

Opihi - on campus



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Joshua Welford

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Tuesday 15th March the Kowhai House boys represented Opihi College at the Secondary School Special Olympics in Timaru at Aoraki Stadium. Because it was a very wet day the Olympics were held indoors.

Joshua Welford gained a 1st place in the 100m running race, and a 1st place in Long Jump and 2nd place in 50 m. Ramahi got two 3rd places in 50m Wheelchair and 100m Wheelchair race. Ramahi also competed in ball throw, gaining 6th place.

Logan Scott-Walton had his first time at this event and had a fantastic time bringing home 3rd place in Long Jump, 5th place in softball throw and 3rd in 100m.

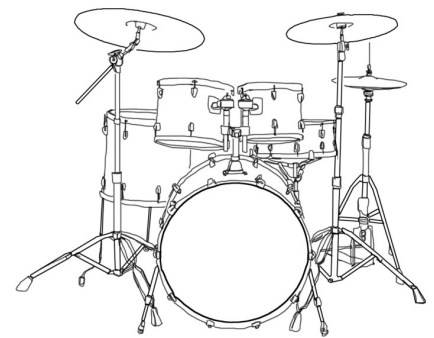


Ramahi King-Reeves

Drum Tutoring At Opihi College

Drum tutoring will be available for all students who are registered with Mr. Fleming. We currently have two tutors that are qualified to tutor a wide variety of styles and techniques.

Costs will be around \$15.00 per session-each session around 20 minutes long on a weekly basis. Lesson times will probably be after school, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. These details will be finalized before lessons start, bus students may have to negotiate a time in school time. Numbers are limited, but names will be taken for a waiting list if required. Please let us know if the student is a bus student.



If you would like your child to take part in this, please fill out one of these registration forms and return to Mr. Fleming or the school office.

DRUM TUTORING REGISTRATION

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

PARENT OR CAREGIVER SIGNATURE _____

BUS STUDENT ☐



From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It was great to see our learners arrive refreshed after their extended Easter break. The end of the term is often the part where seniors have assessments stacked up, please support your learner at home by asking about their upcoming course work, monitoring study time and rest breaks.

Year 13 Uniform

The Board of Trustees met last week, during the meeting they accepted a proposal from our current Year 13 learners to continue with school uniform in Term 4, where we have normally granted mufti. The Year 13s put forward a motion to the board which included very sensible reasoning around their request to remain in school uniform (except for Term 4 Dress-Down Fridays). They felt that the additional pressure on families to buy more clothes, and on them to be distracted from their in-school performance would be better managed by remaining in uniform. The Board supports their decision for 2016 and beyond.

Hot Cross Buns

This year the school raised approximately \$800 from the sale of Hot Cross Buns. Well done to all the students who helped achieve this enormous total which will continue to build our funds for lockers and furniture in our new buildings.

Mihi Whakatau

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed our new Principal to the school on Thursday 31st March. I was incredibly proud of our learners as they performed the school haka, as always they were so ably supported by Te Umu Kaha. The Mihi Whakatau formed the formal welcome of Tina Johnson to our staff, although she will not officially become the new school leader until the beginning of Term 2. I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in either the event, or the organisation of it.

Year 12 and 13 Upcoming Leadership Events

Over the coming week, select members of our Year 12 and 13 group will be attending either the GRIP Leadership Conference in Christchurch, or the Head Student Regional Leadership day in Timaru. I'm

looking forward to discussing the impact of this guidance on the future of their school leadership. As a school, we have already been impressed by our Head Students, Deputies and House Leaders in 2016. They have not only maintained their own learning and goal setting, but have also supported teachers and other learners to work on a variety of events so far this year.

RYDA, Students in Cars - Safety Education

This year we will continue to provide our Year 12 learners with the opportunity to participate in a car safety education programme. This initiative is for all Year 12 learners regardless of whether they have a license or are non-drivers. The aim is to provide education and guidance about how to keep themselves safe, whether they are a passenger or driver in a vehicle. The programme was new last year to New Zealand, but has been operating overseas as a successful teen car safety programme. All Year 12 learners will be attending this programme on the 13th of April. A letter has been sent home.

Finally

With the holidays upon us, please encourage your child to continue to read books during the holiday, but also to get outside and be active. Both of these will support learning in the coming term. Our new Principal will be here to welcome our learners back to Term 2, and as such this will be my last newsletter as Acting Principal. I'm excited to get back into the classroom again and also to be in the familiarity of my normal role of Deputy Principal, I can't wait to properly meet my 2016 classes!

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

Nga mihi,

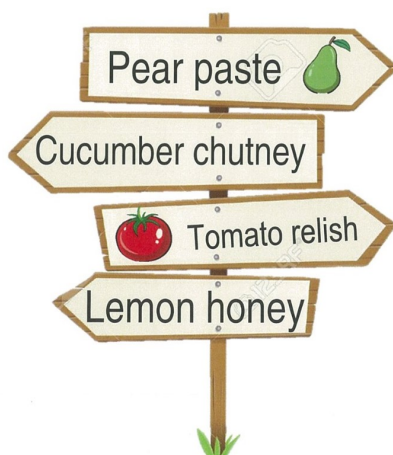
Kate Staniford
Acting Principal

MUFTI DAY

There will be a Mufti Day on **Thursday April 14th** to raise funds for St John's Annual Appeal. Please dress in green and/or gold clothing if possible, and bring a donation for St John Ambulance.



Wednesday 13th - 10:45 in the quad
Approx cost: \$3-\$4ea



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We will be holding an Election for Parent Representatives to the Board of Trustees during Term 2. 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.

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>

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April	6-8	PE Camp to Castle Hill basin and Arthurs Pass
	11-12	Biology Trip to Portobello
	13	RYDA Course (All Year 12's out all day)
	14-15	Geography Camp to Mt Cook
	13	Year 10 Market 10.45am
	14	Kolourcare photo orders due in to school office
	14	St John Appeal Mufti Day
	15	End of Term 1: End of Term Assembly 2.20pm All Welcome
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



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

1st April Jamie Callaghan
Georgia-Rae Marriner

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CONGRATULATIONS

South Island Secondary Schools Athletics:

Cody Crawshaw—4th place in Javelin
Lucy Cooper—8th place in Javelin

Flynn Coskerie on his Third placing at a National Go Karting Competition held at Easter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Reminder

School photo payments are due in to the school office by Thursday 14th April.

Softball at Opihi College – 2015-2016 Season Wrap up



UNDER 13 TEMUKA CARDINALS TEAM
 Back: Cameron Fikken, Sam Brown, Hamish Fikken, Oliver Hunter-Brady, Atawhaia Whiu.
 Front: Tobias Lomano, Kiarn Prentice, Brayden Ward.

Temuka Cardinals – Best Under 13 Softball Team in South Canterbury!

The Under 13 Temuka Cardinals played a nail-biting final game that had to go into extra innings with Temuka coming out on top! At the Temuka Softball Club's breakup Kiarn Prentice won the Overall Grade Champion Cup for the Under 13 grade. Hamish Fikken won Most Valuable Player and Atawhaia Whiu won Rookie of the Year for the Temuka Cardinals. Olivia Andreassend and Takila Howell won Most Valuable Players and Nahia Crawshaw won Rookie of the Year for the Temuka Bluejays.



UNDER 13 TEMUKA CARDINALS AWARD WINNERS: Hamish Fikken, Kiarn Prentice, Atawhaia Whiu

Opihi College Big O's Finish Runner Up at the Secondary Level!

The Opihi College Big O's played the TBHS Saints in a hard fought battle for 1st place, but unfortunately came up short 16 - 14. They never gave up and continued to score runs right into the final inning. Coach Maree Morris and team captain Wiremu Te Haate should be proud and know that all of the hard work all season helped to shape these players into a fine softball team. They're a young team and all of them will be back again for more next spring. Wiremu Te Haate won Most Valuable Player and Lucy Cooper & Shae Twaddle-Best won Most Improved Players for the Big O's. Mukesh Gaddam won Most Valuable Player and Shania Cochrane won Most Improved Player for the Little O's. We're grateful to head coach Maree, Stephan Gamblin, who led some special coaching and also to Elyse Gamblin and Donna Fitzgerald, who were there every Tuesday practice and helped to organise all of our young and eager softball players!



TEMUKA BLUE JAYS AWARD WINNERS
 Olivia Andreassend, Takila Howell, Nahia Crawshaw



OPIHI COLLEGE BIG O'S
 Back: Lucy Cooper, Wiremu Te Haate, Liam Mulligan, Jacob O'Neill, Nick Morris, Cody Crawshaw.
 Front: Evan Crosse, Andrew Kirkcaldie, Shae Twaddle-Best, Tea Prentice.



TEMUKA BLUE JAYS
 Back: Portia Speeden, Nahia Crawshaw, Shayla Moss, Olivia Andreassend
 Front: Mia Andreassend, Natasha Pannett, Stella Cotter

OPIHI COLLEGE TRIATHLON TEAM



Opihi College Year 7 and 8 Boys Triathlon Team: Ryan Bagrie, Ben Cleverley and Fletcher Joyce.

First place Overall for South Canterbury - each student finishing in the top 10. Fletcher Joyce claimed first place for all of South Canterbury.
Congratulations!



WORLD VISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Well done to Cheyenne O'Neill, Ashley Neame, Dean Calder and Neko Prentice who attended this conference in Christchurch recently.

OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS

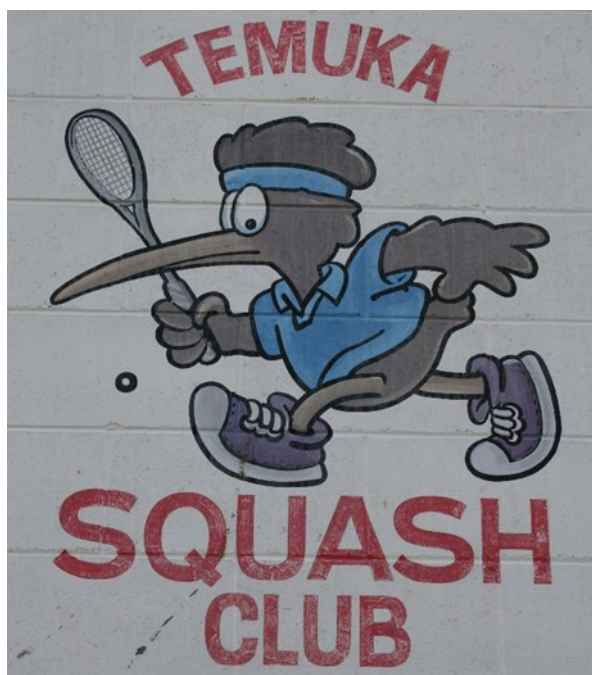


Congratulations to the four Opihi College students selected to represent South Canterbury at the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics meet: Cody Crawshaw, Lucy Cooper - Javelin, Andrew Kirkcaldie - 3000m, and Kiarn Prentice - Triple Jump.

Pictured: Lucy Cooper



OPIHI COLLEGE HOODIES FOR SALE \$50
Order Now from Sally in the Library
Order to be sent next week!



TEMUKA SQUASH CLUB

Come and learn how to play squash!
Junior Squash is on Mondays at 5.00pm

You will need to bring sport shoes with non marking soles (these must be clean!) and wear suitable sports clothes. We can loan you a squash racket if you don't have one.

If you are interested in coming along to join in the fun, call Mr Prentice 027 27 2000 341 or see Mrs Patrick in the office.

TEMUKA HOCKEY CLUB

*Come and play hockey!!!
 We urgently require more
 Year 7 & 8 girls and boys, and senior girls
 and boys to join our
 competitive hockey teams.*

Primary teams practice on Thursday afternoons and play competition games on Friday afternoons.

Senior Womens (Div 2) team practice on Wednesday nights and play competition games on Sunday afternoons.



SPORTS SOCKS

Sports Socks available for purchase at Opihi College. Black with white top as worn by the Temuka Hockey and Rugby teams. Full range of sizes in stock at the school office. **\$10 pair**

Beginning Seido Karate Class

Start Date: Tuesday, 3 May 2016

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Where: Alpine Energy Stadium, Temuka

Duration: 12 weeks - one class per week, which upon completion, you are invited to go for our white belt promotion

Price: \$30.00

For more information go to: temukaseido.co.nz





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

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Ph (03)6939101 or txt (027) 2224835**

Roller-skating School Holiday Sessions

Tuesday and
Thursdays
2pm to 4pm
Cost – Entry Fee -
\$2.50,
Skate Hire \$3.50
Bring helmet and
socks

Every Sunday
Public Session
– 2pm to 4pm
Learn to Skate
Lessons – 2pm to 3pm
Cost – Entry Fee - \$2.50, Skate Hire \$3.50
Bring helmet and socks



Drama For Kids School Holiday Programme, Drama Workshops

Come and Join in the fun, at the Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts!

- Drama games
- Confidence and Team building
- Improvisation
- Parachute games

Tutor Zoe Boon Ba (hons) Drama and Performance Studies

Monday 18th April and Tuesday 19th April for ages 6–9
Wednesday 20th April and Thursday 21st April for ages 10–13

All workshops run from 9–3pm.

\$70 for 2 days

\$40 for 1 day (must be the Monday or Wednesday)

Enquiries or bookings

Email thezoeboon@yahoo.co.uk

Phone 03 693 9712

Minimum number of students 8, maximum 20
(Workshops will only run if minimum number is reached).

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Saturday 9 April AUCKLAND
Wednesday 13 April CHRISTCHURCH
Saturday 16 April WELLINGTON

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LILBURN
Festival Overture

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BEETHOVEN
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Sound like you? Head to our website, fill out an application form and get it into us before **April 30th**

For more information on the Foundation and to apply, visit:

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