



# South Otago High School Newsletter, 8th July 2016

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

## Dear Parents/Caregivers

### *Kia Ora Tatou*

The end of term has arrived and this is now a time to reflect upon the great work which has been achieved during the term. I hope that all students have the time to relax during the break and that families have the opportunity to spend some time together.

During the break I do encourage all students to pick up a book to read and to catch up on any work which has been missed. For NCEA students this is a great time to spend sorting notes, finishing assignments and also preparing to revise. A wonderful resource for students to gain assistance is: <http://www.studyit.org.nz/>

### Report and Parent interviews

I hope that parents have spent the time going through reports with their child and that they have taken advantage of the opportunity to meet teachers to discuss progress and the next steps for their child's learning. Should any parent have missed out on either of these opportunities please do call the school office to have a duplicate report or make arrangements to meet teachers.

### Surveys for Year 10 and Year 13

Thank you to all the students and parents who completed the surveys that had been issued. Your feedback is important and we appreciate the time you have taken to complete this information. If you still have the survey and would like your opinion to count please do complete and return this to school.

### End of term

During our final assembly on Friday afternoon we will be recognising the achievements of many of our students. This is a regular event and we welcome parents to join us for this celebration.

Sadly we will be saying farewell to Markus Schmidt who will be returning home to Germany and Ashley Chen, one of our Mandarin assistants, who will be returning home to complete her studies. We will also be

saying good bye to Mrs Amy-Lee Budd who is leaving South Otago High School to take up a position at Otago Girls High School. We wish each of you well and acknowledge the contribution that each of you have made during your time here at SOHS.

### The Block NZ

It is not often I recommend people to watch TV but this is an exception! Our own Dayna Newbury (Y11) submitted a piece of art work into a competition for the Block NZ Art Competition. Dayna received 71% of the votes and has won \$1000 for herself and \$1000 worth of art supplies. Her work will be featuring on the programme. The episode was filmed on Friday 1 July and will be on air soon. In the meantime Dayna's art work features on a brief video on the TV3 website: <http://www.tv3.co.nz/Vote-for-your-favourite-finalist/tabid/5275/articleID/128072/Default.aspx>

### Principal Lunch

On Thursday it was a pleasure to host the first Principals Lunch for two students from each year group. The students were selected by the Deans and recognise the positive contribution the students have made to school, excellent attendance and exemplifying the school values of Persistence, Excellence, Respect, Caring and Honesty.

The students who were invited:

Year 9	Kobe Thomson	Hania Coll
Year 10	Bradley Jessop	Emily Cook
Year 11	Bax Colley	Chrystal Wrigley
Year 12	Jacob Hutton	Paige Win
Year 13	Reid Johnston	Sophie Morrison

### Finally

I wish all students, families and whanau a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing refreshed students returning on 25 July

*Ka kite ano*

*Mr Mike Wright*

*Principal*

### Term Three Upcoming Events

- *Monday 25th July* ..... Start of Term Three
- *Wednesday 27th July* ..... Open Night (1.35pm finish)
- *Thursday 28th and 29th July* ..... Year 13 History Goldfields Trip
- *Friday 5th August* ..... SNOB
- *Thursday 18th - Tuesday 23rd August* ..... Senior Internal Exams

### **School Magazine 2016**

This year those who want a school magazine will have to pre-order their copy at a cost of \$20. This amount has been charged to your child's school account and, if paid by 1st September, a magazine will be ordered on your child's behalf. If you do not wish to purchase a magazine please advise us in writing (email [jfrisby@sohs.school.nz](mailto:jfrisby@sohs.school.nz)). All unpaid amounts for the magazine will be removed from your child's account after the 2nd September and **NO** further orders accepted.

### **Rugby**

Some mixed results again last weekend, with only the Junior Colts managing a victory. After this weekend, all teams will get a well-earned break, some shorter than others.

Matches and venues for tomorrow are as follows:

- 1st XV v OBHS 2nd XV, Littlebourne, 1pm
- 2nd XV v Taieri College 1st XV, Showgrounds, 1pm
- Colts v West Otago U15, Tapanui, 12pm
- Junior Colts v Kings U15 Tigers, Milton, 11.30am
- Under 14 v Cromwell U14, Milton, 1pm

The vans for the U15 team will leave SOHS at 10am. The bus for the 1st XV will leave at 10.30am. The 1sts and 2nds will play competition matches on Saturday, July 23rd, with the other teams resuming a week later.

The very best of luck to all players trialling, playing, or attending training camps over the holiday period. We have trialists for Country U14 on Sunday, several Girls' playing for combined teams in the Oamaru Festival from Monday, and a number of 1st XV players attending the Highlanders or Cantabrians Training Camps next week. Later in the holidays, 6 players from the 1st XV will attend a NZRU Tournament in Rotorua, representing the South Island U18 Maori team.

**Greg Heller (TIC Rugby)**

### **Peer Mediation**

During term two the peer mediation group, along with Ruth Ratcliffe (Clutha District Youth Coordinator) and Mrs Bloxham (Guidance Counsellor) have been meeting to discuss ways of supporting our junior students. We are available to support junior students who may be having issues with other students and might like some help to resolve them. We have all been rostered on during the term in S2 on Wednesday mornings 8:50am-9:30am. Next term we have a workshop planned on the 3 August and we will publicise this to Year 9 and 10 students. The topic will be friendship and we aim to support students with making and keeping friends. Parents/caregivers may like to encourage their children to come along.

### **Peer Mediator Leaders 2016**

Bailey Reichel	Sophie Mills
Daniel Cook	Dylan Crawford
Hannah McLeary	Paige Win
Stephanie Lawrence	Isla Pringle
Abbey Mills	Briar Mills

**Cath Bloxham**  
**Guidance Counsellor**

### **SOHS 1st XI Hockey**

We travelled to Dunedin on Tuesday night to play EOHS 1st at 6.30pm. It was an extremely cold night, the boys started off slow in the first half, scoring a couple of great goals by the forwards. In the second half the boys hit their stride and controlled the ball very well with spending most of the time in the oppositions half. We had several shots on the goal some missing the goal by centimetres. The final score was 5 nil to SOHS. Goal scorers were Michael (2), Ashton (1), Camden (1), Logan (1).

Our player of the day was Daniel Sutherland, he played a great game at right half, with feeding the ball up to the forwards and had great defence work. This was the last game of this round, the team has won all their games, scoring a total of 51 goals and only 1 against. We have two weeks off for the holidays and then we move into Division 2 for the next 5 games before we head to Westport for tournament at the end of August.

**Donna Hayes**  
**Coach**

### **News from the Sports Coordinator**

All the best to Trent Dickie and Brooke Anderson, who are both competing in the South Island Secondary School Swim championships in Invercargill this weekend. These holidays we also have both Alpha and Blue Netball teams heading to Christchurch for a tournament, and quite a few Rugby girls going to Oamaru for a tournament as well. Play hard but fair.

We are now well through the winter sports season. Subs for these sports needs to be paid ASAP please - there are still a lot outstanding. Please pay to the Office. With a few teams heading away in tournament week to sports up and down the island, please support their fundraising endeavours where you can over the holidays. There will be , manure, raffles on sale, sausage sizzles, pies and food wrap as well. Let me know if you need any of these products. (027 418 4062)

Have a safe holiday.

**Rachel Heller**  
**Sports and Arts Coordinator**

## SOHS Merit-Excellence Endorsement Programme

Dear Parents,

This term we have been interviewing participating students about their progress and talking to them about strategies to help them reach their goal. These interviews will continue next term. In reaching their goal, I strongly urge you to encourage your son or daughter to do meaningful revision during the term break. This should include condensing notes and practising old examination papers available on the NZQA website <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/assessment/search.do>. The school examinations are in Week 4 of next term, and grades achieved in these will count for the derived grades if students are unable to make the final NCEA examinations for legitimate reasons.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Chris Sly (csly@sohs.school.nz)**

**TIC Senior Endorsement Programme**



### PTA - Helpers Required

At the start of term 3 we have two events in which we will need some parent help at.

The first is the schools open night on Wednesday 27th July, week one, at which we are running the BBQ and tea and coffee's. This will be run out of the canteen, from 6 - 8pm.

The second is the SNOB on Friday 5th August, week 2, this is at the town hall and we have three time slots that we need helpers for.

First is Friday morning 9am, to help with the preparation of the food, should only be about 2 - 3 hours depending on the number of helpers.  
Second time slot is at night from 6.30pm, to help with the serving of the meal and dessert and then the dishes etc. afterwards.

Third time slot is the clean up of the hall on Saturday morning 9am, mainly involves putting away the tables, etc. and washing floors.

If you are able to help at any of these events please email me at [W.Reichel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:W.Reichel@xtra.co.nz), even if only for part of the time, your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Leanne Reichel**  
**Chairperson**  
**SOHS PTA**

### Football

A win and a loss for our boys football teams this week. Saturday's team went down to Mosgiel while the Wednesday team had a 3-0 win over Kaikorai Valley. It was the last game for our German exchange student, Markus Schmidt, who returns home these holidays. We thank him for playing for the school and wish him well for the future.

Both girls football teams recorded wins yesterday which is a pleasing reward for the hard work by the girls and Barry Keith who has been coaching them. The first team put 8 goals past the Otago Girls Azure team in a clinical display with Lorna Button and Alice Murray both scoring 4 goals each. Thank you to Olivia Brown for helping out and playing in goal for us. The second team travelled to play Logan Park High and a first half goal from Lessleen Makoni was the difference between the two teams after the Logan Park keeper made save after save to keep us at bay. Logan Park also created good opportunities in the middle of the park but strong defence from Stephanie Lawrence, Jess Dawson (Tokomairiro High), Jet Adrejilo and Abby Uson (player of the game) prevented them from equalising.

**Mike Beeby**  
**TIC Football**