Music, Physical Sciences and Visual Art University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship Merit in L1 Samoan
Cartina Latu	Tuakana – He whakaritenga ki te rohe Iwi Katea		
Anna Lloyd	JM & GM Cochrane Scholarship – All round effort		
Bridee Lumb	Merit in Statistics	Christina Wright	
Chloe McKenzie	Commendable Achievement in Physical Education		
Alec Mills	Merit in Biology and Physics Commendable Achievement in Calculus, Chemistry and Geography Maureen Donnelly Cup – Senior Boy Swimming Champion SOHS 1st XI Trophy – Cricket, Most dedicated team player Blue – Academic		
Georgia Milne	Merit in History Commendable Achievement in Biology		
Ashton Navarosa	Jones Cup – Best All round Basketball		
Aymaan Shah	Commendable Achievement in Y12 Building Technology		
Nicole Sinclair	Merit in Hospitality		
Luis Smales	Commendable Achievement in Statistics The 2000 Team Trophy – Cricket, Most valuable boys' player		
Olivia Soper	Merit in Painting Balclutha Rotary Club Vocational Award University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship		
Devin Thomson	Commendable Achievement in English		
Zara-Lee Tuhura	Freeman Cup – Contribution to Girls Rugby University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship		

Y13 SPECIAL PRIZES

Sarah Bloxham	Principal's Award – Head Girl
Alec Mills	Principal's Award – Head Boy
Charlotte Benington	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship
Leone Geldenhuys	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship
Anna Lloyd	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship
Ryan Williams	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship
Georgia Milne	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship
Katy Gilder	Year 13 Distinction – Citizenship

F. & E. Cooke Scholarship – General Academic Alec Mills



South Otago High School Ex-Pupils' Prize Joint Dux – McKillop Family Medal Jethro Ware and Ryan Williams

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Prizes and Awards Achieved by Year 9 Students

Toby Allan	Distinction in Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education Merit in Mathematics	Sam Inder Teawa Ketike Olivia Ludemann Eve Macnee Ashley Malone	Distinction in Social Studies Merit in English Diligence in Social Studies Diligence in Language Distinction in Health & Physical Education Merit in Social Studies N.S. Dodd Memorial Cup – Hockey Contribution on field of play Merit in Science
Jorja Andrews Emmalee Batt	Distinction in Science Merit in English, Mathematics, Science and Food Technology	Rylan McCabe Isaac McCarthy	Diligence in Health & Physical Education Distinction in English and Mathematics Merit in Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education Distinction in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education Merit in Science
Holly Bisset	Distinction in English, Science, Art, Food Technology, Hard Material Technology and Language Merit in Health & Physical Education Diligence in Mathematics PhotoLife Photography Award	Brylee McElrea Maddy McElrea	SOHS Council Cup (2015) - Netball most promising junior Distinction in Mathematics and Social Studies Diligence in English and Science Diligence in Science and Health & Physical Education Distinction in Health & Physical Education Diligence in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies Diligence in Health & Physical Education
Tavis Bonney	Distinction in Mathematics Merit in Science	Mia McKenzie Abby McKinney	S.O.H.S. Council Cup (1998) – Colts Girl Cross Country Champion Davis Cup – Physical Education Best All-round Year 9 Girl Diligence in Health & Physical Education Merit in Health & Physical Education McLeod Family Trophy – U14 Girl Swimming Champion Davis Cup – Physical Education Best All-round Year 9 Boy Diligence in Mathematics and Social Studies Diligence in Science Diligence in Art Merit in Mathematics Diligence in Science Distinction in English Walker Cup & Rotary Club Prize - Y9 Speech Diligence in Social Studies Diligence in English and Mathematics
Jak Buckingham	Diligence in Health & Physical Education Duncan Cup 2 – Hockey Most Improved Player	Rashaun Melvin	
Nala Cain Nikolai Clark	Merit in Performance Merit in Mathematics Diligence in English	Mathafasue Mikaele Tanuvasa Bella Paterson	
Blake Cochrane	Diligence in Mathematics and Health & Physical Education Pettitt Cup – Junior Boys Football Most Improved Player	Molly Paterson	
Mitch Cooper Rian Darmody	Diligence in Food Technology Distinction in Art Diligence in English and Social Studies	Hendrix Pennicott Bridget Roy	
Freddy Daumann Hanre De La Harpe	Merit in English Merit in English and Social Studies Diligence in Mathematics	Alex Ryan Millie Scott	
Logan Dunn	Diligence in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education	Clayton Sheppard Aggy Sly Marco Smales	
Aniva Gouman	Distinction in Performance Merit in Health & Physical Education Diligence in English and Science	Brooke Smith Isabel Stirling Tangiria Taniera	
Dresden Holdem Ella Holgate	Merit in Language Diligence in English and Performance		
Blake Hyslop	Diligence in Hard Material Technology Hansen Cup – Colts Boy Cross Country Champion S.O.H.S. Rugby Trophy – Contribution to U14 Rugby		

Charlotte Wakeham	Merit in Hard Material Technology Diligence in Science and Social Studies
Hayden Wendelgelst	Diligence in Health & Physical Education Garside Family Trophy – Contribution to Junior Football
Daniel Witt Sam Wright	Merit in Social Studies Diligence in Mathematics and Social Studies

Special Awards

Jorja Andrews	Matthew Beaumont Memorial Cup – Overall Excellence Academic, Cultural and Sporting Effort – Year 9
Noah Saro	Teina – He whakaritenga ki te rohe Iwi Katea
Maddy McElrea	John Douglas Cup – Top Academic Y9 student

Chess Competition 2023

George Ouyang came out the winner in a tight game with Natan Bocock, with Gabriel McCone officiating.



Prizes and Awards Achieved by Year 10 Students

Ina Ah Lam	Diligence in Mathematics and Science
Jessica Allan	Distinction in Science and Health & Physical Education Merit in Mathematics Diligence in Social Studies
Dahlia Anderson Aimee Arndt	Diligence in Science Distinction in Science and Social Studies
Samantha Batt Kane Benington Annaliese Bisset	Diligence in Outdoor Education Diligence in Mathematics Distinction in Performance Merit in English and Science Diligence in Social Studies and Art Ruckstuhl Trophy – Junior Drama West Cup – Year 10 Music Rotary Club Speech Prize Westpac Cup – Community Contribution
Jack Bloxham	Distinction in Social Studies Diligence in English and Health & Physical Education
Nathan Bocock	Merit in Science and Business Studies
Jamin Bokilis	Merit in Health & Physical Education
Izarra Burne	Merit in English, Mathematics and Health & Physical Education Diligence in Social Studies
Bree Campbell	Bayne Cup – Junior Girl Cross Country Champion
Brayden Carr	Distinction in English and Mathematics Diligence in Science and Social Studies
Alexa Catequista	Distinction in Science Merit in English Diligence in Hospitality
Savannah Chaplin Shannon Coetser	Diligence in English Diligence in Mathematics and Hard Material Technology
Kailee Cooper	Distinction in English Merit in Science and Health & Physical Education Diligence in Mathematics and Social Studies
Logan Cooper	Diligence in Social Studies, Health & Physical Education and NZ Sign Language Merit in Social Studies
Ariana Cross Ulysses Cu	Distinction in Health & Physical Education and Hospitality Diligence in Science
Taylor Dobbie	Diligence in Mathematics and Social Studies
Tyla Dodds Riley Field	Diligence in English Diligence in Hard Material Technology

Frankie Galt	Distinction in Science and Social Studies	Riley O'Hara	Merit in Social Studies
Elri Geldenhuys	Merit in English and Mathematics Distinction in English, Mathematics and Social Studies Merit in Science Diligence in Health & Physical Education S.O.H.S. Cup – Sport Best All-round U15 Girl	Max Ogden George Ouyang	Diligence in Health & Physical Education Diligence in Outdoor Education Distinction in Mathematics Diligence in English and Digital Technology Distinction in Digital Technology
Bella Goddard Maddie Grinton	Merit in Social Studies Merit in Health & Physical Education Diligence in English	Johnston Phillips El-Shaddai Pouniu	The Sly Family Trophy – Most promising drummer Sim Cup – Cross Country Champion Junior Boy Diligence in Health & Physical Education
Elliot Hunter Mariah Ioane	Merit in Mathematics Merit in Mathematics and Social Studies Diligence in Science and Health & Physical Education	Joshua Shore	McKinnel Family Trophy - U14 Boy Swimming Champion Distinction in Mathematics Diligence in Science
Poppy Johnstone	Distinction in Health & Physical Education Diligence in English	Ashley Simmonds	Weir Trophy – Best Contribution to Music (Junior) Diligence in Science Diligence in Social Studies
Kapi Kana	Distinction in Health & Physical Education Merit in Science and Hospitality Diligence in English and Mathematics	Dakota Smith Okalani Solomon George Souness	Merit in English D. Wallace Esquire Cup – Best Junior Writing Distinction in Design & Visual Communication Technology
Graycen Kell	Distinction in Mathematics and Health & Physical Education Diligence in Social Studies	Hunter Taylor	Distinction in Design & Visual Communication Technology Diligence in Te Reo
Tyler Kenealy Callum Leeds	Distinction in Outdoor Education Duncan Cup 1 – Services to Boys Hockey	Levi Te Moananui-Currie Hunter Thomson	Merit in Health & Physical Education Merit in Social Studies Diligence in Mathematics and Health & Physical Education
Reed Malone Luka May	Merit in Social Studies Distinction in Outdoor Education Merit in Te Reo Diligence in Health & Physical Education Herbert Smith Cup – Junior Boy Swimming Champion Simon Wright Cup – Sport Best All-round U15 Boy	Nicole Wakelin	Merit in Soft Material Technology Diligence in Art
Lilly Maybee	Distinction in English Merit in Science Diligence in Performance PhotoLife Digital Media Award	Nathan Ward	Distinction in Hard Material Technology Distinction in English, Science, Social Studies and Art
Gabriel McCone	Diligence in Mathematics and Business Studies	Bri Ware	Merit in Mathematics and Health & Physical Education Vickers Cup – Services to Hockey PhotoLife – High Achievement in Visual Arts
Ella McKenzie Kane McLaughlan	Diligence in Science Diligence in Design & Visual Communication Technology	Luke Wilson	Diligence in Mathematics and Science Merit in Art Diligence in English and Soft Material Technology
Sannar Mikaele Tanuvasa	Erwood Trophy – Contribution to U15 Rugby	Cassie Winslade	
Kaitlin Miller	Diligence in Health & Physical Education	Special Awards	
Lucy Milne Olivia Moffat	Diligence in English Merit in English Amanda Doyle Trophy – Excellence Junior Netball	Logan Cooper	Zis Lurajud Cup – DCNZ Excellence in Y10
Katie Murray	Distinction in Hard Material Technology	Luka May	Lauren and Blair York Trophy – Best All-round Academic, Cultural and Sporting Effort – Year 10
Toby O'Connor	Diligence in Hospitality	Bri Ware	Douglas Family Cup – Top Academic Y10 student

Samoan Cultural Group

This year several students from Samoa started at SOHS after immigrating to New Zealand with their families.

The Samoan students came to our school as strangers but quickly formed close bonds and now feel more like a family.

After being employed as a bi-cultural support person, I formed a Samoan cultural group which has been working hard to prepare performances for a recent local Combined Schools Cultural Festival, and for the SOHS senior prizegiving.

It is great to be able to share the Samoan culture with the Balclutha community.

Salu Ta'avili ***TIC Samoan Group***

