

Opihi - on campus



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Welcome to Japanese in 2017!

All students at Opihi College get a small taste of the Japanese language and culture in Years 7 and 8. Then they can choose to study the language more in depth from Year 9 to 13. The goal for many of the students is to travel to Japan and use what they've learned in real-life situations on the biennial school trip to Japan. Others choose Japanese because it's a bit different; it's a challenge and fun at the same time. Visit our school website for more information in the section called "Curriculum".

February: We welcome Inoue sensei (Miss Inoue) as an assistant Japanese language teacher! She will stay for the whole year



and help teach the Japanese language programme. Year 12 student Karina Yahagi joins us from Ikubunkan, a high school in Tokyo. **March:** At the beginning of the month students will go to Christchurch to participate in Japan Day. It will be a fun filled day of Japanese cultural activities and Japanese musical entertainment.



March: Haruna Ohno from our

Japanese Sister City (Eniwa, Hokkaido) will visit us for three weeks!

May: Language Perfect World Championships – A world-wide competition with big prizes open to all students. **June:** Our senior students will travel to the University of Canterbury for a full day of studying Japanese with 300 other students and teachers from around Canterbury region. **June:** The Year 10 Japanese Trivia Competition will be held in Dunedin. Let's keep up our winning tradition in this competition! **July:** They're coming again! Don't miss out on your opportunity to host a student from Shigakukan High School (Chiba, Japan) for three weeks! Please tell Mr. Lindblom if you are interested. **September:** Unfortunately, no Japanese Language Trip this year. The next trip will be in 2018!

Arigato gozaimasu!



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

The Opihi College Newsletter is published every fortnight on the Opihi College website. Paper copies will be printed *only for those who request them*. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of this newsletter, please complete slip below and return to the school office.



I would like to receive Newsletters in paper form

Student Name _____

Tutor Class _____

Parent Name _____

Signed _____



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Today's column from me will be very brief – so that we can fit more photos from swimming sports and HiYS in the newsletter! Term One of 2017 is well underway and we have managed to pack a lot of activity and opportunities into a short time. Last week we held the swimming heats, this week we held the finals. They were both great days, but I must say that I particularly enjoyed this week when the whole school were there, in house colours, supporting each other. Sadly, from a student perspective, the Year 13 student team was disqualified in the staff/student relay. Congratulations to all the swimmers for their efforts! Next week (Tuesday) we have our Opihi College Athletics sports on. That will be another day of competition, support and fun. I am really looking forward to my next new experience at Opihi. It is hard for me to believe that in another few weeks we will be at the point where I am experiencing things for the second time around. That year went really fast!

House Captains

In the last couple of weeks the students voted for their house captains. This is an important leadership role in the school requiring good communication and motivation skills to encourage house members to participate in all of the inter-house activities.

The house captains for 2017 are:

Aoraki: Madi Heurea, Ashley Brown, Will Johnson

Opihi: Liam Mulligan, Megan Calder

Pacific: Nick Morris, Tyla Smith

Rata: Ebony Keeley, Shayden Campbell, Shae Twaddle-Best

Congratulations to all of these students.

HiYS Day

For the last four years we have been running a Peer Support day for our new Year 7 students. This is the 'Hi Year Sevens!' (HiYS) day and has been a great success. This year our Year 13 Peer support leaders, accompanied by a number of teaching staff, took our new students out to Peel Forest for a day. They experienced a range of activities designed to encourage team work and communication. We are fortunate this year to have such a great group of Year 13's to lead this programme. That's it from me this week – to ensure plenty of room for those photos.

He waka eke noa. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson

Principal



OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS



Congratulations to our Champions:

Grade	Champion	2nd	3rd
Year 7 & 8 Boys	Logan Pannett	Jamie Hall	Ashton Wright
Year 7 & 8 Girls	Sophie Hall	Amelia Holland	Anika Bagrie
Year 9 & 10 Boys	Ben Cleverley	Jared Dickson Sarn McCone	
Year 9 & 10 Girls	Hailey Larsen	Ava Venn	Milly Keen
Year 11-13 Boys	Shae Twaddle-Best	Shayden Campbell	Taine Stoddart
Year 11-13 Girls	Kayla Bagrie	Tyla Smith	Maddison Mawhinney



NEW RECORDS

Congratulations to Sophie Hall who broke **FIVE** Opihi College swimming records this week!

Yr 7 & 8 Girls 100m Freestyle	1m 11.89s	(Previous record 1m 17.85s C. Burrough 1996)
Yr 7 & 8 Girls 100m Backstroke	1m 28.93s	(Previous record 1m 35s N. Newton 2006)
Yr 7 & 8 Girls 33m Backstroke	27.07s	(Previous record 27.16s S. Hillegers 2006)
Yr 7 & 8 Girls 33m Freestyle	21.27s	(Previous record 22.15s C. Burrough 1996)
Yr 7 & 8 Girls Medley	1m 33.79s	(Previous record 1m 34.31s N. Pannett 2016)



Above: Sophie Hall

Last weekend, Sophie Hall competed in the Junior Mako NZ swimming championships in Timaru. Sophie qualified for five different events and beat her personal best time in every event she swam. She absolutely showed she can swim with the best and did herself proud!

HOUSE RESULTS

1ST	Pacific	410
2ND	Opihi	222
3RD	Rata	216
4TH	Aoraki	199

RELAY FOR LIFE

Debbie Doake has kindly offered to make her famous fudge as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life. She will be taking orders soon and the fudge will be ready for the weekend of 18-19 March. If anyone is able to give a donation of one or more of the ingredients needed that would be very much appreciated.

She will go through:

- 50 x tins of condensed milk
- 25 x blocks of chocolate (18 White & 7 Milk)
- 8 x packets of 1kg Brown Sugar (Pams)
- 12 x Butter

If you are able to drop off to the Opihi College office by Friday 10 March. Thank you very much for those that have already brought in some goods to help out.

We will post on Facebook – Opihi Staff Notices - when she is ready for orders.

Thank you so much DEBBIE!!!!



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WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

10th February

Maddison Mawhinney

Soraya George

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

\$4 per packet
(school makes 80c per packet)

Orders and money to be in by Friday 17th March

Hot Cross Buns to be picked up Thursday 6th April
(at the end of the day)

Order Forms have been handed out to all students
More order forms available from the office

Points will be given to the house that sells the most
Canteen Vouchers for the Top 3 Sellers
C.A.R.E. Cards for the Top 10 Sellers



2017 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 30 January - Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July
Term 3	Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October - Wednesday 13 December 2017

PIANO AND ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD LESSONS

These are held at school. For details please ring Mrs Rule on 027 619 4075, or come to the Music Practice Room on a Tuesday morning.

WANTED - HOCKEY COACHES

HELP PLEASE!

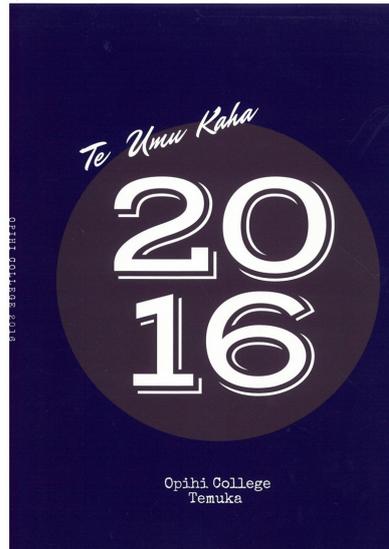
We are desperately seeking coaches for the upcoming season, which begins in April, and runs till mid August.

We need coaches for all levels quarter, half and full turf.

If you are interested, we would LOVE to hear from you.

Please contact Vickie Elliotte vel-
liotte@highfield.school.nz

OPIHI COLLEGE YEARBOOKS



Full Colour
2016 School
Magazine now
available for
purchase at the
School Office

\$30

SCHOOL BAG REPAIRS

Don't throw your schoolbag away if they need a little repair, zips, webbing or buckles. Repaired right here in Temuka.

Also new pencil cases for sale.

Phone 6158 042



Rotary
International
Youth Exchange Programme

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTED

Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established, successful educational and cultural exchange.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2018.
- No family Rotary affiliation required.
- Applications close 30th April 2017.

Contact: Merv Clearwater

HM: 03 4894234

107 Gladstone Rd South

Mosgiel

MOB:0274339689

mervclearwater@xtra. co.nz

Term 1 Calendar 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FEBRUARY	30 Teacher Only Day	31 Teacher Only Day	1 Y9 Camp Y7 BBQ @6pm	2 All students	3	4	5
	6 WAITANGI DAY	7 Mihi Whakatau NCEA Assembly	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15 Swimming Sports Heats Netball Info evening	16 HiYS – Y7 & 13 Peel Forest	17 Staff Only Day	18	19
	20 Gateway Fire Safety Course	21 Gateway Fire Safety Course Yr 7&8 Boys Cricket	22 Swimming Sports final Yr 7&8 Boys Cricket	23 Yr 7 &8 Girls Cricket	24 Mufti Day – Relay for Life	25	26
MARCH	27	28 Athletic Sports	1 Athletics pp	2	3 School photos	4	5
	6	7	8	9 CHS Athletics	10 Mufti Day – Rescue Helicopter	11 Relay for Life 4pm start	12 Relay for Life 10am finish
	13 Settling in report sent home	14 Aoraki Athletics	15	16 Gateway Health and Safety	17 Gateway Health and Safety	18	19
	20	21	22	23 Y11-13 Aoraki Volleyball Yr 7&8 Aoraki Triathlon	24	25	26
	27 Conferencing 8 – 4. No classes	28 Conferencing Evening 4-8pm	29	30 Y13 Bio Trip	31 Y13 Bio Trip Y7/8 Aoraki Park Games	1 SISS Athletics	2 SISS Athletics
APRIL	3 Outdoor Education Trip	4 Outdoor Education Trip	5 Outdoor Education Trip Y12 Ag Trip	6 Gateway First Aid	7 Gateway First Aid	8	9
	10 GRIP Leaders Day - ChCh	11 Y12 RYDA	12 Aoraki Swimming	13 End of Term Assembly /NCEA Progress Printout	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15	16

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) IMMUNISATION IN SCHOOLS 2017

Both boys and girls in Year 8 are the focus for the school based HPV Immunisation Programme. The vaccine for the school programme is HPV9 (Gardasil 9) which protects against nine types of HPV, compared with the previous vaccine which protects against four types of HPV. The five additional types included in the vaccine means that HPV Immunisation offers protection against a greater proportion of HPV-related cancers. Protecting young people before they have been exposed to HPV will better protect their health over the long term. The medicine data sheet for the HPV9 vaccine can be found at <http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/Consumers/CMI/g/gardasil9.pdf>

From a practical point of view, for the students and their families, it is great that the change in vaccine means that now just two doses of HPV vaccine are required to fully protect young people aged 14 and under, rather than the previous three doses. The doses should be given about six months apart, and the proposed vaccination timetable for South Canterbury is: Dose one 20 March – 31 March 2017 and Dose two 18 – 29 September 2017

The most up to date information about the HPV Immunisation Programme can be found on the website www.health.govt.nz/hpv

The vaccine is SAFE, EFFECTIVE, FUNDED FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS and AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL FOR YEAR 8 students. The doctor will provide immunisation for older students (both boys and girls) and it is free up to age 26 years. Please contact your doctor.

OPIHI COLLEGE HPV EDUCATION

Claire Neilson our school nurse will see Year 8 students for about 20mins in the library and show a short DVD presentation on HPV Immunisation on Thursday 2nd March.

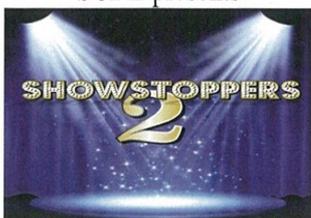
Parents can view this DVD on www.health.govt.nz

CONSENT FORMS will be given to each student to take home on this day. We ask for the forms to be filled out, signed and dated by the parent/legal caregiver and be returned to the school within one week of receiving them. A follow up phone call to parent/caregiver will be made if the form is not returned.

The date for immunisation at Opihi College for consenting students will be advised closer to the time.

Audition Notice

SCDL presents



Be involved in a fun show with awesome songs from Hamilton, Book of Mormon, Wicked, Legally Blonde, The Lion King and much much more.

A musical extravaganza, Showstoppers 2 features songs from Musicals the South Canterbury Drama League has never staged.

Onstage Theatre Royal, Timaru, July 20-22, 2017.

Mon, March 6, information and workshop evening, Playhouse, Church Street 6.30pm.

Sat, March 11, Auditions, Playhouse, Church Street

All welcome

Wanted - Children's Ensemble 6-13 years old,

Adults Ensemble 14 plus and Soloists.

Email scdl2@yahoo.com for an audition pack

with more information.

Rehearsal period from late May to July.



What is the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme

ANZ has developed the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme with the New Zealand Olympic Committee to inspire and motivate New Zealand's youth, through the magic and celebration of the Olympic Games. Schools will be provided with resources and merchandise to provide opportunities, activities and incentives for students to live the Olympic Values. In addition to the great resources schools can receive, ANZ has also tailored the programme so their staff can personally help schools earn credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre and also secure the chance to have an Olympic Ambassador visit the school.

ANZ staff will be encouraging people within their school communities to support their school and come to ANZ for their next home loan. For every home loan drawn down a school can earn credits to spend on items from the ANZ Awards

Centre, items such as sports equipment or computers. As an example an eligible home loan drawn down by someone linked to your school to the value of \$50k or more will entitle the school to 800 credits. 800 credits equates to approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards centre.

You can find out more at anzolympicschools.co.nz

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15th February 2017



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Ambulance Recruitment

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Temuka Needs You

St John, Temuka, provides emergency medical care for Temuka and the wider community thanks to the dedication of a group of ambulance volunteers critical in maintaining our service. In our busy community, both paid and volunteer staff, work side by side to provide the best response for our area.

As our workload increases, we rely heavily on the generosity of those who can give their time and commit to regularly supporting an ambulance response in Temuka.

We are writing to the families of the Temuka Area, and are grateful to Opihi College for assisting us with getting our message out to those who are invested in the community.

Currently we are looking to recruit new ambulance volunteers in order to maintain and grow our response.

Temuka Station is a friendly and welcoming team, of all ages, supporting diversity, with a leading focus on community care.

For successful recruits we provide supported training programs, advancing through First Aid, into Emergency Care, Health and Safety, offering unit standards and NZQA qualifications as you progress.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, hold a full drivers licence, and pass a police check.

Individuals interested in finding out more are invited to contact us.

We will be providing a series information evenings in the coming weeks providing an insight to the role of a volunteer ambulance officer, and an opportunity to find out more about the skills required and the opportunities available within this.

If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please contact:

George Clicquot 027 344 5203 or email george.clicquot@stjohn.org.nz

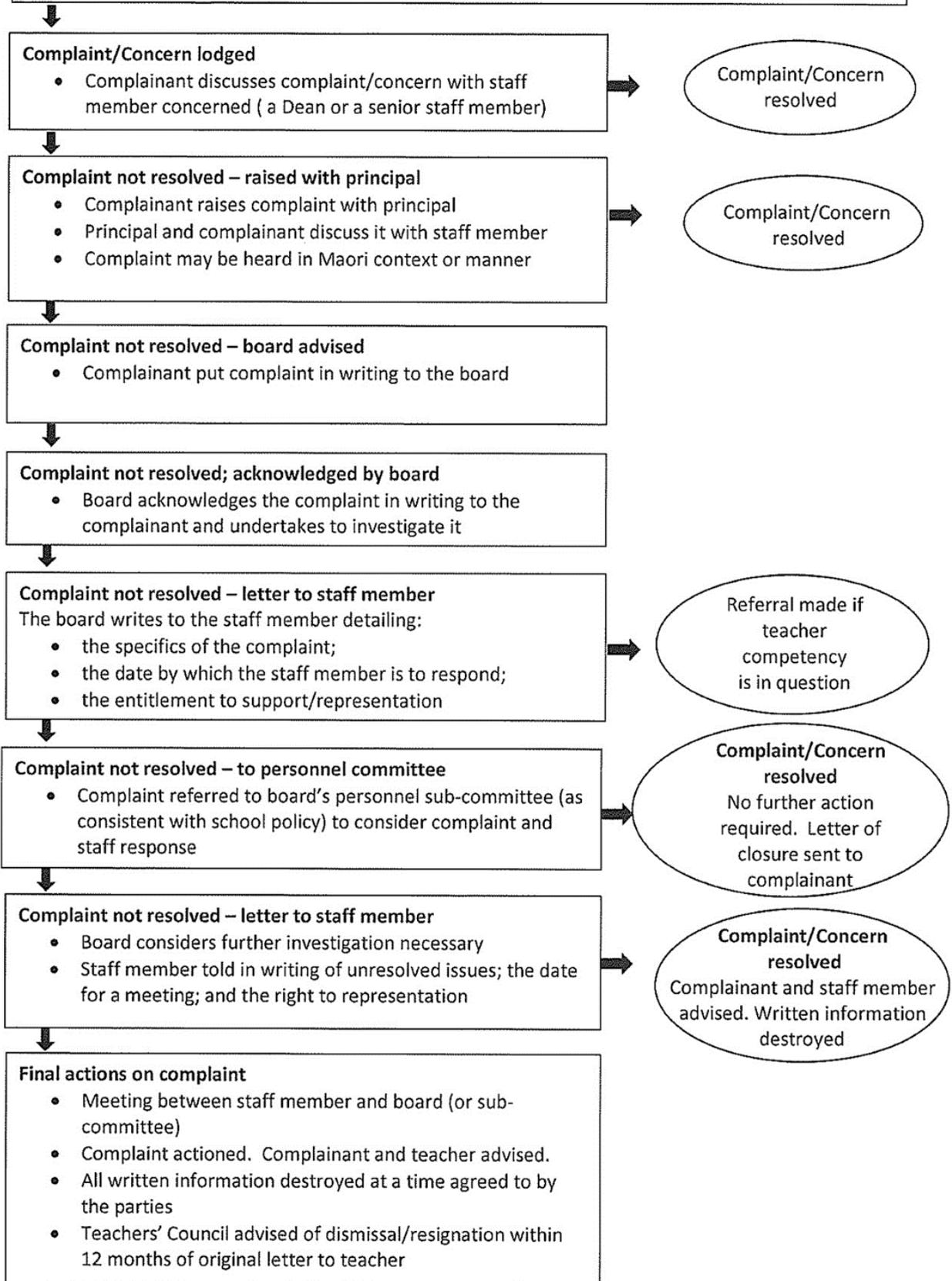
Kind regards,

ST JOHN TEMUKA

George Clicquot – Station Manager

OPIHI COLLEGE CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

When concerns and complaints from any member of the school community arise they will be handled promptly with care and sensitivity. Following this procedure will ensure that a fair resolution is reached. Everyone has a right to a support person throughout this procedure.



Concern / Complaint Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

What is the issue / concern? _____

What action have you taken in regard to this issue?

What would you like to happen now?

Are you willing to have a restorative conversation with the person with whom the complaint is about?
(if it is appropriate)

Office use only:

Date received: _____

Action taken:

Actioned by: _____

Date: _____