

Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect – Excellence

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OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY



The Opihi College Cross Country was held in very warm conditions on May 11th. There were some great results in the heat, with several new records set:

Senior Boys Andrew Kirkcaldie New Record
(over a minute faster than the record he broke in 2015)

Junior Boys Fletcher Joyce New Record
(beating the record he set in 2015 by 7 seconds)

Junior Girls Hailey Larsen New Record
(beating Tahlia George's record by 29 seconds)

Senior Boys 1st Andrew Kirkcaldie *New Record

2nd Lyndon Murray

3rd Brodie Owen

Senior Girls

1st Lydia Kinvig

2nd Tyla Smith

3rd Emily McBride

Intermediate Boys

1st Cody Crawshaw

2nd Victor Savage

3rd Cole Robertson

Intermediate Girls

1st Kayla Bagrie

2nd Mya Stratford

3rd Rebecca Denley

Junior Boys

1st Fletcher Joyce *New Record

2nd Ryan Bagrie

3rd Saxon McNoe

Junior Girls

1st Hailey Larsen *New Record

2nd Stella Cotter

3rd Natasha Pannett



Pictured Above:

Top Ryan Bagrie & Fletcher Joyce

Centre Dylan Donehue, Cameron Fikken

*Lower Cole Robertson,
Jayden Kellas-Taylor*

Right: Jia Prentice & Geneva Hati

**Congratulations to all
our competitors**



From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Careers Expo

Earlier this week we sent our Year 10 to 13 students to the Careers Expo in Timaru. This gave them the opportunity to consider a wide variety of careers, and research what skills and qualifications they will need in order to pursue each area they were interested in. As with any school trip, before they boarded the buses our students were reminded of our expectations with regard to their conduct in a public venue and of our C.A.R.E. values. I was extremely pleased to receive an email after the event, from one of the exhibitors at the expo, to commend the respectful and mature manner of our students who visited their display.

Assembly

It has been particularly disappointing to see so much litter on our school grounds, and we are encouraging students to realise the advantages of a clean and tidy environment. At our formal Monday assembly this week I spoke to students about our C.A.R.E. values and reminded them that Respect is not only about respecting others, it is also about respecting themselves and their environment. Sustainability, an over-arching feature of the New Zealand school Curriculum, connects to the principle "environmental health is personal health". Our national curriculum focuses on 21st century learning, ensuring learners are equipped to participate in and contribute to their own society and the wider world. An important aspect of this is encouraging students to consider future-focused issues such as sustainability and the environmental impact of their actions. This theme is evident throughout the New Zealand Curriculum and is integral to our school values. As I reminded our students at Assembly, those values of Community, Acceptance, Respect and Excellence were developed in full consultation with our students, parents, staff and wider community so I am sure you will support us in our endeavours to keep our school environmentally sustainable. The placing of litter and recycling in appropriate bins seems to be a pretty simple action – and we have definitely provided plenty of bins to enable students to do so.

However, Assembly wasn't all about litter. We were also celebrating student achievement. Our Cross Country place winners received certificates for their achievement. Our chess team, who attended competitions in Timaru last week, received certificates and medals for their achievements. Our top Year 10 debaters received certificates and acknowledgement for their efforts. And students who have received the appropriate number of C.A.R.E. cards in one of the values were awarded with their badges. It really heartens me to see the pride with which our students wear their badges.

Open Day

Last week we held our 2016 Open Day, welcoming prospective Year 7 and 9 students to our school. They were given guided tours of our classroom and those who came during school hours were able to observe our students in their activities. It was very encouraging to have so many students and parents visit on the day and we appreciated their positive feedback. I would like to make public acknowledgement of the great work that our 'guides' did on the day of showing students and parents through the school and answering their questions. These senior students were a real credit to our school, and did an excellent job in showing the quality of our student body.

Ball

Last Friday night we held our school Ball. I was extremely proud of the way our students represented Opihi College. Their manners, behaviour and enthusiasm were all a credit to you as parents and us as a school. I would particularly like to mention the efforts of the Ball committee. The planning, organisation, facilitation and cleaning up of any Ball is an enormous task and these students handled it enthusiastically and with commitment. Next in line for mention are our staff members who supported the students in that process, and those who attended on the night – thank you all for making the Ball possible for our students. This was the first school Ball I have been involved in, and I'll admit I was a little

apprehensive given stories I have heard over the years from other schools and from the media. All those concerns were laid to rest for me last Friday night with the mature and respectful students who attended.



Most Likely to Succeed

On Wednesday we held a screening of the documentary "Most Likely to Succeed" for our year 10 to 13 students, then a screening for parents and the wider community last night. Thank you to those who attended. The documentary certainly opens the way for discussion about the future of education, and what that future might/could/should look like at Opihi College.

I am sure that you are all aware that at the moment we have some classrooms out of use, and that we are moving towards having new learning spaces built at our school. I can assure you that no building is going to happen tomorrow, or next week or next month. To be honest, at this stage I'm not even sure about next year. What I can assure you of is that no major building will happen without consultation with our staff, students and community. "Most Likely to Succeed" is just one possible future. There are many others to consider before we begin our designing and building journey. My promise to you is that we will keep you as up to date as possible with any progress as we work through the development and planning process.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June	1	Aoraki Cross Country
	3	Photography trip to Moeraki
	6	Queens Birthday Holiday School closed
	9	Japanese NCEA Day
	14	SCPSSA Cross Country
July	1	SCPSSA Skate/Scooter
	8	End of Term 2

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

Entry forms and \$8.50 due back by 14th June. Spare letters are available from your child's English teacher.

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

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

OPIHI COLLEGE WINNING CHESS TEAM



Congratulations to the Opihi College Chess Team of Wiremu Te Haate, Shae Twaddle-Best, Jessica Marshall, Jacob O'Neill and Caleb Rippin who were placed second in the Aoraki Regional Interschool Chess Champs held in Timaru recently. They are very proud to have qualified for the South Island Champs to be held in Ashburton.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

13th May Hayley Bettridge

Abigail Blay

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Amber Tredrea ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Levi Kereopa ~ received his Bronze C badge
 Hailey Larsen ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Ratika Rautela ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Caleb Rooney ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Portia Kroon ~ received her Bronze C badge
 Kayla Bagrie ~ received her Bronze A badge
 Vili Loilagi ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Thomas Wilson ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Olivia Andreassend ~ received her Bronze R badge
 Bailey Donaldson-Fitt ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Calan Meechang ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Bailey McDonald-Solway ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Shae Twaddle-Best ~ received his Bronze A badge
 Akena Frisby ~ received her Silver A badge
 Akena Frisby ~ received her Bronze C badge

Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Trudie Blay

Vanessa Kelly

Heidi Norton

Craig Pannett

Signed

Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer

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SIGNING OUT

If you wish for your child to sign out during the school day PLEASE contact the school office in advance or send a note with your child. Students without express permission from their parent or caregiver to leave the school during the day will not be released.



Our successful Pink Shirt Mufti Day



40 HOUR FAMINE
10-12 June 2016

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN FLEEING CONFLICT IN SYRIA HAVE HAD TO FIT THEIR LIFE INTO A BACKPACK...

CAN YOU DO THE SAME?

SIGN UP NOW
FAMINE.ORG.NZ

ONE WEEKEND ONE BACKPACK
40 HOURS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

If you would like to participate please see Mrs Lovatt

OPIHI COLLEGE SENIOR BALL





PHOTOGRAPHY
Thank you to Kolourcare for the wonderful photo reminders of our Senior Ball. An extensive array of photos can be viewed on the Kolourcare website, and purchased if desired.





WRITE
like an
AUTHOR
With Brian Falkner

Write like a **Boss**
Write like a **Champion**
Write like an **AUTHOR!**

The internationally acclaimed school holiday programme for young writers that shows you how to write stories the way professional authors do.

With **Brian Falkner**

International, award winning author and writing coach Brian Falkner will take you on a journey of fun and discovery, learning how to create, develop and write awesome stories. Brian will be right alongside you, guiding you every step of the way.

Writing **Camps**

On a five day school holiday camp you'll focus on your goal of producing a story to the very best of your abilities, along the way learning all the skills you will need, with one-on-one mentoring.

It's not all work, there are games and other fun activities, all designed to help turn you into an author.



Students say...

"the best fun ever!"
- Jamie, 12

"I learned things I never expected to learn."
- Rebekah, 11

"It expanded my understanding of myself as a writer and opened up a whole future of possibilities."
- Grace, 15

"I loved the games! It was hard work but I enjoyed every minute."
- William, 11



For locations and dates, go to:
writelikeanauthor.com

SCDL WINTER THEATRE PERFORMANCE SCHOOL 2016 at The Playhouse on Monday 11 to Saturday 16 July 2016

Do you have a child or are you aged from 8 - 18?

Step into the spotlight and come shine on stage!

Once again the South Canterbury Drama League in partnership with Rob Martin Productions and CM Smith Writer and Director are gearing up for another Theatre Performance School 11 to 16 July 2016.

Learn about, and participate in, Acting, Singing, Musical Theatre, Movement, Voice Production, Circus Skills and Audition Preparation, all culminating in two public performances on the last day of the programme.

This winter school holiday programme is lots of fun and will again be a full on week that will have your child buzzing with excitement.

For more information:

Contact: Rob Martin Mob: 022 670 6858

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A Timaru Boys' and Girls' High School Joint Production

25 -28 May, 7pm 26 May, 1pm 28 May, 2pm
Hogben Hall, Timaru Boys' High School

Adults \$20 Students/Children \$15
Tickets available from TBHS and TGHS offices
or Newmans Musicworks, Timaru

Music and Lyrics by
by
Elton John & Tim Rice
Jay Rifkin and Hans Zimmer

Additional Music and Lyrics

Lebo M, Mark Mancina,

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor
By Arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for
Music Theatre International, NY



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