



# King's Week

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## GEOGRAPHERS HUNT & GATHER

Last week, the Year 13 Geographers visited the Dunedin Coastal Environment to gather data for their geographic research assignments.



## OTAGO/SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

We had a very successful weekend with 40 athletes qualifying for the South Islands on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Notable performances were from the Under 14 Relay Team which broke the under-14 4x100 relay: 48.22sec. Senior Boys' Relay Team which broke the 4x400m relay: 3min 29.38sec. Also Flynn Murdoch broke the under-14 80m hurdles 11.89sec. Our team is very strong at present with athletes performing well like Ben Pringle who jumped 1.8m in the High Jump; a personal best. George Bates came off camp to win the 3000m and the 1500m races.

Some new athletes to keep a look out for are Liam Condliffe in the Hurdles and Long Jump, Chi Campbell in the 800m, Daniel Stokes in the Under 15 Shot Put, Ben Addison in the Under 14 Long Jump. There are too many athletes who performed exceptionally well, that I feel that if I start naming them that I would miss some. We are looking forward to the South Island meet where I expect a few more athletes to hit their peak. It is a great team to manage and we have had two very enjoyable weekends. Bring on the South Islands.

*Grant Koedyk*

Below; Josiah Lesa and Max Aitcheson competing in the Under 16 100m. Josiah was 1<sup>st</sup> and Max was 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOUCH TOURNAMENT IN CHRISTCHURCH ON MARCH 19-20, 2016.

### DAY 1 - Pool Play (Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March)

Game 1 Vs St Thomas, won 9-4

Touchdowns: S.Rowe (3), M.Horne (2), T.Pledger (2), S.Cook, H.Mitchell-Collie

Game 2: Vs Shirley Boys', won 6-2

Touchdowns: M.Horne (2), I.Jamieson, T.Barham, J.Sutherland, J.Duff

Game 3: Vs Christchurch Boys' High School, drew 7-7

Touchdowns: M.Horne (3), J.Duff (2), J.Te Pairi, H.Mitchell-Collie

Game 4: Vs Marlborough Boys' High School, won, 12-4

Touchdowns: S.Rowe (3), T.Pledger (2), M.Horne (2), J.Duff, T.Hume, J.Clement, I.Jamieson, J.Dolan

King's qualified 1<sup>st</sup> in Pool B at the end of Day 1

### DAY 2 – Divisional Play & Finals (Sun 20<sup>th</sup> March)

GAME A: 1st in Pool A Vs 1st in Pool B – winner advances to final

Game 5: Vs Nelson College won 8-3

Touchdowns: T.Hume (2), J.Duff, T.Hand, J.Clement, S.Stewart, I.Jamieson, H.Mitchell-Collie

### South Island Secondary Schools Final

Game 6: Vs Southland Boys', Lost 6-3

Touchdowns: T.Hume, J.Duff, I.Sutherland

**FINAL POSITION Division 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in South Island**



**HOLES BY LOUIS SACHAR**  
**CRITICAL REVIEW BY LIAM BONE 9SR**  
**WARNING: SPOILER ALERT!**

The book Holes is about a boy called Stanley Yelnats and his bad luck and habit of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The basic outline of the story is Stanley is an overweight kid who's being bullied at school and has the misfortune of being poor. His family lives in an apartment that smells like shoe odour because his dad is trying to invent odourless shoes. Stanley was accused of stealing a pair of sneakers from a homeless shelter that were donated by the famous baseball player Clyde Livingston/Sweet Feet and had the choice of going to jail or Camp Green Lake. Stanley had never been to camp before so he decided that sounded better than prison. Stanley soon figures out that it wasn't the type of camp he was hoping for. Camp Green Lake is a barren wasteland.

There are three stories in the book holes, all in different time periods that all seem to connect in the end. I've already introduced the first one, Stanley and Camp Green Lake, then you are introduced to Stanley's great great great, pig stealing, grandfather. He is called Elya and lives in Latvia and we also meet Madam Zeroni the one legged gypsy and Myra the girl whose head is as empty as a flowerpot. Then there's the story of Sam and Miss Kate Barlow and the racism they encounter.

Hector Zeroni is an interesting character that is first considered as thick but then turns out he knows his angles in math and how many letters there are in Stanley's name. Stanley and Hector's friendship takes off half way through the book when Stanley offers to help Hector learn how to read and write. When reading this story you gain a lot of sympathy for Hector and his depressing back-story, such as how his mum had to leave him and how he is driven to find her. This part of the story shows that there's more to people than you first think.

This is the story of love and racism that happens between the relationship of Kate Barlow and Sam the onion man. The story about Kate and Sam is a very serious and heartfelt part of the book which really grips the reader. While reading the following chapters I thought why was it illegal for a black man to kiss a white woman but it was legal for a white man to kiss a black woman. I thought Sachar's message for the second story was to make a new generation see what happened back then and see why racism is wrong and why we should be all equal.

To compare the book and the movie you would see that the result of the movie is quite close to the book. However, I thought that in the movie the lake looked more like a desert than a dried up lake. Therefore, the setting of the book seemed more real than the movie. There were also other differences between the movie and the book. For example, how Stanley was overweight in the book but wasn't in the movie. To be honest that didn't really annoy me but it lost some of Stanley's backstory as to why he was being bullied. In addition, Mr Pendanski didn't have a shaved head or a curly black beard like he did in the book. Overall, most characters from the movie were not how I imagined them in the book.

The movie also changed some of the storyline of the book. For example, when Kate and Sam were kissing in the book, they were seen by a woman not Trout Walker. They were also in the boat together when Sam was shot dead. Another difference was Kate's death as she didn't deliberately allow herself to be bitten by a yellow spotted lizard in the book. Although Mr Sir and Mr Pendanski didn't get shamed out and arrested in the book, it added a little bit of humour to the film.

I preferred the book because more intensity and realism were shown through the power of description. I would consider this a family movie and the book I would recommend to ages ten to thirteen.

**9CR – 1<sup>ST</sup> KING'S CAKE FOR 2016**

The first King's Cake for 2016 was awarded to 9Cr this week. The boys received such positive feedback from members of the community regarding their demeanour whilst out selling raffle tickets, that the decision to give them the cake was an easy one.



**SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER**

Daffodils, tulips, freesias, ranunculus, anemone and sweet pea heirloom mix available from \$3.00-\$10.00. Packs range from 10-20 bulbs/seeds.

All sales support the 2017 Japan Trip.

Please contact Laura Marsh by 30th March  
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**DRUM LESSONS - INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP LESSONS**

Available at King's High School

\$25 for a 30-minute lesson, or \$15 each in a pair.

Each term will usually have a minimum of 10 lessons. A few are spaces still available.

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**KING'S CRICKET RESULTS**

**SATURDAY 19th March**

1st XI	vs	Green Island CC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	
227 ALL OUT		203 ALL OUT	Won by 25 runs
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	vs	University Grange CC	
74 ALL OUT		75-1	Lost by 9 Wickets
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	vs	Logan Park 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Lost by 75 runs
225 ALL OUT		300 ALL OUT	
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	vs		Defaulted to
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	vs	Otago Boys High School Y10B	Won by Default
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	vs	Taieri College Junior Blue	
171 ALL OUT		172-5	Lost by 5 Wickets
7th XI vs		Taieri College Junior Gold	
145-9		196-8	Lost by 51 runs