# Opihi - on campus







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Issue 15, 17 September 2015

# 2015 Shigakukan Students Say *Sayonara* and *Arigato*! (Good-bye and Thank you!)

It was another whirlwind three week visit by the students and teachers from Shigakukan Junior and Senior High School. Mrs Ito, Mr Kurokawa, Miss Tanaka, Shota, Rei, Imari, Ayano, Maaya, Rio, Naoya, Keita, Ayaka, Kazuki, Rumi, Akari, Monaka, Akihiro, Nana, Naoya, Kota and Shu spent their time studying English, attending classes with "buddy" students and participating in a variety of weekend excursions. A HUGE THANK YOU must be extended to all of the HOST FAMILIES - the Blays, Crawshaws, Crosse/ Woodhills, Davis/Rosses, Doudles, Drummonds, Friends, Kellys, Keens, Kellas/Craigs, Marshalls, Mawhinneys, McCarrons, Pyes, Robertsons, Russells, Venn/Nortons and the Wrights - who welcomed these students into their homes. It wouldn't have been possible without your warm hospitality.

Arigato gozaimasu!











From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,
Kia ora tatou

The final weeks of the term are upon us and as usual it is a time to reflect upon progress and review our successes. Last week we held the second round of student led conferencing where students had the opportunity to share with family and whanau their progress this year. For those that attended I hope that you found the experience useful. When students, families and the community work together we all achieve so much. For senior students, now is the time to act upon the advice to ensure that they are successful in the final weeks of their courses.

#### Year 9-10 ski trip

Last week I had the pleasure of taking a group of 17 students from Year 9 and 10 to Wanaka to ski and snowboard at Cardrona. It was a real pleasure to take the group away, their behaviour and attitude was exceptional. I have never previously, in all my teaching career, taken a group on an out of school activity where there has not been a need to have a quiet word with an individual! Usually I use this as an opportunity to give the individual the honour of doing the washing up for the group!! This trip, I could find no individual that needed the reflection time! The students were so good that they even volunteered to wash up without being asked.....parents take note of what your children can do!! Following the trip both Ms Sutherland and I were thanked by most of the students upon our return and others took the time and effort to make sure that they did so on Monday. Sadly the weather on the trip this year was not the best. Due to the deteriorating conditions on both days we left slightly early. Despite this disappointment the students all seemed to have enjoyed the experience and I hope that I will see all of them return for the ski trips in 2016.

#### Winter sports

During the last three weeks, in Monday assemblies we have had huge numbers of students recognised for their sporting achievements in rugby, netball and soccer. It has been wonderful to see so many students achieving at such a high level and being recognised for their achievements. Now the attention is moving towards the summer sports and I understand that there has been significant interest in softball with practices already under way. I look forward to recognising the continued student achievement in the future.

#### **Cultural competition**

We are now in the final week of practices for the cultural competition which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd September. This morning I met with the student leaders and they were very positive about their practices so far. I do hope that we will have family and whanau attend this event as we showcase student talents.

#### **Finally**

I hope, with the school holidays coming up, all students and families are able to take a break together and to take time to relax. I wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable school holiday.

Ka kite ano Mike Wright Principal



FOR YOUR CALENDAR		
September	17	Annual Musical Soiree 7.00pm Library
September	18	Teacher Only Day No lessons on this day
	23	SCPSSA Tennis
	23	Cultural Competition 2.00pm
	24	SCPSSA Inter Regional Cross Country
	25	End of Term Assembly 2.15pm
October	13	Start of Term 4
	26	Labour Day <b>Statutory Holiday</b>
	27	Summer Uniform compulsory

#### OPIHI COLLEGE PE TOPS We are making an order for PE tops from our manufacturer this term.

If you would like to order a PE top please contact the office before the end of term. The manufacturer is able to offer made to measure sizes if required.

These are priced at \$60 each, and delivery is expected in Term 4 2015. (Please note payment is required on collection)

#### HAY FOR SALE

Small bales \$8 each @ Opihi College Phone 021 2211 205



#### WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

7th September 2015 Ebony Keeley Cheyenne O'Neill

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Ty Griffiths ~ Received her Bronze E badge Emelia Livingstone ~ Received her Bronze E badge Quinn Watson ~ Received her Bronze R badge Quinn Watson ∼ Received her Bronze E badge Emilie Ackroyd ~ Received her Bronze R badge Olivia Andreassend ~ Received her Bronze E badge Ashley Brown ∼ Received her Silver E badge Maisie Callaghan ∼ Received her Bronze E badge Josh Crichton ∼ Received his Bronze E badge Mukesh Gaddam ~ Received his Bronze E badge Allicia Kelly ~ Received her Silver E badge Luke Smith ~ Received his Bronze E badge Ava Venn ~ Received her Bronze E badge Shekinah Welford ~ Received her Bronze C badge Cordelia Taylor ∼ Received her Bronze E badge Emily McBride ~ Received her Silver C badge Nahia Crawshaw ~ Received her Bronze E badge Ben Cleverley ∼ Received his Bronze E badge Stella Cotter ~ Received her Bronze E badge

#### **GOLD AWARD**

Special congratulations to our first student to be awarded a Gold Badge Caleb Rippin ~ Received his Gold E badge Well done Caleb



#### **MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**

Congratulations to Mahaliya Etti who passed the NZ Music Education Board Grade Piano Exam with Merit.

#### MR IRELAND'S TECH TIP

There are benefits to using your Microsoft Account as your login to Windows 8 or 10. It allows you to sync personalised settings, files in OneDrive, Windows Store apps, and more between Windows 10 devices. However, you might want to create a local account instead. Maybe you need to create an account for someone who doesn't have or need a Microsoft Account, or as a backup to get into your computer if you can't get into your Microsoft Account. Whatever the case, here's a look at setting one up:

Right click start, click Run (Windows key+R) - Type "lusrmgr.msc" "Enter" (OK) Right click "Users" in the left panel, click "New User" in the drop down menu. Fill in the blanks, modify the check boxes, click "Create".

Now that the user shows up in the middle panel, you can right click on the user to change properties. Here you can use the "Member Of" tab to add them to the "Administrators" group.

#### **Changes for 2016**

As you are aware, Opihi College has been considering and researching a number of planned adaptations to our school organisation for 2016. The driving force behind this change is:

- creating a sense of preparedness amongst our learners, community and staff ahead of our buildings restructure.
- responding to the needs of our learners based on the destinations that they choose as well as their interests
- responding to NZ-wide concerns about student wellbeing due to the stress caused by high assessment frequency (See ERO Wellbeing for Young People's Success at Secondary School - Feb 2015).

#### Changes for 2016

The major change will be the restructure of the timetable to allow for more collaboration and student centred responses to problems we experience with our current timetable format.

- the periods will be longer (90 minutes) many schools are moving to this model, not only to provide time for practical subjects and allow for integration of 'subjects' in the curriculum, but NZ and worldwide research has found that students are more settled, less time is lost to movement around the school, lessons are better planned to maintain engagement and greater depth of learning is achieved.
- there will be two equal length breaks in the day research on this finds that learners are better refreshed for learning and manage their eating habits to better support learning. Our own students eat most of their lunch during the (currently) shorter morning interval and so can be in energy deficit in the afternoon.
- there will be a 6 day 'rolling' effect to the timetable the benefit of this structure is that the days of the week are independent of the timetabled day, meaning that students who have an alternate structure to their timetable (Gateway, Work Experience etc.) will not miss the same day of study each week. It will mean that Public Holidays do not interfere with the running of the timetable, we would simply skip that day of the week to progress to the next timetabled day. In 2016 we will produce an annual plan for students, families and whanau so that it is well publicised what day of the programme we will start each week on.
- **late start Wednesday** Wednesday morning will be designated for staff development from 8-9am. Students will have the opportunity for independent recreation time or home study. Bus students will be diverted to the Library for additional study.
- **Wednesday afternoon** a programme will be offered to students every Wednesday afternoon. This will allow time to pursue supervised programmes of personal interests, sports, field trips etc.
- **incorporation of 'My Time'** this period will replace Tutor and Careers in our current model. The concept of 'My Time' is a guided programme incorporating mentoring, careers/health/wellbeing presentations, programmes (e.g. The Real Game) or professional visitors, assemblies, development of personal learning plans and study skills.

#### **Commitment towards NCEA Level 2**

Following the Options/Careers meeting on Tuesday 18th August, we have indicated the intent that students working in Y11 and Y12 to gain an NCEA L2 qualification at the completion of the second year of study. This is going to commence in 2016 and will become our default commitment to all students in 2017.

Students will gain their Level 1 and Level 2 certificate at the same time on completion of Year 12 as long as they have 60 Level 2 credits and have also met the Numeracy and Literacy requirements (10 credits of each) at Level 1.

#### **CLAY BIRD SHOOTING**

A group of Opihi College students have been enjoying weekly clay bird shooting lessons. Many thanks to Mr Callow for arranging this opportunity for our students.

Wiremu Te Haate and Emily Scannell having a crack at the clays. Both Wiremu and Emily were pleased as punch to outshoot Mr Callow. Well Done.







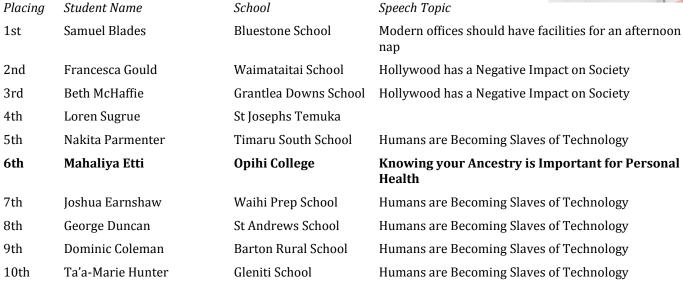
#### HEARTLAND RICOH TIMARU DISTRICT YEAR 7&8 SPEECH COMPETITION

On Thursday 10th September, Mahaliya Etti Year 7, represented Opihi College at this annual competition at Mountainview Auditorium.

There were 14 Year 7&8 students and each student had three minutes to speak on a topic of their choice. Mahaliya wrote and prepared her speech "Knowing Your Ancestry is Important for Personal Health".

Mahaliya scored 79/100, with the first place getter scoring 87/100.







#### **OPIHI COLLEGE GYMNASTICS TEAM**

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 students who represented Opihi at the South Canterbury Primary Schools' Gymnatics competition recently. Mrs Bergamini was proud to be associated with such an enthusiastic and talented bunch of kids. Special congratulations to the A1 team (John, Hailey, Haylee, Tahlia and Toni) who came second in the A grade; and to the A2 team (Jayda, Emily, Jodie, Jacob and Takila) who came third. What great results. Well done for showing the school value of EXCELLENCE by working hard, aiming high.

Pictured opposite is the A1 team:

Hailey Larsen, Toni Wilson, Tahlia George, Haylee Kereama with John Reyes.

Pictured below is the Opihi College gymnastics squad:

Back: Shayla Moss, Emily Bennet, Haylee Kereama, Tahlia George. Middle: Jacob Wilson, Leah Jolley, Jodie Jolley, Natasha Pannett, Brooke

Thomas, Toni Wilson, Madi Reihana.

Front row: Toa Taputu, Josh Lovatt, Tom Johnson, Jayda McNoe, Levi

Kereopa, Alex McDonald-Solway.

Front gymnasts: Takila Howell, John Reyes, Hailey Larsen.





#### **HOCKEY**

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

**Under 15 Boys** Cody Crawshaw

Andrew Kirkcaldie

Under 15 GirlsTyla SmithPrimary B BoysLuke Smith

*All the best of luck for your upcoming tournaments* 



#### **Opihi College: SISS Netball 2015 Timaru**

This year Miss Sutherland, Miss Griffiths and Miss Wylie were given the privilege of taking an awesome group of year 10 - 13 girls to the South Island Secondary Schools Netball tournament hosted in Timaru last week.

Throughout the tournament the girls came together as a team. With each game showing more fight and determination with many of our games ending in a close score. Overall Opihi won 4 of 8 games coming 22nd out of 32 in B grade. The obvious stand out game was played on the third day against Kaikoura. Kaikoura came out fighting ending the second quarter with a 9-1 lead. Opihi was not deterred however and we came out even more determined to show what we could achieve ending with a final score of 29-25 to Opihi. We were proud of every member of our tournament team. Together Opihi played strong despite weather conditions and a number of injuries amongst the team. We never let anything bring us down continuously coming out strong. Each of our players earned their place on court throughout the tournament: Starting with Tea Prentice our captain, Warming up before playing Mountainview





Charlie in Kaikoura game

although paper, scissors, rock seems to get the better of her she never gave up on court and kept the team motivated. Emily Scannell consistently played hard, working well in defence and improving every game. Emily McBride never gave up, and was a constant force on court. Olivia McBride showed great determination and support for the team. Jaime Gould played her last season with us, it is sad to see her moving on but her easy movement through the court saw a good end for her netball at Opihi. Tegan Robertson was a strong defence on court, having to work extra hard with some of the competition. Megan Frew went on to court showing good movement and working well in the circle with others. Brittany Armishaw went out strong and held her ground on court allowing ball to flow down the court. Sian Louden was great at sticking to her player causing pressure for the opposition. Madi

Heurea went on the court fighting for the ball and was prepared to play wherever required showing real strength and potential. Sheyanne McCarron also showed great potential, she was a player who kept a cool head

on court allowing the team to stay focused. Our stand out player both on and off the court, resulting in us awarding her player of the tournament was Charlie Hati. Everyday Charlie had a great attitude and unswerving play on court.

*Being part of this tournament* has been a fantastic experience for both coaches and players this year. We would all like to thank our supporters for coming out rain and shine. Having you on the side-line and helping behind the scenes really boosted the girls' game. To the players thank you for your hard work and positivity throughout the season, you made us very proud and were excellent representatives for Opihi College.

Miss Wylie, TIC Netball



Back: Alice Sutherland (Coach), Brittany Armishaw, Charlie Hati, Megan Frew, Emily McBride, Branaye Wylie (Manager), Olivia McBride, Georgia Griffiths (Coach), Madi Heurea, Sheyanne McCarron, Emily Scannell

Front: Sian Louden, Jaime Gould, Tea Prentice (Captain) and Tegan Robertson



Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

#### Re: Uniform Changes for 2016

As you are aware the BOT uniform committee have been conducting a review of our current uniform. So far, this review has taken the form of a consultation meeting with parents and a survey.

Based upon this consultation, the committee has made the following changes to begin in 2016.

- · The college blazer can be worn by students in Years 11-13 only.
- · Years 11-12 will be able to purchase a blazer to wear (they will not be able to hire one) if they wish. In winter they will be required to wear a tie with the blazer.
- · Years 7-10 students will not have to wear a tie with their winter uniform.
- · All girls will wear black over the knee socks or stockings with the kilt.
- · A black soft shell jacket (with crest) will be available to buy from the Warehouse. This jacket is not compulsory students can still wear any plain black jacket of their choice for warmth.
- · The junior boys' winter uniform (grey pants and grey shirt) will be discontinued and replaced with the option of black dress pants and polo shirt in winter.
- · Senior boys must wear black pants in winter (not navy shorts). If they have grey pants they can wear these until they need replacing then they will be replaced with black ones.

Uniform items will need to be purchased from approved suppliers. These will be made available as soon as they are confirmed. We are endeavouring to get competitive prices whilst maintaining quality products. Further changes are under discussion for the future; confirmed changes will be phased in over a number of years and plenty of notice will be given.

Thanks for your support,

Opihi College BOT Uniform Committee











#### **CHINESE CULTURAL DAY**

#### Saturday 19 September 2015 11am-3pm

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE RESOURCE CENTRE

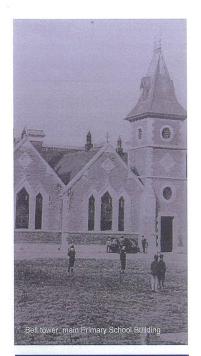
Located at Aoraki Polytechnic, 32 Arthur Street, Timaru

Free Open Day and Activities
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**EMUKA** SCHOOLS' 150TH REUNION 21-23 October 2016

### Temuka Schools' 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee 21/22 October 2016

#### Help needed!

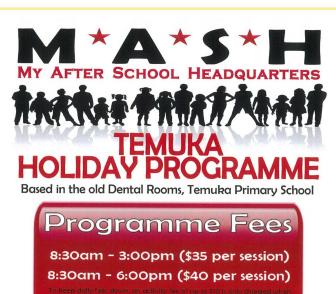
We are seeking ex-pupil's from Temuka District School, Temuka Primary School, Temuka High School and Opihi College to help sort and name photos. We have an extensive amount of photos from these schools that need to be organised prior to the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2016.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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





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# TEMUKA TOUCH

Season commences Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

Gunnion Square, Domain Avenue, Temuka

#### **Grades:**

\*Open \*Mixed \*Youth (years 9-13) \*Juniors (years 5-8)

Entry fees: Open and Mixed \$50.00 per team Youth and Juniors \$30.00 per team

Entry forms available from Heather George 27 Princes Street, Temuka – Telephone 615-8963

Entries Close: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Entry Fee to be paid at time of registration.



The Aorangi Softball Association is having a "give it a go" day to celebrate our move to Morrison Park.

#### Saturday 19th September 11am -1pm

There will be games, activities, prizes, give always and a sausage sizzle. Players from the Canterbury Red Soxs and New Zealand Junior Black Soxs will be there to help run the games. Come down for a fun morning and "Give it a go"



For further information contact Elyse Gamblin at aorangisoftball@gmail.com

## Temuka Cricket Club



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Registrations for the coming 2015/16 cricket season are being taken on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015, between **4-5pm** at the Gunnion Square pavilion (corner Whitcombe & Denmark Streets).

We have the following grades:-

- \* **Friday Junior Bash** (for beginners) Yr 2-4, Non hard ball (incrediball).
- \* **C Grade** (Friday afternoons) Yr 4-6, Non hard ball (incrediball).
- \* **C Grade** (Saturday mornings) Yr 4-6, Non hard ball (incrediball).
- \* **B Grade** (Saturday mornings) Yr 5-8, Hard ball, pads & helmet.
- \* **Saturday afternoon grade** for 12-16 year olds. Hard ball, pads & helmet.
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade A Men.
- \* Senior Men.

All enquiries to Marshall Stoddart 027 2343268







#### **COLLEGE TROPHIES**

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



#### Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programme 5-9 October 2015

The Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru Half (9-12) & Full Day (9-5) options available Transport available for Temuka children

Morning sessions focus on a range of modified sports with the afternoons offering fun activities ......

Wooden Spoon Creatures World Cup Rugby Festival Kids in the Kitchen

Wheels Potted Plants Cinema Experience

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> September 2015

Register online at www.sportcanterbury.org.nz for more information phone 03 686 0751 or email lee-anne@sportcanterbury.org.nz



#### **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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