

Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect – Excellence

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

WINCHESTER SHOW

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes at the Winchester A & P Show recently.

Well done on showing the school value of Excellence.



Aaliyah Lovatt	First	Year 7 Picture
Logan Pannett	First	Year 7 Construction
Sophie Hall	First	Year 7/8 Project
Courtney Leonard	First	Year 8 Picture
Milly Keen	First	Year 8 Project
Laynee MacDonald	2nd	Year 7/8 Project
Calan Meechang	2nd=	Year 7 Construction
Nahia Crawshaw	3rd	Year 8 Project
Rylee Harkness	3rd	Year 7/8 Project
Logan Pannett	Cup	Overall Winner



Pictured above:
Logan Pannett, Nahia Crawshaw, Milly Keen, Laynee MacDonald, Aaliyah Lovatt, Courtney Leonard.



Israel Pearce had her recipe published by Extra! Magazine which is distributed across New Zealand to secondary age students. Extra! Sent her a cookbook to supplement her skills. Congratulations Israel!



Alex Drummond receiving his iPad from Janice Jackson (Branch Manager, Westpac). Alex receives this prize thanks to his participation in a Massey University Financial Literacy Survey. Congratulations Alex!



From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

One of my favourite parts of the school year is the time we spend in Conferences with our learners. I'd like to thank all our families for their ongoing support of the learners in their households and for their attendance at this very important goal-setting and reviewing event.

For us at Opihi, it is really important that we take the time to work alongside learners, to plan for their future and address any bumps in their road to achievement at school. Having the opportunity to delve a little deeper into the individual needs of the learner is important for all schools as we endeavour to provide a relevant, future-focused curriculum.

The world of employment that our leavers will navigate is very far departed from the environment we enjoyed as school leavers. The top skills employers are seeking in school leavers and graduates include: team-players, problem solvers, those with established work habits, goal oriented, adaptable, leaders and communicators. Through our Whanau programme and Mentoring / Conferencing system we hope to assist our learners to develop these skills alongside their curriculum knowledge base.

Curriculum Review

In support of our curriculum review, and intent to provide interest-based opportunities within our timetable we have included space for 'MyTime'. Learners have elected to undertake a project of interest to them, which develops personal skills. This term, each Wednesday afternoon we have a multitude of programmes on offer intended to cater to most tastes. Activities include: Multisport, Photography, Rocket Making, Peer Support, Softball, Basketball, Teen Ag Club, Arts & Crafts, Football, Squash, Cricket, 'Food for Flatters', Performing Arts, Yearbook Committee, Fitness and Netball. It is truly a testament to our supportive staff that we are able to offer so many opportunities all at the same time. Initial reports from students are very positive in response to this new programme.

Student Leaders

In developing Leadership Capacity for our Year 13 Head and Deputy Head Students we have invited each of them to elect a professional learning group to attend alongside staff. For example our Academic Prefect, Meghan Mulligan now sits on the Curriculum Committee. It is our hope that involving the student leaders in decision-making groups around the school, we can further enhance our understanding of learner needs in school.

On a similar note, all learners have recently been invited to give their opinions on such issues as Singing Assembly and the time of day for Whanau. It seems that Whanau will remain at the end of Period 1 as there was no particular preference indicated for the appropriate time of day for this class. The results were very clear for Singing Assembly. I'm pleased to report that this special assembly continues to be a favourite amongst our learners, with 85% of respondents wishing to maintain this Prefect-led event each week. We certainly appreciate the energy and time the 2016 Prefects are giving to make this weekly event a success; it remains a unique take on the assembly format!

Country Schools Athletics

I was lucky enough to make a visit to our Country Schools Athletics Team last week as they competed in Waimate. It is a proud moment to see our high achieving sports performers participating in, and winning events. Thank you to the supporting parents and staff, this was a very well run and organized event. Congratulations to our athletes, you represented us with pride.

Works in progress

Amongst all the positives occurring this term, I think the time is right to bring up a couple of negatives to keep an eye on.

- We are noticing that a few students are arriving late in the morning, please be aware of the time that your child is leaving home in the morning. School starts at 8.30am with their first class, and time missed is instructional time in Period 1 (there is no 'tutor-time' to absorb this lateness). Make a quick check on the Parent Portal, if an L appears as the code for Period 1, that means your child was late.
- On Wednesdays, school starts at 9.00am to allow staff to undertake professional development. Students are not to be on school grounds until 8.45am. If they are a bus student, they are to go directly to the library upon arrival.
- There has been a spate of accidents caused by lack of due care, or failure to follow teacher instructions. Please talk to your child about the importance of keeping within the safety regulations in class, and on their way to and from school. We will support this message with a Police safety presentation to Year 10 on Thursday 17th March.

Teacher Only Day

You'll note that a Teacher Only Day has been added to the Term 2 calendar on May 16th. The teachers and support staff will use this day as professional learning time in the area of Restorative Practices. This system will be part of our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) development for 2016.

Fundraising

The Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser was again a success, raising \$760 for the school to put towards our furniture and locker savings for the new buildings. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

Fast approaching is the term-time Easter break; I hope that families are able to take the opportunity to spend some time together. You'll see in the school calendar that we release students to this break at the end of school on Thursday 24th of March and look forward to resuming classes at 9.00am on Wednesday 30th March.

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

Kate Staniford
Acting Principal



2016 GROWING VOICES YOUTH SUMMIT

On Friday 26th to Saturday 27th February three Opihi College students attended this free event at Rapaki, Lyttleton, Christchurch. Kaitlyn Morrison, Maddison Mawhinney and Ashley Neame, all Year 12, travelled with Environment Canterbury Youth Engagement Advisor Mrs Debbie Eddington up to the Christchurch Summit for Youth aged 15-25. The students developed their understanding of policy, planning, green spaces, water issues and urban conservation. All students had an exciting time meeting like minded young people and staying on the marae. They all are keen to network, be creative and empower themselves with environmental issues now and into the future.

N. Bergamini



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

29th February Dylan Stone
Olympia Hodgson
7th March Curtis Watkins
Kye Waihape

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Megan Frew ~ received her Bronze R badge
Holley Crichton ~ received her Bronze C badge
T.J. Guile ~ received her Bronze C badge
Sheyanne McCarron ~ received her Bronze C badge
Hunter McKay ~ received his Bronze C badge
Crystal Moreland ~ received her Bronze C badge
Gabriel Rabbidge ~ received his Bronze E badge
Mitchell Welsh ~ received his Bronze C badge
Israel Pearce ~ received her Bronze R badge
Levi Brooking ~ received his Bronze E badge
Jacob Wilson ~ received his Bronze E badge
Tyla Smith ~ received her Bronze C badge
Sophie Leonard ~ received her Bronze C badge
Issy Livingstone ~ received her Silver E badge
Shayla Moss ~ received her Bronze E badge

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March	25	Good Friday <i>School closed</i>
	28	Easter Monday <i>School closed</i>
	29	Easter Tuesday <i>School closed</i>
April	6-8	PE Camp to Castle Hill basin and Arthurs Pass
	11-13	Photography Camp to Mt Cook
	15	End of Term 1
May	2	Start of Term 2
	16	Teachers Only Day

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

Well done to Jordan, Liam, Cordelia, Ryen, Olivia, Tyler, Laynee, Rylee, Alyssa, Jaxson, Cameron and Jacinda who represented Opihi College in the Agrikids competition at the Winchester Show. You all did so well in the heat (it was soooo hot) and you looked great in your Opihi College tops.

CHINESE STUDENTS VISIT TEMUKA

We have recently enjoyed a visit from a group of Chinese students. They wanted to experience study at a Kiwi School. We matched them up with a Kiwi buddy their own age and they were able to share many things from both cultures. Their level of English was excellent and they coped very well with most classes.

Local families in Temuka welcomed them into their homes and reported they were enthusiastic about Kiwi food!

The students ranged in age from 11 to 15. They particularly enjoyed participating in our technology subjects and on the last day baked some scones and served them to their parents at a farewell party.

I would not be surprised if we see some students back for some long term study in the future.

If you are interested in finding out about hosting an International Student, you can speak to Janine Murray at Opihi College.

Here they are pictured with Peter (their chaperone) displaying their leaving certificates.



HPV VACCINATION

Thank you to all parents/guardians who promptly returned their daughters consent form.

HPV vaccination for girls who have consented to school based vaccination will be on Monday 21st March. Please have a good lunch and something to drink, as vaccination will be after the lunch break.

Claire Neilson PHN
PH 027 247 9301

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year we will be sadly losing some of our long serving Parent Representatives from our Opihi College Board. **The Board would like to encourage any parents, caregivers and people from the wider community to consider standing for election. WE NEED YOU!!!** Please contact the school office for further information.



Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board or kura. Your school or kura will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How do I become a trustee?

Contact your school or kura if you are interested in becoming a school trustee. There are a variety of ways this can be achieved outside of the trustee elections. If you want to find out about standing for election, nominating someone else and voting in the election - they will be happy to help. For more information visit: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

Anzac in Action 2016

9 -4 pm

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th April
at Rangitata Island Aerodrome.

Stay local this long Anzac weekend; invite friends and family to join you for an action packed weekend of re-enactments, rides, displays, entertainment and much more. Bring a picnic and a blanket or enjoy delicious food at onsite stalls. Adults \$10, Children 15 and under FREE. www.geraldineanzac.nz for more information.



Are you struggling with reading, writing, concentration, fatigue and/or light sensitivity?

Contact Sally McKerchar –
Qualified Irlen Syndrome Screener
Email sam101@xtra.co.nz
Ph (03)6939101 or txt (027) 2224835

SPORTS NEWS

Opihi College Athletics Champions 2016

Under 12: Hailey Larsen and Fletcher Joyce

Under 14: Rebecca Denley and Cody Crawshaw

Under 15: Kayla Bagrie, Jaykob Reid and Michael Livingstone (Absent)

Under 16: Tyla Smith and Andrew Kirkcaldie

Under 19: Lydia Kinvig (Absent) and Wiremu Te Haate



Congratulations to Ben Cleverley who completed the Pass to Pub mountain bike race, 36kms off road. This is his third time competing and he improved on last years' time.

Congratulations to Charlie Te Haate who has been selected for the South Canterbury Under 15 Representative basketball team.

Temuka Sports Awards Winners from Opihi College 2016

Year 7 and 8 Basketball Team: Junior Team of the Year

Eric Lindblom: Coach of the Year

Fletcher Joyce (pictured): Junior Sportsperson

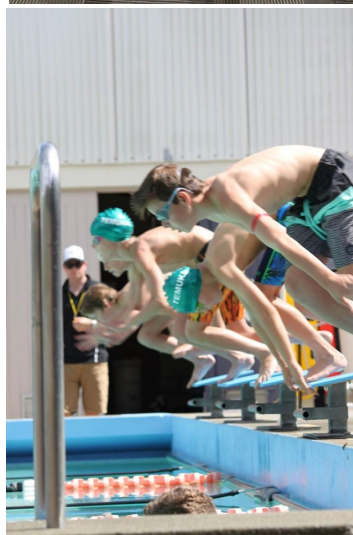
Tyla Smith (pictured): Senior Sportsperson and Overall Winner



Opihi College Swimming Champions 2016

NEW RECORDS SET

Year 7&8 133m Girls Medley	<i>Natasha Pannett</i>	<i>Time 1.34.31</i>
Year 7&8 100m Boys Breaststroke	<i>Fletcher Joyce</i>	<i>Time 1.37.19</i>
Year 7&8 33m Boys Breaststroke	<i>Fletcher Joyce</i>	<i>Time 28.00</i>
Boys Champion	Year 7&8 Fletcher Joyce	
	Year 9&10 Kye Waihape	
	Year 11-13 Lyndon Murray	
Boys Runner-Up	Year 7&8 Logan Pannett	
	Year 9&10 Victor Savage	
	Year 11-13 Neko Prentice & Alex Drummond	
Girls Champion	Year 7&8 Natasha Pannett	
	Year 9&10 Kayla Bagrie	
	Year 11-13 Tea Prentice	
Girls Runner-Up	Year 7&8 Hailey Larsen	
	Year 9&10 Stevie Loudon	
	Year 11-13 Tyla Smith	



Upcoming events

This week – depending on the weather Aoraki Athletics will be held. We are sending a team of 17. Good luck to you all.

Aoraki Swimming – Good luck to Stevie Loudon and Kayla Bagrie who are representing Opihi College on Tuesday 22 March. Thank you to Donnella Bagrie for managing these two.

Triathlon we were allowed to enter only one boys and one girls team. Good luck on Thursday 17th March. Thank you to Vanessa and Blair Kelly and Karen and Regan Joyce for taking this team.

SCHOOL BADGES



Here are the current badges available for students to purchase for \$5 from Sally in the library.

Students will only be able to purchase the badge if they have represented Opihi College in the particular activity. They MUST be paid for in cash – they cannot go on your school account!



OPIHI COLLEGE HOODIES FOR SALE \$50
Order Now from Sally in the Library

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM
AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

Opihi Ties \$20

**Opihi College
Beanies \$10**

Navy blue polar fleece

PE Tops \$60

We have tops available for immediate purchase in most sizes, or we can order in for you.

Winter Sports Socks \$10

These long socks are Black with a white top, as worn by Temuka Hockey, Soccer and Rugby teams. (Wool foot with nylon leg.)

Second Hand Uniform

If you have items your children have outgrown, we can sell these on your behalf for a small commission. We have had a lot of enquiries for second hand kilts and jerseys.



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

the BiG PicTURE
Exhibition of Children's Art: DRAWing attention to Child PoVERTY SoLUTIONS

Unique opportunity to see this display as it tours nationwide.
FREE ENTRY

Come and see kiwi children's views of poverty solutions
ART EXHIBITION Thurs 17th March - Sun 20th March at:
Temuka Library and St Peter's Anglican Church, Dyson St (main exhibit) from 1-4pm
An opportunity to donate an item to Temuka's Food Bank
Brought to Temuka by Anglican Care South Canterbury and St Peter's Anglican Church