

# Opihi - on campus



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## 2015 Language Perfect World Championships

**Congratulations to all of the students who were involved in the Language Perfect Competition at the end of May!**

More than 1000 schools and 300,000 students were involved worldwide and Opihi College were placed 15th overall out of 235 small schools. We were 5th in the Japanese language section! Our stand out point earner with more than 10,00 points was Louise Rippin followed by Liam

Mulligan, Hayley McLean, Shanique Guile and Ellen Crosse who all earned a Gold Certificate with more than 3000 points. Tyla Smith, Sophie Leonard and Abigail Blay had more than 2000 points and were awarded a Silver Certificate. And with more than 1000 points Tigerlily Doudle, Rhianna Hudson, Madi Heurea, Will Johnson, Saphira Barlow, Rochelle Johnson and Lucy Cooper all earned a Bronze Certificate.

Taihen yoku dekimashta!



*Back: Rochelle Johnson, Madi Heurea, Hayley McLean, Tyla Smith, Liam Mulligan, Louise Rippin.  
Front: Tigerlily Doudle, Sophie Leonard, Lucy Cooper.*



## Strike Percussion Show

Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Alissa Whitman, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Ava Venn, Leah Jolley join the musicians from the Strike Percussion show when they performed at Opihi College last week.

*Please note: The \$5 charge for this show was deducted from "Class Activities" on your student account.*



## *From Across the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

During the last week teachers have been starting to comment upon senior and junior students progress in their studies. The feedback that teachers provide, with the student's own reflections provides valuable help for students and their mentors to provide strategies to see a successful end to the year. It is timely to start talking to your own children about the progress they are making in their studies.

### **Aoraki Secondary School Cross Country**

After rain interrupted the running of the Aoraki Cross Country event it was great that so many Opihi College students were able to participate and represent the school so well. For many of our students the change of course was a big surprise as they were faced with hills and a lot of off road, trail running. The number of competitors in each category is also an added challenge. Despite this the school congratulates Andrew Kirkcaldie who was placed third in the Intermediate Boys section.

### **Rock Quest**

Last Friday night three bands of students competed in the Rock Quest at the Theatre Royal in Timaru. Another of our students also participated in a combined band from Geraldine High School and Opihi College. This was the first time in recent years that the school has had an entry into this competition and to perform in the final is a real credit to the students' enthusiasm and support from Mr Fleming. The students' participation is the foundation for future entries and we look forward to hearing students perform again in the future.

### **School property**

For the last twelve months Opihi College has been working closely with the Ministry of Education in reviewing and planning the development of the facilities at Opihi College. Whilst we are still working towards a final plan we are very optimistic that there will be some major property developments happening at the Opihi College site within the next couple of years. I hope to be able to confirm our plans and what the future may look like for the Opihi College site, before the end of the school year.

### **Innovative Learning Environments**

With the plans for re-development of some of the school site there is a great deal of planning to be done for the future. As part of this, a group of teachers have taken over the library and are trialling teaching in an innovative learning environment. This two week trial will provide an insight into what it might be like to teach in a modern teaching space. There is much research and evidence to support the changes we will be looking to make in the future.

### **Changes to our curriculum**

As well as reviewing our school site we are also in the process of reviewing our school curriculum. Our aim is to provide the opportunities to our students to enable them to transition from Opihi College to employment, training or tertiary study. The future for our students is looking very promising as we review what we have offered in the past and see how that will fit in the future needs and expectations for our students. This year we offered, for the first time, Agriculture to our students as well as the opportunity to study part time at Aoraki Polytechnic. With the review of the curriculum we are also reviewing how we deliver our programmes to enable students to develop the skills that they need for the future. This project is on going and staff are involved in research as to the best models that are in use and how they can be made to work for Opihi College and for the benefit of our students.

### **Finally**

With so many projects under way we believe that we are planning for the future of our students and endeavouring to provide the best possible opportunities to them now and in the future. We hope that you will join us and provide your thoughts as to how we can provide the best opportunities to our students.

Ka kite ano

### **LATE START**

On **Wednesday 17 June** the teaching staff will be involved in a professional development training session starting at 8am. **School will start at 9am** on this day. Students who travel to school by bus will be supervised until lessons start at 9am. All other students should aim to arrive at school for a 9am start in their period 1 class.





# Opihi College

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Hannah Morrison ~ received her Bronze E badge  
 Tea` Prentice ~ received her Silver A badge  
 Mitchell Welsh ~ received his Bronze E badge  
 Bailey Wilson ~ received his Bronze C badge  
 Jacob Thompson ~ received his Silver E badge  
 Sheyanne McCarron ~ received her Bronze E badge  
 Shania McGregor ~ received her Bronze E badge  
 Victor Savage ~ received his Bronze E badge  
 Brittany Armishaw ~ received her Bronze C badge  
 Toni Doake ~ received her Bronze E badge  
 Megan Frew ~ received her Bronze E badge  
 Madi Heurea ~ received her Bronze E badge

### WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

6 June 2015

Emily Black

Holley Crichton

*Congratulations on winning a Canteen Voucher*

### OPIHI COLLEGE CHESS COMPETITION

Following the popular lunchtime chess competition, we are pleased to announce that the



**Opihi College Chess Champion  
is Wiremu Te Haate.**

2nd Haze Poutai  
 3rd Shae Twaddle  
 4th Dale Wetere  
 5th Cameron Webb  
 6th Blake Morris

*Congratulations to you all*



### Congratulations to the Year 7&8 Girls Basketball team on a great season

Back: Coach Mrs Bergamini, Natasha Pannett, Brooke Thomas, Toni Wilson, Courtney Leonard, Milly Keen  
 Front: Sophie Pye, Tahlia George, Jayda McNoe, Charlie Te Haate

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June	17	School starts at 9.00am
	24	Jump Jam Extravaganza
July	3	End of Term 2
	20	Start of Term 3
	25	Hypnotist Show <i>Opihi Netball Fundraiser</i>
	27	Aoraki Table Tennis
August	21	Mt Hutt Ski Trip Yr 7-9
	28	Mt Hutt Ski Trip Yr 10-13
September	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.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Opihi's Year 12 Science class is currently implementing an action plan to reduce waste and increase sustainability for our environment within the school. Part of our plan is to encourage all students of Opihi College to recycle and dispose of their waste responsibly. You can do this at home too!

Our other plan is to plant more native trees and shrubs around the school and to increase our vege patch. To do this we need some help, by the way of any donations of plants and seeds. If you happen to have any, please bring them into school with the satisfaction of knowing you are increasing sustainability of our college environment and that the students will gain from your generosity.

Many thanks

Year 12 Science Class

*Georgia Marriner, Josh Brennan, Dylan Watson, Dale Wetere, Amber Tredrea and Miss Muirson*



### FAIRY LIGHTS

**Thank you** to all the families who generously loaned fairy lights for the Opihi College Ball recently. If you have fairy lights yet to be returned, could you please contact the school office.





## NATIONAL SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST 2015

**Congratulations to all the Opihi College musicians** who performed creditably in the Regional Final of the Smokefree Rockquest annual national music competition, which was held on Friday 5th June at the Theatre Royal in Timaru.

### Results:

Band 1st place: *Kudos* from Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, St Kevins College & Waitaki Boys High School

Band 2nd place: *Fullhouse* from Mt Hutt College

Band 3rd place: *Semi Colon Closed Parenthesis* from Opihi College & Geraldine High School

Solo/Duo 1st place: Joseph Balfe, Waitaki Boys' High School

Solo/Duo 2nd place: *Dalmur*, Mt Hutt College

APRA Lyric Award: 'Vanity' by Ethan Coster, Geraldine High School

Smokefree Award for Womens' Musicianship: Ruby Fraser from

*Bitterclass*, Craighead Diocesan School

Lowdown Best Song: *Dalmur*, Mt Hutt College



### SEMI COLON CLOSED PARENTHESIS

*Bailey Chisnall (guitar), Zoe Scott (vocals), Liam Patrick (bass), Kelsey Scott (drums), Rowan McAughan-Galvin (keyboards)*

**Congratulations to the Opihi College-Geraldine High School band "Semi Colon Closed Parenthesis"** including Opihi College student Liam Patrick who won Third Prize, and received vouchers from the RockShop.

Thank you to Mr Fleming and itinerant music teachers Mr Tim McLeod (vocals, violin), Ms Audrey Rule (piano), Ms Cathy Verhaart (bass, cello) and Ms Judith Loveday (winds) for their support of our students.



**FUTURESOCK** *Billy Cook, Jessica Marshall, Sophie Nolan, Alicia Kelly, Bradley Reid, Flynn Coskerie*

## 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 finalised. 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.

## OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

*Need an extra pair of boys' winter trousers?*

Our uniform shop has a good stock of pre-loved long grey trousers. Stock available today in sizes 10 yrs, 12 yrs, 16yrs, 76cm, 84cm, 92cm, 100cm, 104cm. Priced from \$12 a pair.

## HOST FAMILY NEEDED

We are looking for a family to host a male Japanese student (aged 14 years). There is a weekly payment for hosting. If you are interested, could you please contact Janine Murray.

## 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!



## MR IRELAND'S TECH TIP

Apple has previewed iOS 9, which will run on iPhone, iPad and iPod touch devices from September onwards. iOS 9 is compatible with iPhone 4s or better, iPad 2 or better, iPad Mini or better, and iPod 5th or better.





## SOUTH CANTERBURY CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

### Well done to our Senior Cross Country team

who competed in the Aoraki Secondary Cross Country on 3rd June:  
Kayla Bagrie, Marcario Bravo, Connor Brown, Rebecca Denley, Rochelle Johnson, Maddison Mawhinney, Liam Mulligan, Jay Ross, Tegan Ross, Wiremu Te Haate, Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris, Kegan Westgarth-Armishaw.

**Congratulations to Andrew Kirkcaldie** who was placed Third in this event.



### Well done to our Year 7 & 8 Cross Country team

who competed in the SCPSSA Cross Country on 9th June:  
Ryan Bagrie, Stella Cotter, Cameron Doake, Tahlia George, Jodie Jolley, Leah Jolley, Fletcher Joyce, Hailey Larsen, Joshua Lovatt, Sarn McCone, Shayla Moss, Sophie Pye, Luke Smith, Jacob Wilson, Toni Wilson.

### Congratulations to:

- Fletcher Joyce who was placed Second in the Year 7 Boys' race
- Ryan Bagrie who was placed Third in the Year 7 Boys' race
- Year 8 Girls' Team who were placed Second overall
- Stella Cotter, Ryan Bagrie, Fletcher Joyce, Tahlia George, Jodi Jolley, Sophie Pye and Toni Wilson who have all qualified for the Inter-regional competition in Blenheim in September.







*Above: Lydia Kinvig & Andrew Kirkcaldie*



*Above: Neko Prentice & Sarah Millar*



## *A Night in Paris*

*Left: Hamish Rodgers & Marcario Bravo  
Curtis Watkins & Neko Prentice*

*Below: Head Students  
Casey-Jayne Wilson & Madison Martin*







*Above: Erin Howey & Kyissha Friend*

*Right: Mr Ellena*



## OPIHI COLLEGE Senior Ball 2015



*Above:  
Dean Calder & Tegan Robertson*

*Right:  
Emilia Livingstone, Georgia Marriner,  
Olivia McBride, Emily McBride, Kayla  
Dobson*





# HYPNOTIST SHOW



FEATURING  
COMEDY HYPNOTIST **GERARDV**

## **Opihi College School Hall**

**Sat July 25 7.30pm**

**Cash Bar**

**Tickets \$25.00**

**Opihi College Netball Fundraiser**

**Lucky door prizes**

**Tickets available from the School office or phone 0274153021**

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