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ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS



Our special ANZAC Commemorations were held on Friday, and thank you to all who attended. Special guests from the Temuka RSA included Mr Hogg, and Mr Ken Dawber. We were very honoured to have Mr Dawber present at our assembly. Mr Dawber served in World War 2, and this was the first ANZAC service he had attended since his discharge. These returned servicemen unveiled the new Opihi College Roll of Honour, handmade by Mr Dave Ellena. It honours the fifty former Temuka District High School students who made the ultimate sacrifice in The Great War. Many thanks to Mr Ellena for his work. The returned servicemen were thanked following the ceremony and presented with ANZAC biscuits made by our students.





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

Welcome back to term 2!

The new term saw some new activities for students. I trust that the Easter break was relaxing and that students have returned for the new term ready to settle to their studies and take full advantage of all of the opportunities available to them.

ANZAC Assembly

At the end of the first week we hosted our annual ANZAC Assembly and it was particularly pleasing to see so many parents attend and mark this special event in the New Zealand calendar. This year was particularly significant with the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings in Turkey. For Opihi College this was marked by the unveiling of a new honours board which identified the students, of the former Temuka District High School, who fell in World War One.

During the assembly the senior students read the names of the fallen, where they had died and their ages. It was particularly moving to hear so many names of young men who had died in their twenties during the war. Following the assembly student representatives placed crosses under the school flag pole to set up a 'Field of Remembrance'. This will remain until Thursday 7 May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Blue Hogg and Ken Dawber who attended the assembly and helped with proceedings. Following the assembly they received ANZAC biscuits prepared for the RSA by students at Opihi College.

RYDA, student in cars safety education

On Thursday, 23 April, all of our Y12 students participated in the RYDA vehicle safety training at Levels Raceway. This activity was supported by driver trainers and the police. Students enjoyed the experience and the feedback was very positive.

Staff who attended praised the instruction and also commented that they had learnt a lot during the day too! I hope that we will have the opportunity to offer this programme again in 2016.

Mufti day for Nepal

The head students are organising a mufti day for the people of Nepal who have been affected by the recent tragic earthquake. The mufti day will be on

Tuesday 5 May and all funds raised will be donated to the charity of their choice currently working in with the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Any family who would like to make an additional donation may do so at the school office.

Work day

On Thursday, 7 May, we expect all of our Y9 to 13 students to be involved in a work day. This is a valuable opportunity for students to earn funds to assist with purchasing resources and equipment which is of a direct benefit to them. We last ran a work day in 2013 and raised over \$5000 which was used to fund the provision of a wireless computer network. Parents, please assist and encourage your children to find work for the day. If you know of a person who would like a worker for the day please let the office know and we will try to match up a student. We would also welcome approaches from community organisation who would like assistance with a community project for the day. Students who participate in school approved community projects will not need to be paid. This is our contribution to community organisations.

Late start

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and caregivers of Year 7 and 8 students that whilst the Year 9 to 13 students are out on work day the teaching staff will be starting work earlier. This will commence at 8am with some in service training which will be conducted on site in school. The first lesson of the day will commence at 9am for our Year 7+8 students. Students who travel to school by bus will be supervised once they arrive in school until the start of their first lesson that day. School will conclude at the same time that afternoon.

Finally

Last terms fund raising efforts have provided the school with a much needed financial boost. The result of the Hot Cross Buns and Twilight Gala raised a total of \$3863. Thank you to all the families who supported these ventures. I am sure we will have some further fundraising activities coming up later this term.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright



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WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

Josh Crichton
Tiger Lily Doudle

Congratulations on winning a Canteen Voucher

WANTED FOR SCHOOL BALL

The ball committee would like to borrow fairy lights and "Paris themed decorations" for the school ball to be held on Saturday 22nd May. If you have anything suitable you are able to loan, could you please leave named decorations at the school office.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May	5	Mufti Day
	6	Opihi College Open Day 2.00 to 6.00 pm
	7	Work Day * Years 7 & 8 begin school at later time of 9.00am
	15	Opihi College Cross Country
	19	Attitude presentation
	22	Opihi College Ball
June	1	Queens Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED

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

UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

April 2015

We endeavor to keep our data base of Student Information as up to date as possible at all times. If you have had any recent changes, could you please complete the slip below and return to the school office:

Student Name(s) _____

Update Contact Information

Change of Address _____

Parent / Caregiver Contact Details _____

New Cellphone Numbers _____

Change of Doctor _____

Updated Medical Information

Please let us know if anything has changed recently

For example: New Medications, Recently diagnosed conditions we should be aware of, Eyesight or hearing problems

WINTER UNIFORM

The winter uniform will become compulsory after the Queens Birthday holiday weekend. During May, students may choose to wear the summer or the winter uniform.



OPIHI COLLEGE HOODIES FOR SALE \$50

ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Toni Wilson for winning a Gold Award in the 8-11 yr old age category in the 9th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in New Zealand. Toni 's prize for this was an i-pad, and she is now in with a chance to win a trip to Japan. Pictured below is her winning entry.



OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

*AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE*

Opihi Ties \$20

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Beanies \$10

Navy blue polar fleece

PE Tops \$60

We have tops available for immediate purchase in most sizes, or we can order in for you.

Winter Sports Socks \$10

These long socks are Black with a white top, as worn by Temuka Hockey, Soccer and Rugby teams. (Wool foot with nylon leg.)

Kilts

We are awaiting the arrival of the new kilts from our supplier for those who have ordered them.

Second Hand Uniform

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



New Courses in 2015

Did you notice some new course choices in our 2015 timetable? We have incorporated courses in Agriculture, Crafting History and Retail alongside some new learning partnerships with Aoraki Polytechnic for our older students.



Agriculture

Classes are provided for students in Year 10 and above who wish to extend their understanding across a number of Agricultural Fields. The course covers pasture management, agricultural impact on the environment and incorporates practical skills for the workplace such as fencing.

Crafting History

An online Google Hangout Course for Year 10 students. The class is a network of students from across the Canterbury region that use historical contexts and research to recreate buildings and landscapes from the past in an online Minecraft platform.

Retail

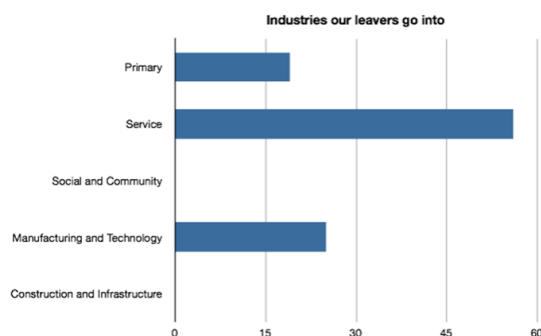
Year 11 and 12 students interested in a Vocational Pathway in Retail undertake this course through the Transition classroom. Students work independently on a suite of unit standards to up-skill their knowledge of working in a retail environment. The examining body assesses them in a part-time workplace.

V-Path (Aoraki Polytechnic)

Students attend both school and Aoraki Polytechnic in partnership to complete NCEA Level 2 and 3. Students study core subjects of their choice at school plus 1 or 2 days in Timaru working towards their chosen Career. This year we have students studying Automotive, Health and Beauty, and Early Childcare.

So why are we including these specific courses?

We have audited the destination careers or tertiary courses of our leaving students and discovered they head into the sectors shown in the graph below.



If you would like to discuss these courses, or others don't hesitate to contact us!



TWILIGHT GALA

Our grateful thanks to all those who supported the inaugural Twilight Gala, either by attending or donating items for our stalls. The White Elephant stall held many treasures and bargains, and a great night was had by all. This marvelous fundraising effort raised more than \$3,000 towards our current projects, including installation of school lockers.

Thank you to Mrs Mulvena and Mrs Wright for their organisation, and all of the staff and students who assisted with the gala.





OPIHI COLLEGE OPEN DAY

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2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka

Phone: (03) 615 7442

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Enrolment forms available on the day

Wednesday, May 6 Opihi College

Be part of our exciting future