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OPIHI COLLEGE HEAD STUDENTS 2016



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NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

The Opihi College Newsletter is published every fortnight on the Opihi College website. Paper copies will be printed **only for those who request them**. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of this newsletter, please complete slip below and return to the school office.

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Student Name _____

Whanau Class _____

Parent Name _____

Signed _____



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The school term is now well underway. Students have been settling to their whanau groupings and making connections with their mentor teachers. Unlike 'Tutor Class', the whanau groups create an opportunity each day for learners to make direct contact with their mentor through a taught programme. In Term One 2016 this consists of Career Exploration, Study Skills and Goal Setting. Whanau groups are of mixed age, thus allowing the older learners to share their experiences and advice with the younger learners.

Our Deans and whanau mentors have spent time over recent days reinforcing uniform expectations with our learners. I urge parents if they have any questions about what is acceptable to please contact either Mrs Rose (Y7-10) or Mr Callow (Y11-13) to ensure that students have the correct uniform. Our last newsletter set out clear expectations and shows specific detail regarding jewellery and the use of winter uniform out of season.

House Captains

In our house meetings last week, the students voted for their house captains. This is an important leadership role in the school requiring good communication and motivational skills to encourage house members to participate in all of the inter-house activities. You may have seen their smiling faces on our school Facebook page.

The house captains for 2016 are:

Pacific: Georgia Marriner, Saphira Barlow, Emily McBride

Aoraki: Abigail Blay and Ellen Crosse

Rata: Lydia Kinvig and Tegan Robertson

Opihi: Akena Frisby and Andrew Kirkcaldie

Conferencing, Reporting and Parent Meetings in Term One

We are further strengthening our mentoring and conferencing system this year by including set time each day within our timetable for mentors and learners to meet. This should increase the time available for learners to plan their school pathways.

Early in March you will receive a brief 'settling in' report, the intent of this report is to demonstrate that your child has settled well to their new programme of work prior to Conferences.

The report will be followed up by a Parent/Teacher evening aimed at Year 7 and 8 students on the 10th of March from 4 to 6.00pm. The Parent/Teacher meeting will be organised with old style '5 minute appointment' sessions in the main hall. The Parent/Teacher Meeting should be used to meet specific teachers if concerns have

been identified in the 'settling in' report. Where no concerns have been identified, the Conferences are a more appropriate event to attend in order to support your child's learning.

The first conferencing sessions of the year will be held on the 14th of March (4-8pm) and all day on the 15th of March. Individual conference sessions are booked by parents online, each session is led by the learner with the guidance of their mentor. Learners talk about and develop their goals for the year, and identify steps they need to take to achieve them.

Education is an important partnership between the school, the student and the home. We ask all parents to ensure that they attend during the conferencing for their 20 minute appointment to discuss strategies to assist students during the coming year. Together we can assist students reach their full potential.

HiYS Day

For the last four years we have been running a Peer Support day for our new Year 7 students. The 'Hi Year Sevens!' (HiYS) day continues to be a great success. This year, our Year 13 Peer Support Leaders, accompanied by a number of teaching staff led our new students through a range of activities to encourage team work and communication. I appreciate the hard work of the senior students and staff who contributed to the success of the 2016 event.

Swimming Sports

Our swimming heats have now been completed and competitors selected for the finals day. You can see pictures from the qualifying events on our school Facebook page. I am looking forward to the upcoming finals on Friday 26th February. I hope to see some awesome levels of student participation in the event and as many parents supporting the event as are able!

Athletics

On the 3rd of March we will be holding our school Athletics Day. Again, I encourage parents and whanau to come along and support students as they compete in their individual events. I am looking forward to a great day and to the staff beating the Year 13's in the staff student challenge!



Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

Nga mihi,

Kate Staniford
Acting Principal

FAREWELL

On Monday 22nd February we are sadly farewelling one of our Technology teachers Mr Dave Ellena. Mr Ellena has worked at the College since 2004 and has taught numerous students Design and Visual Communication (aka Graphics) and Hard Materials Technology (Woodwork and Metalwork). He has contributed to our College in many ways, both inside the classroom and through extra curricular activities over the many years he has been here. Mr Ellena is a talented musician who was the driving force behind many successful 'Starlight' and musical productions during which he spent countless hours writing scripts, preparing the student actors, dancers and musicians, and also arranging stage sets, lighting and sound. Some of our ex-students have gone on to careers in dance and drama using the skills they polished in these productions. We also acknowledge and thank David's wife Barbara for her assistance and support over the years.



THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK MR ELLENA

Dear Staff, Students, Parents, Whanau and Opihi College Community

The new school year has now started and during the last few weeks I have started in my new position at South Otago High School. I have found myself thinking of you all and also looking at the great progress that was made at Opihi College during the previous four years.

As part of my thoughts I would like to express my thanks to the school and community that supported me and my family during the four years that I was with you. As parting gifts the most treasured will be the rousing performance of the Haka and Waiata by the students at the Awards Night. Memories of that performance will remain very precious to me.

I do plan to return to see you all at some stage and will be keeping in contact with a number of people from the school and community. Returning to Otago has been an opportunity to re-connect with familiar faces which has included former students who now attend South Otago High School and one who now teaches across the road at the primary school!

I do wish you all the best for the future and I look forward to seeing some of you before too long.

All the best for 2016 and beyond.

Regards

Mike Wright

Former Principal, Opihi College



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

12th February

TigerLily Doudle

TJ Guile

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CONGRATULATIONS

Basketball—Fletcher Joyce named in the Under 13 South Canterbury representative basketball team.

Swimming—Fletcher Joyce, Natasha Pannett and Sophie Hall have all been selected to compete in the Town and Country Swimming Champs to be held February 26 -28th.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February	26	Swimming Sports <i>(No afternoon classes—all students at Domain pool 12-3 pm)</i>
March	3	Athletics Day <i>(All students, all day, Opihi College field)</i>
	6	Family Portraits <i>Jack and Jill Photography Netball Fundraiser</i>
	10	Year 7-8 Parent Evening 6.00pm
	14	Student Led Conferencing 4-8pm
	15	Student Led Conferencing 8—4pm <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	25	Good Friday <i>School closed</i>
	28	Easter Monday <i>School closed</i>
	29	Easter Tuesday <i>School closed</i>
April	15	End of Term 1

Term Dates 2016

Term 1	February 1	April 15
Term 2	May 2	July 8
Term 3	July 25	September 23
Term 4	October 10	December 9

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF AT OPIHI COLLEGE

Ms Johnson

*Introduction
by Wiremu and
Teà with the
help of Leia*

If you haven't already met Mrs Denise Johnson, Opihi College's new Teacher Aide, please give her a friendly hello when you see her around the school. Denise has come from Temuka Primary School where she has spent five years as a Teacher Aide. Denise has two daughters who currently attend Opihi College, plus one son who goes to Timaru Boys High School.

Denise moved from England to New Zealand in 2003. She loves New Zealand and painting.

Overall we are excited to have Denise join our Opihi College family.



Mr Cross

*Introduction
by Wiremu and
Teà*

Introducing Mr Cross and welcoming him to the Opihi College family! Mr Cross attended school in Wanganui, and further studied at Canterbury University. Here he studied Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Geology and Astronomy. Now at Opihi College, Mr Cross will be teaching Maths at the junior level. He has strong interests in geology and astronomy. Mr Cross really enjoys digital photography and travelling. Over the years Mr Cross has lived in many countries including China, Papua New Guinea, Abu Dhabi, England and New Zealand. After travelling he has realised that you should "appreciate the blue skies and fresh air of New Zealand". Mr Cross has previously worked at Riccarton High School in Christchurch, and he was Head of Science at Pleasant Point High School for 28 years. Mr Cross can't wait to teach at Opihi College and we can't wait for him to join the Whanau.



OPIHI COLLEGE HOUSE LEADERS



*Left:
**Pacific House
Leaders**
Georgia Marriner,
Saphira Barlow,
Emily McBride.*

*Right:
**Aoraki House
Leaders**
Abigail Blay
Ellen Crosse*



Opihi House Leaders: Akena Frisby & Andrew Kirkcaldie



Rata House Leaders: Lydia Kinvig & Tegan Robertson

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF AT OPIHI COLLEGE

Miss Stark

*Introduction
by Wiremu
and Teà*

Miss Stark welcome aboard to the Opihi College family. Miss Stark is a good country girl originally from a sheep farm in Balclutha. Miss Stark studied at Otago University, and got a Bachelor in P.E. She then went to Teachers College and studied for a year. Miss Stark had an awesome opportunity which she was able to spend a year over in America teaching water skiing and wakeboarding at a summer camp. She thoroughly enjoyed this experience as she is a very active person and enjoys every chance she is doing outdoor activities.



Mrs Wood

*Introduction
by Teà and
Wiremu*

We would like to welcome Mrs Wood. Mrs Wood is the new Head of Technology where she will be teaching fabric which she has a strong passion about. Mrs Wood went to Otago University where she got her degree in "Home Science" and "Education". Mrs Wood then became a dietitian but soon discovered that she would much rather teach. When asked "Why did you want to become a teacher?" she responded with "I wanted the students to learn". Some of her hobbies include gardening, biking and creative work. We are very excited to have Mrs Wood joining us this year.



Ms Prebble

*Introduction
by Emily and
Meghan*

Opihi College are happy to welcome Ms Prebble! Originally from Ireland, Ms Prebble moved to New Zealand 25 years ago. She began her journey in the North Island before heading to Christchurch. However due to the earthquakes she made the move to Timaru where she is now living happily. Over the last few years Ms Prebble has partaken in day relief at various schools in South Canterbury including Opihi. Ms Prebble taught in England for eight years as well as places such as the Wairarapa, Napier and Auckland. She has also tutored students in Sociology at Canterbury University. Ms Prebble trained at the University of Belfast in Northern Ireland. She knew from the age of seven that she wanted to be a teacher. Her grandfather, who was a primary school teacher influenced her decision to become a teacher as she knew she wanted to help children just like her grandfather. Firstly she studied Physical Education as she particularly enjoyed sport, however changed her course and began studying geography at a later stage. Miss Prebble enjoys geography as she is extremely passionate about the forces of nature and the diversity of people on Earth. She is excited to see what this year offers and the challenges it may bring.

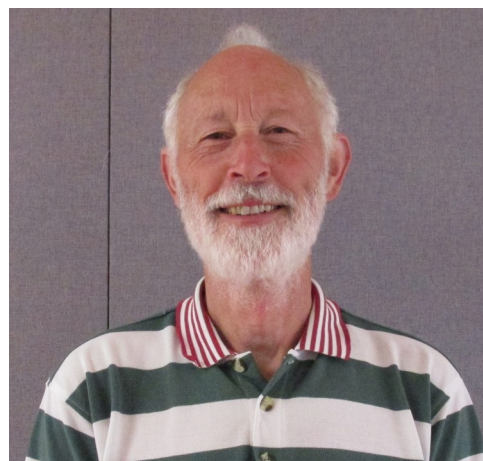


Mr Grossman

*Introduction
by Olivia and
Lyndon*

Mr Grossman is a returning Science teacher. He began teaching in 1984 over in Perth Australia, where he got most of his experience. In 1990 Mr Grossman returned to New Zealand and taught here at Opihi College. He has taught a few members of staff and a number of people in the community. We are proud to say we're welcoming Mr Grossman back to our Opihi College family for Term One.

His qualifications include a Science Degree in both Zoology and Botany. His previous occupation was a Technician in Soil Conservation. During Mr Grossman's spare time he likes to go tramping, keep bee's and is big in collecting scientific items. Mr Grossman is a well educated man who will provide a great amount of valuable knowledge to Opihi College.



Careers Corner!

The start of the year is always busy in the Careers Department as we help the senior students with their course choices for the new school year and book in liaison visits from various tertiary institutions. A list of dates confirming the visits from the various institutions will be given to the senior students when dates have been finalised as well as being in the school notices, and on the careers page on the school website. Any student **thinking** about attending university, polytechnic, the defence forces or another tertiary institution should attend the liaison visits from that institution at the start of the year, as this will provide them with useful information and may help them decide whether or not they want to pursue this career choice. Students and parents can also see when university open days are happening by checking the different institution's websites.



A reminder that the university entrance requirements for universities and some polytechnic courses are as follows:

- students need to achieve 14 credits in 3 **approved** subjects (total 42 credits) **plus** gaining Level 3 NCEA (i.e 60 Level 3 credits).
 - literacy requirements are 10 credits at level 2 (5 reading and 5 writing)
 - numeracy requirements are 10 credits at Level 1.
- * some university and polytechnic courses may also have other prerequisites so make sure you check this out very carefully.

From time to time local employers phone the school with full or part time jobs they may have available. These jobs are advertised in the school notices or individual students are approached if we know that they are looking for work. Please let Mrs Heenan know if you are looking for work and she will keep you in mind if anything becomes available.

Our senior students did exceptionally well last year in being awarded the following scholarships:

Madison Martin – University of Otago Dux Scholarship and University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

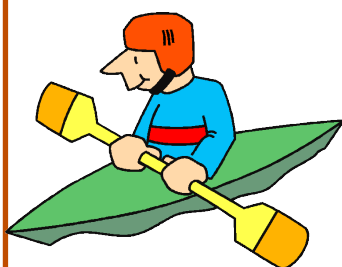
Erin Howey – University of Otago New Frontiers Scholarship.

Brittany Evans – Woodhouse Study Grant, Challenge Work Trust Scholarship, Alpine Energy/Trustpower Youth Award

Liam Patrick - Midland Masonic Scholarship.

Lauren Mabey-Morrison - Aoraki Polytechnic Principal's Scholarship

If you have any questions regarding your future career path please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Heenan.



BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

An outdoor and physical pursuits course to broaden ones experiences in life by using teamwork to improve individual confidence and self esteem.

Activities include abseiling, tramping, kayaking and orienteering.

This is held at the Berwick Lodge in the Berwick Forest (30km south of Dunedin), from 6th to 14th May 2016.

The Temuka Lions Club are keen to sponsor one young adult to attend this very worthwhile course. If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs Bergamini.

GERALDINE MULTI CHALLENGE

Run / Walk / Bike



Mountain Bike
52kms MTB Challenge
32kms Intermediate
18kms Recreational
Fun Ride

Run
21km Half Marathon
12km Recreational Run
5km Fun Run

Walk
5km Walk

20 MARCH 2016
www.geraldinemultichallenge.co.nz



Babysitting Course

An informative
babysitting course
for 14-18 year olds



Our course covers:

- Ages and stages
- Employee/employer expectations
- Nappy folding and changing
- Safety of children and safety of babysitter
- Baby bathing
- Child and infant CPR
- Pay rates
- On completion of the course participants receive both a Pro -Med attendance first aid certificate along with a Timaru Parents Centre babysitting course certificate

Next Babysitting Course Starts:

Saturday 2nd April 2016

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Where: Timaru Parents Centre
38 Stafford Street, Timaru

Cost: \$30 (usually \$50)

For enrolments contact:

Amanda Webber 027 389 5219

Or email timaruparentscentre@gmail.com



OPIHI COLLEGE NETBALL FUNDRAISER



\$10 FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER



Affordable Family Portraits

Opihi College
have Jack 'n' Jill Portraits coming to take family portraits

When: Sunday 6 March 2016

Venue: Opihi College

Richard Pearse Drive

Contact: Sally on 615 7442 During School Hours

**The full \$10 is retained by
the organisation**

Your \$10 Entitles you to:

- A free portrait sitting
- A 10x13 Portrait or a \$10 credit towards a purchase

T&C

One \$10 sitting per family/household. The \$10 portrait is a family portrait and must include a child. To qualify for your 10x13" photo, you can't have had a sitting with Jack'n'Jill in the last 6 months. The 10x13" photo can only be chosen at the pre-arranged viewing day, if you fail to attend for whatever reason the \$10 print is null and void and a \$10 credit will be applied to a future purchase.



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WEEKLY HEALTH CLINICS

Claire Neilson Public Health Nurse visits Opihi College weekly on Wednesday and holds a free health clinic in the Medical Room during lunch time. All students are welcome to come along and can also be referred by parent/guardian or teacher.

The nurse will see students regarding any health issues. Some examples of health concerns could be: vision and hearing tests, weight/diet concerns, sports or other injuries, skin rashes, sexual health, stress/anxiety/mood issues. We encourage students to talk to their parent/guardian.

Claire can be contacted on 6872326 or 0272479301.

HUMAN PAPILLOMA (HPV) DELIVERY 2016

The HPV vaccination is 95 – 100% effective at creating antibody resistance against the four HPV strains that cause the majority of cervical cancers. For the best protection girls need to be vaccinated before they could be exposed to the HPV virus.

In South Canterbury the vaccination is free for females 9 – 20 years at the doctor with the option of having it at school. Boys can also be vaccinated at the doctor but please discuss as it is not free for boys.

The school based option is for Year 8 girls BUT consent forms will be available at the school office for any older girls who want to join the program. Older girls please return form to office by 4th March. We request Year 8 girls return the forms to the school office by 23rd February. The forms should be completed by parent/guardian whether or not your daughter is having the vaccine at school. The date for vaccination will be advised but will be later in March.

Please contact Claire Neilson PHN
Ph 6872326 or 027 247 9301

TOLL CADETSHIP PROGRAMME

Kia ora!

The school year has only just begun and already we've got some exciting opportunities lined up for secondary school leavers!

The Toll NZ team are looking for young people to join their cadetship programme. This two-year programme sets cadets up with a raft of skills to set them on a successful path in transport and logistics. Throughout their tenure, they'll be buddied with a team leader or supervisor who will mentor them throughout their time with the business. On completion of the program cadets gain a NZQA Level 2 & 3 Distribution and Logistics qualification covering:

- DKO Operations Environment
- Demonstrate knowledge of loss prevention techniques and counting stock
- Stock control procedures
- Inventory control
- Maintain and monitoring quality of goods
- Health and safety
- Communicating with people from other cultures

There is also the opportunity to obtain a Fork-Hoist license, First Aid certificate, Dangerous Goods license, and Class 2 license.

OPIHI UNIFORM

If you are buying uniform items from The Warehouse could you please say at the checkout that you are supporting Opihi College.

We get reward points for every uniform item sold.

PLEASE clearly name all uniform items

ONLINE SCHOOL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

If you are making online payments to pay your child's school account PLEASE annotate with your child's name as clearly as possible. We have received some payments which the office has had difficulty identifying whose account the payment is for.

FOOTBALL



Temuka Football Club is looking for senior players if you are 15 or over with a passion for football we would love to meet you! Come to trainings on Tuesday nights 7pm at Buzan Square or for more information ring Brendon Stone 0272615369

TEMUKA JUNIOR GOLF

Mondays at 4.00pm at the Temuka Golf Club on Domain Avenue. New members very welcome!

Any queries please phone Frances 615 8130

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN CHRISTCHURCH

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Thursday 25th February – 7.00pm
Kiwi Family Trust
420 Saint Asaph Street
Phillipstown, Christchurch
www.studentexchange.org.nz
0800 440 079 (cost of local call)



2016 YOUTH SUMMIT

Are you aged 15-25 years old? Interested in green spaces and places, water issues, conservation, policy and planning? Join us and other like-minded people for two days of empowerment and creativity. Inspirational speakers, workshops, noho marae and field activities. This is a FREE event. Friday 26th and Saturday 27th February, Te Wheke Marae, Rapaki, Christchurch. Stay overnight at the marae or join us each day.

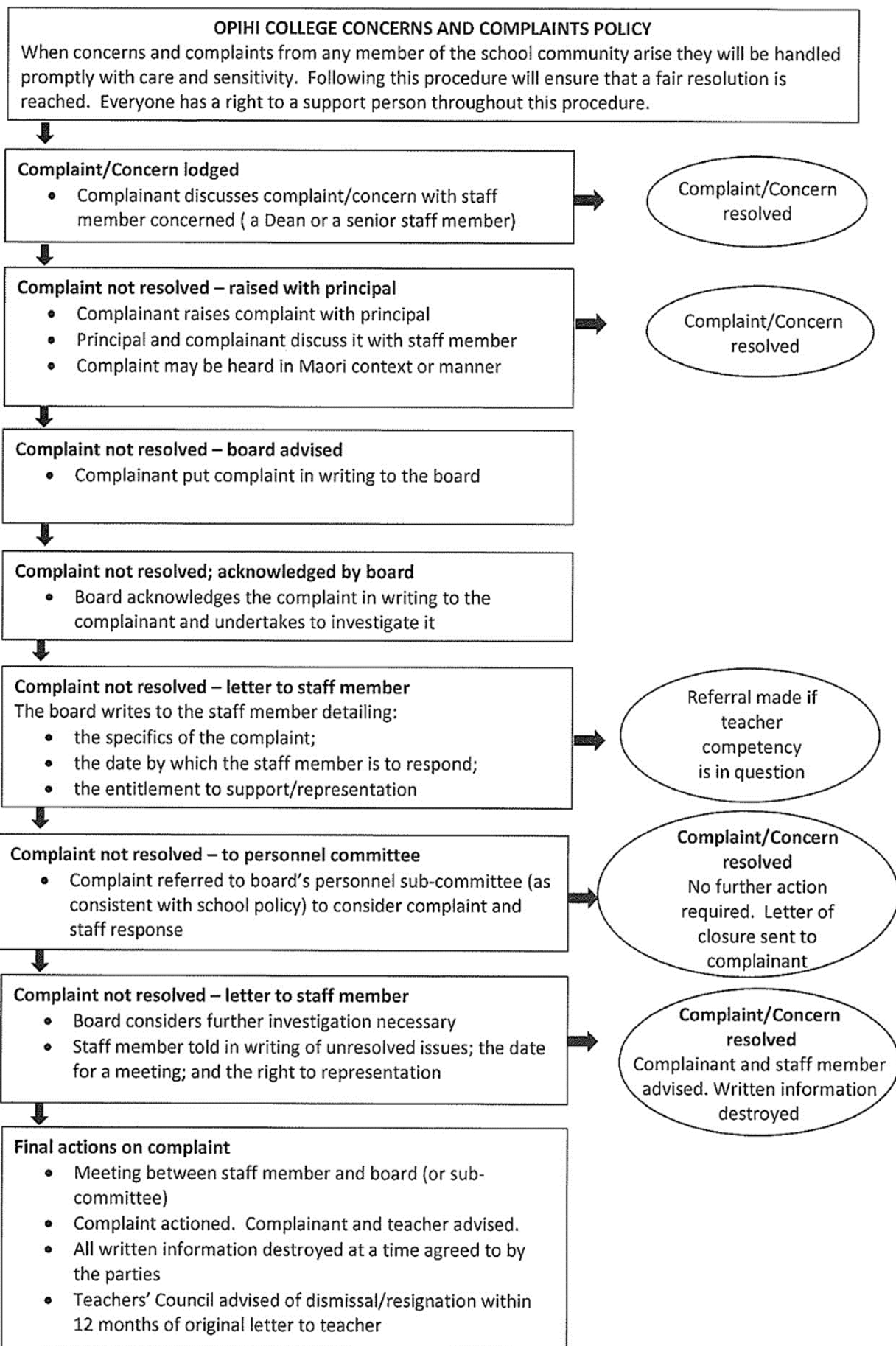
Numbers limited: register early.

Registrations close 19th February 2016.

Contact: Jocelyn Papprell, Environment Canterbury:

Jocelyn.papprell@ecan.govt.nz

**If you are interested in attending,
please see Mrs Bergamini.**



Concern / Complaint Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

What is the issue / concern? _____

What action have you taken in regard to this issue?

What would you like to happen now?

Are you willing to have a restorative conversation with the person with whom the complaint is about?
(if it is appropriate)

Office use only:

Date received: _____

Action taken:

Actioned by: _____

Date: _____