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 than the record he broke in 2015) **Junior Boys** New Record Fletcher Iovce (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 2nd 3rd	Andrew Kirkcaldie Lyndon Murray Brodie Owen	*New Record
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:

Ryan Bagrie & Fletcher Joyce Top 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



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



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



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

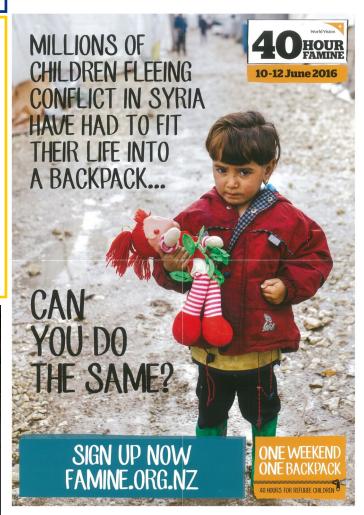
Craig Pannett

Signed

Sharyn Patrick Returning Officer



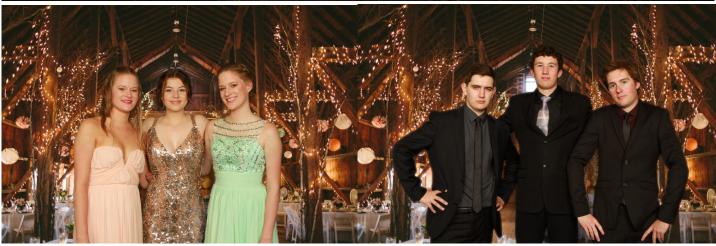
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If you would like to participate please see Mrs Lovatt

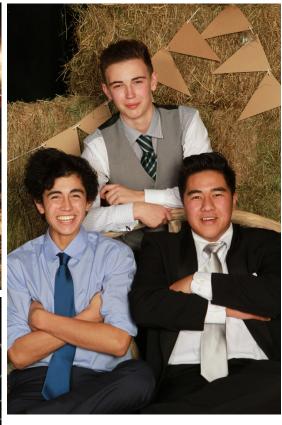
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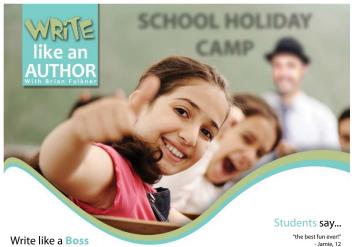




PHOTOGRAPHY

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 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.



"I learned things I never expected to

"It expanded my understanding of

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

- Rebekah, 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 School11 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 E: rob@robmartinproductions.com



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

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

Lebo M, Mark Mancina,

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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