



South Otago High School Newsletter, 18th November 2016

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

Junior exams

Next week Junior students will start their end of year exams. During the last two weeks' assemblies have concentrated upon how students should best prepare for these assessments.

Students should prepare by:

- Talking to teachers about what will be covered in the assessments
- Revising for exams in 30 minute time episodes
- Plan their study routine
- Ensure that they take some time for exercise to relax and manage other commitments.
- When studying, put away distractions such as cell phones and turn off notifications from social media.

On the day of the exam it helps if parents could make sure that students have had a good nights sleep and are well rested. Please also make sure that students have had breakfast to provide their brain with energy for the

exams.

Wednesday start on 23 November

Normally on a Wednesday there is a late start for students. On the 23rd November school will start at 8:45am. Year 10 students will be sitting exams. Please do make sure that students do attend on time for this day otherwise students will have exams to catch up on when they return to school.

Finally

For all students preparing to sit exams, if you have prepared you should be confident. Thinking positively can improve your performance. Try not to feel anxious, take a deep breath and settle and take a calm approach to your exams. All the best to all of you with your assessments next week.

Ka kite ano

Mr Mike Wright

Principal

Junior Examinations

These examinations start Monday Period 1 next week. In recent assemblies we have discussed setting goals, studying for examinations and coping with the stress of examinations. Students need to be well rested and have a wholesome breakfast to best prepare them for these examinations. They are great practice for NCEA.

All examinations are to be held in the Old Gym. Please note that Wednesday the 23rd of November is an early start at 8.45am. At the beginning of each day students report to their form classes at 8.45am and then move to their examinations or scheduled classes as required.

Monday	Periods 1-2	Year 10	Social Studies
	Period 3	Year 9	Social Studies
	Period 4	Year 10	Science
Tuesday	Periods 1-2	Year 10	English
	Period 3	Year 9	Math
Wednesday	Periods 1-2	Year 10	Math
	Period 3	Year 9	English
	Period 5	Year 9	Science

Reminder that on Wednesday school starts at 8.45am

Year 9 and 10 Outdoor Education Trips

On Thursday and Friday, 8th and 9th December, Year 10 students will be participating in a variety of Outdoor Education activities. By now, students should have met with the teachers in charge of the activity and received a permission slip as well as information about the trip. We ask that the cost of the trip is to be paid in full prior to the student attending the activity. Permission slips must be returned before Friday, 2nd December.

While Year 10 students are participating in their activities, the Year 9 students will also be attending an Outdoor Education day at Berwick on Friday, 9th December. We are lucky to have professional instructors coming in to run the activities. These activities include a confidence course, air rifle shooting, a mud run and team building activities. Permission slips and payment must be into the office before Friday, 2nd December.

If you have any questions about the above activities then please feel free to contact me at school.

Jason Palmer - TIC Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Education

I have been driving a van to Dunedin Polytech every Friday this year, and supporting students from SOHS and Tokomariro who have been attending Automotive, Building, Cookery and Health/Disability/Aged Care courses. The students have been enthusiastic about their courses and have enjoyed the opportunity given to them. I have found them to be a great bunch of kids, and we have had lots of fun on our travels. I am very proud of their achievements and wish them all the best for the future.

Sue Richardson
Specialist Classroom Teacher

Sinead Dovey was awarded a prize for the most improved student in the health, disability and aged care course that she attended at Otago Polytechnic Secondary Tertiary programme this year. Congratulations Sinead!



Students sitting the Level 1 Mathematics Exam



Hannah Lee won the Otago Secondary-Tertiary (College/School/Partnership scholarship and will get her fees paid for Cookery Level 4 next year.



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Library News

The Library has been busy this week with students studying for their exams. While they have been doing this I have been quietly weeding our collection and making room for some new and exciting titles to add next year.

I would like to remind **All** seniors and anyone else with overdue books still out, that they are due back now. There are still quite a few books to be returned so please have another look at home or anywhere else you may have had your books as I would love them to come back next week please.

Katrina Pudney
Library

Term Four Upcoming Events

- Monday 21st—Wednesday 23rd November Junior Examinations
 - Wednesday 23rd November School starts at 8.45am for Junior Examinations
 - Thursday 24th November Teacher Only Day
 - Thursday 1st December NCEA Examinations End
 - Thursday 1st - Friday 2nd December Junior Production
 - Friday 2nd December Junior Production, Horton hatches an Egg, 6pm
 - Monday 5th December Senior Clearance—Y13 9am, Y12 10am, Y11 1.30pm
 - Monday 5th December Introduction to Peer Support for Year 12 - 11.00 - 12.00pm
 - Monday 12th December Junior Prize giving, 12.00 - 1.00pm, School Hall*
 - Tuesday 24th January 2017 PTA Uniform Sale 4—6pm
- * **12 December Prizegiving 12-1pm (Students are then released to go home with parents/caregivers).**