



South Otago High School Newsletter 27th October 2017

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers Kia Ora Tatou

This week has certainly flown by and brings senior students a little bit closer to their final assessments. Earlier this week I took the opportunity to view some of the senior Art display boards before they are sent for assessment with NZQA. To my untrained eye, the work is outstanding and we certainly have some very talented students here at South Otago High School.

During the week I have also been hearing of students who have gained the credits towards their NCEA certificates or have done sufficient to gain their Merit or Excellence endorsement. I do encourage students to continue to finish any outstanding assignments and to use the time available wisely to prepare thoroughly for exams.

Teachers are willing and enthusiastic about supporting students so please discuss any issues with class teachers.

Head Student selection for 2018

Following the successful process and appointment of head students for 2017 we have commenced with the recruitment of head students for 2018. All applicants have prepared a letter of application and CV as well as addressed the whole school. The next stage is to interview selected students. I look forward to announcing the head students for 2018 at the Senior Prize Giving event on **Tuesday 7 November**.

Graduation dinner

This year we will have our final farewell to Year 13 students at a graduation dinner on **Wednesday 29 November**. This is a new event and I hope that all Year

News from the Sports Coordinator Touch

Our SOHS Junior and Senior touch teams got underway on Tuesday night in Dunedin.

- Juniors 8 Taieri 6
- Seniors 5 St Hilda A 1
- Seniors 4 Pacific Heat 11.

Our Seniors play two games through in town. They play in the Otago Secondary Schools competition then in the Adult competition.

Country Coaching

Otago Secondary Schools Association are again holding their Country Coaching visits. These are on Friday 10th November from 10-12.00. Sports are Volleyball, Cricket and Touch.

Pam Hannah
Sports and Arts Coordinator

13 students will join me as we wish our students farewell and all the best for their next stage of their life.

Community Consultation

Last week letters were sent home inviting parents to the community consultation evenings. Thank you to the parents who attended the meetings this week. We appreciate your feedback and have started to work on some of your ideas already.

The information gathered from these meetings will be used, alongside other feedback to develop the school strategic plan for the future of the school. The event will start with a brief survey of tick box responses and then a discussion about items that are important to parents.

The remaining meetings are being held at:

- Clutha Valley Primary School, Monday 30 October at 7:30pm
- Balclutha Town and Country Club, Wednesday 1 November at 7:30pm

Please do contact the school office or send in the reply slip from the letter if you are anticipating attending one of these meetings.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright
Principal

Boys' Cricket

Saturday cricket begins tomorrow afternoon and the team's first match is against Taieri College at Memorial Park in Mosgiel. Players will need to be at the bus bay for an 11:45 departure; the match starts at 1:00. Thank you to Jason Gilder for volunteering his driving services for the game.

A couple of other things:

- I have had offers from a couple of parents who are able to drive the van this term, but ideally this would be shared round more. If you are able to drive on either 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov or 2nd Dec, please contact me by email or cellphone (details below).

- The subscription for this half of the season has been set at \$110. This includes association fees, the cost of shirts and balls, AND the cost of travel. This amount is payable to the school office or via internet banking (02-0918-0160198-00, please put 'Cricket Sub' in the reference).

Elliott Carroll
TIC Cricket

Upcoming Events Term 4

- *Tuesday 7th November* Last day of school for Years 11, 12 and 13 Students
- *Tuesday 7th November* Senior Prizegiving
- *Thursday 9th November*..... NCEA Examinations begin
- *Monday 13th November—17th November*..... Arts Week
- *Thursday 7th December*..... Junior Prizegiving. Last Day of School 2017

**All Year 13 students are expected to attend Prizegiving.
Prizegiving will start at 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 7th November.
Below is the list of Year 11 and 12 Students who will be acknowledged at the Prizegiving.**

2017 Prize Giving Recipients

Y 11	
Mona	Auiwattanakul
Holly	Barton
Cameron	Benington
Hayley	Beveridge
Anne	Buniag
Dakota	Burling
Scott	Chittock
Ggd	Chiu
Eden	Cresswell
Sasha	Cresswell
Olivia	Deacon
Darcy	Evans
Tegan	Field
McLeod	Fletcher
Gemma	Gillespie
Aubrey	Gonzales
Liam	Haar
Kobi	Hammer
Timothy	Hastie
Bailey	Heka
Sharnay	Henderson
James	Hewitt
Frank	Hill
Bradley	Jessop
Atitaya	Krongyut
Ella-Rose	Lawrence
Sam	Maaka
Jordan	McKenzie
Jake	Mead
Teegan	Michie
Jorja	Mineur
Renee	Morris
Erika	Non
Bailey	Owen
Palmmy	Papakkho
Lilly	Paterson
Courtney	Ralston
Paul	Roger
Jaycee	Ross
Tot	Sathitsuksomboon
Travis	Schwitzer
Jordan	Sell
Liam	Sell
Amy	Sellwood
Matthew	Sinclair
Zoe	Smith
Cameron	Soper
Zane	Tuhura
Tia	Valli
Briana	Vincent
Jared	Willocks
Brodie	Wilson

Y11 Continued

Bree	Win
Kayleigh	Wright

Y12	
Brooke	Anderson
Salman	Asman
Jayden	Bassett
Jamie	Beck
Paul	Bennett
Caleb	Carson
Olivia	Clark
Trent	Dickie
Ashlea	Forbes
Ann	Gonzales
Michael	Hayes
Monique	Hewitt
Kaysha	Homan
YuTing	Huang
Jesse	Hutton
Kayley	Johnson
Annabelle	Johnstone
Connor	Juilland-Vickers
Tyson	Kavanagh-Moore
Katie	Kearon
Samuel	Kendall
JingJing	Li
Leniel	Liebenberg
Renee	Macpherson
Nakesha	McDouall
Shanika	McKenzie
Calisa	McLeary
Zoe	McLevie
Jordan	McPhee-Hale
Poppy	McRae
Konrad	Michie
Leo	Michie
Abbey	Mills
Briar	Mills
Alice	Murray
Ashley	Navarosa
Dayna	Newbury
Jack	Pringle
Tanisha	Pyne
Maia	Ruffell
Mohammed	Shaiyaz
Kace	Shaw
Jenna	Simonsen
Louie	Sly
Connor	Smith
Kate	Stewart
Lucie	Stoop
Daniel	Sutherland
Mason	Tourell
Liam	Turnbull
Olivia	van Asperen
Justin	White

Y12 Continued

Cade	Wilson
James	Witt
Chrystal	Wrigley