

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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## OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY

**TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2015**

Students remember to come dressed for competing in your *house colours*. Please NO face paint. Remember sunblock and plenty of water!

Programmes are available at the school office for the full days competition.

***Parents and supporters of the school are most welcome to join us at this event***

## OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

**FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2015**

Qualifying races were held last week, and the School Swimming Sports will be held this Friday at the Temuka Domain Pool. Races begin at 1.00pm. All students will travel to the pool to attend this school event. Normal school uniform to be worn for morning classes, and students not swimming on Friday please bring your house coloured clothes to show your support. (Students to change into house coloured mufti at lunchtime). The canteen will be open on Friday—please order your lunch before school and collect at morning tea time. (Canteen will close after morning tea). Students will be released from the pool at 3.10pm, bus students will be collected from the pool. ***Parents are very welcome to join us at this event***

## OPIHI COLLEGE FUNDRAISER TERM 1



**TWILIGHT GALA**  
**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 5pm – 7pm**  
Opihi College announces its inaugural Twilight Gala.



Students and families are asked to start clearing out cupboards, donating goods such as books, clean working toys, plants and bric-a-brac.

Students can bring their donations to the library every day.

House points will be given for all donations.

Students will be receiving more information at a later date, also please check out the school Facebook page for up to date information.

***PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY***

## 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,

Kia ora tatou

The school term is now well underway.

Students have been participating in a number of activities and have also been presented with new opportunities which no doubt will feature in the newsletter in the coming months.

With the start of the year we find that we have to reinforce our standards for uniform. I urge parents if they have any questions about what is acceptable to please contact either Mrs Rose or Mrs Staniford to ensure that students have the correct uniform. It is worth reminding parents that the Board of Trustees is seeking feedback on the current uniform for our students. If you have not received a survey form please contact the school office.

### 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 2015 are:

Aoraki	Samantha Haley
	Jaime Gould
Opihi	Wiremu Te Haate
	Learna Hausler
	Sara-Jane Steele
Pacific	Lyndon Murray
	Lori McDonald
	Tea Prentice
Rata	Lydia Kinvig
	Tegan Robertson

### Conferencing

With the start of the new school year teachers have been meeting with small groups of students to mentor them and encourage them to set goals for the year. During the forthcoming conferencing days on the 2 and 3 March students will talk about their goals and what they intend to do to start to achieve these during the year. Education is an important partnership between the school, the student and the home. We ask all parents to ensure that they attend during the conferencing for their 20 minute appointment to discuss strategies to assist students during the coming year. Together we can assist students reach their full potential.

### NCEA Endorsements

In 2014 we had a significant number of students who achieved their NCEA certificate with an endorsement at

either Merit or Excellence. The NCEA Level 1 and 2 students have been acknowledged in assembly where they received a badge to mark their achievement. The Level 3 students who have now left Opihi College have received a personal letter and certificate to mark their achievement.

#### Level 1 Excellence

Emelia Livingstone	Emily Scannell
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#### Level 1 Merit

Samantha Haley	Liam Marshall
Meghan Mulligan	Lyndon Murray
Tea Prentice	Wiremu Te Haate

#### Level 2 Excellence

Madison Martin
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#### Level 2 Merit

Harley Cawkill	Brittany Evans
Erin Howey	Casey-Jayne Wilson

#### Level 3 Excellence

Shannon Dolamore	Kimberley Kirkcaldie
Jamie Pearson	Jacob Uden

#### Level 3 Merit

Maigen McDonald	Sarah Millar
Lucy Scannell	Caitlin Heatlie

### HiYS Day

For the last three 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 lead our new students through a range of activities to encourage team work and communication. I appreciate the hard work of the senior students and staff who contributed to the success of the 2015 event.

### Year 7 survey

Next week all Year 7 students will receive a survey for them and their parents/ caregivers. The feedback from the survey helps us to plan for the future. Please do take the time to complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided. All responses will go in the draw for a family movie pass.

## Swim Sports

Last week all Year 7 students received a survey for them and their parents / caregivers. Feedback from the day showed that there was a great deal of enthusiasm from the students who took part. I am looking forward to the final event which is coming up at the end of the week and I hope to see many parents supporting at the event.

## Athletics

Our Athletics Sports Day is also coming up soon on 24 February. Again I encourage parents and whanau to come along and support students as they compete in their individual events. I am looking forward to a great day and to the staff beating the Year13's in the staff student challenge!!

Finally I look forward to sharing more positive reports of student success in the coming weeks. Please do take the time to talk to your children about what they are doing and learning at school and the feedback they are receiving from their teachers. The interest you show in your child's education has a real impact upon their success.

Ka kite ano

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### Wednesday 25th February

Students to wear clean and tidy summer uniform please. If you would like to purchase a student ID card, you can order these from the photographer.



## CARE BADGES AWARDED THIS WEEK

Billy Cook	AORAKI	Bronze E
Tahlia George	AORAKI	Bronze E
Sam Haley	AORAKI	Bronze R
Sam Haley	AORAKI	Bronze A
Tegan Robertson	AORAKI	Silver E

*Congratulations to you all*

## RELIEF TEACHER AIDE POSITION

We are seeking a suitable person who is able to work at short notice on an occasional basis. The position is based in our Student Learning Centre (Kowhai House) and may include working with students with physical disabilities. Please contact Mr Wright, Principal.



# SPORTS NEWS

This week we have completed our **school swimming** – congratulations to all competitors. Good luck to those entered in the TSG Swimming Competition, SCPSSA swimming and the Aoraki Swimming Champs.

On Monday we have our cricket enthusiasts going to Christchurch to watch England v Scotland in an ICC World Cup Cricket Match. Students please remember you need to wear your PE uniform.

***Have a great day!***

**Athletics Day is on Tuesday** – students remember to come dressed for competing in your *house colours*. Please NO face paint. Remember sunblock and plenty of water!

**February is Bike wise month** – complete the Temuka explorer challenge questionnaire, return it to Sally and collect a spot prize!

If any parents want to let me know about a sporting achievement or a sporting opportunity etc. please email Sally, Sports Co-ordinator at [sports@opihicollege.school.nz](mailto:sports@opihicollege.school.nz). Or come and see Sally in the library.

If there are any parents who are thinking about coaching or volunteering for our school sports teams please collect a police vetting form from Sally in the library.

**Temuka Sports Awards**—Nomination forms are available from Sally in the library. There are numerous categories, including student, coach and teams. Nominations close 28 February 2015.

**OPIHI COLLEGE HOODIE** – these are \$50. There are samples in the library to try for sizing. Please note sizes are very unusual. It is recommended you try before you buy!

## HADLOW TO HARBOUR FUN RUN/JOG/WALK Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

10km or 3km distances  
starting at 9.30am  
A great way to get active  
and do your bit for numerous local charities

**ENTRY** is by wristband which can be ordered online at no extra cost. **PRICES:** \$3 per student, \$10 per adult.



## HPV VACCINATION CLINIC

The Public Health Nursing Team will be delivering HPV vaccination in South Canterbury Schools from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. It is proposed we will be at Opihi College on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 8 girls will all be given a consent form to take home whether or not they have started the program with their GP.

It is important that this form is completed (even if you decline the vaccination) and the form returned to school.

I will arrange a short education session about HPV for the Year 8 girls during school hours, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am.

Any older girl who would like to join the school based program, can collect a consent form from the student office. If your daughter has started the program with your doctor, it is advised they continue with the doctor.

Further information is available on [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv) where it can also take you to an updated YOU TUBE resource on HPV,

Phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or phone Claire if you have any queries.

Claire Neilson  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE  
6872326 or 027 247 9301

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

*Monday 2nd March 4.00 —8.00pm  
& Tuesday 3rd March 2015 8.00am—4.00pm*

[www.opihicollege.co.nz](http://www.opihicollege.co.nz)  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Please book your conference via the Opihi College website or the School Interviews website, Event Code NT7TJ. Students and parents or care-givers will meet with their mentors. If you have any difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### **Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on Tuesday 3rd March.**

Students who do not attend a conference on the 2nd or 3rd (or by special arrangement) will be marked truant on this day, normal truancy procedures will be followed.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>February</b>	20	Swimming Sports
	23	World Cup Cricket trip
	24	Athletics Day
	25	School Photos
	25-28	ECan "Water" Youth Hui
<b>March</b>	2	Student Led Conferencing 4—8pm
	3	Student Led Conferencing 8—4pm <b><i>School closed for instruction</i></b>
	14-15	Relay for Life
	18	HPV Vaccination Clinic
	21	Temuka Family Fun Day
	27	THETA Presentation & Workshop
<b>April</b>	1	School Gala 5—7pm
<b>April</b>	2	End of Term 1

## Term Dates 2015

Term 1	January 30	April 2
Term 2	April 20	July 3
Term 3	July 20	September 25
Term 4	October 12	December 7

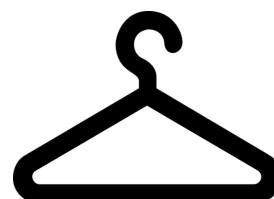
## OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORMS

### Second Hand Uniform

The school has a small supply of second hand uniform which can be viewed and purchased at the school office.

The school office is now able to accept donations of unwanted uniform items, or alternatively to sell on your behalf. Uniforms must be clean and in saleable condition, kilts to have been dry cleaned please.

Items which are stained, ripped or torn will not be accepted for sale. School retains 20% commission.





**TEMUKA J.A.B. RUGBY CLUB**  
Announce J.A.B Registrations for  
the 2014 season on the following  
dates

**Sunday 1st March 12 noon - 1pm**  
For registrations and Sausage  
Sizzle

**Wednesday 4th March 5pm -6pm**  
At Temuka Rugby Club Rooms

Calling for new coaches and  
managers for all grades  
All new players welcome, please  
bring a copy of birth certificate.

For further information, please  
contact Lisa Aitken 6157 886 or  
Kylie Williams 6159 939 Check out  
our new Facebook page Temuka  
JAB

### **FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN CHRISTCHURCH**

Hear from returned students, find out  
more about discounts and scholar-  
ships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 26th February -  
7.00pm**

The Kiwi Family Trust  
420 Sainty Asaph Street  
PHILLIPSTOWN

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)  
or call 1300 135 331 for more  
information

## **Want to make healthier food choices?**



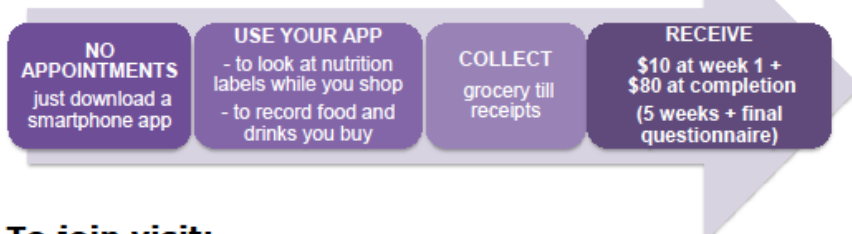
### **Would you like to take part in a 5-week nutrition labelling study using your smartphone?**

Many people find it hard to understand nutrition information on packaged food labels. The aim of the Starlight study is to compare different nutrition labels and see which of them make healthy food choices easier.

#### **To take part you need to:**

- be 18 years or older
- have a smartphone with at least occasional internet connection (e.g. free Wi-Fi zones)
- do at least half of your household shopping
- shop at a supermarket at least once a week

#### **What will the study involve?**



#### **To join visit:**

**[www.diet.auckland.ac.nz/content/starlight](http://www.diet.auckland.ac.nz/content/starlight)**

#### **Any questions? Please contact us...**

**Dr Katya Volkova:** 09 923 4742  
Email: [starlight@nihi.auckland.ac.nz](mailto:starlight@nihi.auckland.ac.nz)

Approved by the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on  
26/5/14 (for 3 years): Ref 011390



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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Raukōwhiri



Family Works South Canterbury presents  
**Nathan Mikaere-Wallis**

## **THE TEENAGE BRAIN CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS**

**Wednesday March 18 2015 • 7pm-9pm**  
**Theatre Royal Timaru, 124 Stafford St Timaru**



**People helping people in South Canterbury**



# St John Temuka Open Day

Come and see what volunteering on an ambulance is about

Have a look through a New Ambulance

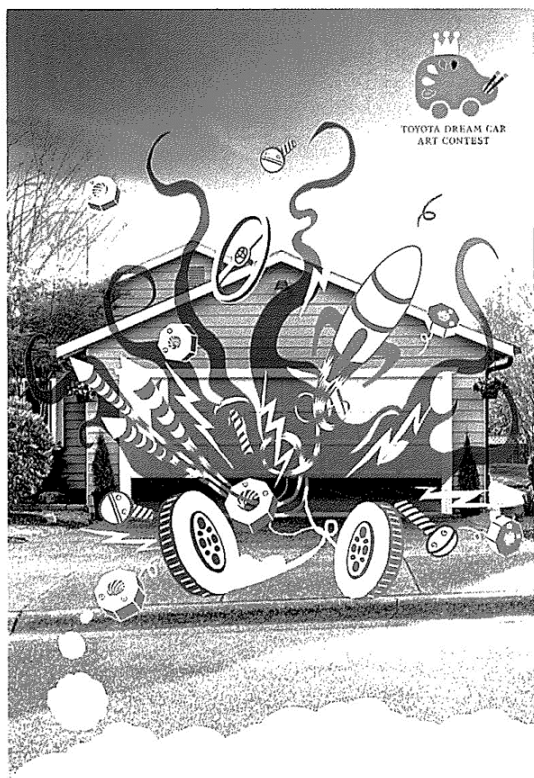
See our new Uniform

St John Cadets/Youth will be there to talk to

Sausage Sizzle

21<sup>st</sup> February 2015

10.00am-2.00pm



## What shape will your dream car take?

If you're 15 or under, you could score one of three Apple iPad Minis and even a trip to Japan, just by entering the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest.\* We believe if you can dream it, you can do it. Put your imagination into high gear and download the entry form at [Toyota.co.nz/DreamCar](http://Toyota.co.nz/DreamCar)

\*Contest entry period is from 5 January to 13 March 2015. Contest is open to children up to the age of 15 years old. For entry details



# Are you New Zealand's JUNIOR TIGER?

A nationwide hunt is on for New Zealand's 2015 Junior Tiger

The winner will get to represent New Zealand at The World Junior Golf Championships in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member!

Tournament categories are:

- 11 & under (girls and boys)
- 12-14 (girls and boys)

Register online NOW at [www.juniortiger.co.nz](http://www.juniortiger.co.nz)

New to golf?

Come along and give it a go! Everyone who attends on the day goes into the draw to win a trip for you and a family member to DISNEYLAND in the USA!

A FUN DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

## TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS 2015

8 March	Northland	Northland Golf Club
15 March	North Harbour	Pupuke Golf Club
1 March	Auckland	Wattle Downs Golf Club
8 March	Waikato	Ngahinepouri Golf Club
8 March	Bay of Plenty	Otumoetai Golf Club
8 March	Poverty Bay	Poverty Bay Golf Club
15 March	Taranaki	Mania Golf Club
8 March	Manawatu/Wanganui	Palmerston North Golf Club
8 March	Wellington	Mornington Golf Club
8 March	Tasman	Greenacres Golf Club
8 March	Canterbury	Russell Golf Club
8 March	Aorangi	Temuka Golf Club
8 March	Otago	Island Park Golf Club
8 March	Otago	Queenstown Golf Club
8 March	Southland	Winton Golf Club

NATIONAL FINAL: 12 April at Manawatu Golf Club

WIN  
1 of 2

trips to  
Disneyland.



## ST PATRICKS DAY

SOUTH CANTERBURY IRISH SOCIETY

proudly presents

# The Awakening

Music by

# KELTIC MIX

Sat 14th March 2015

Celtic Club Rooms, Craigie Ave, Timaru

## Come Join the Celebrations

a bite to eat provided during the interval

Tickets \$20 purchased from The Sail and Anchor

The Sacred Heart School + St Josephs School

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