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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AT OPIHI COLLEGE

MS JOHNSON

Introduction by Wiremu and Teà

We are very happy and excited to welcome our new principal Ms Johnson. Ms Johnson has joined us from Murchison where she was a Deputy Principal at Murchison Area School for six and a half years, and then she became Principal for a further two and a half years. Before Murchison Area School, Ms Johnson taught English at Waimea College in Nelson. Ms Johnson lived in and completed her studies in Christchurch. Before becoming a teacher she was previously a Legal Executive. When asked "Why did you want to become a teacher?" Ms Johnson said that her son was one of the main reasons. Ms Johnson is now up to her 13th year in education. Ms Johnson loves her reading but even more, her photography. Ms Johnson has never worked at a PB4L School so she is looking forward to it very much. She is also excited to be here for the rebuilding of our school. But most of all, she is looking forward to meeting and bonding with the students. We are very excited to work with Ms Johnson this year and can't wait for everything that she has to offer.



MR PETERS

Introduction by Emily and Meghan

We warmly welcome Mr Peters to Opihi College where he will be teaching Art, Maths and DVC (Graphics). Mr Peters has joined us from Mountainview High School where he was previously the teacher in charge of Photography and Visual Art and Design. He most looks forward to experiencing the rural atmosphere which Opihi College provides. Mr Peters has a passionate interest for gardening, trout fishing and photography in his spare time. So far Mr Peters has enjoyed his start here at Opihi College and likes the positive environment the school has to offer. He views the teacher-student relationship as a positive and important foundation for the students learning. Mr Peters believes "My Time" is an excellent addition to the Opihi College timetable and is looking forward to becoming a member of Opihi College's family.



OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of FOUR parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 20 May 2016 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 3 June 2016.

Signed

S. Patrick
Returning Officer



From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all of the staff, students and community of Opihi College for your warm welcome. The mihi whakataua late last term, with that rousing performance of the school haka, was very moving. Student enthusiasm made me feel proud that I have been appointed to this role, and definitely made me look forward to beginning at the start of this term.

Anzac Assembly

We began term two with our ANZAC assembly – admittedly two weeks after the 25th April, but the holidays threw things out a bit. Dean Calder very ably piped us in, and Wiremu Te Haate and Teā Prentice both took roles in the assembly by sharing poems. Next year we hope to be in a position to include a ceremony incorporating the inclusion of the names of World War II alumni on our Honours Board.

Curriculum

“My Time” sessions for term two began last week with students having the opportunity to choose from a very diverse range of subjects. The learning opportunities students gain from participating in areas of interest to them make the time well worthwhile. We have students who are interested in media studies and journalism along with those interested in graphic design, developing our 2016 year book. We have students who are interested in pursuing careers and hobbies in BMXing and skateboarding taking the opportunity to further their skills. Some students are working on their ‘animation’ skills, with a view to creating animated story powerpoints for sharing with young children. There are students doing extra work in their study areas and those learning new skills and consolidating old ones in various sporting fields. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm students are putting into their learning in these areas, and reaffirms my belief that if you capture student interest and engagement, you will see improved outcomes for them.

Junior Sports Tournament

I was fortunate last week to attend Pleasant Point School, along with 30 of our Year 7/8 students for the Geraldine/Pleasant Point Winter Tournament. I was genuinely impressed by the behaviour of our students. The leadership they showed and their

confidence to self-manage their teams, spoke loudly and clearly of the work their teachers here at Opihi College do with them. They also put every effort into the sports they played which showed evidence of their dedication.

Teacher Only Day

We have a Teacher Only Day on **next Monday (16th May)**. Teachers and Support staff will spend this day in a workshop on Restorative Practice. This is the next step for our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) and once our staff are upskilled, it is intended that Restorative Practice will become a part of our ‘toolbox’ for working with students on behaviour issues.

Early Finish

The third week of term is a busy one. We will also be **finishing school at 12.50 on Friday 20th May** so that staff can watch the “Most Likely to Succeed” educational DVD. You, as our community, will also be invited to watch and engage with this documentary at a later date. And don’t forget the Ball that night too!

He waka eke noa. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal

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TEXT PINK TO 2446 TO DONATE \$3 TO THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

8th April Cheyenne Conley
 Portia Kroon
 6th May Maisie Callaghan

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Dylan Donehue ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Mahaliya Etti ~ received her Bronze R badge
 Soriya Halkett ~ received her Silver E badge
 Fletcher Joyce ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Cheyenne O'Neill ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Cheyenne O'Neill ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Thomas Scott-Walton ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Wiremu Te Haate ~ received his Silver C badge
 Lucy Cooper ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Jacob Thompson ~ received his Silver A badge
 Wiremu Te Haate ~ received his Silver R badge
 Cole Robertson ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Tegan Robertson ~ received her Silver R badge
 Meghan Mulligan ~ received her Silver C badge
 Emily McBride ~ received her Silver A badge
 Georgia Marriner ~ received her Silver A badge
 Levi Kereopa ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Akena Frisby ~ received her Bronze A badge
 Cheyenne Conley ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Dom Barrett-Waihape ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Mahaliya Etti ~ received her Silver E badge
 Baiden Halkett ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Maddy Hammond ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Georgia Hammond ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Georgia Marriner ~ received her Silver R badge
 Darren McIntosh ~ received his Bronze C badge
 Neko Prentice ~ received his Bronze C badge
 Neko Prentice ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Josh Crichton ~ received his Bronze C badge
 Dylan Stone ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Bailey Wilson ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Portia Kroon ~ received her Bronze A badge
 Olivia Edmond ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Cody Crawshaw ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Olivia Andreassend ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Leeroy Brown ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Ryan Bagrie ~ received his Bronze C badge
 Baiden Halkett ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Logan Kerlake ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Jessica Marshall ~ received her Bronze A badge
 Sarn McCone ~ received his Bronze R badge
 Cameron Stone ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Ava Venn ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Amber Tredrea ~ received her Bronze C badge

FAREWELL

At the the end of Term 1, the staff and students sadly farewelled Mrs Louise Heenan. Mrs Heenan has left Opihi College to take up a new position at Roncalli College. Mrs Heenan has been our inspiring Careers Advisor and Gateway/STAR Co-ordinator for more than six years, and was heavily involved in organising our Senior School Balls which we thank her for, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May	16	Teachers Only Day
	18	Open Day 2.00 - 6.00 pm
	19	Attitude presentation
	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink Shirt Mufti Day • 'Auschwitz to Aotearoa' Presentation • Senior Ball • School finishes 12.50pm for ALL students
	23	Careers Expo
	1	Aoraki Cross Country
June	6	Queens Birthday Holiday School closed
	14	SCPSSA Cross Country

Winter Uniform is optional from the beginning of Term 2 but is compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend

HPV VACCINATION

The delivery of Dose Two of the HPV vaccine will happen at Opihi College on 17th May for the girls who are in the programme.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Accounts are sent out at least once a term so families can keep on top of costs involved with subjects and any extra curricular activities. We encourage families to pay a small amount weekly, which spreads the cost over the whole year. As little as \$5 per week helps ensure that your account is kept up to date. Any over payments can be carried over to the next year or to a sibling. Our bank account number can be found at the bottom of your invoice/statement.



For the Ball - Buttonholes \$8 Corsages \$20
 Available in a range of colours to match every dress.
 Delivery to Temuka can be arranged. Ph 688 8844

AUSCHWITZ to AOTEAROA Exhibition

We are exceptionally privileged to be hosting the Auschwitz to Aotearoa Exhibition, from the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand based in Wellington, on May 20th. All Year 10 students and selected senior students will attend a 70 minute presentation, which tells the stories of nine Jewish women who, after experiencing incarceration in Auschwitz, survived and made new lives for themselves and their families in New Zealand. Students should have received a letter regarding this exhibition. If there are any parents or members of the public that would be interested in seeing this presentation, please contact the office for available times.

English Competitions

There are always numerous competitions available for all students during the year. These are posted on the "English Competitions" noticeboard outside Room 8.

Host a Japanese Student from Shigakukan High School!

Do you want to learn a little about another country or another language? Why not host a student from Japan and give it a try! We're looking for host families to provide homestays for a group of Japanese boys and girls aged 14-17 from 26 July to 16 August at the beginning of Term Three. They don't need a special room of their own, just a bed to sleep in and a little space for their luggage. You don't have to go out of your way do anything special with them; simply welcome them into your home and include them as part of your family. Your student would attend school from Monday to Friday and then be away on Saturday or Sunday for a day-trip excursion. We realise that there will be some extra expenses involved in hosting your student, so we will provide each family with \$300 to offset those costs a little. Why we organise this hosting programme:

- It's a significant fundraiser for the school and helps our students participate in the Japanese Language Trip to Japan.
- Our Opihi College students and family members are exposed to a new language and culture. They will try new foods, play new games, and learn about music, art, and crafts.
- Our Japanese language classes at all levels 7-13 get an infusion of real language and culture learning.

We learn more about the world around us firsthand.

Please contact Eric Lindblom

by email at linblome@opihicollege.school.nz

or ring him at school on 615-7442 or for more information.

Thank you!



Students from the 2015 Shigakukan High School visit. Why not get involved!



YEAR 10 FOOD CLASS MARKET DAY

During April, the Year 10 Food Class held a very successful market day, where they sold lemon honey, pear paste, tomato relish and cucumber pickle that they had made.

iSPORT FOUNDATION

The iSPORT Foundation was founded by Richie McCaw, Ali Williams and Daniel Carter to help 12-18 year old kiwis achieve their sporting goals, no matter their circumstances by providing grants and crowdfunding, sports gear, leadership and inspiration.



They recently held a promotion on Facebook to give away 6,000 rugby, soccer and netballs to schools. Opihi College was very pleased and grateful to receive a donation of new balls from the Foundation, thanks to a parent entering the school online. These will be available for the students to use during lunchtime and interval.



Ryan and Kayla Bagrie with some of the new balls donated by the iSPORT Foundation



UNIFORM available for purchase at the school office:

Opihi College Ties	\$20
Navy Beanies	\$10
Black and White sport socks (all sizes)	\$10
PE tops in stock (junior and senior)	\$60

We also have stock of some pre loved uniforms.

Temuka Swimming Club AGM

7th June 2016 @ 7.00pm

Venue: Fish & Game Office, 32 Richard Pearse Drive
New Members Welcome

Please direct any queries to Mark Webb 6159362

LOST PROPERTY If your child has lost a sleeping bag, bedding roll, bike helmets, black school shoes, Opihi College jerseys or any other clothing, PLEASE check our Lost Property!

SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADVENTURE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

In April a team from Opihi College - Kayla Bagrie, Ryan Bagrie, Shayden Campbell, Shania Cochrane, Cody Crawshaw, Andrew Kirkcaldie, Neko Prentice, Curtis Watkins -travelled to Cromwell to compete in the Adventure Racing Championships. All of the competitors competed admirably.



Cody Crawshaw, Shania Cochrane, Ryan Bagrie, Kayla Bagrie



Shayden Campbell, Cody Crawshaw, Kayla Bagrie, Ryan Bagrie



Film Screening: Most Likely to **SUCCEED**

Screening of *Most Likely to Succeed* at Ophi College

Ophi College will undergo some major changes over the next few years. Our main classroom buildings at the college will be demolished and in their place the Ministry of Education will build a new Innovative Learning Environment (ILE). The Board of Trustees, teachers and students at Ophi College are participating in a thorough self-reflection and making some significant decisions about the future of teaching and learning at the school.

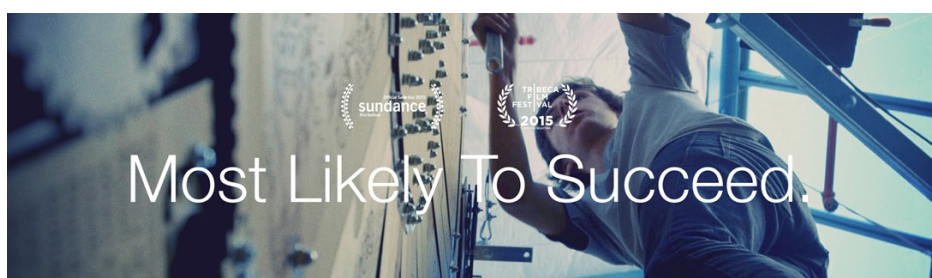
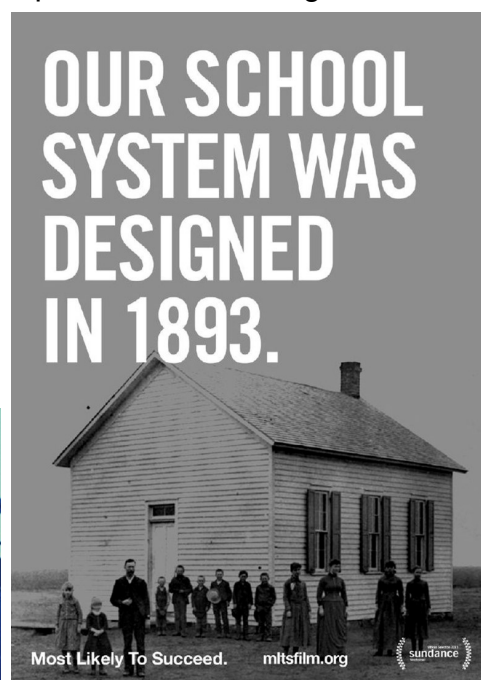
As part of the preparation for these changes, we are pleased to be able to screen the film *Most Likely to Succeed* which is sure to spark discussion and debate about what is possible for our future. We invite the Temuka community as well as all others interested in the future of education in New Zealand to attend.

This feature-length documentary examines the history of public education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to revolutionise teaching as we know it. After seeing this film, the way you think about "school" will never be the same.

Directed by acclaimed documentarian Greg Whiteley, the film has been named "among the best edu-documentaries ever produced" by Education Week, and called a "smart and engaging look at education in the 21st century" by The Hollywood Reporter. Film Threat stated that "this film should be a required course for all parents and educators." *Most Likely to Succeed* is an official selection of many top film festivals, including the prestigious 2015 Sundance Film Festival and Tribeca Film Festival.

The *Most Likely to Succeed* movie trailer and more information: <http://www.mltsfilm.org/>

Film: *Most Likely to Succeed*
When: Thursday, 26 May 2016
7:00pm - Doors open at 6.30pm
Where: Ophi College Hall, Temuka
Cost: Free



Opihi College Uniform – School Regulations 2016



Junior Summer Uniform (Years 7-10)

- blue check skirt or navy pleated skirt
- white split hem, short sleeve, blouse
- white ankle socks
- or
- mid -blue polo shirt
- navy blue walk shorts
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Senior Summer Uniform (Years 11-13)

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

Junior Winter Uniform (Years 7-10)

- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt
- long-sleeved white blouse
- black stockings or black over the knee socks
- school tie (optional)
- or
- Polo shirt
- long black dress trousers or navy blue walk shorts
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Senior Winter Uniform (Years 11-13)

- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt
- long-sleeved white blouse
- black stockings or black over the knee socks
- school tie (optional)
- school blazer (optional) *school tie must be worn with the blazer*
- or
- white long sleeved shirt
- long black dress trousers or navy blue walk shorts
- school tie
- school blazer (optional) *school tie must be worn with the blazer*

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; or any plain black jacket of their choice for warmth.
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- 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 or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn appropriately. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons 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 1st but is compulsory after Labour Weekend.

Tricky Teens

Support your teenager!!

With advice on how to respond when teens are finding life tough, as well as balancing the art of caring with building resilience, author of Responding to Tricky Teens, Karyn Chalk shares her top tips on how to create a happy family environment in a fun, inspiring evening.

Karyn Chalk

This Parenting Evening, designed by Karyn Chalk, aims to provide parents with the tools to respond to those tricky teen moments in a way that keeps the doors of communication open at home. Karyn will discuss strategies that benefit you as parents, and strategies that can help support your teen.

The evening will take place on June 23rd in the Turley Auditorium at 7.00pm – 8.30pm. It is important that you book your seats as Karyn's presentations are usually very well attended. Karyn will also have her book 'Responding to Tricky Teens' on sale for \$10. Phone Craighead Diocesan School 03 688 6074 to book a seat.

June 23rd **Turley Auditorium**
7.00pm—8.30pm **Gold Coin Donation**

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These sessions are open to everyone – parents, caregivers, friends and teachers are welcome too!

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Where?
62 Shakespere Street

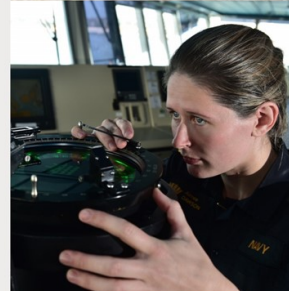
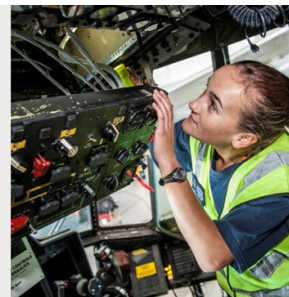
When?
Monday 8 August
Force Info: 6–7pm, **Force Fit:** 7–8pm

TIMARU

Where?
SBS Events Centre, Morgans Road

When?
Tuesday 24 May & Wednesday 27 July
Force Info: 6–7pm, **Force Fit:** 7–8pm

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**ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY
MYA STRATFORD**

8.5.16