

# Opihi - on campus



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## OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

15TH MAY 2015



*Senior Boys 2015 Cross Country Champion Andrew Kirkcaldie*

A busy school day led to a high turnout for today's annual cross country. Around 90 students running competitively, a great event was expected. The weather turned it on for us and although a little cold the sun was out and the rain never came.

The Senior Boys set off first and the favourites were Andrew Kirkcaldie and Harley Twaddle. The race was very fast and the real competition was for second and third place, as Andrew beat the course record by 24 seconds winning with clear distance and time from the older boys. Harley ran hard and took a well-deserved second place from Lyndon Murray.

Senior Girls race had a small field but composed of determined runners. Erin Howey secured a comfortable win from Lydia Kinvig and Olivia McBride.

The year 9 and 10 boys ran well with the top three all within 30 seconds of each other. Shaydon Campbell proved he meant business pushing a resolute Adam Wilson and Cody Crawshaw into second and third places.

Kayla Bagrie managed to pull out all the stops and equal the course record of 5 years beating Kayleigh Wright (Second) and Tyla Smith (Third). Kayleigh recorded the second fastest time over the course for a year 9 and 10 Girl.

The 7 and 8 Boys had a very good run with a large field and three very good runners all competing for line honours. Thomas Johnson as the reigning champion managed to beat last year's time by nearly 30 seconds, but such was the class of the field this year that he was in a close third position. The race for first and second was fantastic with Ryan Bagrie and Fletcher Joyce putting everything on the line, both bettering the former record for the course. Fletcher however had the edge and secured his first win, putting Ryan into second place.

Tahlia George, Jodie Jolley and Toni Wilson again produced runs that in the past would have seen all three win with a record time. However only one person can win, Tahlia, but she was pushed to the end to achieve this by Jodie (Second) and Toni (third).

The races this year were awesome, with three of the six records being broken and one being equalled. Students will now have the opportunity to take part in the Aoraki secondary cross country 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Year 9's and above) and the SCPSSA cross country 9<sup>th</sup> June (Year's 7 and 8). The national Secondary School's Cross Country event is on 20<sup>th</sup> June in Dunedin and it would be a great experience for our children to participate in this event.



*Year 7 & 8 Cross Country Champion Fletcher Joyce chased by eventual Runner Up Ryan Bagrie; and followed by Lyndon Murray.*



## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

We are now half way through the term and for the senior students close to the mid point of their NCEA courses. During the last two weeks teachers have been meeting their mentoring groups and 'checking in' with students to review their progress with towards their goals. For senior students this is a great opportunity to review their progress towards NCEA. For some it can prove the encouragement to work towards an endorsement at Merit or Excellence. Such an endorsement at NCEA L2 can provide the preferential entry into a number of New Zealand universities the following year.

### Road Safety

This week I talked to students about road safety. During the last two weeks I have had telephone calls from the concerned members of the public who have seen students:

- Cycling without helmets

- Scootering and skateboarding in front of cars

- Listening to music on headphones completely unaware of the cars around them.

- Playing on the railway tracks and ignoring the crossing signals.

I have informed the police and they are going to monitor students and may caution or impose fines.

### Ball

Last week much of the focus for many of the senior students was the Opihi College Ball. On Monday, I reflected with the students and said that each year the ball gets better and better. This presents a challenge to the current Year 12 students! The Paris themed ball was a great success. The Opihi College students looked fantastic and all seemed to have a great time. Many of the guests from other schools who attended stopped to speak to me as they left to say how much they had enjoyed the night. The behaviour of those who attended was superb and made for a very pleasant night.



*Cross Country Runners Jacob Wilson, Cameron Stone and Luke Smith*

### Cross Country

I can now report on the school cross country event which took place two weeks ago. This year the competitive field of runners increased. Each student who ran competitively has been offered a CARE card as they have earned the respect of all concerned by raising to the challenge of the competitive event. A full report and results will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Well done to all students who took part and making this such a great afternoon.

### Careers Expo

Large numbers of our Y10 and 11 students attended the careers expo last week. Many returned with ideas about their future. In August we will also be hosting our own careers option evening. We are hoping that we will have a new presenter attend to speak to students about some exciting developments with regards to qualifications and career opportunities. I hope that by next month this will be confirmed. I would urge all parents and students who are currently in Y9 upwards to attend. All Y7 and 8 parents and students are also encouraged to attend also.

### Finally

With the recent power outage in Temuka last week, it highlighted our need to be able to communicate with parents in a timely manner. For a while we had no computer or internet access. This makes using our text service more challenging! Please note that in these situations we will broadcast school closures or late starts on Classic Hits and Port FM.

Ka kite ano  
Mike Wright





# Opihi College

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## Congratulations

Leeroy Brown ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Ellen Crosse ~ received her Silver E badge  
Hamish Fikken ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Hayley McLean ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Jessica Marshall ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Cole Robertson ~ received his Bronze C badge  
Megan Talbot ~ received her Bronze R badge  
Toby Tredrea ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Courtney Leonard ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Sophie Nolan ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Alicia Staniford ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Toanui Taputu ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Mahaliya Tito ~ received her Bronze E badge

## WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

May 2015 Stella Cotter

*Congratulations on winning a Canteen Voucher*

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>May</b>	30	World Vision 40 Hour Famine Sleepover
<b>June</b>	1	Queens Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED
	3	Aoraki Cross Country
	9	SCPSSA Cross Country
	11	Japanese NCEA trip
<b>August</b>	21	Mt Hutt Ski Trip Yr 7-9
	28	Mt Hutt Ski Trip Yr 10-13
<b>September</b>	9-11	Wanaka Ski Trip Yr 9-10

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

There has been a reported case of headlice within the school. Please check your child's hair.

## Tracking app launched by NZQA

The NCEA Student App has been officially launched. It complements the NCEA Guide App launched, last year, by NZQA to assist parents and employers to understand how NCEA works.

The free NCEA Student App has been developed to help students track their NCEA credit progress and set goals for their NCEA achievement. Although there are other apps available to students, the NCEA Student App provides an officially maintained database of standards and a goal-setting function. We encourage students to look at all the apps available and to use the one that suits them best.

The NCEA Student App will help students, parents, schools and whānau track learning progress and encourage excellence. All content is available in English and Te Reo Māori.

The NCEA Student App functionality makes it possible for students to:

- ☑ Create a record of the subjects and standards that they are studying
- ☑ Select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets
- ☑ See how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance (UE)
- ☑ Set reminders for each standard - such as when assignments are due
- ☑ Capture results as they are achieved and cross check with the school or NZQA
- ☑ Personalise with information such as their NSN number or details about a course or standard (such as the teacher's name or timetabled classroom)
- ☑ Customise with different colour coding options and the ability to add photos
- ☑ Use in English and Te Reo Māori.

The App has a standalone database with a powerful search engine which allows students to easily find NCEA courses and standards that they are doing, or would like to do, and to set and track achievement goals. The NCEA Student App is free to download from the Apple App store and the Google Play Store.

More information for students, teachers, parents and whānau is available on the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/student-app](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/student-app) and we are regularly promoting the App on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

# OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



Place	Senior Boys	House	Place	Senior Girls	House
1	Andrew Kirkcaldie	Opihi	1	Erin Howey	Rata
2	Harley Twaddle	Rata	2	Lydia Kinvig	Rata
3	Lyndon Murray	Pacific	3	Olivia McBride	Pacific
	<b>Year 9 and 10 Boys</b>			<b>Year 9 and 10 Girls</b>	
1	Shayden Campbell	Rata	1	Kayla Bagrie	Aoraki
2	Adam Wilson	Opihi	2	Kayleigh Wright	Opihi
3	Cody Crawshaw	Opihi	3	Tyla Smith	Pacific
	<b>Year 7 and 8 Boys</b>			<b>Year 7 and 8 Girls</b>	
1	Fletcher Joyce	Opihi	1	Tahlia George	Aoraki
2	Ryan Bagrie	Aoraki	2	Jodie Jolley	Rata
3	Thomas Johnson	Aoraki	3	Toni Wilson	Opihi



Girls Cross Country (from left): Madison Martin, Ava Venn, Cheyenne Conley, Porscha Speeden



Right: Bradley Reid & Jia Prentice



## OPIHI COLLEGE GIRLS' SOCCER

On Thursday 21st May, we fielded a team of 15 girls from Years 7-11 at the Aoraki Girls' Football Tournament. Our team faced tough competition being the only school team that did not play in the Sunday Women's League or have a full team that had played football before.

First up we had Ashburton College whose team was tall and strong. They dominated the play and went on to win 7-0. Ashburton won the final on the day and proved to be very tough to beat for all teams. Next up was Roncalli, our girls started playing some good football and managed to get a few shots at goal. Unfortunately, we let one slip into goal and we lost 1-0. By this stage the girls were very enthusiastic and keen to play. We faced Timaru Girls' High and had some great runs by Lydia Kinvig, Kayla Bagrie and Sophie Nolan but again without finishing off with a goal, resulting with a 0-0 draw. Lastly with a quick turn around we played Mountainview, where we saw the girls continuing on with some great plays. We lost 4-0 in the end more to tiredness and injuries than through lack of trying. The Mountainview coach even complimented our teams abilities and commented that Opihi will be a team to watch out for in a year or so. Maddison Mawhinney was superb on defence all day, and Shania Cochrane had a busy day in goal saving numerous shots at goal. The rest of the team was: Brittany Armishaw, Leah and Jodie Jolley, Holley Crichton, Ellen Crosse, Tegan Robertson, Cheyenne Conley, Kalani Lawson, Megan Frew and Keana McNoe.

A great day was had by all. We now have some keen footballers for next year, so hopefully we can continue to build from this years experience.



## THEY'LL BE HERE SOON!

**The students from SHIGAKUKAN HIGH SCHOOL in Japan are coming again in Term 3!**

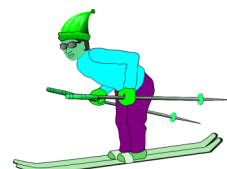
We're still looking for host families to provide homestays for these wonderful students from Japan. They'll visit us from 28 July to 18 August at the beginning of Term 3.

Please contact Eric Lindblom by email at [lindblome@opihicollege.school.nz](mailto:lindblome@opihicollege.school.nz) or ring him at school for more information. Thank you!



## OPIHI COLLEGE SKI TRIPS

This year the school is holding three optional ski trips:



### Mt Hutt

**Friday 21st August 2015 = Years 7-9**

**Friday 28th August 2015 = Years 10-13**

We are participating in the Mt Hutt Secondary Schools Programme. Total cost for the trip is \$95. Full information sheet is available from the school office. So we can confirm our dates with Mt Hutt, we need to have a firm indication of pupil numbers, pupils ability and a non-refundable deposit of \$30 by Friday 19th June.

### Cardrona

**9-11 September 2015 = Year 9-10**

The cost of the trip is predicted to be about \$300 but this will depend on ski field costs, which are yet to be finalized. Full information available from the school office. In order to book a place for your son or daughter we require a non refundable deposit of \$40 as soon as possible.

### **Gerard V Comedy Hypnotist** **Fundraiser for Opihi College Netball**

*Opihi College Netball are proud to announce that Gerard V Comedy Hypnotist will be performing his hilarious Hypnotist show on*  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm**  
**at Opihi College School Hall.**

*Bar Facilities  
and light supper provided.  
Tickets are on sale from the school  
office or call Fiona 0274153021*

## TEMUKA RUGBY CLUB

U14.5 Boys needed for TEMUKA RUGBY TEAM

We are struggling to have a team. We really need you!!!!

Phone Steve Crichton 021 335 811

or talk to Shae or Debbie at school



# BASKETBALL NEWS



Congratulations to the Year 7/8 Boys' Opihi College Basketball team who won their final on Monday night which means they are B grade winners. Big thanks to their coach David Taylor for giving up his time to coach the team.

The girls team also had a win on Monday which meant they were placed 5th in the B grade. Mrs Bergamini did a wonderful job coaching them each week. Well done to all the students for representing Opihi College with pride (one of our school-wide CARE values).



## **BOYS TEAM -**

Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Cole Robertson, Baiden Halkett, Fletcher Joyce, Kye Waihape, Ben Cleverley, Kiarn Prentice, Luke Smith and Shayden Walton.  
Coach = David Taylor

## **GIRLS TEAM -**

Tahlia George, Milly Keen, Courtney Leonard, Jayda McNoe, Natasha Pannett, Sophie Pye, Charlie Te Haate, Brooke Thomas and Toni Wilson.  
Coach = Mrs Bergamini

*Miss Manson  
Basketball Co-ordinator*





## NATIONAL SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST 2015

The Regional Heats for this annual national music competition were held on Sunday May 24th in Timaru, and Opihi College was very well represented by a large contingent of musicians. Opihi College entered three bands and were represented in a combined band (with Geraldine High School). After their performances on Sunday at the Regional Heats, all four bands will now progress to the Regional Final to be held at the Theatre Royal on June 5th. Congratulations to all of the musicians involved, and thanks to Opihi College's Music and Performing Arts Teacher Mr Russell Fleming for all his work.

### Introducing our Opihi College rock bands:



#### **FUTURE SHOCK**

featuring Bradley Reid (drums), Sophie Nolan (vocals), Allicia Kelly (vocals), Jessica Marshall (keyboards), Flynn Coskerie (bass) and Billy Cook (guitar).

#### **FINAL FIVE**

Featuring Megan Calder (vocals), Emily Black (vocals), Sophie Pye (guitar), Kayla Bagrie (bass) and Shania Cochrane (drums).



#### **THE DEVIL'S DESIRE**

featuring Damon Roberts (vocals), Haylee Kereama (keyboards), Kaia McPherson (guitar), Caleb Rippin (guitar), Kiarn Prentice (drums) and Tiaki Stevenson (bass).

#### **SEMI COLON CLOSED PARANTHESES**

Combined Geraldine High School & Opihi College band  
Featuring Bailey Chisnall (guitar), Zoe Scott (vocals), Kelsey Scott (drums), Liam Patrick (bass), Rowan McAughan-Galvin (keyboards)







Above: Meghan Mulligan and Dale Wetere

Below: Scott McLean and Madison Martin



Above: Shania Kanika and Levi-Gian Beange



## *A Night in Paris*

Back Row: Nichapat Daosodsai, Fuka Amano, Samantha Haley, Miss Den Baars, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Bergamini, Miss Sutherland.

Front Row: Sarah Millar, Emily Scannell, Meghan Mulligan, Tea Prentice







## OPIHI COLLEGE Senior Ball 2015

Above: Sian Louden, Ellen Crosse and Brittany Armishaw

Right: Holley Crichton and Jake McLauchlan



Above:  
Nichapat Daosodsai and Fuka Amano

Right:  
Harley Twaddle and Hannah Towler







## TEMUKA PAKEKE LIONS CLUB



Lions Clubs International

# CARE GIVE RECYCLE

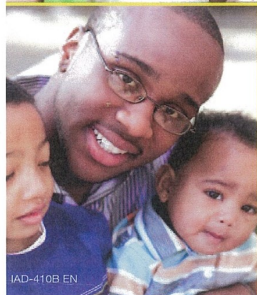
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AGES 9-12 9am to 12noon  
AGES 13-18 1pm to 4pm

WORKSHOP at Academy  
77 Talbot St, Geraldine

## Temuka Swimming Club

### AGM

Wednesday 3 June, 7:30pm at Fish and Game Office  
32 Richard Pearse Dr, Temuka.  
Enquiries to M Webb secretary 6158400 (wk)  
All prospective members warmly welcomed

## WINTER PERFORMANCE SCHOOL

Are you aged between 8 - 18, and want something fun and exciting to do this July school holidays? Step into the spotlight and come shine on stage! You will be coached by knowledgeable, skilled instructors, Alice Sollis and Rob Martin, in a wide array of subjects including acting, singing, musical theatre, movement, voice production, circus skills and audition preparation, all culminating in a performance on the last day of the workshops. Winter Performance School runs for 4 hours per day for six days. The final day rehearsal times will be longer as both groups combine in preparation for their performances.

There will be two age group sessions per day:

JUNIOR 8 – 12 yrs 9am – 1 pm

SENIOR 13 – 18 yrs 2pm – 6pm

Fee: \$130 (includes all course tuition and materials).

Early Bird fee: \$110 (if paid before June 1)

Spaces are limited. For more information or to

register contact Alice Sollis: [alicesollis@actrix.co.nz](mailto:alicesollis@actrix.co.nz)

## OP SHOP BALL



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**7pm – Midnight**

**Temuka Rugby Clubrooms**

Temuka Domain

Music by "The Soul Agency"

**Auction-Raffles-Mystery Envelopes-Spot Prizes  
Best/Worst Dressed Competition**

**\*\*Photo booth & props available\*\***

Tickets: \$20 per person - Includes supper  
(Licensed bar)

Contact: Sarah 021 262 9945/Janine 027 615 9084

A fundraiser for St Joseph's School Temuka

