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FIRST PLACE FOR THE OPIHI NINJAS!



From left: Liam, Rochelle, Lucy, Louise

Last Friday, Year 10 students Lucy Cooper, Rochelle Johnson, Liam Mulligan and Louise Rippin all dressed up in black and became the "Opihi Ninjas". They drove down to Dunedin to participate in the inaugural New Zealand Japanese Trivia Championships. They put in many extra hours of study scouring the internet for bits of Japanese cultural trivia that might come up in the contest in the categories of: Japanese Sports / Festivals, Pop Culture, Geography, Food, Daily Life and Pot Luck. It paid off because they brought home the first place trophy for the Otago region! Since it is the first time for this new competition, Opihi College will be the first name engraved on this beautiful trophy.



Yoku dekimashita (Well done!) to Lucy, Rochelle, Liam and Louise! You've certainly set the bar high for next year's team.

OPIHI STUDENTS EXTEND THEIR JAPANESE STUDIES AT UC

On Thursday 11 June, senior Japanese students Abigail Blay, Ellen Crosse, Shanique Guile, Will Johnson, Tegan Robertson, Tea Prentice, Wiremu Te Haate, Jessie Evans, Aidan Howey and Zac Ross travelled to Christchurch to participate in the Christchurch Secondary Schools' NCEA Japanese Workshop at the University of Canterbury. The students had the opportunity to experience a variety of workshops geared to help prepare them for their NCEA Achievement Standards. 270 students from 15 high schools worked together with 50 high school teachers, university instructors and university students. It is the largest group of secondary and tertiary instructors in New Zealand co-operating together to extend our high school learners. Opihi College Students worked in small groups with students from other schools and learned techniques and strategies which will aid them with the NCEA study. The conversation practice they had will also be of great benefit to our students who will travel to our sister city, Eniwa, Japan next year. Wiremu Te Haate and Jessie Evans were standouts as they were chosen as the most enthusiastic learners in their working groups. It was a very exciting, rewarding day!



Back: Will, Jessie, Zac, Wiremu, Aidan
Front: Abigail, Tegan, Tea, Ellen, Shanique



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

During the last week we have issued to all students a survey relating to the issue of the Transport Entitlement Zone. It is important that we have as many responses as possible back to Opihi College. The deadline was Friday 26 June. We will still accept responses on Monday 29 June after which the results will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education. We would like a response to the survey from each individual. Please take the time to complete the survey as this could have an impact upon the staffing and resources for Opihi College in the future. Please contact the office on Monday morning if you do not have a copy of the survey and would like to make a response over the telephone.

Innovative Learning environments

During the last two weeks a group of teachers have taken over the Library and trialled working in a modern learning environment or what is now referred to as an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE). The feedback from students was great to read and provides valuable information about what we will need to consider when we have our new facilities. The consensus was that students enjoyed the environment, many said they had improved concentration and enjoyed working alongside other students and their teachers.

Contextualised learning

Following on from the trial of the ILE the Year 9 English and Social Studies programme is going to trial a contextualised learning programme in Term 3. This means that students will have a change of focus and a more seamless approach to their learning for these two curriculum areas. The teachers concerned have already spent a considerable amount of time preparing for this trial and we look forward to the feedback at the conclusion of the trial.

Morning PD sessions

Thank you to the parents, caregivers and students who cooperated to allow the teaching staff to meet for a second morning professional development session. We are finding that the time has been very productive and have allowed staff the opportunity to share ideas for the development of the curriculum for senior students and how the school timetable may look in the future.

Careers Option Evening— 7pm Tuesday 18th August

The Careers Option Evening is usually an event for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to review what is available for courses in the following school year. This year we will have two visitors from the Ministry of Education who will be sharing some of the opportunities available to students with the Vocational Pathways qualifications which are now available for our students. It would be beneficial for parents of all students to attend this informative meeting if only to hear the opportunities that are available.

New Buildings

Each of the above topics are all working towards preparing for our new buildings. Whilst we review our curriculum to provide the best possible opportunities and highest quality of education for our students we are also very much aware of the prospect of what our new classrooms could look like in the future. As I explained to students earlier this week, I do not know when we will have our new classrooms but I do expect that we will be preparing for the demolition of some buildings within the next twelve months and shortly afterwards we will see the first of the new classrooms under construction. I also know that the Ministry of education is prepared to spend millions of dollars on the Opihi College site and that we can anticipate to have some of the best education facilities in the South Island.

Invoices

Invoices were sent out to parents and caregivers earlier this term. This was slightly later than usual but it would be appreciated if families could please pay these as soon as possible. We do encourage families to set up automatic payments in order to spread the cost over the school year. Forms to start this process are available from the school office. Thank you to those families who have already paid or are in the process of drip feeding their payments to the school. The money generated goes directly to cover the cost of materials and resources for your child. Please note that in some cases it may be necessary for the school to retain some student work until payments are received.

Survey Y8-11

Thank you to all the Y8 and Y11 students and parents who completed the survey and have returned it to the school. All surveys received by Friday 26 June will go in the draw for a family movie pass. This will be drawn at our end of term assembly.

End of term assembly

On Friday 3 July we will be holding our usual end of term assembly starting at 2:15pm. We will be celebrating the successes of our students in both academic, sporting and cultural activities. We encourage parents and caregivers to attend this event which will be a great round up for the end of term.



WANTED

Wheelchair for our sick bay.

If you know of anyone who has an old wheelchair they could sell or donate to the College, could you please contact the school office.

Uniform

Currently the Board of Trustees are reviewing the school uniform for all students at Opihi College. This has been the result of feedback for parents and students about the current uniform requirements. As part of the research some students have been asked to try on different options for what the uniform may look like in the future. Shortly the Board will be considering the options available and then will seek feedback from parents and the community.

The Board is anxious to develop a uniform which is distinctive, reflects the image of Opihi College, is durable and hard wearing and is cost effective for families to purchase. We encourage all parents to make sure that they provide feedback at the appropriate consultation. No decision has been made as to what the uniform will be in 2016 or beyond. Once a new uniform is decided this will be communicated to all parents and there will be a period of time when there will be a transition from the current to the new design.

Finally

With the holidays nearly upon us we wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday. As usual I encourage all students to catch up with any missed studies and maintain their personal reading during the break.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright

REMINDER

If you would like for your child to leave the school grounds during the school day, please remember to notify the school office. You could send a written note or appointment card, or telephone the school office in advance to give permission.

If a child becomes unwell during the school day, the correct procedure to follow is for them to visit the School Sick Bay, where the office staff will assess and contact parents if necessary.



*Congratulations to the Year 7&8 Boys Basketball team on a great season.
Back: Fletcher Joyce, Kiarn Prentice, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Luke Smith, Baiden Halkett
Front: Cole Robertson, Kye Waihape, Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Ben Cleverley, Shayden Walton.*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop has a good supply of **new** black and white wool sports socks, as worn by Temuka sports teams.

Only \$10 a pair while stocks last.



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WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

12 June 2015 Lucy Roberts
Emily McBride
19 June 2015 Emma Gould
Tegan Robertson

Congratulations on winning a Canteen Voucher

MR IRELAND'S TECH TIP

Microsoft Corp will give away its upcoming Windows 10 operating system as a free upgrade to users of the most recent versions of Windows and Windows Phone, as the world's largest software company tries to hold onto customers in the new mobile era that has largely bypassed it.

Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 users will get Windows 10 as a free upgrade (providing you install within a year of July 29th), but Microsoft is

introducing a new way for anyone to get Windows 10 free of charge. If you install the latest Windows 10 preview (build 10130) on a machine and use a Microsoft Account that's registered for the Windows Insider program then you'll get the final version of Windows 10 free.



CAREERS CORNER!



It's been a busy time for the Careers Department over the past couple of months.



We had the Careers Expo in Timaru at the end of May and most of the Tertiary Providers like the Universities and Polytechnics have completed their first visits to the school. Senior students who are intending to leave at the end of the year are now starting to put in place plans for next year and looking at where they might go. For parents it is important to talk to your child about what they are thinking about doing and checking that they know when they have to apply for courses and halls of residences and that they are on target to achieve all they need to at school. For those looking for jobs it is important that the student has an updated CV and is looking in the right places in order to see

the advertised jobs. If you have any concerns about this process or need to find out any information please do not hesitate to call me at school on 615 7442.

RANGATAHI FUTURES PILOT PROGRAMME

The Rangatahi Futures Pilot Programme has been a programme that our Year 10 & 11 Maori students have been involved with for the past two years. This year the pilot programme ended with an event whereby we joined with Timaru Boys High School students at the Arowhenua Marae to wrap up this programme and to listen to the two guest speakers, Chris Tuite and Scott Richardt. It was a great way to end this pilot programme and the guest speakers had many interesting and insightful things to say to our students. The morning ended with a lovely lunch provided by Careers NZ. It is hoped that we will be able to continue this programme on our own next year.



WORK INSPIRATION PROGRAMME

We have just started the second group of students on the Work Inspiration Programme. Year 10 students are attending the different workplaces involved in the programme one day a week over three weeks. This term Fonterra have come on board to join the SCDHB, Timaru District Council and Hilton Haulage. Based on the individual student's personality profile, they then get to shadow an employee based at one of the companies for a day. So far students have been inspired by employees like surveyors, truck drivers, physiotherapists, laboratory technicians and many other different occupations. This programme provides the students with the opportunity to experience a job that they may not previously have considered and find out what you need to do to get into this particular career.



Gary Millar surveying at TDC



Group two ready to start



Lucy Cooper made an awesome thank you cake

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to careers.

Mrs Heenan

Vocational Pathways

ERO has recently released a document to schools describing the best practice for transitioning learners from education to employment when they are ready.

In the document ERO describes the outcome of a survey around the skills 21st century employers in NZ wish their new employees to display. Their findings identified the following themes:

- Literacy, oral communication and numeracy skills
- A positive attitude to learning, self development and constructive criticism
- Reliability, honesty and resilience
- Critical thinking, problem solving
- Able to plan and organize, be a team player
- Able to manage time and take initiative
- Confident with modern technologies

So what is happening at Opihi College to support the development of these skills?

Teachers use assessment information and talk with students. Your child has a mentor who is able to share this information, alongside student goals and achievements at conferencing meetings.

There is a whole school focus on the development of Literacy and Numeracy through our Charter.

Staff are undertaking training on teaching strategies for Critical Thinking Skills and Reflective Practice.

Our CARE values honour and reward key skills and competencies such as team-work, honesty, reliability and good planning.

Learners engage in a school Careers education programme with opportunities such as Work Inspiration, Gateway, Rangatahi Futures and partnerships with Aoraki Polytechnic.

Our BYOD programme and investment in Wi-Fi and ultra-fast broadband encourages technological engagement. Students should endeavor to bring a suitable device to school to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Learners are encouraged to self monitor their achievement using the portal, Kamar app and NZQA website.

Opihi College supports students looking towards Excellence and Merit endorsements as well as Vocational Pathways Awards.

If you would like to learn more about Vocational Pathways and how they can assist your child to make a successful transition to the workplace (whether that is directly from school, or after their Tertiary course including University), **please come along to our Careers and Options Evening at 7pm on Tuesday 18th August.** We will have the benefit of guest speakers from the Ministry of Education – Rawiri Gibson and John Hogue.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME

Hayley McLean has had the opportunity to take part in the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre Gifted and Talented Residential Programme down in Dunedin. Hayley, who is the only student from the Timaru/Temuka area, has joined students from schools from around the South Island who have to be mentored through a research project by a Marine science Masters or PhD research student. Hayley has participated in two residential trips to Dunedin with a third trip coming up in July. The programme involves investigating and collaborating with peers and professional academics and also involve:



- Exploration and extension of human senses in discovering the marine world
- Enquiry into marine animal senses and their responses
- Working with teams, collaboration and co-operation, planning, time management and problem solving
- Developing awareness of cognition, meta-cognition and science communication
- Science investigation development, design and practical data gathering in the field and in the laboratory
- Qualitative and quantitative information and processing the information
- Preparing and presenting to an audience the process, analysis and the synthesis of the project
- Engaging in the team and peer review and critique as part of the nature of science
- Creative challenges applying science to novel situations
- Engaging and sharing as young scientists in a knowledge building community.

Hayley was interested in marine studies before this opportunity arose and was considering this field as a potential career. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time attending this programme and has enriched her knowledge of marine studies. I am sure she will have much to share with the students at Opihi College as well as enthuse the year 9 students for any similar opportunities in 2016.

Mrs Herbert

INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKET DAY

It's on again - Thursday 3 July 2015

at lunchtime in the quad. The year 11 Business class have been busy developing business ideas around running a food stall at the International Food Market Day. This is your opportunity to support these students by buying some delicious dishes from around the world. Throughout Term 2 they have been learning about marketing, people management, finances and run a "successful" business.

Company Profiles:



Sharmeela Gaddam's business is called '*Sharmeela's Chinese Fried Rice*'. She will be selling bowls of delicious Chinese fried rice for \$3.50.

Holley Crichton business is called '*Greek Ambrosia*' she is selling delicious bowls of ambrosia for \$2.50.



Tegan Robertson and Neko Prentice's business is called '*Oishii Sushi*'. They will be selling hand-made sushi for \$1.00 per piece or 6 for \$5.50.

Jacob Thompson's business is called '*Jacob's Pizza*'. He will be selling Hawaiian Pizza (Pizza Hut) for \$1.00 per slice.



Alex Drummond's business is called '*Alex's Brownies*'. He will be selling chocolate brownie for \$2.00 per piece.

Andrew Kirkcaldie and Curtis Watkins are running a business called '*Spring Rolls 'R' Us*'. They will be selling beef/pork spring rolls with a Filipino influence for \$2.00 per spring roll or 3 for \$5.00.



Akena Frisby's business is called '*American Pancakes*'. They will be \$3.50 for 3 with choice of toppings of maple syrup or chocolate.

Pre orders can be made via the library in the boxes marked for each country. Please fill in an order form and put the correct money inside the envelope provided.



YEAR 9 INDEPENDENT PROJECTS IN ART

Above: Bryce Drawbridge & Dominic Waihape-Barrett
Below: John Crawford

Above: Hunter McKay
Below: Bonnie Toothill



English Competitions

Well done to all those Year 9 & 10 students that participated in the **NZ Spelling Bee Competition** recently. Since the start of Term 2, all students have been learning spelling words for either Level 1, 2 or 3. Those students who had Level 3, had 100 very tricky words to learn. On the competition day, they only got 50 of those words previously learnt and another 50 unknown words. Caleb Rippin scored an amazing 77 out of 100 and we are still waiting to hear if that has secured him a semi-final spot in Christchurch.

Next Wednesday and Thursday we have teams of Y7&8 and Y9&10 students participating in the **2015 Extra! Central South Island Spelling Quiz** in Timaru. Good luck to all those students that have been chosen.

Writing Competitions currently on offer:

Geraldine and District Schools Poetry Competition – ages 7-12 and 13-17. Cash prizes. Closing date July 7th

Tauranga Writers' NZ Secondary School annual writing competition – All ages. Publication prizes. Closing date 30th July

Elsie Locke Writing Prize 2015 – Year 7 & 8 students. Cash prizes. Theme First World War. Due Friday 3rd July

Sunday Star-Times Short Story Awards – All ages. Cash prizes. Closes 30th July

Margaret Mahy Starlight Essay and Poetry Competition – Year 5-8 and Year 9-13.

Prizes – weekend away in Twizel and visit to Mt John (10 packages). Closing date 7th August

For more information, see the "English Competitions" noticeboard outside Room 8 or talk to Miss Henderson. Some of these competitions are even open to adults, so your parents may like to have a go as well.



AGRICULTURE TRIP

The Year 11 Agriculture class have enjoyed a very informative trip to farm in Chertsey recently. The Year 10 & 11 trip to Cave to visit dairy farms was postponed due to the weather, and will be held at a later date.



Explore your Museum

There's a lot to see and do these holidays!



- **Gallipoli** centennial exhibition plus hundreds of other things from nature and history
- Museum quiz sheets
- Puzzles
- Special craft activity sessions
- **Museum** in the **Dark** event!

To find out more get a programme from the Museum or download from museum.timaru.govt.nz

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FREE SKIING or BOARDING THIS SEASON

Who qualifies?

- Boys & girls 8 years to 14 years. (as of 1st Jan. 2015.)
- Permanent resident of South Canterbury.
- Must be competent on snow & have access to full equipment (helmet necessary).
- Have a source of transport.
- Must be available to ski each Sunday - July and August.

ROLLER SKATING



HOLIDAY SESSIONS SC Roller Skating Club, Timaru

Tuesdays and Thursdays
2pm to 4pm

Entry Fee \$2.50 Skate Hire \$3.50
Bring helmet and socks

Every Sunday
Public Session 2 - 4pm
Learn to Skate Lessons 2 - 3pm
Entry Fee \$2.50 Skate Hire \$3.50
Bring helmet and socks

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using the Metro Bus Network!

Join other teams in a race
across Timaru using clues, maps
and buses to get to the finish line.



This is a
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WHEN:

School Holidays –
Thursday 16 July 2015.
Start time 9.15am.
Final check-in and prize
giving 3.30pm.

WHO:

Year 11, 12 and 13
students in teams of two.

**NO INDIVIDUALS
PLEASE.**



Registration and information:
www.ecan.govt.nz/youthsummit

For more information contact:
Debbie Eddington at Environment Canterbury
Email: debbie.eddington@ecan.govt.nz
DDI: 03 687 7813 | Mobile: 027 687 5344

Entries close Thursday 9th JULY 2015

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Please come and have some great fun while supporting the Tao
Temuka Scout Group at our Quiz Night.

You can register your teams by contacting Nikki Murdoch by:

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Email: nikki.bs@xtra.co.nz

\$10 per team member

The Royal, 75 King Street, Temuka



OP SHOP BALL



Saturday 27th 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

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Opihi College School Hall

Sat July 25 7.30pm

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Tickets \$25.00

Opihi College Netball Fundraiser

Lucky door prizes

Tickets available from the School office or phone 0274153021

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