

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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## ROCKQUEST 2016

Opihi College is pleased to have three rock bands entered in the Smokefree Rockquest Regional Finals to be held at the Theatre Royal in Timaru on Friday night. They have all been busy writing two original songs each and practising for their performances, under the tutelage of Mr Fleming and the itinerant music teachers.

Introducing our Opihi College bands:

### Stained Glass Hearts

Jessica Marshall  
Dylan Stone  
Caleb Rippin  
Mahaliya Etti  
Sophie Nolan

### Untamed

Madison Reihana  
Ava Venn  
Maisie Callaghan  
Flynn Coskerie

### Solo Act

Megan Calder

**All welcome to support our local bands!**

7.00pm Friday 10th June 2016

Theatre Royal, Timaru \$10 entry



## OPIHI COLLEGE SKI AND SNOWBOARD DAY TRIPS TO MT HUTT



These Annual Day Trips will be held in August 2016:

Years 7—9 on Friday 26th August

Years 10–13 on Friday 19th August

*Please note:*

*Dates are subject to change  
(if required due to weather or  
numbers).*

Total cost is \$95 each.

Please see Mr Grace to register for this trip.

A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required to be paid by 24th June to secure your booking.



## From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Six weeks! It is hard to believe that I've already been at Opihi College for six weeks! I have spent most of that time meeting new people - the staff of our school, Principals of other schools, Ministry of Education people, and people from various agencies involved with our school. I've even managed to meet some students and parents/caregivers – though not as many as I would have liked. When I was interviewed for this role I told the Board that my main focus for the rest of 2016 would be in getting to know the people and the culture of Opihi College, and I've definitely been fulfilling the people aspect of that. Understanding the culture of our school will definitely take longer, as there are so many aspects to any school. Opihi's values and principles are a starting point, but they are by no means everything. One of the aspects of our school that I think is very important is our involvement in activities outside the school itself. I've been fortunate in being able to attend the Year 7/8 Sports Tournament and the South Canterbury Cross Country competition.

Last Friday I had the privilege of joining a group of students on their photography foray to Dunedin. I was impressed by the engagement of our students, and very pleased to see that their focus was genuinely on the photography opportunities. I'm very much looking forward to seeing the images they create from the trip. I suspect there will be many that are better than anything I took.

Last week I was very pleased to receive a letter from a member of our community commending the behaviour of one of our students. The writer wanted to express their appreciation of the voluntary work the student had been doing. It is fairly rare for people to think to tell us when our students have impressed them, so receiving this letter really made my day. Added to the email about our students' great behaviour at the Careers Expo, this is helping me to develop a really positive picture of our students at Opihi.

### Predicted Grades

Predicted grades for 2016 for our NCEA students were sent home a fortnight ago. I am sure that as parents you have discussed those predictions with your students, and are monitoring their achievement. Those students who appear to be at risk of not achieving have had meetings with our Deputy and Assistant Principal, and had discussions about how their predicted outcomes might be improved. We also invite you, as parents and caregivers, to contact school if you have any concerns about your students, and make appointments to meet with their teachers to discuss their progress.

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

Tina Johnson  
Principal



### *Pleasant Point Sports Exchange*

*Above: Brooke Thomas & Cameron Stone, with Kaylee Stone*

*Below: Fletcher Joyce with Nathan Nolan*







## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

27th May Luke Smith  
Emily McBride  
3rd June Roselee McKenzie  
Wiremu Te Haate

*Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher*

## CARE BADGES

### Congratulations to the following students:

Dyasta Barnes ~ received his Bronze R badge  
Baiden Halkett ~ received his Bronze A badge  
Jacinda Kelly ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Saxon McNoe ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Akena Frisby ~ received her Bronze R badge  
Mukesh Gaddam ~ received his Bronze C badge  
Takila Howell ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Ebony Keeley ~ received her Bronze R badge  
Kiarn Prentice ~ received his Silver E badge  
Mya Stratford ~ received her Silver C badge

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

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

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June	14	SCPSSA Cross Country
	20	Opihi College Netball Movie Fundraiser 7.30pm Movie Max 5
	22	Aoraki Football
	30	Vision testing (Year 7 only)
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.

## UNIFORM

*A reminder that new uniform items are being phased in.*

It is OK to wear navy socks with the kilt if you still have them. It is OK to wear grey trousers if you still have them. Ties are now optional unless you are wearing a blazer when they are compulsory.

## South Canterbury Provincial



Extends an invitation to ALL Women to attend

### THE 19<sup>th</sup> FAIRLIE SEMINAR 'Safe Relationships'

Keynote speaker:

**LESLEY ELLIOTT**

SUPPORTED BY

**BILL O'BRIEN**  
SOPHIE ELLIOTT FOUNDATION

**KERI BROWN**

SCHOOL COMMUNITY OFFICER 'LOVES ME NOT' PROGRAMME,  
NZ POLICE

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

Mackenzie Community Centre, Fairlie  
10am – 3pm

Cost:

Rural Women New Zealand members \$10

Non members \$15

Admission includes morning tea (9.30 – 9.50am) and lunch

Registrations with cheque payable to SC Provincial RWNZ

By Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

To: Edith Ward, 591 Pleasant Point Hwy, RD5, Timaru 7975

Phone: 03 6147592 or email: [decward@xtra.co.nz](mailto:decward@xtra.co.nz)

Internet Banking: 02-0888-0042501-00. Put name & 'seminar' as reference.

Please confirm banking by e-mail

Enquires to:

Margaret Chapman 03 693 9994; email: [mgchapman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mgchapman@xtra.co.nz)

or

Mary Ross 03 686 0087; e-mail: [mossvale@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mossvale@xtra.co.nz)

Did you know? New Zealand Womens Football Team are known as the 'Football Ferns'. The Ferns will play in the Rio Olympics in August 2016 vs USA, France and Colombia in group G.



## 'SOCCER SISTERS'

Make NEW friends

Learn Soccer Skills

FUN & Smiles

**ATTENTION ALL South Canterbury Girls aged 6 - 14!**

**Girls ONLY Football has arrived**



**VENUE:**

Sir Basil Arthur Park (Indoor Sports Hall)

**DAY/ DATES:**

Thursdays (starts on June 2nd)

**Dates:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:**

6th to 10th graders 16:30 – 17:45

11th to 14th graders 17:45 – 19:00

**COST/ REGISTRATION:**

\$20 per player for 6 weeks

**Just turn up on June 2nd ready to play and have fun**

Parent/ Guardian please note you will need to complete a registration form on the first night

**For Further Info Contact:**

Football South FDO Paul O'Reilly

021908260

[paul.fdo@footballsouth.co.nz](mailto:paul.fdo@footballsouth.co.nz)

Did you know? The top scorer for the 'Football Ferns' is Amber Hearn with 50 goals and the most capped player is Abby Erceg currently on 123 caps.





## YEAR 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGE

Pleasant Point May 2016

*Above:*

*(Hockey) Stella Cotter, Jaxson Cullen, Cameron Fikken and Cameron Stone  
(Rugby) Dylan Stone and Ryen Williams*

*Right:*

*(Netball) Kalani Lawson*

*Below:*

*(Soccer) Caleb Kellas-Taylor*

*(Rugby) Charlie Te Haate & Dylan Stone with Kaylee Stone & Olivia Andreassend*





## SOUTH CANTERBURY BASKETBALL YEAR 7&8 GIRLS COMPETITION



*Pictured left to right:  
Natasha Pannett,  
Maddi Reihana,  
Cheyenne Conley,  
Charlie Te Haate,  
Takila Howell,  
Hailey Larsen,  
Courtney Leonard,  
Jacinda Kelly,  
Aaliyah Lovatt.*

### OPIHI COLEGE YEAR 7&8 BASKETBALL TEAM 2016

Deserving of Third place in the 'A' grade competition, this team of nine talented girls had a great competition. All of the team are Year 8 students except Aaliyah, and only four of the girls had played the previous year. Skills improved tremendously and the team work was terrific. After eleven games which commenced in Timaru on February 22 and concluded May 30, the girls successfully won eight games and only lost three. Opposition teams were Sacred Heart, Geraldine, Bluestone, Grantlea Downs and Waimataitai, some of whom we played twice. A big thanks to Teà Prentice for her experience, enthusiasm and assistance with coaching. Thanks girls.

Natalie Bergamini

## PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

The Years 12 and 13 Photography classes enjoyed a trip last week to the Moeraki Boulders, the Dunedin Butterfly House and the Oamaru Steampunk gallery.

*Pictured: Eddy Duan and Maddison Mawhinney*



### ADVENTURE RACE RESULTS

The team made up of Kayla, Ryan, Shania and Cody were 26 from 37. A great effort! The team of Neko, Andrew, Shaydon and Curtis were 33 from 37. The thing about adventure racing is that finishing is the victory, and if you make one mistake it pushes you down the finishing order even if you have a faster time than someone else.

### Central Otago



ORIGINAL DIGITAL ARTWORKS "LOVE" AND "DESPAIR" BY STUDENT KAITLYN MORRISON—Designed on the theme "Light & Dark"

