

# Opihi - on campus



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## WOW - World of Wearable Arts Yr12/13 Fabric Wellington 2014

At a very early 3.30am **Jessica Loomes, Sara Steele, Katelyn Gould and Deanne Lilley** along with Mrs Brien and Mrs Wright departed Opihi College bound for Wellington. The event was the WOW Awards ceremony celebrating the success of both New Zealand and international wearable art designers. We arrived in Wellington and quickly settled into setting up base for the next two days. We visited Parliament, the Botanical Gardens, Cuba Street, went up the cable car, Te Papa, Victoria University and of course took in a little retail therapy. By 7.00pm we were walking through the doors to see past entrants in the WOW awards. The students were able to see creations up close and experience a dazzling three hour show. The next day after catching buses, visiting Lower Hutt the students broadened their culinary tastes experiencing Malaysian cuisine for dinner. This was followed by a trip to the Movies complete with ice cream and then it was off to bed for our early return home the next morning. This trip has been a great event for our students allowing them to see where their creative skills and ideas could take them. All returned happy if not a little weary. A big thank you to Mrs Brien, Katelyn's Dad for donating wood for fundraising, Mrs Heenan and the Board of Trustees for their support of our trip. We hope to make this a biannual event.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>October</b>	27	Labour Day—School closed
	31	Nominations close for Board of Trustee parent representatives
<b>November</b>	3	Sports and Cultural Awards Assembly
	3	Final Senior Assembly
	3-4	Yr 8 Girls' Self Defence
	5	Last Day for Seniors
	10	NCEA Externals begin
	12-14	Yr 10 Tramp—Mt Somers Walkway
	13	SCPSSA Skateboarding Yr 7 and 8
	18	Tri exchange- Opihi / Mackenzie / Waimate
	21	Temuka Sports Group Athletics
	28	Graduation Dinner
<b>December</b>	2-5	Yr 7 Camp
	2	SCPS Athletics
	8	Activities Day Yr 7 -10
	9	Awards Ceremony

## STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your accounts or are paying by automatic payment. As the end of year is fast approaching we would appreciate all accounts to be finalised. As part of the sign out procedure for Seniors, fees must be paid and especially by those leaving and requiring a leaving certificate.



*From Across the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Kia ora tatou

The final term of the school year is well and truly under way. It was great to see students returning to school refreshed and ready to start work. For seniors there is just three and half weeks this term before eligible students can start their study leave. As a reminder to parents and caregivers we expect students to either have or demonstrated that they will have the necessary credits for their NCEA certificate prior to commencing study leave.

### **ERO**

In the first week of the new term we had our three yearly review with the Education Review Office. As part of this, the review officers were welcomed with a whole school powhiri. This was the first time that the whole school had performed the waiata and haka. The student performance was exceptional and received great praise from the ERO staff. It is anticipated that the Opihi College Board of Trustees will have the confirmed report prior to the end of the school year when the details of the review can then be made public. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for their support during this review.

### **New Zealand Basketball representative**

It is with great pleasure that I have had the opportunity to congratulate Lucy Stephens in being selected to play for the New Zealand U18 Basketball team. This is a great achievement for Lucy and Opihi College is proud of her achievement. We look forward to hearing of her future successes.

### **World of Wearable Arts**

During the last two days of Term 3, a group of students, accompanied by Mrs Keren Wright and Mrs Sue Brien travelled to Wellington to attend the awards night function for the World of Wearable Arts. The students had a fantastic time and returned on the Sunday afternoon excited but tired from their trip. Thank you to the staff that gave up their time to provide this opportunity to our students.

### **Aoraki Sports Awards**

On Friday 31 October I will be attending the annual Aoraki Sports Awards function. This year we have a number of nominations which have been accepted. The following students will be recognised during the evening:

**Tyla Smith**  
**Lucy Stephens**  
**Steven Cook**  
**Shawna Connell**

More details of their nominations appears elsewhere in this newsletter

### **Japanese Language trip**

It is good to welcome back the group of senior students who travelled to Japan as part of their language studies programme. This was the culmination of a lot of hard work and fund raising. The students have had a wonderful experience. Thank you to Mr Eric Lindblom and Ms Vicki Henderson who accompanied the students during their trip.

### **Bryce Bamford**

As many of you are aware, during the middle weekend of the school holidays, former student Bryce Bamford was tragically killed. Opihi College has supported the Bamford family during this time of great sadness. On behalf of the school community, we extend our sympathies to parents Phil and Linda as well as Will and Tamara, his brother and sister. I would like to reinforce the message that Phil gave during the memorial service held on 11 October at Opihi College. Please, all young people look after each other. Parents and caregivers please make sure that your child can get home safely if they are out late at night.

### **Awards Night**

Once again we will be combining the senior and junior awards into one night on Tuesday 9 December. Following feedback received from last year's event, we will be changing the format slightly. We hope to see as many parents at the event as possible when we celebrate the achievements of our students.

### **Finally**

On Monday afternoon, the Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Top Team Challenge. It was great to see so many students participating and contributing toward the team challenges.

Congratulations to all of those who took part.

Ka kite ano

Mike Wright  
Principal



## ARCHERY

Archery will not be held this term due to low numbers. We will run it again next year hopefully.

## UNIFORM

A reminder that all students must wear summer uniform after Labour Weekend with the exception of Year 13 who are to wear appropriate mufti. It is also important that students wear the correct footwear. Shoes must be plain, black, low heeled, lace-up or have a buckle/leather strap over the arch of foot fastening. No fancy buckles, stitching or suede. Wearing appropriate footwear is essential for the health of your feet. If you are unsure, please enquire at the office or at Kings Shoe Store, 91 King Street, Temuka.

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Children might do better in school if they're more physically active. Researchers assessed the activity levels and reading and maths skills of 186 Finnish children in grades 1 to 3. The study reports a link between higher levels of physical activity at recess and better reading skills, and a connection between participation in organised sports and higher maths test scores. In particular, boys with higher levels of physical activity—especially walking and cycling to school—had better reading skills than less active boys. They also found that boys who spent more time reading and writing during their leisure time had better reading skills. Though the study only found an association between activity and school skills, the researchers said the findings highlight how physical activity can benefit children - and especially boys' - school performance.

**SENIOR RETURNS DAY** will be 27th November at 10.00am for the return of college resources, library books and sports uniforms.

## SPORTS / CULTURAL / SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Parents are warmly invited to attend this special assembly which starts at 2pm on Monday 3rd November.

## AWARDS NIGHT

A reminder that once again we will be holding a combined junior and senior awards ceremony. This will be held at 7.00pm on 9th December. The aim is to offer some inspiration to our junior students about what they can achieve through their hard work and determination. All students are expected to attend in the evening.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving C.A.R.E. awards



Deanne Lilley	Bronze	Excellence
Mahana Neho	Bronze	Excellence
Sophie Pye	Bronze	Excellence
Curtis Watkins	Bronze	Excellence
Scott Wright	Bronze	Excellence
Dale Wetere	Bronze	Community
Kani Kani Wetere	Bronze	Excellence

## OPIHI COLLEGE



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 14 November 2014.

Signed:  
S Patrick  
Returning Officer

## Term 3 Senior Student Study Timetable

	Lunch Time Study	Room
Ms Henderson	Monday	Room 8
Miss Wylie	Monday	Room 7
Mr Osborn	Monday to Thursday	Design Suite (Fish Bowl)
Mrs Wright	Monday	Room 2
Mr Saint Louis	Thursday	Room 25
Miss Queree	Friday	Room 10
Ms Griffiths	Wednesday (after school)	Room 22
Mrs Staniford	Any lunch time	Library
Miss Clarkson	Monday, Thursday	Whare
Mr Gray	Monday	Room 21
Mr Callow	Tuesday and Thursday	Room 24
Mr Lindblom	Any lunch time	Room 11
Mrs Shah	Any lunch time (except Wed)	Room 23
Miss den Baars	Wednesday and Thursday	Room 10
Mr Ellena	Wednesday	Room 14
Mrs Rose	Friday	Room 17

## WANTED

If anyone has spare

- 2 litre ice cream containers
- Plastic milk bottles
- Plastic drink bottles (1 litre or bigger)

The Science Department would be grateful for them. Please deliver to the office if you are able to help out.

Dear Staff and Students,  
We are currently rewriting our ever popular Joke Book.  
We would love it if classes or individual students would like to submit jokes for this project.  
These can be sent to us via email [midsthcanterbury@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:midsthcanterbury@lifeed.org.nz) or posted to  
Lynne Porter  
PO Box 983  
Timaru 7940  
Many thanks  
Love from Harold.  
XXX



Mr Grace and Miss Carnihan have either prearranged study times for their students or no extra study time is required. See teacher if study time is not suitable.

## POETRY

The Year 9's have been writing a variety of poems in English lately. We found this one particularly impressive as it uses metaphors to describe a special person

### Portrait in Words

*Mum is a rainbow  
A sunrise with passion  
An amazing dress that shows her colours  
She is a drama movie  
With surprising moments, upsetting moments  
and more moments to come  
Mum is classical music  
With a lovely acoustic and catchy tune  
She is your favourite book  
A piece of fried chicken  
Mum is a car that will take you down a road  
A road full of break downs and adventures  
Mum is a person with a big heart*

**Written by Bylly Reeves**



# SOUTH CANTERBURY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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FREE ENTRY | FREE ENTRY  
CULTURE | ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD

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SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER | 11AM – 4PM

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AORAKI POLYTECHNIC - CNR NORTH ST & SH1








## CAREERS CORNER!



### Farewell

As the schooling year draws to a close we will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 13 students. Most of them have now made a decision as to which path they are going to follow next year and it is exciting to see their plans and ideas being put into action.

The students have worked hard on completing tertiary halls of residence application forms, scholarship applications, job applications and on the whole most have been successful. In particular I would like to congratulate to the following students who have **so far** been awarded scholarships for 2015:

**Jacob Uden – University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders Scholarship**

**Caitlin Heatlie – Alpine Energy Personal Development Scholarship**

**Kimberley Kirkcaldie – Challenge Work Trust**

Good luck to all those leaving Opihi College at the end of 2015 – may all your dreams come true!

### Holiday Jobs

With school finishing soon, many students are looking for holiday work – if anyone in the community can help or know of any jobs please call the school on 615 7442 and talk to Mrs Heenan.

### Programme Incubator

The final session of Programme Incubator this year was held in at Timaru Hospital where we toured the following four departments – Sterilisation Unit, AT&R, Radiology and Maternity. In each department the students were able to experience first-hand what it would be like to work in these departments and they were often able to talk with the different staff member's one on one. It was a great way to end Programme Incubator for 2015 and all of the students really enjoyed the visit. Also, this year through Programme Incubator we have been able to arrange some individual work shadowing placements for students who are next year keen to pursue a career in their chosen medical field. This work shadowing looks good on a student's CV when they are applying for their course. We are grateful to Dave Moore for arranging these visits and to the staff from the SCDHB for taking the time to help our students.



### New Cricket wicket for Opihi College

The Temuka Cricket Club recently applied to the Fonterra Grass Roots funding for \$5000 to re-lay the artificial pitch at Opihi College.

The original artificial pitch on the playing fields at Opihi College was originally laid in the late 1980's and was used by both the school and the cricket club to play matches during the week and at the weekends for various clubs and school teams.

Unfortunately, about 10 years ago, the original pitch was vandalised and rendered the pitch unplayable for any club or school cricket. Three years ago, the Temuka Cricket Club started to rejuvenate the junior section of cricket club to get more children involved in the sport. We started a junior morning grade team. Last year we had 2 children's teams playing on a Saturday morning and this year we have 3 teams. With the growing numbers it has been a challenge to provide suitable playing areas for the children.

I am pleased to report that Fonterra have very generously donated the \$5000 needed to re-lay a brand new pitch. The old pitch has been removed and we are currently awaiting the arrival of the new artificial turf so we can recommence cricket at Opihi College.

The Temuka Cricket club is extremely grateful to Fonterra for funding this project and we would also like to thank Opihi College principal Mike Wright and groundsman Percy Goldfinch for their help in this project.

We look forward to seeing some future Blackcaps coming out of Temuka!

If you would like more information about playing cricket for the Temuka CC please contact Marshall Stoddart (club captain) on 027 2343268.

Shane Gilkison  
SC Cricket Development Manager



### RAKAIA MUD RUN

Congratulations to the 'Temuka Magpies' team of **Logan Jones, Tahlia George, Cameron Doake and Lily Moore**, who have again won their age group at the annual Rakaia Mud Run. The race involves running and crawling through a 1.5km course of muddy obstacles and slides.



### BASKETBALL

**Lucy Stephens** has been named in the New Zealand Womens Under 18 Basketball team. This is a marvelous achievement. Well done Lucy, we are very proud of you.

### Temuka Amateur Swimming Club

*Registration Night*  
Temuka Pool 4:30 to 5:30pm  
Thursday 30 October

Expert coaching offered for all grades and ages 6 years and over

Enquiries Ph 6159362  
Email: [mwebb@csifqc.org.nz](mailto:mwebb@csifqc.org.nz)

# JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDY TRIP

## "Tadaima! We're home!"

Jessie Evans, Kyissha Friend, Samantha Haley, Tea' Prentice, Wiremu Te Haate and teachers Eric Lindblom and Vicki Henderson travelled to Japan for a three week language study trip during the Term 3 holidays. The journey began with a one-week rail adventure in the south of Japan and travel to cultural highlights in Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, Kumamoto Castle, and Kagoshima. Some new experiences for the students included bullet trains, navigating the Tokyo subway and Kyoto bus system, Japanese vending machines and karaoke, sleeping on a futon on tatami mats, computerised toilets (Miss Henderson!) and all of the very different, but mostly delicious food that they tried. After a week of Japanese life on the road, they headed up to Hokkaido in the far north where they experienced a two-week homestay and school visit in the Timaru District's sister city, Eniwa. Students attended the regular classes of a high school in Eniwa, participated in daily school cleaning sessions (no cleaners in Japan) and watched, and sometimes joined in with, the many after school club activities on offer. It was impressive that most of the sports teams and the school bands practised daily until after 6pm! Though it was only a short three weeks in Japan, it was a life changing experience. Close bonds were forged between the students and their host families with one host family promising to visit us in Temuka next year!



We are very grateful to the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education and also the Temuka community who generously supported our many fundraising activities.



## Mathematics Activities fly

Years 7 and 8 students studied Statistics at the end of Term 3. Some classes investigated paper airplanes. In Ms Griffiths' class students were given a selection of paper plane designs to make. They then practised flying them outside, unfortunately the wind made it impossible to compare planes. Each student then threw their plane three times and we measured the length of the flights. Sometimes the airplane flew right to the end of the room but mostly they landed before they hit the wall. The class collected all the median results in a table and compared them. They also displayed their results in graphs and wrote comments about them.



**Blake Morris, Jackson Staeger, Joel Shenton, Joshua Lovatt, Hannah Morrison, Shayden Walton and Israel Pearce with their planes.**

## REUSE RECYCLABLE REALLY EASY TO USE Upcoming school fundraising activity!

Ez cover is a new range of patented slip on book covers for NZ school exercise books.

Visit [www.ezcover.co.nz](http://www.ezcover.co.nz) to see the design themes and in the next week a letter will be coming home to families with instructions of how to support Opihi College fundraising. The reusable covers can be purchased from as little as \$1.40 for which Opihi College will gain 5 cents per cover.

### REMINDER

The school newsletter will now be published each fortnight on the school website. If you wish to continue receiving newsletters, reports and other updates in paper form please return the permission slip sent home before the 31st October.

*The next issue of this newsletter will only be printed for those families who have requested this by returning the permission slip.*

We're bringing back...  
THE CUBE

**READY FOR SUMMER**  
**DANCE PARTY**  
at THE PORT LOOP

Fri, 14 Nov / 7:30-11pm / Ages 13+

TICKETS: \$10  
Get yours at:  
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High Schools in Timaru/Temuka/Geraldine  
Limited tickets / Cash only / No EFTPOS - Don't miss out, get a group together now!

For more info:  
Kirsty 027 426 7839 Cat 027 464 2007

