



South Otago High School Newsletter, 30th October 2015

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

Tena Koutou Katoa

Senior call backs

As we enter our final week with seniors the school is a hive of activity. Last minute assessments are taking place and the jigsaw puzzle that is NCEA is taking shape. Next Monday the final decision will be made concerning study leave. If a student is denied study leave you will receive an email informing you of this. We appreciate your support in this as we all want our senior students to succeed.

We would also encourage students not on the call-back list to utilise this time to study for their exams. There will be a range of tutorials on offer during the study leave period and senior students will be given a tutorial timetable. Please work with your children to promote the importance of the exams. Help them by providing a quiet study zone, ensure they eat healthy food and get plenty of sleep.

Junior students

One of the issues that every school faces at this time of year is dealing with students in Years 9 and 10 when the seniors depart for study leave. Often junior students are unsure how to respond and their behaviour can change from what we have seen throughout the year. Mr Heller and I are working with the Deans to identify where the issues are in each of the junior classes. We intend to implement a range of strategies to keep the school running as smoothly as possible. As part of this we will be working with identified individuals to make sure they are focussed in class and not disrupting the learning of others.

Positive Behaviour

We are also conscious that the large majority of our students are well behaved and polite. In order to acknowledge this we are implementing a reward system for positive behaviour. Every Year 9 and 10 student will be issued with a card. When a classroom teacher observes them demonstrating positive behaviour beyond what we normally see. The Teacher will sign the student's card to indicate the positive behaviour. When the student has 10 signatures he or she will come to a member of the Senior Leadership team and receive an instant reward. In addition to this we will put all entries into a draw for a series of prizes to be awarded later in the year. If we all work together to promote a positive attitude school will continue to be a fun and desirable place to be.

Student Achievement Acknowledgement

Our final full school assembly is on Monday and we intend to use this assembly as an opportunity to

acknowledge student achievement. Students who have reached the required number of credits to earn their endorsement badge will receive this at assembly. The big move this year is to include students in Years 9 and 10 in this process. Many students in the junior school will receive their endorsement badge on Monday. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the perseverance of our young people and acknowledge their academic success.

Upcoming events

The school has a variety of student based activities over the course of the term. There will be activity days, running a Ki o rahi tournament and a second junior careers day planned. This extensive range of activities is designed to expose students to a broad range of activities to help students grow into well-rounded young people.

You are most welcome to attend the school based events and if you have any questions around these activities please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr Paul McDowall

Acting Principal

Ka Kite Ano

Celebrate Student Art Exhibition

Three senior students entered the inaugural Celebrate Student Art exhibition at the Otago School of Art last term. This term Tasmyn received her certificate and art supplies.

Tasmyn White was awarded a Celebrate 2015: Dunedin School of Art Otago Secondary Schools Certificate of Excellence.

Maryann Darmody

TIC Art





Gateway Programme

Aims

- To provide a range of structured learning opportunities in the workplace.
- To deliver hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications.
- To develop an individual training plan for each student detailing the learning and unit standards to be achieved in the workplace.
- To gain credits in the workplace.

Description

The Gateway programme is offered to Year 12 & 13 students who are interested in a career in a particular industry and are ready to learn and work in a workplace.

Gateway students should expect to spend up to one day a week during the school year at their work placement. However, this may vary depending on the learning structure put in place by the employer. The things you learn on the job are assessed for credits on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and the credits can count towards both industry qualifications and NCEA.

The workplace learning is incorporated into the student's individual programme. Skills and knowledge are developed in the workplace to complement the student's school-based learning.

Gateway is a partnership between industry, South Otago High School, students and parents.

- Students will be interviewed to ascertain if they meet the requirements of the Gateway programme.
- Students who are accepted for this programme will be required to sign a contract.
- Parents of students who are accepted for this programme will also be required to sign the contract.

Application forms are available from the careers room and must be returned to Mrs Johnston by Friday 27th November.

Term Four Upcoming Events

- *Thursday 5th November*..... Senior Students Last Day, Leavers Assembly
- *Friday 6th November*..... NCEA Begins
- *Tuesday 10th—Friday 13th November*..... Junior Exams
- *Thursday 19th—Friday 20th November*..... Year 10 Outdoor Education Trip
- *Friday 20th November*..... Year 9 Trip to Berwick
- *Tuesday 24th—Wednesday 25th November*..... Year 8 visit to SOHS
- *Thursday 26th November*..... Teacher Only Day
- *Friday 27th November*..... Junior Career Exploration
- *Monday 30th November*..... Senior Prizegiving
- *Monday 7th—Tuesday 8th December*..... Ki O Rahi Tournament
- *Thursday 10th December*..... Junior Prizegiving , Last Day

Digital Devices are now required for all Junior Classes at South Otago High in 2016

South Otago High School is changing from a BYOD (Bring your own device) trial, with two classes, to a full implementation of BYOD across all junior classes. In line with other BYOD secondary schools, we require all students to start 2016 ready to learn with a digital device. This is now possible with the Ultrafast Broadband and the state of the art wireless system here at SOHS.

In 2016 our junior classes will be taught using a digital platform, and with a variety of teaching techniques, usually centred around being able to access digital content. Each student having their own device, is the key to the success of this initiative.

The teaching style will be modern, the learning will be student centred and in contexts supported by the Digital World. Assessments, even at NCEA level are fast becoming digital, and on-line.

The school has purchased some Google Chromebooks to aid the programme. These are used across the whole school now and juniors cannot rely on access to these.

We have selected a make and model and recommend families buy the same model. These can be purchased locally, or at many other retail suppliers. The key is to get a good protective case, and a Goggle Management console with the purchase. The model we have found to be good, popular with students and meets all our needs is the **HP 11.6 Chromebook**. Buy a larger screen model if you wish, but avoid tablets and devices without keyboards. Your existing laptop will likely be all you need, if you already have one.

Shopping locally is an important consideration. Take advantage of hire purchase offers. Cyclone Computer's website is a good place to start thinking about the purchase. In the Student Devices section select South Otago High School. Enter the code SOHS2015 and browse the information.

Cyclone is a Google Authorised agent. The local Balclutha shops can provide the same service and product at a good price, and are motivated to look after locals, not just with servicing, but with the initial purchase. Contact the office at SOHS for more information 4180517

Library

This week we received a lovely donation from ex-pupil, Mr David Mackie. *Life is like a River, a Memoir of Reminiscences, Poems, Artwork and five Handsome Horses*, is a beautifully illustrated book by David Mackie.. Inside the front cover of the book he has signed it with " For my many happy days at South Otago High School ".

This looks like a very interesting book which we are grateful to receive and I'm sure a few people will want to read just as soon as I have it covered and put it out there in the Library.

Katrina Pudney
Librarian

Mana Pounamu

Congratulations to our two recipients of the Mana Pounamu Awards for 2015, Brittany Race and Luc Thomson. They were presented with their awards at a special function in Dunedin last Friday

Greg Heller
Deputy Principal

Year 10 Outdoor Education Trips

By now, students should know what activity they are participating in for Year 10 Outdoor Education. On Wednesday at 9.15am, students will be meeting with the teachers in charge of each activity .They will be given information about the trip they will be going on. This is a fantastic opportunity for our year 10 students to be involved in. Please see that your son/daughter knows where to meet their teacher on Wednesday morning.

- Rock climbing - Mr Thomas - D3
- Tramping - Mr Palmer - D2
- Mountain Biking (Clutha Gold) - Mr Munro - A8
- Mountain Biking (Queenstown) - Ms O'Sullivan/ Mr Peacock - D1
- Performing Arts - Mr Bertanees - E1
- Day tramps - Mr Swallow - S4
- Horse riding - Mrs Cullen - T6
- Surfing - Mr Ward - M2
- Golf - Mr Carroll - D8
- Kayaking - Mrs Budd/Ms Sim - S2
- Photography - Ms Darmody - T1
- Diving - Mr Newnham - Technology breakout space
- Fishing - Mr Sly - A1
- John Douglas Tour - Mr Douglas/Mr Heller - D4

Jason Palmer

TIC Year 10 Outdoor Education Trips

2015 Senior Prizegiving

The Senior Prizegiving will be held at the Balclutha Memorial Hall on Monday, November 30th at 7.00pm. There will be a rehearsal for all Senior Prizewinners on Monday morning at 9.00am in the Memorial Hall.

2015 Y11	Prizewinners
Laura	Adlam
Morgan	Allington
Jannah	Ariola
Hannah	Botting
Matt	Braidwood
Megan	Brice
Nickada	Bunting
Jasmine	Burrow
Lorna	Button
Dana	Buyayo
Tara	Cockburn
Daniel	Cook
Erica	Craig
Jessica	Craik
Dylan	Crawford
Harri	Deacon
Sophie	Dix
Tessa	Dix
Abby	Edwards
Riley	Eggers
Timothy	Faamoe
Maycee	Finn
Jessary	Garcia
Regan	Gillespie
Joshua	Hansen
Ashleigh	Heads
Reganne	Henry
Chance	Heremaia
Jacob	Hutton
Samuel	Hutton
Molly	Jeffery
Shannon	Jelley
Mike	Jessop
Celeste	Johnston
Mananui	Keane
Sarah	Kenworthy
Stephanie	Lawrence
Lessleen	Makoni
Delaney	McKenzie
Natasha	McNaught
Conor	Mills
Klaude	Ngamoki
Nicole	Ogorida
Caty	Penn

2015 Y11	Prizewinners
Surya	Prasad
Isla	Pringle
Peter	Roger
Grace	Schuurman
Caitlin	Shanks
Kemp	Skipper
Finn	Smith-Bingham
Jared	Smollett
Anten'a	Solomon-Wright
Luc	Thomson
Catherine	Tunnah
Marielle	Untalan
Abby	Uson
Caitlin	Ward
Reuben	Watt
Logan	Wilson
Paige	Win
Izzy	Woodward

2015 Y12	Prizewinners
Jethro	Ariola
Jordan	Beck
Jessie	Bennett
Tori	Brown
Leighana	Budd
Michael	Buniag
Mickey	Chi
Taylor	Clark
Hannah	Cornish
Simon	Craig
Cullen	Crossan
Alyssa	Cu
Tegan	Duncan
Olivia	Finney
Cody	Forbes
Meihana	Frisby
Jackson	Gardner
Hamish	Gillespie
Maxine	Gray
Tayla	Hannah
Joshua	Hill
Mitchell	Hollows
Atawhai	Hotene

2015 Y12	Prizewinners
Camden	Jacobs
Sarah	Jessop
Reid	Johnstone
Martyn	Joyce
Jess	Kendall
Jemma	Kirk
Samuel	Knight
Hannah	Lee
Yanlin	Lyu
Jordan	Maaka
Dane	MacPherson
Jesse	Maher
Reese	Martin
Kirsty	McLaren
Hannah	McLeary
Sophie	Mills
Sophie	Morrison
Todd	Nicolson
Chase	Owen
Jack	Payne
Logan	Pettitt
Bailey	Reichel
Hemi	Remi
Olivia	Richardson
Brady	Robertson
Kate	Robertson
Levi	Robertson
Ginny	Sanders
Sasha	Scott
Joshua	Sellwood
Ani-Lee	Sexton
Henry	Sly
Jayden	Stewart
Ummi	Tarmizi
Ashton	Tourell
Brae	Tourell
Hero	Villar
Liberty	Waru
Teigan	Webber
Ayson	White
Tasmyn	White
Chloe	Williamson
Katie	Willocks
Georgia	Wilson
Yuxuan	Zou