

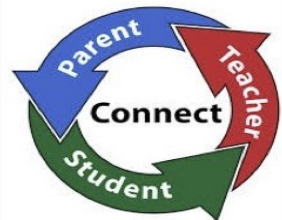
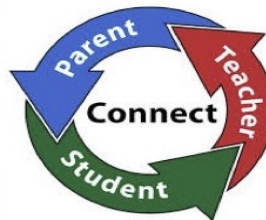
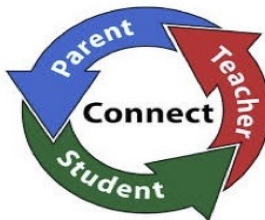
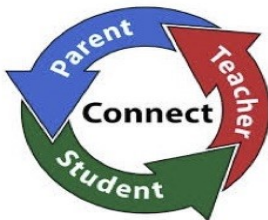
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7TH SEPTEMBER
4-8PM

8TH SEPTEMBER
(8AM-4PM)

The second stage of conferencing for 2015 will take place on the 7th (4-8pm) and 8th (8am-4pm) September. There will be no classes on September 8th to allow staff to meet with whanau.

Book a session with your child's mentor teacher at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code 6BV3C

In this conference Option Choices will be confirmed and progress towards Junior Graduation (Y7-10) and NCEA (Y11-13) will be discussed.



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

With the very successful careers option evening behind us now, students are starting to finalise their choices for courses for 2016. For those that have the opportunity to leave, as they have turned 16 years of age, I will once again urge you to stay on in education as the longer term benefit to the student is in financial benefits and better opportunities. For some of our juniors, particularly year 8, some may be considering the move to another school. I will draw to your attention to the article I wrote in the 15 May newsletter:

Recently I was talking to a student who had left to attend a Timaru school. They complained about the early start and waiting for the bus and late return home. They also commented that in the warmer evenings they had missed out on some of the activities that their peers in Temuka were enjoying as the Opihi students had left an hour before the Timaru students had returned home.

*Opihi College students in our senior school have also reported that they value the smaller classes and individual attention they receive. The Education Review Office, in their January 2015 report stated, **'Teachers help students to set goals that better focus their learning priorities and promote self directed learning. They use a good range of teaching approaches, and according to students spoken with by ERO, consistently going the extra mile to encourage and support learning.'***

I was talking to a teacher in town last week and they commented that they were teaching a class of 35 students. A similar class at Opihi would have 22 students. Quite a difference in the assistance and feedback students can gain.

For those families who are considering a change please do consider carefully what the benefits are and do make sure that you ask questions about the education your child will receive.

A recent article in the North and South magazine (September 2015) suggested asking some very good questions for parents and students considering moving schools. In summary these are:

- * Do ask your child to research the school websites and then explain why they should move school and ask them to explain to you the benefit **based upon fact**.
- * Do make sure that if your child is wishing to move that they are doing so for good reason, not just following their peers. We have had students who have followed 'mates' and returned within the first year. The expense to parents in uniform and travel is significant.
- * Do talk to other parents of students attending the secondary school that you are considering. At Opihi College we welcome the opportunity for you to meet and talk to senior students about their experience at Opihi College
- * Do get smart about open days. Do talk to students about their experience of attending school. Once again we welcome parents to visit the school during a normal school day to see what is going on in any of our classrooms.
- * Whilst statistics can be helpful it is important to look at the retention rates through the senior school, the longer a child stays in education the greater they develop in maturity and the more options that will be available to them post secondary education. The retention rates at Opihi College have improved and students who leave do go to positive outcomes such as employment, training or tertiary study.
- * Do not confuse punishment with good discipline. As a school, we at Opihi College work with the whole child as our aim is to develop good citizens for our community, so helping our region grow and thrive. At Opihi College we set high expectations for student behaviour and have excellent student support services and pastoral care. (ERO report January 2015)

Options

Students should by now have completed their option selection for 2016. This information will be used to start to develop the timetable for 2016. In the previous newsletter we talked about the changes that we are making to further engage and enhance the learning opportunities for our students.

Conferencing

We will be holding our next round of conferencing next week. Regardless of the stage of your child's education please do take the time to attend this important meeting where your child will have the opportunity to talk about their plans for the future and how the school can assist in that journey to success.

Teacher only day

On Friday 18 September we will be holding a Teacher Only Day. Once again we have liaised with Temuka Primary School to coordinate this day in an effort to alleviate some of the issues of child care at this time. This is a day when the school is closed for instruction and staff will be engaged in a whole day of professional development. Thank you for your cooperation with this important aspect of school life.

Finally

This last week I was talking to a facilitator who has been providing professional support to the school leadership. I spent some time talking about the changes which are planned for students in 2016 and into 2017. After hearing me speak she responded that Opihi College was being innovative as we are leading change for improved student outcomes. This is only possible because of the dedication and support of the staff and the community who support the education of our young people.

Ka kite ano



WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

28th August 2015

Ty Griffiths

31st August 2015

Kayla Bagrie

Akena Frisby

CONGRATULATIONS

Max Denley ~ Received his Bronze E badge

Taine Stoddart ~ Received his Bronze E badge

Ellen Crosse ~ Received her Bronze C badge

Sara-Jane Steele ~ Received her Bronze C badge

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PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS

Can you please ensure your child has a glue stick and a highlighter as we use them (almost daily) in Integrated Studies and many of our students do not have these items. It was on the stationery list at the start of the year.

Your support is appreciated.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September	7	Conferencing 4-8pm
	8	Conferencing 8am-4pm <i>No lessons on this day</i>
	9-11	Cardrona Ski Trip Yr 9-10
	11	Temuka Sports Group Winter Tournament
	15	Election for Student Representative to the Board of Trustees
	15- 17	Dental Van on site for Year 8 check ups
	18	Teacher Only Day <i>No lessons on this day</i>
	26	End of Term 3
October	13	Start of Term 4
	26	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i>
	27	Summer Uniform compulsory

Netball 2015

An end to a season we can be proud of Opihi!

Firstly a MASSIVE THANK YOU to all of our coaches, managers and supporters! Without you this season wouldn't have been as fantastic as it was. Well done to all of our teams this year! You have all worked well together and made this a fun filled season. We look forward to helping you improve as players and continue to have fun in the 2016 season!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Year 7/8 Black for placing 4th in your grade and taking out the overall junior SPORTSMANSHIP award! Such an awesome award to go home with, we are very proud of you all!



Back:

*Toni Wilson,
Kaia MacPherson,
Charlie Te Haate,
Haylee Kereama*

Front:

*Lily Moore,
Tahlia George,
Sophie Pye,
Emilie Ackroyd*

9/10B for taking out the top spot in their grade! You played hard and earned your place!



Back:

*Jaime Gould (coach),
Ebony Keeley,
Mercedes Mulder,
Aaliyah Fenton,
Ty Griffiths,
Emily Black,
Shekinah Welford*

Front:

*Stevie Loudon,
Mya Stratford,
Kayla Bagrie*

9/10A coming 3rd equal in their grade! You have really grown as a team and continue to impress!



Back:

*Brooke Leonard (Coach),
Sheyanne McCarron,
Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui
Harris,
Tyla Smith,
Emily Black,
Abbey Keen,
Madi Heurea,
Leia Richards*

Front:

*Sophie Leonard,
Kayleigh Wright*

Senior A had a tough game but fought hard all the way through to the end placing 4th in their grade.



Back:

*Miss Griffiths (Coach),
Brittany Armishaw,
Megan Frew,
Charlie Hati,
Jaime Gould,
Emily Scannell,
Tea Prentice*

Front:

*Sian Loudon,
Emily McBride,
Olivia McBride,
Tegan Robertson*

All that is left of the 2015 season is the upcoming SISS Tournament - BRING IT ON!
Photos from semis and finals are posted on the [Opihi Netball](#) Facebook page.

If you feel you want to help out next season with umpiring, coaching, managing or fundraising please contact Branaye Wylie at netball@opihicollege.school.nz or via the school office.



Students dressed to the theme
"Dress as a TV or Movie
character" for Arts Week

Left: Leeroy Brown
Below: Joshua Welford
Right: Lydia Kinvig & Tegan Robertson



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ARTS WEEK PRIZEWINNERS

Pavement Art

Icing Sculpture

TV / Movie Dress Up

Baby Photos

Leeroy Brown & Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris

Senior = Casey Jayne Wilson Junior = Hailey Larsen

Leeroy Brown; Lydia Kinvig; Tegan Robertson

Emily and Olivia McBride

ARTS WEEK MUFTI DAY



Left: Thing 1 = Stella Cotter,
Cat in the Hat = Lily Moore,
Thing 2 = Natasha Pannett
Above: Madison Reihana

SOCCER

Congratulations to all the Opihi College students who have been named in South Canterbury representative teams recently:

Boys 12th Grade

Sarn McCone
Logan Kerslake
Cameron Stone
Tane Francis

Boys 14th Grade

Michael Livingstone

Girls 14th Grade

Shania Cochrane
Kayla Bagrie

Girls 17th Grade

Maddison Mawhinney

All the best of luck for your upcoming tournaments



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations

Sophie Pye

Ryan Bagrie

Tahlia George

On their selection to represent South Canterbury at the New Zealand Primary Schools Cross Country. They are training hard for their upcoming races at the end of September 2015.



RUGBY

Congratulations to Opihi College students

Fletcher Joyce who has been named in the Hannan Shield Under 48 kg team,

Toby Tredrea who has been named in the Hannan Shield Under 65kg team.

These teams are made up of players selected from North Otago, Mid Canterbury and South Canterbury.



GYMNASTICS

Good Luck to the Opihi College Gymnastics squad who are competing in the SCPSSA Gym Festival in Timaru on Friday 4th September:

John Reyes

Hailey Larsen

Jacinda Kelly

Tahlia George

Haylee Kereama

Toni Wilson

Kaia MacPherson

Emily Bennett

Jodie Jolley

Takila Howell

Jacob Wilson

Jayda McNoe

Leah Jolley

Natasha Pannett

Madi Reihana

Shayla Moss

Brooke Thomas

Tom Johnson

Peter Wilson

Toa Taputu

Josh Lovatt

Alex McDonald-Solway

Levi Kereama

Bonnie Tootill

Aaliyah Fenton



BASKETBALL

The Basketball season has come to an end for 2015.



A big thank you to all the coaches and managers for the time and effort they put into our students this year. It's a big commitment taking a basketball team and we really appreciate all that you do - without your support these teams would not happen:

Year 7/8 Girls Natalie Bergamini

Year 7/8 Boys David Taylor

Year 9/10 Girls Tea Prentice
& Keren Wright

Senior Boys Kate Manson

Senior Girls Sally Mulvena

Congratulations go to all the teams for trying your best all season and showing great sportsmanship at all times.

Special congratulations go to the Year 9/10 team who were placed first in their division (C grade).

Kate Manson

Basketball Co-ordinator

Many thanks to coaches Mrs Bergamini and Miss Sutherland, and bus driver Mr Osborn.

BASKETBALL



Awesome win to take out the grade by the Opihi College Year 9/10 Basketball girls.

Top scorer for the season Abbey Keen continued to sink them. Awesome consistent effort on court by Rebecca, Kayla, Shania, Louise, Jess and Kayleigh; and by Sophie Nolan who continued to play the final despite an injury. Huge thanks to Tea Prentice for her outstanding coaching, to Keren Wright for her outstanding management, and thanks to the parents who supported from the sideline.

Team members:

Back row: Katie Black, Rebecca Denley, Louise Rippin, Abbey Keen, Shania Cochrane, Tea Prentice.

Front row: Jessica Marshall, Sophie Nolan, Kayla Bagrie, Kayleigh Wright.



Some of our junior students practising their gymnastics in PE class

Calendars, Books & Card Packs Art Fundraiser



Students have been issued with a template (for Art) and an order form for this years fundraiser—calendars, books and card packs. These make great birthday and Xmas pressies and can be sent easily overseas.

Encourage your student to generate their own art, or use art that they have made at school. Siblings can participate too!

If you would like to use photos, they need to be professionally printed, rather than on an ink jet printer. Family photos look great!

This year we are supporting a local printing company 'Doodle Doo' at Heartland Design and Print.

Price List:

2016 Calendar	\$12.50
Card Pack	\$12.00
Note Book	\$15.00
2016 Diary	\$18.00
Art Pad	\$12.00

Please return orders with payment to the school office by September 11th.



COLLEGE TROPHIES
Could all College cups and trophies awarded last year please be returned

Year 9 and 10 Camp Blue Skies, Kaiapoi 11-13 November



A camp has been organised to Blue Skies, Kaiapoi for 11-13 November for interested Year 9 and 10 students.

A variety of activities have been planned for the camp including:

- Adrenaline Forest (a professionally run high ropes course)
- Surfing
- Mountain biking in Bottle Lake Forest Park
- Orienteering
- There are also additional activities available during the evenings at Blue Skies Camp that we will be taking part in.



The cost for this camp is expected to be a maximum of \$180 which includes all travel, activities and food for the two and a half days. If additional external funding can be secured, the cost to families will be reduced.

There are a few places left on this camp, and will be allocated on a first come—first served basis.

Please collect a form from the school office.



SPEECH COMPETITION

Mahaliya Etti, Megan Talbot and Dylan Stone took up the challenge offered to them of writing and performing a speech, with the hopes of making it to the 2015 Timaru District Schools Speech Competition. I was completely blown away by all three speeches. They were written and performed with such skill and passion. It was a real shame that we were only allowed to send one student instead of all three.

Congratulations to Mahaliya who is going to represent Opihi College in the Year 7/8 division on Thursday 10th September in Timaru. The topic she chose for her speech was "Knowing your ancestry is important for personal health". We wish you all the best Mahaliya!

Miss Henderson

MATHS WEEK 2015:

Congratulations to all of our Maths Week quiz question entrants. The winners were:

Monday =	Harley Twaddle
Tuesday =	Jack Guo
Wednesday =	Tegan Ross
Thursday =	Sara-Jane Steele



ARTS WEEK 2015:

Thank you to Mrs Lovatt for making Arts Week 2015 so amazing. Many thanks to all the parents and staff who kindly loaned their art for the weekend pop-up gallery. Thanks to all the contributors, the diversity represented and the back stories to some of the pieces made the event incredibly interesting.



Some of our junior students practicing their gymnastics during their PE class



CONGRATULATIONS

to the Opihi College Year 7&8 rock bands who performed at the Rockshop Band Quest competition in Christchurch

'CAPO2' won the Performance Prize for Style

Well done to band members

Shayden Walton, Kiarn Prentice,
Peter Wilson, Toa Taputu,
Flynn Coskerie, Cole Robertson



'INFINITY' were one of only two bands to perform two original songs

Well done to band members

Sophie Pye, Emilie Ackroyd,
Lily Moore, Kaia Macperson,
Haylee Kereama, Toni Wilson,
Issy Livingstone

Many thanks to Mr Fleming and the itinerant music teachers for their expert tutelage and the parents who made the trip a pleasure.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

At close of nominations three nominations were received by the Returning Officer:

DAVIS Phillip
HALEY Samantha
ROBERTSON Tegan

An election will be held to elect the student representative to the Board of Trustees.

All Year 9-13 students are eligible to vote. There will be voting sessions held in the school library, and voting forms will be available from the Returning Officer at the school office.

The election will close at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 15 September 2015.

Signed

Mrs S Patrick
Returning Officer



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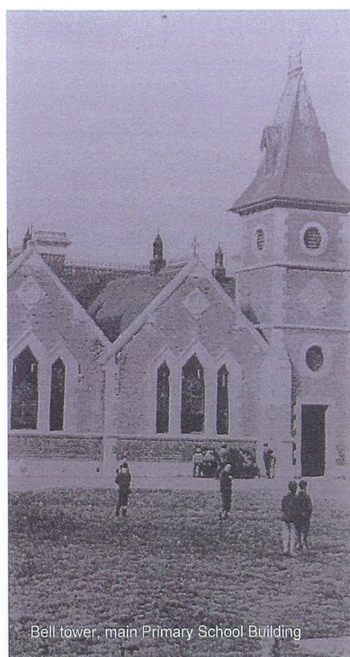
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Temuka Schools 150th Jubilee



Bell tower, main Primary School Building

**TEMUKA
SCHOOLS'
150TH
REUNION**

21-23 October 2016

Temuka Schools' 150th Jubilee

21/22 October 2016

Help needed!

We are seeking ex-pupil's from Temuka District School, Temuka Primary School, Temuka High School and Opihi College to help sort and name photos. We have an extensive amount of photos from these schools that need to be organised prior to the 150th Jubilee in 2016.

On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of September from 2-4pm we will have these pictures on display in the hall at Opihi College. Also, if you have any photos that you would like to contribute to our collection please bring them along and we can make copies of them on the day.

Your support is appreciated

Temuka Schools' Jubilee Committee



Teen Tag OPEN DAY

**THURSDAY
17 September
10am-2pm**

Compete against your mates on 12 stations
eg: Crutch a sheep
Quad bike tyre change

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BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Calling all keen students who will be aged around 18 next May 2016.

The Berwick Outdoor Experience will be celebrating 25 years of its annual course. The Lions Club of Temuka will fund one young adult to attend this life changing experience. I encourage any student who is interested to find out more by picking up a copy of the 2015 report.

Please see Mrs Bergamini for further information. Ex Opihi Students who have benefited from this exciting experience are John Loomes and Tatiana Voice.

Child Mobility Foundation presents the first

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WALK FOR KIDS

10 km sponsored walk
Make up a group
Commencing 10am
Saturday 10.10.2015

Join Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand by walking so that children with Cerebral Palsy and like conditions can also have that opportunity.
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Thursday 1 st October	Gleniti Golf Club
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Thursday 8 th October	Geraldine District Golf Club

18 Hole	Medal & Stableford	Report 10.00am Tee Off 10.30am
9 Hole	Medal	Report 10.30am Tee Off 11.00am
9 Hole	Ambrose Teams	Report 11.00am Tee Off 11.30am

Ambrose Teams & 9 Hole Medal must be accompanied by an adult.
We welcome Non Handicapped and New Players to make up teams.

ENTRY FEE:

18 holes	\$10.00 per player
9 holes	\$ 5.00 per player
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gdm@aorangigolf.org.nz or 021 326004

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TEMUKA ATHLETICS CLUB

Registration Night

Monday 21st September

6.30—7.30pm

in the Temuka Soccer Clubrooms,
Richard Pearse Drive

Opening Night and Registrations

Monday 12th October

6.30pm onwards

At the Opihi College back field

(Entrance off Guild Road, Temuka)

Club Nights Mondays

For more information:

Check out our facebook page

Temuka Athletics Club.

E-mail temu.athletics@gmail.com

Or contact Helen 615 9467





OPEN DAY

THURSDAY

17 September

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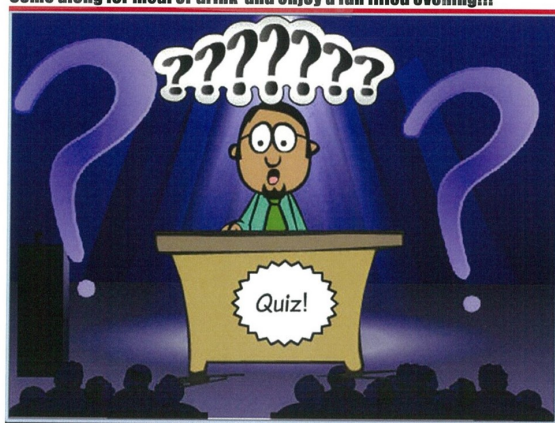
QUIZ NIGHT

fundraiser at The Sail

Thursday 3rd September

7 pm start time at The Sail and Anchor Bar & Cafe

Come along for meal or drink and enjoy a fun filled evening!!!



\$40 per team

Fun prizes and raffles to win!

Contact - Kasia 027 227 7206

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