

# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

Issue 16, 22 October 2015



## OPIHI COLLEGE INTER HOUSE CULTURAL COMPETITION

This highly entertaining competition was held at the end of Term 2. Each house performed a haka, the school waiata and a selection of New Zealand music.

**Congratulations to the winners of the Opihi College Cultural Trophy**

1st	Opihi
2nd	Pacific
3rd	Rata







## *From Across the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

It is impossible for me to start this newsletter without first acknowledging the fact that I will be departing at the end of this school year to take up the position of Principal at South Otago High School in Balclutha. I was unable to make the announcement public until part way through the first week as I had agreed to keep the matter confidential until Wednesday morning.

On Friday, a student asked me when had I decided to leave Opihi College. The decision to apply for the position was based upon several factors. However, having made the decision to move on I do feel that this is very good timing for both myself, my family and the school.

During the last four years there has been significant change at Opihi College. The future of the school is secure, the performance of students both academically and socially is very high and the school is about to embark on further transformational changes which will see it become one of the best purpose built secondary schools in South Canterbury with over \$4m being spent on the property development.

The Board of Trustees are currently preparing to advertise for a new Principal and have advice from the New Zealand School Trustees Association and the same advisor who assisted in my recruitment four years ago. I am confident that they will find an excellent Principal. I have offered my support right up to the point where the new Principal starts.

In the short term Kate Staniford will be Acting Principal for Term 1 of 2016. Kate will lead the school well and be supported by Bernie Rose. Although I am departing I will be continuing to work for the best interests of the students and this community right up until my last day. I will continue to have a strong interest in the school even after I have left.

### **Head Students**

On Monday the head student candidates spoke to the students and staff about why they should be appointed to this important role in 2016. The

standard of the presentations was extremely high and it will be a real challenge for staff and students to make a decision. I look forward to announcing the head students for 2016 at the Awards night on Friday 4 December.

### **NCEA Exams**

The fourth term does mean the culmination of NCEA studies. For many students this will include external assessments. These are due to start on Monday 9 November with NCEA L1 Maths. For all senior students, staff will be available to assist with last minute tuition and support right up until the end of the school year. However, it is important that students book a time in to meet with their teachers as this is a busy time with camps and trips out of school.

### **Community Workday**

This year we are holding our first ever Community Workday. This is an opportunity for students to give something back to the community. The school is looking for work for Year 7 to 10. Ideally we would like community organisations who could do with an extra pair of hands for a day or for people who may struggle with some tasks that younger people could take on for the day.

### **Awards Night**

On Friday 4 December we will be holding our annual Awards Night celebration of student success in academic and top sporting activities. During the day, students will attend school in the morning and then be released to go home in the afternoon. This free afternoon is in lieu of attending in the evening. All students are expected to attend the awards night unless the school receives a letter of explanation from the parent /caregiver prior to the event. Students who do not attend will be regarded as truant and will be expected to make up the time missed.

### Have a go Sailing

In the first week of the summer holiday, students from Year 7 to 9 have the opportunity to try sailing for a day. Letters have been distributed to interested students. This is a great opportunity to try a new sport at a very cheap price. I encourage students to get involved and 'Have a Go!'

### Finally

I look forward to a busy and rewarding term. I expect students to be aiming to fulfil their potential this term. For seniors, your reward will be the results which you gain in January.

Ka kite ano  
Mike Wright  
Principal

### 2015 SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Parents / Caregivers and friends of the school are invited to join us for our annual Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony on Monday 2nd November at 2.15pm. During this ceremony we will be celebrating the successes of our students achievements in both sporting and cultural activities.



### CHRISTMAS BOOK FUNDRAISER

Please return all order forms to the school office by 30th October 2015.



With the generous assistance of one of our families, the school has been able to purchase flashing signs for our school bus. Many thanks to the Venn family.

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>October</b>	23	Top Teams Challenge Year 7 & 8
	26	Labour Day <b>Statutory Holiday</b>
	27	Summer Uniform compulsory
	28-29	Business Studies trip to Wellington
<b>November</b>	2	Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony 2.15pm
	2	Study Leave notification letters & NCEA exam slips issued to senior students
	4	Senior Study Leave begins (if granted)
	6	NCEA External Examinations begin
	11-13	Year 9 & 10 Camp at Blue Skies, Kaiapoi
	12	SCPSSA Skate & Scooter
	16	Tri Exchange
	17-19	SC Cricket Tournament Years 6-8
	23-27	Year 7 Camp at Raincliff
	30	Community Assistance Day
<b>December</b>	1	SCPSSA Athletics
	1-3	Activities Days
	4	Awards Night 7.00pm

### CONGRATULATIONS

Hamish Fikken, Lily Moore, John Reyes, Maisie Callaghan, Issy Livingstone and Kaia MacPherson for representing Opihi College at the recent Extra Magazine Current Events quiz. They showed the value of Excellence by being experts in current events knowledge.

### HAY FOR SALE

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

# Opihi College Uniform – School Regulations 2016



## Junior Summer Uniform (Years 7-10)

- blue check skirt<sup>1</sup>
- white split hem, short sleeve, blouse<sup>1 4</sup>
- white ankle socks<sup>1 4</sup>
- or
- mid -blue polo shirt<sup>2</sup>
- navy blue walk shorts<sup>2 4</sup>
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop<sup>2</sup>

## Senior Summer Uniform (Years 11-13)

- navy blue skirt<sup>1</sup>
- white split hem, short sleeve, blouse<sup>1 4</sup>
- white ankle socks<sup>1 4</sup>
- school blazer (optional)
- or
- white short sleeved shirt designed to sit out<sup>2 4</sup>
- navy blue walk shorts<sup>2 4</sup>
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop<sup>2</sup>
- school blazer (optional)

## Junior Winter Uniform (Years 7-10)

- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt<sup>4</sup>
- long-sleeved white blouse<sup>4</sup>
- black stockings or black over the knee socks<sup>4</sup>
- or
- Polo shirt<sup>2</sup>
- long black trousers<sup>4</sup> / navy blue walk shorts<sup>2 4</sup>
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop<sup>2</sup>

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- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt<sup>4</sup>
- long-sleeved white blouse<sup>4</sup>
- black stockings or black over the knee socks<sup>4</sup>
- school blazer<sup>4</sup> (optional) - school tie<sup>3</sup> to be worn with the blazer
- or
- white long sleeved shirt<sup>4</sup>
- long black dress trousers<sup>2 4</sup>
- black socks
- school blazer<sup>4</sup> (optional) - school tie<sup>3</sup> to be worn with the blazer

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<sup>1</sup> The Drapery, Temuka

<sup>2</sup> Kings Shoe Store, Temuka

<sup>3</sup> School office

<sup>4</sup> The Warehouse, Timaru



## All Seasons - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear black, leather or leather look, shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes. Shoes must be able to be polished, not suede or canvas. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are advised to wear a blue sunhat (not baseball cap) in Term 1 and Term 4. Sunhats can be purchased through the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies may be worn with the winter uniform during Term 2 and Term 3.
- Black soft shell jacket with crest<sup>4</sup>; or any plain black jacket of their choice for warmth.
- Blue, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest<sup>2 4</sup>
- Blue, V-necked, vest with school crest<sup>4</sup>
- A non-hooded plain navy blue polar fleece jacket may be worn.
- PE uniform - Opihi College Rugby/Polo shirt with black shorts (mid-thigh maximum length and no cycle type shorts). A change of socks are to be worn with gym shoes. On cold days a black track suit or a plain coloured sweat shirt in your house colour and track pants may be worn. A white sweatshirt is also acceptable. *(The P.E. Rugby / Polo shirts are available to order and purchase through the school office – cost \$60.00.)*

## **PERSONAL PRESENTATION – SCHOOL REGULATIONS**

These regulations apply to all students. The appearance of the students is expected to reflect credit on the school at all times.

- Hair must be clean, tidy and tied up if longer than shoulder length. No extremes including changing hair to unnatural colours. Boys must be clean-shaven. Hair ties must be in school colours. ( Blue, black and white.)
- A Taonga may be worn appropriately. It is to be removed for physical education and sport as required.
- Students may only wear one **plain** silver or gold stud earring per ear at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- For students in Years 7 – 13 the school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly. Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with school uniform.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Winter Uniform is optional from the beginning of Term 2 but is compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend. Summer Uniform is optional from September 1<sup>st</sup> but is compulsory after Labour Weekend.

## CAREERS CORNER!

As our senior students prepare for the end of year exams it is important to remember that for the Year 13 students this is the last time they will sit school exams. On top of studying for exams they have had to complete Halls of Residence applications, choose University and Polytechnic courses, complete Scholarship applications, finalise CV's and look for jobs! It is a really busy time and it is hard not to be stressed, however most do survive and move on to the next phase of their life having learned important lessons from their time at Opihi College. We wish the senior students leaving us at the end of the year all the best for 2016 and hope all your dreams come true.



## AGRIBUSINESS COURSES AND TEENAG CHALLENGE



With the end of the school year getting closer students have begun finishing various outside courses. One such course is the Agribusiness Course that students attend at the Agribusiness Training Centre in Washdyke. Students learn a range of agricultural skills, from animal handling, to learning how to ride a quad bike, to fencing. Whilst these courses are practical in nature all of them are credit based and the credits go towards Level 2 NCEA and a Vocational Pathways Award in Primary Industries.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September six Year 10 students were part of 90 students from South Canterbury and North Otago Schools taking part in the TeenAg Challenge Day at the Aoraki Polytechnic Farm. The students undertook various farming challenges as a team. These challenges included guessing the weight of a cattle beast, fencing, learning plant propagation, digging holes etc. Whilst the Opihi College team didn't win any prizes, they performed really well and had a fun day. Thank you to Percy Goldsmith for accompanying the team.

## DEFENCE FORCES CAREERS EXPO AND EXPERIENCE WEEK

At the end of Term 3, six students travelled to Wigram Air Base in Christchurch to spend a morning at the Defence Forces Careers Expo. They were put into groups and then participated in four workshops looking at resilience, leadership, trades and getting the job you want. The students also got to spend time looking at the various equipment and vehicles used by the Defence Forces and talk to Defence Force staff.



Also with a view to pursuing a Defence Forces career, Haze Twaddle-Poutai was selected to spend a week during the September holidays at the Burnham Military Camp with 60 other students from throughout New Zealand. He got to experience what daily life in the Defence Forces might be like. Haze enjoyed this opportunity and it has reinforced for him that in the future he does want to have a career in the Defence Forces.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to careers on 615 7442.

Louise Heenan

Apply for your student loan or allowance by 16 December to make sure you receive your first entitlements on time



## Studying at a University or Polytechnic next year?

Students enrolled in a New Zealand Tertiary Institute for 2016 can use the Student Job Search website for **FREE** from the 1st of November 2015.

Visit [sjs.co.nz](http://sjs.co.nz) to start your job hunt this summer!

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# EVERY DAY COUNTS

*Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child's education. Students learn new things at school every day—missing school puts them behind.*

## Why its important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Students develop good habits by going to school every day –habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study. Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including NCEA, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school –each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

## Getting in early

It's never too late to improve attendance –going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 9, where attendance rates are lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts. Schools are there to help –if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

## What we can do

The main reasons for absence are: **Sickness** - There are always times when students need to miss school. Such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

**"Day Off"** - Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates. Every day counts. **Truancy**—When students choose not to go to school without parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your dean, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.



A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. There is a strong correlation between student absence and student achievement. I am noticing a concerning trend of parents taking their kids out of school for four day weekends and extra holidays. It is always stressful for the student to come back and have to catch up. Please schedule dental, physio and orthodontic appointments for after school where possible. Too many students are taking the whole day off for these type of appointments. Sometimes we have to practice 'Tough Love' as a parent, but in doing this you are developing a strong sense of responsibility and self discipline which will aid them immensely when adults.

Janine Murray  
Truancy Officer  
Opihi College

# CARE CARD DRAW

## TERM 3

Abbey Keen won the \$50 Warehouse voucher.

## WEEK 1 TERM 4

Casey-Jane Wilson won the senior care card canteen voucher

Tahlia George won the junior care card canteen voucher

## WEEK 9 TERM 3

Caleb Rippin won the junior care card canteen voucher

Olivia McBride won the senior care card canteen voucher

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Ben Cleverley and Max Denley who competed in the South Canterbury Cross Country Mountain Bike Race. Ben placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Max placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Yr 7 & 8 Boys Race.

## TOP TEAMS SCHOOL VISIT

The top team school visit is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Year 7 & 8 Students need to come to school in school uniform and bring PE gear to take part in this awesome activity.

## AORAKI INLINE SKATING COMPETITION

Tyla Smith competed in this competition on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Congratulations Tyla on a great effort.

**SCPSSA Mountain Bike Race** was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. A team of seven competed at Centennial Park on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you Karen Joyce for taking this team into the competition.

Last week of Term 3 Ryan Bagrie, Sophie Pye and Tahlia George travelled to Blenheim to compete in the **South Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country team**. Well done for being selected in this team and competing at this National Cross Country Competition.

## AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS OPIHI COLLEGE FINALISTS

Tyla Smith – Inline Skating  
Branaye Wylie – Staff Contribution to Sport  
Eric Lindblom – Coach of the year

## LIBRARY NEWS

*Last term we had a marvellous response to the Hell Pizza  
reading challenge*

*74 completed pizza wheels were handed out to 63 students.  
Well done – hope you enjoyed your pizzas.*

**LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED  
THERE ARE MANY OVERDUE**



## OPIHI COLLEGE YEAR 7&8 MOUNTAIN BIKING TEAM

On Wednesday 21st October the SCPSSA Mountain Bike Competition was held at Centennial Park in Timaru. A team of seven students attended. Thank you Kaz Joyce for taking them to this and taking these awesome photos.

### Official Results:

Boys	4th place	Fletcher Joyce
	21st place	Ben Cleverley
	35th place	Max Denley

Girls	10th place	Natasha Pannett
	11th place	Jodie Jolley
	14th place	Jacinda Kelly
	17th place	Shayla Moss



## IN LINE SKATING

On Tuesday 20th October Tyla Smith represented Opihi College at the Aoraki Secondary Schools Junior Inline Skating Championships held in Timaru.

### Official Results:

200m	1st place	Tyla Smith
500m	1st place	Tyla Smith
1 km	1st place	Tyla Smith
3 km	1st place	Tyla Smith

Well done Tyla on a great days results!



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Well done to  
Tane Francis and  
Sarn McCone**

who represented South Canterbury at a football tournament in Blenheim in the school holidays.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Michael Livingstone** was named MVP at the South Island Soccer Tournament held in Dunedin during the school holidays.

**Andrew Kirkcaldie and Cody Crawshaw** played in the South Canterbury Under 15 boys hockey team which won the age group tournament during the holidays.

**Well done to Andrew Kirkcaldie** who was named MVP at this tournament.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The 2015 Lions Club International Peace Poster competition was won by **Toni Wilson**. This is the second year in a row that she has been awarded the top honour in this competition - A great achievement

**Dominic Barrett-Waihape** also created an award winning poster and received third prize!

*Well done to you both.*



## YEAR 7 & 8 INQUIRY LEARNING

In Term 3, Year 7 & 8 students studied the 2015 Rugby World Cup. In pairs, students worked co-operatively to answer the driving question "What is rugby past, present, future like in a country participating in the 2015 Rugby World Cup". They had 20 countries to research.

Zane Nolan and Cameron Stone's inquiry was about Ireland's rugby. By putting this article into the school newsletter, Zane and Cameron have reached a wide audience with their action (what they have learnt).

# The Ireland Daily Times

WRITTEN BY ZANE AND CAMERON

## THE BEGINNING OF RUGBY IN IRELAND

*Article written by Cameron Stone*

Dublin University was the first organised rugby football club in Ireland, having been founded in 1854. The club was organised by students who had learnt the game while at English public schools. During the third quarter of the nineteenth century, and following the adoption of a set of official rules in 1868, rugby football began to spread quickly throughout Ireland, resulting in the formation of several other clubs which are still in existence, including NIFC (1868); Wanderers (1869); Queen's University (1869); Lansdowne (1873); Dungannon (1873); Co. Carlow (1873); UCC (1874); and Ballinasloe (1875) which amalgamated with Athlone to form Buccaneers.

The first Ireland rugby team played England on 19 February 1875 and lost by 2 goals and a try, to nil.

In 1874, the Irish Football Union (reconstituted as the Irish Rugby Football Union after unification with the North of Ireland Union) was formed. Ireland lost their first test match against England 7-0 at the Oval on 15 February 1875. Both teams fielded 20 players in this match, as was customary in the early years of rugby union; it was not until 1877 that the number of players was reduced from 20 to 15. Ireland's first home game was also against England in the same year held at the Leinster Cricket Club in Rathmines, as Lansdowne Road was deemed unsuitable. The first match at Lansdowne Road was held on 11 March 1878, with England beating Ireland by 2 goals and a 1 try, to nil. It was not until 1881 that Ireland first won a test, beating Scotland at Ormeau.

## 2015 RUGBY WORLD CUP POOL PLAY

### IRELAND BEATS CANADA 50-7

*By Zane Nolan*

In a breath taking game against Canada, Ireland wins by a whopping 43 points. Yay go Ireland.

Lets just hope Ireland can win in their next game.

## QUARTER FINAL

Result:

Ireland lost to Argentina 43-20

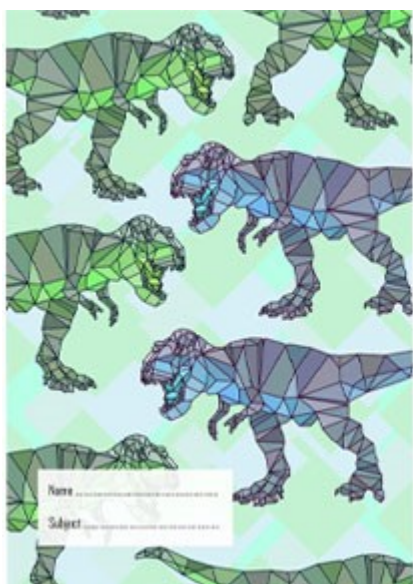


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And why not make our day, by sharing your ideas on our [Facebook](#) page.






## STAFF VERSUS STUDENTS NETBALL CHALLENGE

The Senior A Netball team were feeling very confident that they could beat the staff. Captain Teà Prentice challenged their coaches to a game of netball, to prove they could play, as well as coach à netball.

On Monday a large number of students and staff gathered to watch. Four eight minute quarters were played. The staff won 20 goals to 5. Age and experience, prevailed over youthful exuberance.






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Concert Coach  
TO CHRISTCHURCH

TAKE  
the bus

NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents

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Kari Kriikku  
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**WOMENS SEVENS RUGBY**  
South Canterbury Womens  
Rugby would like to welcome  
new players!

Practices are held 6.15pm  
Wednesdays at Alpine Energy  
Stadium, Church Street,  
Timaru.

Competition games played on  
Saturdays.

Any enquiries please call  
Tracey 027 4076 035

## 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.



## STUDENT EXCHANGE

### Between Timaru and Eniwa, Japan

Sister Cities Timaru invites applications from Secondary School Students to represent the Timaru District on an escorted Educational and Cultural Exchange to Eniwa Hokkaido, Japan. The exchange visit is planned for late June 2016 and will be for three weeks, three students will be chosen.

A short essay (of between 150-200 words) stating "Why I would make a good representative of my District" should accompany the application and a current photo.

Applicants will need a current passport and preferably need to reside and attend a High School in the Timaru District. Accommodation would be free. Students will be home hosted and possibly by the Japanese families of Eniwa students who recently visited Timaru.

Approximate airfare cost to the student \$3,000 + taxes and optional personal spending (\$200-500).

Students shortlisted will be contacted by the Sister City committee for an Interview in mid December 2015. Whilst a knowledge of Japanese language and culture is not a pre-requisite, an affinity with Japanese culture could be an advantage.

For further information please contact  
Barrie Suter 688 5501 (bazsuter@xtra.co.nz)  
Eric Lindblom 615 8680 (lindblome@xtra.co.nz)  
Nachiko Schollum 684 7997 (nachiko@xtra.co.nz)



Applications close on Friday 27 November 2015 and send to:  
Eniwa Exchange Trip  
Timaru Sister City Committee  
c/- Barrie Suter  
191 Douglas Street  
Highfield  
Timaru

*If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact Mrs Murray.*

## HOMESTAY REQUIRED



Have you ever thought of hosting an overseas student?

We have a Japanese boy arriving late January and staying for three terms in 2016. He is 16 and is looking forward to learning about our kiwi culture. There is a weekly re-imbursement for hosting and your family will benefit from this cultural experience.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Murray.



# SOUTH CANTERBURY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**FREE ENTRY | FREE ENTRY**  
**CULTURE | ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD**

**SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER | 11AM – 4PM**

**AORAKI POLYTECHNIC - CNR NORTH ST & SH1**





  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
at Craigmore Station on Saturday 21st November  
A fundraiser for St Mary's Church, Waimate District Cooperating Venture and the St Andrews Volunteer Fire Brigade

**Angels on Bikes gates open at 8.30am, riders start at 10.00am**

<b>MIGHTY MOA FAMILY BIKE RIDE</b> Ride the stunning Valley of the Moa on private farmland with spectacular views from coast to alps. <b>10.00am</b> Fitness: Moderate   10km (approx) Rates: Adults \$25   Family 2+2 \$40   U20 \$10 INCLUDES ENTRY TO AFTERNOON FAMILY FUN	<b>LIMESTONE ROCK CHILDREN'S BIKE RIDE</b> A flat easy ride along the ridge of the Moa Valley via limestone track and grass paddocks. No hills. <b>10.30am</b> Fitness: Easy   3km (approx) Rates: \$10 Child   Parents FREE INCLUDES ENTRY TO AFTERNOON FAMILY FUN	<b>EAGLE CAVE GUIDED NATURE TREK</b> Guided walk with the Kiwi Conservation Club and Waitaha Friends to the Eagle Cave and see ancient rock art. <b>10.30am</b> Fitness: Easy   3km (approx) Rates: Adults \$5   Children \$2 INCLUDES ENTRY TO AFTERNOON FAMILY FUN
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**FAMILY FUN AT CRAIGMORE 11AM - 4PM**

- Devonshire Tea
- "Natural Magic"
- Stalls
- Food
- Music
- Pheasant Rearing Talks
- Fancy Dress Bikes
- Peonies in Bloom
- Bike Polo Demo
- Arowhenua School Choir
- Facepainting
- Homestead Talks
- Berries

**Gate fee: Adults \$10 | Children FREE**

**CONTACTS**  
St Mary's Church Ph: 03-688 8377  
24 Church Street, Timaru  
st.marys.timaru@xtra.co.nz  
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**GETTING THERE**  
30 mins drive SW Timaru.  
Take SH1 south, turn into Pareora River Road, left into Craigmore Valley Road. SIGNPOSTED FROM HERE  
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**BIKERS AND WALKERS PLEASE PRE-REGISTER**  
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## TEMUKA ATHLETICS CLUB

Still taking Registrations for 2015/16 season. Join us at our club night on Mondays, 6.15pm on the Opihi College back field (entrance off Guild Road, Temuka).

For further information check out our facebook page-Temuka Athletic Club.

Email [temu.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:temu.athletics@gmail.com)



## SAILING

Students in Years 7-9 have the opportunity to participate in the Yachting New Zealand Have a Go Day. This will be held in the holidays, on December 10th at the Timaru Yacht Club. Cost for the use of equipment and tuition is \$28. This is a full day programme (9am to 3pm). If you are interested, please contact the school office.

## Temuka Swimming Club



Registration for the 2015-2016 Season

**Thursday 29 October, 4.30pm – 5.30pm**  
at the Temuka Swimming Pool.

Expert Coaching offered for all grades and ages 6 years and over.

If anyone is interested in coaching or other inquiries please phone 6159362



**THE DAM RACE**

**SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2015**

Fantastic new cycle ride at Omarama that takes in 3 hydro dams with stunning alpine scenery

Presented by: 

**108km road cycle challenge or 28km family mountain bike option**

Fundraiser for the Omarama School

Register on-line at **www.thatdamrace.co.nz**

Sponsored by:





**Kids@ARTS&PLANTS**  
**Lolly Balloons Show**  
 11am & 1pm Saturday  
 Domain Playground




**SATURDAY Show@THE LODGE**  
**Mr & Mrs Alexander**  
 7.30pm | Lodge Theatre | Cnr Talbot & Hislop St  
 TICKETS: \$20 Adult | \$10 under 15 | Tickets Robbie's Milkbar  
 'Gripping theatre, full of laughs and thrills...  
 Don't miss it.' NOW TORONTO (2014)

**FRIDAY Music@ARTS&PLANTS**  
**Music on the Village Green** 10am-1pm **Breakthru** | 1.30-4.30pm **Boru**  
**Variety Concert & Sing-along** 7.30pm | \$10 | Lodge Theatre Corner Talbot & Hislop Street  
 Enjoy local acts **DNA**, Shine Choir, Geraldine Ukulele Chamber Ensemble and the Geraldine Ukuphonium Orchestra  
 FUNDRAISER FOR GERALDINE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORK TRUST

**ARTS&PLANTS Exhibitions**

**ALPINE ENERGY ART AWARDS** ADMISSION BY DONATION  
 Geraldine Primary Community Hall | 73 Wilson Street  
**THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 7.30pm** | Exhibition Opening  
 The artworks will be available for sale all weekend:  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10am-4pm** | **SUNDAY 10am-3pm**



**PHOTOGRAPHY, FLORAL ART, FABRIC POSTCARDS**  
 also in the Community Hall with a Children's Colouring Competition  
PLEASE NO STILETTOS OR PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE HALL

**GERALDINE PATCHWORK CLUB** ADMISSION BY DONATION  
 St Mary's Anglican Church | 77 Talbot Street  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9am-5pm** | **SUNDAY 10am-4pm**

**GERALDINE TREASURES**  
 Historical Society Museum | 9.30am-3pm | 5 Cox St  
 Vintage & Machinery Museum 9.30am-4pm | 178 Talbot St  
**VINTAGE TAXI SERVICE** Catch a FREE ride in one of Geraldine's famous vintage cars to and from your events anywhere within Geraldine

**BOULEVARD MARKET** FRIDAY 9am-4pm | Talbot & Wilson Streets  
**MARKET DAY** SATURDAY 9am-4pm | The Domain Hislop Street  
**FARMERS' MARKET** SATURDAY 9.00am-12.30pm | St Mary's 77 Talbot Street

**More@ARTS&PLANTS**

**Bookarama** | 10am-4pm | Domain Pavilion  
**Ecumenical Church Service**  
 10.30am | St Mary's | 77 Talbot Street  
 If wet go to St Andrew's 10 Cox St  
**Kakahu Bush Walk** | 10am depart Lime Kiln Rd  
 3.30pm return Bring lunch, fluid, suitable footwear and clothing. Half-day tramp fitness is essential.  
**BOOKINGS JOHN TALBOT 03 614 7896**



**THURSDAY 12 - FRIDAY 13 - SATURDAY 14 - SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015**

GERALDINE ARTS Festival & PLANTS 2015

**LOLLY BALLOON SHOW**



**@ THE DOMAIN PLAYGROUND**

Sat 14th November  
**11am & 1pm**

**Christchurch**  
**GLUTEN FREE FOOD & ALLERGY SHOW**  
**31 Oct-1 Nov 2015** *making life easier*


Pioneer Rec & Sport Centre  
 Spreydon, 10am-5pm

**ONLY \$10 ENTRY**  
Children under 10 FREE! AND discount for senior citizens

Present this flyer at the ticket desk and get a **FREE BAG**

**PLUS NEW TO CHRISTCHURCH**  
**FOOD DEMONSTRATION ROOM!**  
 TURN OVER FOR TIMETABLES!

**GERALDINE ARTS Festival & PLANTS 2015 PRESENTS:**



**MR AND MRS ALEXANDER**  
 PRESENT  
**SIDESHOWS & PSYCHICS!**

BEING AN ACCURATE RECREATION OF THE HERETOFORE UNTOLD TALE OF COLONIAL NEW ZEALAND'S MOST INGENUOUS PRACTITIONERS OF THE PSYCHIC, MESMERIC & PRESTIDIGITATIVE ARTS.

RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THEIR TOUR OF THE AMERICAS -

"A MAGICAL SHOW" WINNER OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE 2014 OTTAWA TRING "BREATHTAKING FUN" ON STAGE OTTAWA

**SATURDAY 14th of NOVEMBER 2015**  
**CIRCUS SKILLS & STAGE COMBAT WORKSHOP: 12-4pm**  
@ The Academy of Performance & Arts, Limited places, \$5. Book with jill @ eventsgeraldine.org.nz

**SHOW: 7.30pm @ THE LODGE THEATRE, Geraldine**  
Tickets from Robbie's Milkbar, Talbot St, from October 10th.  
 Adults \$20, Children under 15 \$10 - ph: 03 693 8338

[www.glutenallergy.co.nz](http://www.glutenallergy.co.nz)





## Timaru's own Amazing Race using the Metro Bus Network!

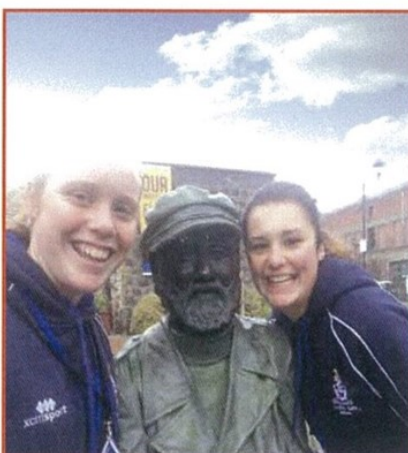
### Timaru Metro CHALLENGE

During the July school holidays, Year 11-13 students were given the opportunity to race around the city, taking selfies along the way, to be in to win various prizes. Seven teams of two participated this year which involved quizzes on all the bus routes, plus challenges such as sorting rubbish in the Botanical Gardens, quizzes at the Museum, a physical activity at CBay, making harakeke (flax) kites and gleaning information from elderly residents at Glenwood Home.

The event is very well organised by Debbie Eddington (ECAN - Educator for Sustainability) with support from Briony Woodnorth (TDC - Zero Waste Advisor), Museum staff, other ECAN staff and Stacey Day (WAVE - School Travel Planner). Feedback once again from the students on the day was very positive and we will endeavour to use some of the students to help promote the event next year in their respective schools.



Olivia McBride and Georgia Marriner on the bus



Boudine Brown and Zoe Carpenter  
- selfie challenge



Savannah Bruce and Brooke Wilkie  
completing the harakeke challenge.

## Early Childhood Education

### Rata Kindergarten

Over the past few weeks we have been very fortunate to have had Evan and Cody from Opihi College come and join us here at Rata Kindergarten.

What a great opportunity to make links with our local community. Each Wednesday morning they arrive and join the tamariki in their play for half an hour.

The tamariki have had some great role models and have had opportunities to work with Evan and Cody in the sandpit, play games, read stories and many other activities of their interest.



Evan



Cody reading to Zion

## John Street Kindergarten

As part of John Street Kindergarten's healthy eating initiative this year they used puzzles to support their teaching programme. Thank you for the funding that enabled us to purchase some wonderful puzzles. The puzzles are of food groups that lead to discussion on healthy foods which support our programme. The children are enjoying these challenges.



Thank you, John Street Kindergarten, Waimate

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Sally Anderson, Student Support Person from Community College who has won the ITENZ (Independent Tertiary Education New Zealand) learning support person of the year award.