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2015 SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS



Our annual Sports and Cultural Awards were held on Monday 2nd November at 2.15pm. **Congratulations to all our prize winners**, a full list is included in this newsletter. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who joined us to celebrate the successes of our students achievements in both sporting and cultural activities.

*Pictured above: Sports Blue Award Winners Tyla Smith (in line skating) and Wiremu Te Haate (athletics).
Picture below: Ramahi King Reeves & Joshua Welford, Teà Prentice & Lyndon Murray*



2015 SPORTS AWARDS

Archery

Archery Award	Caleb Rippin	Achievement and Consistent Improvement
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Skiing

Matthew White Trophy	Kayleigh Wright	Achievement in Skiing or Snowboarding
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Softball

Wright Family Trophy	Wiremu Te Haate	Senior MVP
Wright Family Trophy	Toby Tredrea	Junior MVP
Wright Family Trophy	Evan Crosse	Junior MVP

Athletics

Dave Phiskie Memorial Cup	Hailey Larsen	Minor Girls Athletics
Dave Phiskie Memorial Cup	Thomas Johnson	Minor Boys Athletics
Joe Clarke Family Cup	Kayla Bagrie	Under 14 Girls Athletics
Merv Davey Family Cup	Kegan Westgarth -Armishaw	Under 14 Boys Athletics
The Donehue Cup	Maddison Mawhinney	Junior Girls Athletics
Keith Dippie Cup	Connor Brown	Junior Boy Athletics
Henderson Cup	Lydia Kinvig	Intermediate Girls
R Preston Cup	Wiremu Te Haate	Intermediate Boys
The Hickey Cup	Teà Prentice	Girl's Field Events Champion
School Challenge Cup	Lyndon Murray	Boys' Field Events
	Haze Twaddle-Poutai	
J L Menzies Cup	Learna Hausler	Senior Girls' Athletics
J M Ritchie Cup	Harley Twaddle	Senior Boys' Athletics

Cross Country

Bruce McCormick Memorial Cup	Fletcher Joyce	Minor Boys' Champion
Spillane Family Shield	Tahlia George	Minor Girls' Champion
Weavers Family Cup	Shayden Campbell	Junior Boys' Champion
Laurenson Family Cup	Kayla Bagrie	Junior Girls' Champion
Fraser Family Cup	Andrew Kirkcaldie	Senior Boys' Champion
Clarkson Family Cup	Erin Howey	Senior Girls' Champion

Basketball

The Niles Family Cup	Teà Prentice	Contribution to the Game
Colin Cottrell Cup	Charlie Te Haate	Contribution to the Game

Football

Temuka Football Club Trophy	Shania Cochrane	For Skill
McMeikan Family Cup	Kayla Bagrie	Junior Football

Hockey

The Leslie Cup	Tyla Smith	Contribution to Girls' Hockey
Margaret Aitken Trophy	Cody Crawshaw	Junior Boy
Temuka Hockey Club Cup	Tyla Smith	Junior Girl
The Leslie Cup	Andrew Kirkcaldie	Contribution to Boys Hockey

Netball

Mary Cumming Trophy	Sophie Pye	Most Valuable Player
Netball Trophy	Madi Heurea & Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris	Year 9 & 10 Player of the Year
Lesley Andrew Trophy	Emily McBride	Most Valuable Netball Player
Eric Andrew Trophy	Teà Prentice	Captain of the "A" netball team

Swimming

Shepherd Cup	Teà Prentice	Best Breast Stroke Style
Stratford Family Cup	Natasha Pannett	Minor Girls' Champion
Max Rose Family Cup	Fletcher Joyce	Minor Boys' Champion
Segar Cup	Kayla Bagrie	Junior Girls' Champion
O S Priest Cup	Adam Wilson	Junior Boys' Champion
A E Smith Cup	Teà Prentice	Senior Girls' Champion
W H McMillan Cup	Cameron Webb	Senior Boys' Champion

Claybird Shooting

McCullough Cup	Zac Ross
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Cricket

Temuka Cricket Club Centennial Cup	Mukesh Gaddam	Contribution to the Game
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School Sports Blues

Tyla Smith	In Line Skating
Wiremu Te Haate	Athletics

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School Sports Awards

Ryan Bagrie	Cross Country
Charlie Te Haate	Netball
Emilie Ackroyd	Netball
Tahlia George	Cross Country & Netball
Sophie Pye	Cross Country & Netball
Kiarn Prentice	Softball
John Reyes	Gymnastics
Hamish Fikken	Softball
Cole Robertson	Softball
Kayla Bagrie	Football
Evan Crosse	Softball
Jessica Marshall	Basketball
Shania Cochrane	Football
Cody Crawshaw	Softball
Kayleigh Wright	Basketball & Skiing & Softball
Jia Prentice	Softball
Stevie Loudon	Softball
Emily Black	Netball
Rebecca Denley	Athletics
Mya Stratford	Netball
Madi Heurea	Netball
Sheyanne McCarron	Netball
Abbey Keen	Basketball
Joshua Welford	Special Olympics
Louise Rippin	Basketball
Caleb Rippin	Softball
Te Horo Awhina	Netball
Te Rahui Harris	Netball
Maddison Mawhinney	Football
Andrew Kirkcaldie	Cross Country
Brittany Armishaw	Football
Neko Prentice	Softball
Lydia Kinvig	Football
Tegan Robertson	Softball
Charlie Hati	Netball
Emily McBride	Netball
Teà Prentice	Netball & Softball



Pictured above (from top)
Megan Calder
Magesh Gaddam
Kayla Bagrie

School Sports Awards

Emily McBride	Netball
Teà Prentice	Netball & Softball
Emily Scannell	Netball
Olivia McBride	Netball
Wiremu Te Haate	Softball
Jaime Gould	Volleyball
Ramahi King-Reeves	Special Olympics

Outstanding Captain of a School Team

Sophie Pye	Netball
Madi Heurea	Netball
Lydia Kinvig	Football
Teà Prentice	Netball

Outstanding Contribution to a School Team

Charlie Te Haate	Basketball
Sophie Pye	Netball
Kayla Bagrie	Football
Liam Mulligan	Referee for Volleyball & Basketball
Tegan Robertson	Umpire for Netball
Teà Prentice	Basketball

Outstanding Student Coach

Tegan Robertson	Netball
Meghan Mulligan	Basketball
Emily McBride	Netball
Teà Prentice	Basketball
Olivia McBride	Netball
Haze Twaddle-Poutai	Rugby
Jaime Gould	Netball

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Charlie Hati and Megan Frew

Cultural Awards

Ex Pupils Association Cup	Mahaliya Etti	Year 7&8 Speech
J T Smart Rosebowl	Megan Calder	Year 9 Speech
Maslin Cup	Louise Rippin	Year 10 Poetry
Te Piripono	Megan Frew	Loyalty to Te Umu Kaha
Te Piripono	Charlie Hati	Loyalty to Te Umu Kaha
Te Umu Kaha Cup	Megan Frew	Contribution to Whanau
Mana Wahine	Megan Frew	
Mana Tane	Wiremu Te Haate	

School Sports Representatives

Ryan Bagrie	Cross Country- S C Primary Schools
Cameron Stone	Football—S C 12th Grade
Tane Francis	Football -S C 12th Grade
Fletcher Joyce	Cross Country -S C Primary Schools
Fletcher Joyce	Rugby - Hanan Shield U48 kg
Fletcher Joyce	Swimming -Town & Country Swim Team
Natasha Pannett	Netball -S C Year 7
Natasha Pannett	Swimming -Town & Country Swim Team
Luke Smith	Hockey -S C Primary B
Caleb Kellas-Taylor	Rugby -S C U65 kg
Charlie Te Haate	Basketball -S C U13
Charlie Te Haate	Netball -S C Yr 7
Tahlia George	Cross Country -S C Primary School
Sophie Pye	Cross Country -S C Primary School
Logan Kerslake	Football -S C 12th Grade
Lily Moore	Highland Dancing -National Highland Dancing
Sarn McCone	Football -S C 12th Grade
Toby Tredrea	Rugby -S C U65kg
Kayla Bagrie	Football -S C 14th Grade
Kayla Bagrie	Swimming -Town & Country Swim Team
Shania Cochrane	Football -S C 14th Grade
Cody Crawshaw	Hockey -S C U15 yrs
Michael Livingstone	Football -S C 14th Grade
Tyla Smith	Hockey -S C U15 yrs
Tyla Smith	Inline Skating -NZ Oceania
Maddison Mawhinney	Football -S C 17th Grade
Andrew Kirkcaldie	Hockey -S C U15



CONGRATULATIONS

Olympia Hodgson ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Olympia Hodgson ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Jamie Callaghan ~ Received his Bronze E badge
 Dylan Donehue ~ Received his Bronze E badge
 Lionell Hansen ~ Received his Bronze E badge
 Roselee McKenzie ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Olivia McBride ~ Received her Silver C badge
 Emily McBride ~ Received her Silver E badge
 Georgia Marriner ~ Received her Silver C badge
 Kaia MacPherson ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Kiarn Prentice ~ Received his Bronze C badge
 Madison Reihana ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Blair Stoddart ~ Received his Bronze E badge
 Emily Scannell ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Tahlia George ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Emilie Ackroyd ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Rhianna Hudson ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Tegan Robertson ~ Received her silver A badge
 Shakoya Grieve ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Takila Howell ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Andrew Kirkcaldie ~ Received his Bronze C badge
 Hailey Larsen ~ Received her Bronze R badge
 Jayda McNoe ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Jia Prentice ~ Received her Silver E badge
 Charlotte Te Haate ~ Received his Bronze C badge
 Shania Cochrane ~ Received her Gold E badge
 Mahaliya Etti ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Dylan Donehue ~ Received his Bronze C badge
 Ebony Keeley ~ Received his Silver C badge
 Courtney Leonard ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Ty Griffiths ~ Received her Bronze C badge
 Baiden Halkett ~ Received his Bronze C badge
 Abbey Keen ~ Received her Silver E badge
 Caleb Kellas-Taylor ~ Received his Bronze E badge
 Reremoana Davis ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Sophie Leonard ~ Received her Bronze E badge
 Madi Heurea ~ Received her Bronze C badge

CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

23 October 2015 Brittany Armshaw
 Lily Moore



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

The school term is moving along very fast and we have recently farewelled many of the senior students who have started their study leave as they have gained the necessary credits to attain their NCEA certificate. Some of these students have no external exams and have either opted to continue with their studies or take on some paid work.

This week I was talking to one young man who not only has his NCEA Level 1 certificate but is just 20 credits short of his NCEA Level 2 as he finished his Year 11 courses. He was looking forward to working although he admitted he hated the job. He then went on to say that he was going to continue on in this work rather than return for Year 12.

I took the time to talk to him about the opportunities that would be available to him for Year 12. This included returning and taking one of the Vocational Pathway courses, possibly a work experience and completing the missing 20 credits for his Level 2. Ideally he would work toward a V Path Endorsement. We talked about a similar young man who has just finished Year 12 and who did precisely the same. He now has two tutors at Aoraki Polytechnic who both want him in their course for 2016. This young man, because he stayed in school to complete some additional studies now has great opportunities ahead of him.

The discussion I had with the Year 11 student made him stop and think. He now knows that he could be in the same position. If he opts to return, as I hope he does, his earning power would be far greater and he would have more career opportunities than he currently imagines.

Sport, Cultural and Special Awards

On Monday 2 November we held our Sport, Cultural and Special Awards assembly. It was really pleasing to see so many parents and whanau attend. I was impressed by the number of students who walked across the stage having been recognised for their achievement. As I said at the event, the range of activities that are offered is as a result of the special contribution of the volunteer coaches, managers and supporters. These are not just teaching staff but also parents, members of our wider community and also some of our senior students who are passionate about the school and want to invest in the future of this school and wider community. I appreciate the hard work of all these individuals.

Senior departure

For the seniors who have departed I have talked about their responsibilities whilst they are out of school. I have also placed upon them very clear expectations for what they should be doing. I expect that they will continue to behave and represent Opihi College with pride.

For students who have not gained study leave, they are expected to attend school as normal, in full school uniform. They will be working to gain the final credits that are necessary for them to achieve their NCEA certificate.

For students who do have study leave and would like to have assistance from their subject teacher they may attend school in mufti and arrive and depart at times that suit their needs. However, we do ask that students make sure that they sign in at the front office so that we know that they are on site.

NCEA Exams

NCEA Exams start next week. Once again we will be providing 'brain food' in the half hour prior to the exam. This is not a full meal but a light snack to set students up for their exam. We encourage students to take advantage of this offer. All students have been informed of the expectations during the exams. These expectations are set down by NZQA. We wish all students every success in their exams and their results are a reflection upon the time and effort that they have put into their studies during the school year.

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!'



Pictured: Madi Heurea & Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris

Awards Night



On **Friday 4 December** we will be holding our annual Awards Nights celebration of student success in sporting and cultural activities. During the day, students will attend school in the morning and **then be released to go home in the afternoon**. For senior students they are to attend school from 11am until about 12:30. Details about the organisation of the day will be posted on Facebook and the school website closer to the event. The 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. Students should be at school by 6.30pm ready to process into the Hall. Full summer uniform is to be worn by students with the exception of Year 13 students who are to wear their winter uniform.

After the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony, students in Years 7-11 will be issued with stationery lists and other important information relating to the start of the 2016 school year. (Please note: Year 12 students do not get a formal stationery list). Students will need to collect their pack from Tutor Teachers in the quad outside the hall.

2016 Start of Year Arrangements: Course counselling Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February (further information to come). Full school resumes for all on Thursday 4th February 2016.

Finally

We have a number of camps out of school in the next week or so. I hope to visit some of these camps and see students at work in a very different environment!

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright, Principal

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

All parents should by now be aware that children under 13 years old have a number of free visits to their GP per year, this includes after hour services if needed. Enquire when making appointment if you are not sure. Older students can have a number of free visits at their GP per year if requiring contraception and STI checks. Also available free to students if needed are Family Planning in Timaru, Youth Health Clinic in Timaru (Tuesdays 2-4pm no appointment needed) and Arowhenua Whanau Services.

Claire Neilson
Public Health Nurse
027 247 9301

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November	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
	30	Senior Returns Day
December	1	SCPSSA Athletics
	1-3	Activities Days
	4	Awards Ceremony 7.00pm <i>Last Day of Classes</i>
	8	Kilt fitting session 3-5.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Issy Livingstone who passed her Trinity College London Grade 2 piano exam with Distinction.

KILT FITTING

Orders for new kilts need to be in by the end of the school year for them to be made in time for the start of the 2016 winter.

Fitting session: Tuesday 8th December
3—5.30pm

PE TOPS

Orders for new PE Tops need to be in by 14 November for them to be made in time for the start of the 2016 year.
(Payment is not required until collection).

PRE LOVED UNIFORM

We have parents wishing to purchase second hand uniform items, especially kilts. Please bring clean and tidy uniform items to the school office for sale on behalf. (School retains a small commission).

BUSINESS STUDIES TRIP TO WELLINGTON

With the profits from our Market Day, on the 28th of October the Year 11 Business Studies class travelled up to Wellington. This was such an awesome experience, to actually hop on a plane and travel to Wellington because quite a lot of us had never been to Wellington before.



When we got to Wellington we took the bus to the place we were staying, dropped our bags off and went to explore the big city, even though the weather was not in our favour! Firstly we went for a walk around the waterfront—that was pretty awesome! We then made our way to the Wellington Cable Car, which then took us right up to the top of a hill and we had an amazing view of Wellington. We went to Parliament next. It was so cool to get inside the Parliament building BUT ... as soon as we had gone through security into the building we were all evacuated to the cold wet streets because of a fire alarm. The Beehive is huge.



The last activity was a visit to Te Papa. We looked at the Gallipolli Exhibit. It was the best thing we did. The exhibit is so well put together and full of amazing artifacts and information.

A massive “Thank You!” to Mrs Wright and Mr Prentice for making this trip possible. We all had an amazing time. We can not thank you enough!

*Written by Tegan Robertson,
On behalf of the Year 11 Business Studies class
Sharmeela, Curtis, Jacob, Holley, Alex, Neko, Andrew and Tegan*

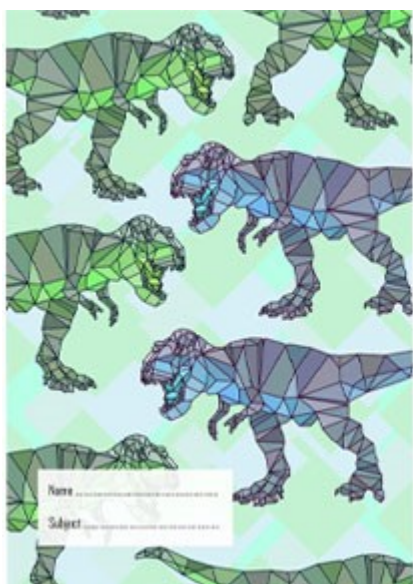


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So let's check out the [awesome designs](#).

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

Opportunity to learn about a new culture

We have a group of Chinese students coming to study at Opihi College for a week starting from the 8 February 2016. They are varied ages, we have some Year 7 students and some older students. We are looking for families that would like to host a student. You will be re-imbursed for hosting. Hosting an international student is an interesting and rewarding experience.



If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Janine Murray.

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

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-imburement for hosting and your family will benefit from this cultural experience.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Murray.



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 Pool

ph: 615 8205

Opening: FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Early Bird Swimming

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 6:00am – 8:00am

Lane Swimming

11:00am – 1:30 (week days)

Lane available throughout day unless pool is booked.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am
Monday & Wednesday 6:00pm – 6:45pm
(Mid December)

Public

Saturdays 10:00am – 6:00pm

Sundays 12 noon – 6:00pm

Weekdays 12 noon onwards

Paddling Pool open daily 11:00am – 6:00pm (except Sunday 12noon – 6:00pm)

Inflatable in pool – Sundays 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Xmas holidays extended hours 10:00am – 7:00pm

Swimming Club

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Most week days schools have the pool booked from 9:30am – 10:30am & 1:30pm – 2:30pm so pool is closed to public, please check with the office.

\$2.50 Child, \$4.00 Adult Concession tickets available

Heated Pools & our Shop is back

Temuka Primary School PTA
Is proud to present the

TEMUKA Kids Triathlon

--- [Swim] [Bike] [Run] ---

Sunday, December 6th, 2015
Temuka Domain

AGES 8-18yrs
INDIVIDUAL
OR
MIXED TEAMS

Entry Fee \$15
Heaps of Prizes
Including a BIKE
10AM START

This course is designed for kids
There will be no official place getters
Come along and give it a TRI!

Like us on facebook

SWIM

RUN

BIKE

Like Temuka Kids Triathlon on Facebook for updates
Entries are Available from
Temuka Primary School office OR Bike Inc Timaru
Entries close 1st December
All enquiries to Karen Email: ackroyd@maxnet.co.nz

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Christmas Ramble & Fete

Saturday 5 December
1pm – 4.30pm
Four Beautifully
Decorated Homes
in the Christmas theme,
then enjoy
entertainment
stalls and light
refreshment
at Ashfield Manor

Tickets \$15.00

Hosted by TEMUKA DISTRICT LIONS
Proceeds to furnishings for Temuka St Johns Rebuild

Tickets available from any Temuka District Lions member, or contact the school office.