



# King's Week

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## MR REGGETT RECALLS AN AUSPICIOUS OCCASION

On Tuesday I was one of nine members from my club, including six old boys, to be invited to an All Blacks Club Night at the Southern Club.

The All Blacks have their own Rugby Club; their President is Ben Smith and Club Captain is Sam Caine. Meetings are held weekly while the All Blacks are together. Players are required to wear their Club Jersey and it is run like an after match function. Sam welcomed everyone including the entire team and management along with CEO Steve Tew. Tim Belcher, a member of staff, spoke on behalf of Southern and our extended squad member Tom Franklin. Tom also replied and explained why he decided to play for Southern. It was wrapped up with raffles and they then departed our club. It would have to rank among the top three Rugby highlights I have had.

Below; Jake Burtenshaw (left) Captian of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Brad McPate, Captain of the U14 Panthers, show off the King's rugby jersey which was signed by members of the All Blacks.



## THE BIG SING

The King's Choir, 'ACafellas' (pictured below) has once again tasted success at the recent Big Sing competition held in the Dunedin Town Hall last week. With 22 choirs competing from as far and wide as Timaru and Central Otago, ACafellas left the competition feeling fabulous having been awarded a commendation from the adjudicator, New Zealand composer and baritone David Griffiths. Previously directed by Matt Wilson, ACafellas is now taken by Ms Dryden twice weekly. The 23 boys, from all year levels, have worked hard to achieve the strong and unified sound they now have. This year's repertoire so far includes music from the 18th century through to the chart-topping 'Say Something I'm giving up on you' by A *Great Big World*. ACafellas plan to continue rehearsing in preparation for Open Night and Prizegiving performances.

'Polyhymnia'- The brain child of music teachers Ms Dryden (King's) and Ms Irvine (Queen's), Polyhymnia (who was the Greek Muse of sacred song) was formed during the school show in Term 1. The aim is to take some of the cream from both King's and Queen's individual choirs and create an outstanding 'chamber' choir with members from all year groups. Rehearsing twice a week after school, the group enjoyed working hard to put together the programme for Big Sing. The outcome was worth the work - Polyhymnia was awarded a High Commendation and 'The People's Choice' Award, previously won by ACafellas in 2014. With Big Sing over, the group was keen to continue the weekly rehearsals and work towards the next event. Watch this space!!



## NCEA FEES

All Senior Students are now required to pay \$76.70 by the end of August for their NCEA fees.

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## NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT

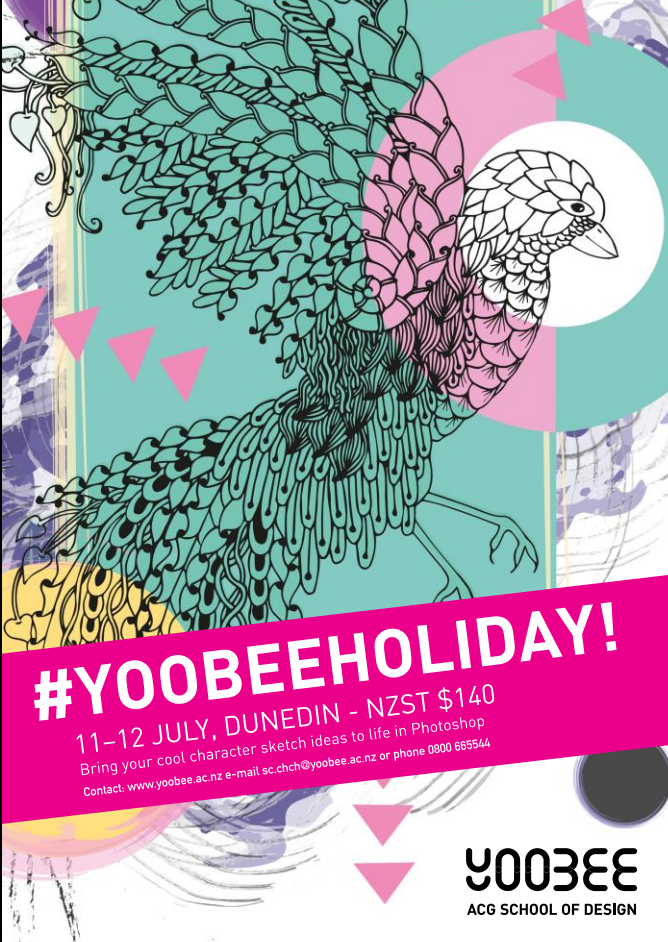
King's sent a group of five young men to Rotorua to race this event. For the Juniors it was a 4km course and for the Seniors, a 6km course. Our Seniors (Under 19) are young, have just started running the 6km distance and they have another year to shine next year. Our best result in the Senior grade was Zac Mason who was 69th in 21:47 mins. He was the first Otago Athlete home.

We can say that Daniel Dickie and Cameron Gardiner learnt a lot about running Senior Nationals. The winning time was 19:22 mins, (very quick for 6km's.) Cameron and Daniel both ran around the 24 min mark which is a good time for 6km's.

Matthew McCutcheon ran well and also learnt a lot about himself in running 15:57 for 4km. With Matthew's dedication to the sport you will see him running quicker times in the future.

It was a successful weekend for Drew Cairney who ran extremely well in a field of 170 Junior Boys (Under 15) to finish 14th in 13:55 mins. The fact that he is inexperienced at running these events meant that he probably ran too fast in his first 1km, which leaves the question of what will happen when he starts training. He is a young man to watch for the future.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable weekend and are all looking forward to next year in Christchurch.



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## COMMERCE STUDENTS "SLICK" IN THE CAPITAL.

Last week Toby Black and Mackenzie Gibson travelled to Wellington to compete in the national final of the NZ Treasury Schools' Challenge.

This year's topic was regional development and their policy proposals focused on retaining Otago University graduates in the region, protecting the natural environment and investing in tourism infrastructure. Mackenzie and Toby advanced to the national final by writing a 2000 word essay (with Sam Howell) which required clear problem definition, intervention logic and evaluation of policies against the NZ Treasury living standards framework.

The boys delivered a 10 minute presentation described by one of the judges as 'slick' and answered questions on their policy ideas. Having attended Finals Day for the last 5 years I can attest to the increasing quality of presenting teams.

The room was full of some of the best and brightest young policy analysts and the competition was very fierce. Toby and Mackenzie represented the school and region well and should be congratulated on their efforts.



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