

# Central Southland College Newsletter

25th June 2021

# **Dunstan Sports Exchange**



The Dunstan Exchange Interschool Trophies are back in the CSC trophy cabinet!

### CALENDAR DATES

### June

28th Readers Cup

29th Board Monthly Meeting

### July

9th Last day Term 2

26th Start of Term 3 Year 9 Round 1 Options start

29th CSC Open Night CareersFest

### August

5th Teacher Only Day (School closed)

19th - SOA Snowboarding

20th Camp away

20th 'Attitude' Course

30th Tournament Week begins

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### 'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS'

We would like to advise our community that we have unfortunately had to cancel our July season of "Little Shop of Horrors" school production. If you have purchased tickets please bring them to the college office for a full refund. We hope to present the show at a later date.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kelly Wilkinson TIC Production"

### Kia Ora Koutou.

You are likely to be aware of a national issue around vaping amongst young people. Vaping has now been included in Smokefree legislation, making it illegal to vape (or smoke) on school grounds. This has been reiterated to students, and for the health and safety of all, we will continue to take a hard line on students who choose to vape or smoke at school.

Unfortunately the school production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' has been postponed until next term when we are hoping to go ahead with it. Tickets can be refunded at the College Office. We apologise for this inconvenience.

The Dunstan Sports Exchange was held this week. Some sports could not go ahead because our Gymnasium was out of action, but students still made the most of the occasion and we came out champions winning 10 games to 4. It was fantastic to see so many parents and supporters on the sidelines. Our students truly appreciate your support. Many thanks to Sue Ballantyne for her organisation of the event and I know there are many others that coach, manage, organise the uniforms and the food for this occasion. Thank you.

At the end of this term you will receive a student report which is based around your child's learning habits. We will be sending these out each term and they should be read in conjunction with the weekly effort reports. They are designed to give an indication of students' achievement an progress in each class, as well as giving an indication of Learning Behaviours. We encourage caregivers to reflect on their child's progress and to attend the second Meet the Teacher night in Week 3 of Term 3.

We farewell Sarah Faithfull at the end of this term as she takes maternity leave. We wish her all the best. At the same time we welcome back Kara Boys who will be stepping into Sarah's position teaching Drama.

We also welcome Miriam Borrie at the beginning of Term 3, who will be joining us to fill the position left by Sam Dickie, teaching Food and Nutrition.

CSC Open Night is coming up next term on Thursday, 29th of July at the earlier start time of 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for all prospective students and their families to view our school and meet our students and staff. A student ambassador will lead you on a tour of the school and there will be students and staff holding demonstrations in some classrooms.

It has been my pleasure over these past few weeks to visit Year 8 students in our contributing primary schools and share with them many aspects of College life. It is important to note that we will not be enforcing any enrolment zone restrictions for students moving into Year 9 in 2022.

As we continue to plan and prepare for the changes to the NCEA qualification system all Otago/Southland schools will be closing for one day next term on Thursday 5th August. Teachers will be working together to plan for curriculum and assessment changes in individual Subjects so that we can best meet the needs of our students and address the prescribed changes.

Ngā Mihi,

Grant Dick Principal



# **Spelling Superstars!**

George Tolentino, 9Wn and Lucas Gill, 9Wn have made it into the semi finals of the New Zealand Spelling Bee with scores of over 80% in the first round.

Over 100 secondary schools around the country participated in this competition so this is a great achievement for these two students.

We wish them well for their preparation for the next round that will be held in Dunedin later this year.

Kirsten Kean HOD English



# **STUDENT NEWS**

### **PB4L**—Effort Grade Morning Tea

The HERE-O team recently celebrated students who had exceptional effort grades for Term 1. Over 40 students were invited to the library to enjoy a morning tea with the Principal, Mr Dick and the HERE-O leaders. Invited students were:

Ruby Anderson, Sarah Beck, Tori Caldwell, Alana Meechang, Matthew Gill, Niamh Paterson, Oliver White, Jack Burdon, Bella van Miltenburg, Trey Anderson-Kereti, Grace Watson, Ella Colvin, Molly Maguire, Rylan Cooper, Kyllah Lansangan, Lucas Gill, Teriana Edwards, Maleesha Gamage, Dakota Wilton, Connor Gilliland, Elizabeth Watson, Olivia McMillan, Renae Lindsay, Rafferty Cowie, Adine Russell, Averie Tomas, Samantha Sandford, Amedee Wilson, Ranudi De Silva, Ryan O'Csallaghan, Fergus Watson, Rebecca Burnett, Emma North, Keely Anderson-Kereti, Kason Breen, Katelyn Stanton-Gerken, Bryce Dykes, Marneth Lagan, Kayla McGregor, Ellie Smith and Olivia Wilson.







### **HERE-O Shop Term Two**

Our senior students were able to 'spend' their HERE-O cards on fabulous items at this term's HERE-O Shop. Students were able to buy food, drink bottles, sports balls and even toasters! We look forward to next term's HERE-O Shop to reward those students who display our values everyday.



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### **CSC Rockers Compete at Rockquest**



The CSC rock band recently competed in the regional Rockquest Competition held in Invercargill.

'Lumikha' competed against other secondary schools in Southland and were rewarded with the "Peoples Choice" award. They competed with two original songs composed by Christian Dela Cruz called "This Hell" and "K.F.C."

Christian Dela Cruz was also awarded the "Best Vocalist"

Band members are Christian Dela Cruz, Thomas Crowe, Aliyah Ormsby, Deacon Kynan-Wilde and Justine Taguiam. They now have the opportunity to compete in the national Rockquest competition if they can compose another two original songs to qualify. Watch this space!

### **Chamber Music Competition**

A great night was held at the Chamber Music competition in Invercargill recently.

Our chamber music group were placed as 'Highly Commended'. This was an outstanding achievement for the group given the very high standard of entries. The CSC Chamber Music group are:

Christian Maglaqui, Lina Buhre, Oliver White and Ben van Jaarsveld.

Jolene Kynan-Wilde TIC Music

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### Looking to the Future with Trees by Annie Keown

To help supplement our tree donations we have been eco-sourcing seedlings from around the school grounds for our tree planning project.

If you have natives growing at home, have a look around the base of the trees to see if there are little seedlings growing there. You don't need to buy fancy pots to transfer them. As you can see, foil coffee bags and milk bottles cut in half will do the same job as a plastic pot from the garden centre. Re-using and re-purposing products that can be rubbish at home reduces the waste going to landfills and helps make our world a bit more sustainable. If you have spare native seedlings we would love you to add them to our tree project.



Make sure to punch holes in bottom to help drainage



Big thanks to Christine Summers for these Broadleaf seedlings

# STUDENT NEWS

### **Student Attendance**

by Brendon Wallace Deputy Principal

### General:

The Ministry of Education deems regular attendance to be 90% or over. In any given year, legitimate absences are likely to occur through things like isolated illness, funerals and medical appointments.

As you can see in the graphic, absences can quickly build into a significant amount of lost learning time. We want to give all our students the best possible chance at success. This includes gaining as much knowledge as possible as well as learning the benefits of good routine, a strong work ethic, high expectations and a positive attitude. We notice a strong correlation between attendance and academic success, as well as a link between absences and other issues. If there is an issue preventing regular attendance, we are able to offer support to get the issue addressed.

### **Lateness:**

Deans have recently been focussing on lateness. Punctuality is essential for a number of reasons, including maximising learning time and maintaining positive routines. In the workplace, lateness is not tolerated. We want all our students to learn good habits that will set them up well for their future. We appreciate the support of families around getting to school on time, and will continue to address those that are regularly late.

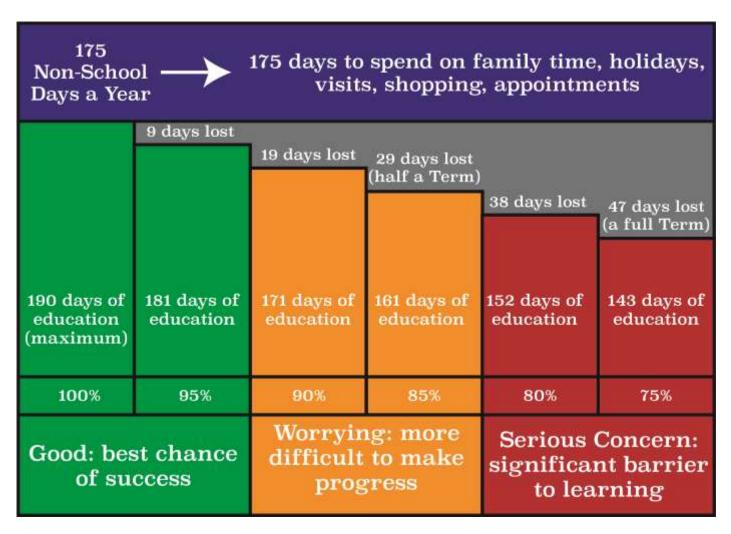
### **Medical Certificates:**

It is school policy that a medical certificate is provided after 3 days of absence. This can be emailed to the school or dropped off. Often your GP will email us directly. Note: in some COVID-related situations you may be asked to stay home instead of visiting the GP. In this case, please contact the school to let us know.

### **Notifying School:**

Absences can be sent to school through the SchoolApp, the school website, by emailing <a href="mailto:absences@csc.school.nz">absences@csc.school.nz</a> or by phone on (03) 2367646. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you know your child will be absent, including the reason. Parents also need to notify any absences during the school day e.g. appointments etc. using the above methods.

If a student is not present for Formtime and Period 1, a text message will be sent to parents to check on the student's whereabouts.



# **CAREERS NEWS**

### **Art of Learning**

Some of our STAR funding allowed us to invite Alan Riley from The Art of Learning to run a workshop with 40 of our Year 11 students – he gave them practical tips on how to be successful with NCEA. The student feedback was very positive.

### **Student Loans for Year 13 Students**

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to the Student Loan scheme for any student planning to start university, polytechnic or another tertiary course in 2021. The comprehensive guide explains everything students (and their parents) need to know about how student loans work, including weekly entitlements, student allowances and a section demystifying the debt issue. For more details, visit the MoneyHub Student Loan guide.

### **University Information**

- Scholarships for most Universities open on 1st August. Information has been posted on the Yr13 Google Communities Page on how to apply.
- Applications for Teachers College are underway.
- Students should start thinking about Halls of Residence applications as these will be opening soon.
- Otago University, Otago Polytechnic and Lincoln University have visited CSC, while UC and Victoria have both held webinars.

### **SIT STAR Courses**

SIT run short courses at their Tay Street complex to give students hands on experience in various career pathways. Students earn credits while doing these courses and STAR funding pays for the fees. Courses on offer are Nursing, Audio Production, Engineering, Automotive, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Music and Hairdressing. Students attend these classes one day a week for a term. At the moment we have three students attending the Nursing course.

### My Career Match

My Career Match is a computer program that matches a students personality style to potential careers. Students receive a printout of their results which sets out their personality type, strengths and weaknesses and lists potential jobs. All Year 11 students have done this program during long form time and were given the printed results to take home and discuss with their parents. This is a great way for students to start thinking about their future career plan.

### **Dates for the Calendar**

29 June CareersFest23 July Lincoln Open Day

9 September University of Canterbury Open Day

Sue Ballantyne, Lynley Woodd & Cherie Taylor CSC CAREERS TEAM

### **SCHOOL JACKETS**

We often get enquiries about what jackets students can wear as part of our school uniform.

Students at CSC are allowed to wear a navy blue or black jacket to help keep them warm and dry. To make it easier (and more affordable), CSC has partnered with Kathmandu for a roughly 50-70% discount on jackets. To activate this deal go into Kathmandu Invercargill and show them the bar code below or ask to pay through the Central Southland College Group account.

We recommend the Heli Down Jacket, Epiq Down Jacket, Arbury Softshell Jacket or the Andulo Rain Jacket.

You can check this range out at: <a href="https://www.kathmandu.co.nz/">https://www.kathmandu.co.nz/</a>



# SICK STUDENTS

Parents are reminded that if students are unwell, they should report to the office and not contact home on their mobile phones.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# PRIMARY ITO TRADES ACADEMY

The Year 11 students have been to the Winton Stihl Shop to learn chainsaw safety and have also visited Wairaki Station at Blackmount and Blueberry Country at Otautau. They are certainly being exposed to a variety of careers in the primary sector.

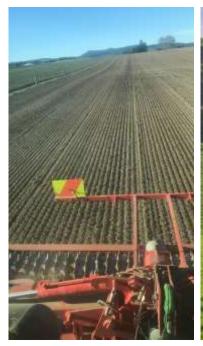








The Year 12 students are still enjoying attending their work placements once a week. They are taking some great photos for their work place diaries.







# DUNSTAN SPORTS EXCHANGE

Sport	CSC	Dunstan	Win/Loss
First XV Rugby	20	22	Dunstan
Second XV Rugby	17	10	csc
U15 Rugby	33	27	csc
Girls Rugby	20	15	csc
Senior A Netball	31	28	csc
Senior B Netball	35	32	csc
Year 10 Netball	34	7	csc
Year 9 Netball	27	12	csc
Boys Football	0	3	Dunstan
Girls Football	0	8	Dunstan
Mixed Hockey	0	16	Dunstan
Squash	3	0	csc
Debating	win	loss	csc
Chess	8.5	7.5	csc
OVERALL WINS	10	4	csc







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# **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Swimming Competitions**

Congratulations to our two swimmers - Amie Pratt, Year 12 and Brooke Anderson, Year 11 on an extremely successful weekend at the South Island Secondary Schools Swimming Champs held in Timaru last weekend.

Both girls entered the maximum of 5 events winning either a gold or silver medal in every event they competed in. An outstanding achievement for them both. Brooke also recorded two personal bests in two of her disciplines.

To cap the weekend off, CSC was also awarded the top Para School for the competition and finished 7th overall out of 30 schools.



Andrea Beggs Sports Coordinator



Amie Pratt (left) and Brooke Anderson with their well deserved medals at the end of the meet.

### **CSC Mountain Bike Enduro**

Three CSC mountain bike teams competed in the Southland Mountain Bike Club's winter solstice four hour enduro ride at the Sandy Point Mountain Bike park.

With a very chilly start to the day  $(0^{\circ}$  at 10am), the riders wrapped up warm and got on with the job of riding the 10km course as fast as they could. It is a relay so the faster you ride, the more rides the team gets. It was a fabulous day out for all the competitors and their families. Everyone is excited to compete again next year.

The two junior teams were Logan Wolferstan and Vince Crawford; and Caleb Mattsen, Ryan Nicolas and Dan Mattsen. Our staff team of Tony Meechang, Alicia Harrison and (ring-in) Gordon Keown managed to win their class. However, we are not sure how many entries there were!





# **SPORTS NEWS**



# **Future Black Ferns in the Making!**

This year CSC has fielded two awesome U15 Girls Rugby teams made up of Year 9 - Year 11 students. The girls ranged in experience from complete beginners to some who have played for a few seasons.

We have certainly come a very long way in only 6 weeks of competition. From our first games in Gore on a cold, bleak, wintery evening to the finals next Monday these two teams have shown incredible improvements in both skills and understanding of the game. I am so proud of the commitment and determination they have all shown and both teams have had some great victories, toppling some of the toughest teams including SGHS and Eastern.

We have been very lucky to have the support of our mum-managers, Adele Strachan, Mel Montgomery and Haley Rutherford as well as the expertise of Ella Bennie helping out with coaching. It's been a great season for the teams with lots of fun and I'm looking forward to seeing them continue their rugby careers.

