Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou
The end of term has arrived and it is now a time for students and staff to take a well earned break. A lot has happened during the term and I know that there are a lot of tired students.

Whilst it is a two week opportunity to rest and rejuvenate for our senior students it is also a time to do some study, catch up on missed or late assignments and make sure that they are ready for the end of year exams which start on Thursday 9 November.

Trust Power Community Awards
This week Jessica Craik from Year 13 received her Trust Power Community Award at the Rosebank Lodge. As part of the presentation Jess receives $500 personally and a further $250 to give to a charity of her choice. The Kaka Point Surf Life Saving Club will be the recipient of this money. Congratulations to Jessica for her award to recognise her contribution working with our community.

RYDA Driver Training
On Tuesday, Year 12 students participated in the RYDA driver training programme. This was fully funded by the Board and is seen as an important part of student education regardless of the stage that they may be at in gaining a licence or being a passenger with a young driver in the future.

Feedback from students reinforces the value of this programme and we will be participating again in the future.

Community consultation
Early next term, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, we will be commencing the community consultation process with a series of meetings for parents of students around the region. Further details will be published in the newsletter in the new term. I look forward to meeting parents and receiving your feedback on the school.

Cultural competition
This was an excellent event and the feedback from staff and students has been wonderful. This year, the students directed their own practices. The level of competition was extremely high and judging for myself, Ms Brown and Mr Schaarf was extremely challenging.

Congratulations to all students who participated. The students who lead their houses in both Waiata and Haka deserve special recognition as, without exception, they performed to a very high standard.

The results for the competition were:
Waiata
• Blaikie
• Sutherland
• McDonald
• Somerville

Haka
• McDonald
• Blaikie
• Sutherland
• Somerville

Overall placing’s were:
• Blaikie
• McDonald
• Sutherland
• Somerville

Interhouse Sports
Following the Cultural competition we had our annual inter house sports. It was so good to see students participating in a wide variety of events. The weather was excellent and the enthusiasm for all sports great to see. This has been a great way to finish the term.

Finally
I wish all students a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all return refreshed and ready for the final term of 2017 on Monday 16 October.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright
Principal
During the past week or so South Otago High School has run a number of events around the safe use of motor vehicles. On Monday the Police talked to out year 12 and 13 students about driving safely and the responsibility that goes with it. Alongside this a number of educational messages were delivered around the consumption of alcohol, going to local pubs and having a plan to stay safe.

The SADD committee, and a big thanks to Miss Taiaroa for leading this, held activities during lunch time during the week. These include how alcohol can impair your ability to complete simple tasks, such as walking on a straight line, by using "beer goggles". These goggles simulate the effect of having consumed alcohol and produced some surprising results.

Year 12 students attended a day out of school where the messages around the safe use of motor vehicles were reinforced. A particularly moving talk by the mayor Bryan Cadogan about his experiences was a powerful message. As was a demonstration of stopping distances where students measured how long it took for a car to stop at 30, 50 and 60 km/h.

One of the presenters said to me if we could get students to:
1. wear a seat belt
2. slow down a bit
3. speak up when some is driving dangerously in a vehicle
4. have a plan to get home from parties before they go
we would have many less young people die on our roads. To support our young people, especially as they get their licences, we would encourage parents and caregivers to have conversations around this so we can all help each other.

Mr Scarth

Last week was the National SADD week and at SOHS our committee arranged a number of different activities for the week.

On Monday Constable Gordon from the Balclutha Police visited, talking to students about having a plan to keep them safe before going out. It was a great reminder for the students as we head into summer. At lunchtime a small group of students used the opportunity to create posters about the 6 main SADD principles (and eat chocolate fish).

Tuesday saw Vic from SADD visit. She watched 15 or more students squeeze into Mr Beeby’s car and looked over our message board “What you’ll miss”.

On Wednesday, the Chalk Outlines activity finally made an appearance (having stayed away on Monday due to the rain), and students used this opportunity to draw chalk outlines of themselves and write messages in them.

Thursday was our last day and we wrapped up our week with the “Beer Goggle Obstacle Course”. David Reedy, the Road Safety co-ordinator for Clutha, came to visit with the “beer goggles”. Our students had a great time attempting the obstacle course devised by our SADD committee while “under the influence”.

Thank you to everyone who supported our SADD week and to those who continually support each other in the safety messages they give to those who drive.

Kate Taiaroa and the SOHS SADD Committee

Sport and Cultural Photos
- Photos are available to view on line at www.geoffhorrell.co.nz
- Follow this link http://geoffhorrell.nz/project/south-otago-high-school-sports-and-cultural-photos/
- Click on South Otago High School Sports and Cultural Photos
- This will take you through to the photos.
- Each photo is $12.00
- Size: 5 x 7
- Orders can be made by email
- NB: Photos are not named

Upcoming Events Term 4
- Monday 16th October ........................................... Beginning of Term 4
**Mid term Board of Trustee Elections**

South Otago High School, like all state schools, has a board of trustees made up of parents, a staff member, a student and the principal. These board members are typically elected to the board by the people that they represent. Sometimes the elected Board may co-opt an additional member to the Board as they may have special skills which the board require to effectively govern the school.

The South Otago High School board is made up of 5 parent representatives who are elected to the board for a three year term of office. At the instigation of Boards of Trustees in the 1990’s the school opted to have a ‘split board’. This means that at any election there will typically be a maximum of three members standing for election at any time. This provides for continuity of service for the board. It means that at any election there are experienced board members who will have prior knowledge and experience of the work of the school Board.

Currently the school is entering the preparation for mid term elections. There will be places for two new parent representatives for the Board who will serve for three years. There will be a call for nominations for Board Representative advertised to parents on the electoral roll for the school.

BOT Members: Glenn Hutton (Chairperson), Astrid Murray, Emma Kell, Jules Witt, Paul Crawford (Parent Representatives), Monique Hewitt (Student Representative) and Symphony Thakkar (Outgoing Student Representative)

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**SOHS Young Enterprise Company selling their product at the Women's Expo last Saturday.**

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**Senior Art Department Portfolio Information.**

Year 12 and 13 Portfolio workshops during the school holidays.

- Wednesday the 4th of October and Wednesday the 11th of October the art room will be open from 10 - 5pm for senior art students to work on their Portfolio submissions.

- Year 12 Portfolio submissions are due on Friday the 20th of October. (Week 1 Term 4)

- Year 13 Portfolio submissions are due on Friday the 27th of October (Week 2 Term 4)

Below: Jarrah Ariola and Ashley Navarosa working on the layout for their Level 2 Portfolio submissions.
Boys’ Cricket
The 2017/18 cricket season is underway and plenty has been happening off the field in preparation for it. Here is some key information:

The team to play in the McCullum Cup competition, which will take place on the Thursday and Friday of the second week of the holidays, will be named on Monday next week; players will be notified via school email whether or not they have been selected for this. The McCullum Cup is a highly competitive T20 tournament and, as such, I will be selecting what I deem to be the best 11 triallists. Those selected will also be sent an itinerary and permission slip, which will need to be printed off, filled in and returned to me before we leave for the tournament.

We will be having trainings next Monday and on the Wednesday of the second week of the holidays. These will both start at 3:30 and players do not have to have been selected in the McCullum Cup team to attend these. If players cannot make it, I would appreciate being informed via text. My cellphone number has been sent to school email addresses.

The Saturday team this year will be a predominantly Year 9/10 team, under the leadership of Rhiane Smith, and will be playing in a Year 9/10 grade in Dunedin. The move from the Open Schools’ Grade has been made in order to hopefully increase the appeal of cricket to primary school students who are transitioning into high school. Unfortunately, this does mean that some of our elder statesmen will not be playing Saturday cricket for the school, yet I am ever confident that those ones will swiftly find their feet in and enjoy the greater challenge of senior cricket. The boys affected will, of course, still be eligible for the McCullum and Gillette Cups and interchange matches.

Elliott Carroll
TIC Cricket

Soap Breakfast 2017

Firstly thanks to you all for your help in running yesterday.

Results
- Basketball: McDonald, Sutherland, Blaikie and Somerville.
- Senior Netball: Blaikie, Sutherland, McDonald, Somerville.
- Junior Netball: McDonald, Sutherland and Somerville (2nd equal) Blaikie.
- Senior Rugby: McDonald, Blaikie and Sutherland (2nd equal), Somerville.
- Junior Rugby: Somerville, Sutherland, McDonald and Blakie (3rd equal).
- Football: Sutherland, Somerville, Blaikie, McDonald.
- Theatre Sports: Sutherland, McDonald, Somerville No team for Blaikie.
- Chess: Blaikie, Sutherland, McDonald, Somerville.

Overall Points Winners:
- Sutherland 27
- McDonald 22
- Blaikie 19
- Somerville 17

Pam Hannah
Sports and Arts Coordinator
Interhouse Cultural Competition
Haka and Waiata