



# South Otago High School Newsletter, 22nd May 2015

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

## ***Tena Koutou Katoa***

### **Cell Phone Use by Students**

Over the last five weeks staff and I have become increasingly concerned with the amount of cell phone use occurring in classes, particularly in Year 11. We all know how convenient it is to be able to contact our young people directly through their own phones; to arrange to be picked up, to meet you somewhere or to run an errand for you. This function is fantastic and simply knowing they can ring for help if they need to is also very reassuring.

There have been multiple incidents of students telling staff they have to answer their phones as it is their mother calling - in class time. As you can imagine, this is very disruptive in a lesson. It also puts the teacher in an awkward position; the lesson is already disrupted and now they have to have a public discussion about whether the phone call should be taken. As you can see, this situation is not acceptable in schools.

In an emergency, or a vital situation, you can ring the school and speak with one of the Deputy Principals or myself and get us to relay the information. For all other contact I ask that you text or phone your son or daughter, during interval or lunchtime only; between 11.00am and 11.20am, or 1.30pm and 2.10pm.

The number of nasty comments to others, or inappropriate material that is being communicated between students is also a concern.

Operating a phone that can connect to the World Wide Web can be a very dangerous thing. As responsible parents teaching your young person about digital citizenship, I need to ask you how often do you check what is on their phone, Facebook, Twitter, and other cyber accounts? Do you really know how your young person is coping in this digital environment? Do you really know if your young person is a victim of continuous abuse, or is the person who is continually sending nasty messages to others?

When actions taken by our students affect the culture of teaching and learning in this school, those actions then become the school's business, whether or not this occurs in or out of school time. We have a 'zero tolerance' to bullying at South Otago High School. This means that all forms of bullying will have a significant consequence. The use of phones for cyber bullying is a nation-wide issue. Let's work together to stamp it out here.

### **'Loves Me Not' Programme**

This week we ran the 'Loves Me Not' programme for all our Year 12 students which was interactive and thought-provoking. Sophie Elliot's murder (by her then boyfriend) in 2008 galvanised her mother into creating

this nation-wide workshop about recognising the common indicators of an unhealthy relationship. It was a full day of presentations and activity. Please ask your child what they got out of the day; how they would help a friend if they thought their relationship was unhealthy for the friend, or what they could do if the relationship they were in started to make them have doubts or questions.

### **Uniform**

Winter is coming. We encourage all of our students to be warm and dry to keep healthy. Our uniform has many options for jackets and outerwear to ensure that students are just that - warm and dry. Uniform rules are all about the freedom of everyone being the same. It is so much easier to be in a school where uniform is the accepted apparel. Please make sure that your son or daughter has leather shoes (not canvas) and a regulation jacket to wear this winter.

Sports hoodies, even if they are school team hoodies, are not accepted as part of our formal daily uniform. All non-regulation items of uniform will be removed from students and held in the office for your collection. Please help us to maintain our standards of dress and behaviour. Following a uniform rule is a simple one which actually helps reinforce the following of all other school rules.

Your support in this is needed. I would like you to challenge non-regulation uniform and insist that your young person wears what is specified, every day of the school term. If it starts at home and is reinforced here, then we will have a compliant student body.

***Ka Kite Ano***

***Mrs Joanne Hutt - Principal***

### **Arts Week 2015**

It is the eve of Arts week and it's all systems go. Mrs Wright is hard at work putting together the exhibition and along with my many helpers we are putting the final touches on the plans for Assembly, our Monday night celebration and the week's lunchtime activities.

We would really love you all to come to the Monday night celebration and share with us all things SOHS Art. We will see you in the hall at 5pm for a glass of wine or juice and a look at all the visual arts and then at 5.30pm there will be more celebrating of both the performing and wearable arts. You will easily be home by 7pm. Please let me know if you are attending so we can cater for you.

Every lunchtime during the week we will have activities and performances for students to get involved in. There is no charge and the workshops are wide and varied - hand-made Christmas gifts for everyone! For the Year 12 and 13 students this will be their last opportunity to join in Arts Week as it's a biennial event. Students can come and see me to find out more.

**Rachel Heller - Arts Coordinator**

### Football

Both teams registered away victories last Saturday, with the Youth team defeating Grants Braes 8-0 and the 14th grade team beating Roslyn 2-1. Goal scorers for the Youth team included Jesse Maher (4), Renz Condino (2), Michael Buniag and Ashton Tourell. For the 14th grade team, Blake Mosley scored both goals. Both teams presently sit at the top of their respective tables.

This Saturday, the Youth team is playing against Dunedin Technical here at SOHS and players will need to be at school by 9:45. The 14th grade team is playing against Grants Braes at Ocean Grove, Dunedin and will need to be at the bus bay by 8:45. Both matches start at 10:30.

**Elliott Carroll**  
**TIC Boys' Football**

**Below:** Jahn Swain leads the charge from the SOHS Colts Rugby team in their win over Otago Boys 32 - 22 last week.



### Loves Me Not

On Tuesday this week six Police Education Officers worked alongside school staff to present the *Loves Me Not* programme to all of our Year 12 students. This full day programme allowed students to explore what contributes to safe, respectful and healthy relationships.

Many clips were shown to students to develop their awareness. One example was Sophie Elliot's story where her friends and mother spoke about the loss of her life at the hands of an ex-partner. Students learned valuable information about consent and abusive behaviours.

Copies of the book *Loves Me Not: How to Keep Relationships Safe* by Lesley Elliot will be given to the Year 12 students.

**Cath Bloxham, Pam Cullen, Maryann Darmody, Jo Jory, Greg Heller, Jo Hutt. (Loves Me Not Staff)**



**Above:** Police Education Officers working with Year 12 students as part of the *Loves Me Not* Programme

**Below:** A demonstration of Theatre Sports at Assembly this week.



### Term Two Upcoming Events

- Monday 25th May..... Arts Week Begins
- Monday 1st June..... Queen's Birthday (School closed)
- Tuesday 2nd June..... Taieri Interchange

## Rugby

Our boys' teams performed well last week against their Otago Boys' rivals. The 1sts had another solid win, as did the U15s and Junior Colts. The 2nds and U14s were defeated, as were both Girls' teams.

Matches and venues for this weekend are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Kings HS 1<sup>st</sup> XV, Kings HS, 1pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Dunstan HS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, SOHS, 1pm
- U15 v John McGlashan U15, Bishopscourt, 11.15am
- Junior Colts v Kings U15 Tigers, Kings HS, 1pm
- U14 v OBHS U14 Blue, Bishopscourt, 11.15am
- Senior Girls v Taieri/Kavanagh, Logan Park, 4.15pm (Wed)
- Junior Girls v Queens, Logan Park, 4.15pm (Wed)

The minivans for the U14 and U15 teams will leave SOHS at 9am. The bus for the 1sts and Colts will leave SOHS at 10.45am. The bus for the Girls will leave at 2.40pm on Wednesday. Cost for all travel is \$10 per player.

Next week is the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The 1sts have a competition game against Dunstan on Saturday and we are looking to play midweek games in other grades. U14 will not play. A reminder that subs have been set for the season. The sub for all boys' teams is \$60, and \$40 for girls'. These subs are exclusive of travel.

**Greg Heller (TIC Rugby)**

## Defensive Driving Course

<b>6.00 -8.00pm</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>In-car session</b>	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July or Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (¾ hour tbc)
<b>Cost</b>	\$160.00 (South Otago HS students \$110.00)

Application forms can be collected from the careers room. Payment to school office ensures place in the course.

**Liz Johnston - Defensive Driving Facilitator**

## Football - Girls

The Girls' 1st XI celebrated their first win of the season with a 3-1 victory over Queen's High School in Dunedin yesterday. After a scoreless first half where South Otago were unable to turn pressure and possession into goals we took the lead early in the second when Olivia Brown calmly slotted the ball under the on-rushing keeper.

The opposition struck back immediately but rather than lose composure, we dug deep and scored from two fantastic strikes by Sinead Grant and Susan White. For our team, it was really good to see three of our younger players:- Briar Mills, Olivia Van Asperen and Jannah Ariola - really step up this week and play fantastically.

**Mike Beeby**

**TIC Girls Football**

## Cross Country 2015

The Cross Country was held on Thursday with excellent conditions on a challenging course.

Thanks to Grounds contractor, Colin and groundsman Jeremy for the course assistance.

Well done to all the competitors who finished and earned House points.

### Under 14 Boys

1st	Frank Hill
2nd	Callum Crawford
3rd	Keaun Owen

### Under 14 Girls

1st	Sharnay Henderson
2nd	Kimberley Hall
3rd	Samara Gilson

### Under 15 Boys

1st	Connor Juilland-Vickers
2nd	Jordan McPhee Hale
3rd	Mason Tourell

### Under 15 Girls

1st	Kayley Johnson
2nd	Katie Kearon
3rd	Chrystal Wrigley

### Under 16 Boys

1st	Luc Thomson
2nd	Harri Deacon
3rd	Mike Jessop

### Under 16 Girls

1st	Sophie Mills
2nd	Jessie Bennett
3rd	Beth Gunn

### Senior Boys

1st	Rory van Vugt
2nd	Taylor Clark
3rd	Mitchell Hollows

### Senior Girls

1st	Tasmyn White
2nd	Bailey Rutter

**Glen Ward - TIC Cross Country**

## Cross Country 2015



### Swimming Sports

My apologies for not advising you of the postponement of this event last week. The new date is Friday 14th August (lots of time to get training).

### Taieri College Interchange

#### Tuesday 2nd June

We are hosting all the games here in Balclutha. Below is the schedule of events, and we would love your support. All students participating are to pay \$4 for afternoon tea. This is to be paid to Mrs Heller.

Time	Sport	Venue
10.15am	Badminton	SOHS New Gym
10.30am	Rugby - U14 Football - Senior Boys	SOHS Lower Field SOHS Lower Field
10.45am	Netball - Year 10 (Alpha)	SOHS Netball Courts
11.00am	Netball - Year 9 (Blue)	SOHS Netball Courts
11.30am	Basketball - Senior Boys	SOHS New Gym
11.45am	Netball - Senior (A's) Football - Girls 2nd XI - Competition Game Rugby - First XV - Competition Game	SOHS Netball Courts SOHS Lower Field SOHS Lower Field
11.45am	Hockey - Senior Mixed	Cross Recreation Centre
12.30pm	Basketball - Junior Girls	SOHS New Gym

### Gore High School Interchange

#### Tuesday 9th June

Teams are split for this Interchange. Seniors will go to Gore and Juniors will play at SOHS.

The students travelling to Gore need a permission slip signed by a parent with details on how the \$15 transport payment is going to be made. The forms can be collected from Mrs Heller's office or it will be uploaded to the SOHS Facebook page for you to print. Travelling teams are Rugby (1st & 2nd XV's), Netball (Senior A,B,C,D, Social 1), Theatre Sports, Hockey (Senior Mixed), and Football (Senior Boys).

Students playing at SOHS are required to pay \$4 for afternoon tea. This is to be paid to Mrs Heller. The teams involved and the teams they are competing against are listed below, as are their start times. Again we would love your sideline support.

Time	Sport	Venue
10.30am	Rugby - U14 Netball - Year 9 A - Blue Netball - Year 10 A - Alpha Debating	SOHS Lower Field SOHS Netball Courts SOHS Netball Courts SOHS Hall
11.00am	Basketball - Senior Boys	SOHS New Gym
11.25am	Netball - Year 9 B - Green Netball - Year 10 B - Beta	SOHS Netball Courts SOHS Netball Courts
11.45am	Rugby - U15	SOHS Lower Field
12 noon	Basketball - Junior Girls	SOHS New Gym
12.25pm	Netball - Year 9 C - Red Netball - Year 10 C - Gamma	SOHS Netball Courts SOHS Netball Courts

**Rachel Heller - Sports Coordinator**