

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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TIMARU DISTRICT COMMUNITY AWARDS



On Tuesday night the 2016 Trustpower Timaru District Community Awards were held in Timaru. Our Opihi College nominee was Emily McBride. On the night Emily was named as the joint winner of the Trustpower Youth Community Spirit Awards. Congratulations to Emily on this acknowledgement of all the hard work she puts into her voluntary roles.

Pictured: Timaru Bike Polo's Richard Brown and Sam Callander (Supreme Winners) with Mayor Damon Odey and Youth Community Spirit joint winner Emily McBride (joint student winner) and Trustpower's Simon Darmody



SUPER HERO MUFTI DAY

**FRIDAY
29TH JULY**

Dress up as a Super Hero,
raise funds for CCS,
and help Ramahi
celebrate
his 20th birthday!





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou

The end of term two has arrived and it has been a busy ten weeks for all of us at Opihi

College. I have focused this term on meeting staff and generally finding my feet. Next term I plan to devote more time to meeting students and spending time in classrooms with them.

Along with everyone making a great effort to integrate me into the life of Opihi College, we have had students participating in a huge range of events; sporting, cultural and academic. A quick look back over the term shows we have had students participating in a wide range of activities. To list just some of them, they've been involved in: tournaments, Cross Country events, the Careers Expo, Spelling competitions, Self Defence courses, Language challenges, Chess, Pool, 40 Hour Famine and of course the Senior Ball.

Opportunities

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, because we have a smaller roll at Opihi College, our students get many opportunities that wouldn't be available to students at larger schools. The chances to represent our school in cultural, academic and sporting activities are greater for Opihi College students. While we are always happy for our school to grow, the lower numbers also means that our students get more 'one on one' teaching. This shows in the high academic achievement of Opihi College students. Many of those who graduate from Opihi College go on to further education and successful careers.

During the past couple of weeks we've had visits from a number of former students who are home from universities. They've been catching up with teachers and talking about what they're doing at university – how their study is going and what they're involved in outside their study. I find it really encouraging that they want to return to their old school, and believe this shows clearly how proud they are to be from Opihi College.

Senior Students

We have been looking at senior student results so far this year, and I am very impressed at the number who are on a strong pathway to achieving Merit and Excellence endorsements at NCEA level. I encourage all of our students to continue their study through the holidays in order to consolidate the strong progress they are making. This is the time to be putting together a study plan, in order to prepare for the

forthcoming school exams and the assessments that will be due in Term 3.

Junior students

Although the pressure is on for senior students in terms of their study, for juniors this is a good time to develop the positive study habits. For some, there will be catch up on assignments but for all, I encourage you to turn off the television, put away the skateboard, turn off the computer game, for just an hour a day and devote that time to:

- * Pick up a book (or newspaper, or magazine) and read.

- * Practice some maths skills such as multiplication, addition, division and subtraction

- * Complete a diary entry or a piece of descriptive writing on what you do during the holiday.

School holidays shouldn't be a time to do no school work, they are just an opportunity to do it more casually and in a different environment.

Parents

Your support for children by encouraging them to follow these routines is important. Please do set aside time, space and resources where they can sit and practice these basic skills or concentrate on their studies.

Taking students out of school

During the last few weeks I have received a number of requests from parents to take students out of school to travel overseas. Legally, parents are required to request permission prior to the trip. I realise that many of these experiences are timed to fit with parents' holidays or timed to coincide with events abroad and often are wonderful opportunities for students; however, if the time away from school can be kept to a minimum it is appreciated. Less time out of school means less limits to your child's potential. It is not our role to provide class work for students when they are away on holidays, but it is their responsibility to 'keep up to date' when they are away and to 'catch up' when they return.

Japanese Language visitors

At the start of next term we welcome our regular visitors from Shigakukan High School. I am sure that our students and community will make our visitors most welcome. It is such a wonderful time for our College, offering our students the opportunity to gain a stronger understanding of another culture.

Finally I would like to thank you as a community for making me so welcome, for including me in the 'life' of Temuka and South Canterbury. I wish you all a great two weeks and look forward to the return to school on the 25th of July.

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

Tina Johnson



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

24th June Issy Livingstone
Georgia Rae Marriner
1st July Olivia McBride
Anika Smith
4th July Baiden Halkett
Josh Crichton

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Ben Cleverley ~ received his Bronze A badge
Fletcher Joyce ~ received his Bronze A badge
Jayden Kellas-Taylor ~ received his Silver E badge
Meghan Mulligan ~ received her Silver E badge
Cameron Price ~ received his Bronze E badge
Ben Rose ~ received his Bronze E badge
Caleb Rippin ~ received his Bronze C badge
Akena Frisby ~ received her Bronze R badge
Ellen Crosse ~ received her Bronze R badge
Josh Depree ~ received his Bronze A badge
Kirsty McBride ~ received her Bronze E badge
Maddison Mawhinney ~ received her Bronze C badge
Caleb Rooney ~ received his Bronze R badge
Porsha Speeden ~ received her Bronze E badge
Joshua Welford ~ received his Bronze E badge
Bailey McDonald-Solway ~ received his Bronze R badge
Shayla Moss ~ received her Bronze R badge
Kye Waihapa ~ received his Bronze C badge

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July	8	End of Term 2
	25	Start of Term 3
	25-27	Life Education
	28	Christchurch Tertiary Trip
	29	'Super Hero' Mufti Day <i>Raising funds for CCS</i>
August	2	Aoraki Boys Badminton
	3	Aoraki Girls Badminton
	8-12	Maths Week
	15-19	International Languages Week
	22-26	Arts Week
	25	Twilight Gala 4-6pm
	26	Mt Hutt Ski & Snowboard trip <i>All year levels</i>
	26	Mufti Day for Daffodil Day

OPIHI COLLEGE POOL TEAM

Congratulations to our Pool players!

Last weekend Wiremu, Gary, Shae and Shayden competed in Oamaru at the South Island Secondary School Pool Competition. Gary placed 6th, Shae placed 7th, Wiremu placed 8th and Shayden placed 13th. Overall there were more than 30 competitors. The top four competitors have qualified for the National Pool Competition in Wellington, with the next four, Gary, Shae and Wiremu are reserves. As a team Opihi College finished 2nd just behind Geraldine who finished 1st.

Tom Burnett the coach has contacted the school to let us know how amazing these four young men are. He has been very impressed with their attitude and respectful manner. He is looking forward to continuing his coaching role with them and predicts a great future for their playing.

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.

BANDQUEST BAND COMPETITION



Maisie Callaghan,
Maddy Riehana,
Matthew Anso,
Caleb Rooney,
prepare new original
songs for The
Christchurch Band
Quest in September.



COMING UP



OPIHI COLLEGE TWILIGHT GALA



THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

4 – 6 PM



Please have a look at home. We would love
some donations for white elephant stall,
books, toys and items for a silent auction.

These can be left in the library or the office.

Also could all Opihi College families please start to think about the mystery bottle/jar stall. All that is required is a bottle or jar filled with something eg sauce, jam, buttons, lollies, paperclips, anything really. These will then be numbered and when a number is purchased you receive the corresponding bottle or jar.

Gala Stalls—Book your own stall space for only \$10.

New Zealand Spelling Bee

Each year, the Year 9 and 10 students get the opportunity to enter the New Zealand Spelling Bee Competition. This year, **Xavier Hitchen** took up the challenge of learning 100 words (which are very difficult) and having a test based on 50 of those words and 50 new words. He scored 69 out of 100 which is amazing. We are waiting to hear if Xavier will qualify for the next round of the competition in Christchurch. I would like to congratulate Xavier on putting himself forward for this competition and taking up the challenge.

Extra Spelling Quiz

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Extra Spelling Quiz at Timaru Boys High last week. Of special note was the outstanding performance from **Xavier Hitchen, Jamie Callaghan and Josh Lovatt** who got 3rd place in the Year 9/10 competition. Thank you all for representing our school with such pride at this event.

FUNDRAISING

Opihi College Netball is fundraising to get more teams in new uniforms, more new balls and other equipment. All players are selling Marlow pies - family size for \$7 or individual pies for \$2.50. Flavours include mince, mince and cheese, steak, steak and cheese, steak and mushroom, steak and onion, creamy chicken, chicken satay and vegetarian. Order through any players or call the school office. Orders need to be in by 28th of July. Pies will be available to pick up on the 17th of August.



Opihi Students Extend Their Japanese Studies at UC

Earlier in June, senior Japanese students Lucy Cooper, Tigerlily Doudle, Eddy Duan, Sheyanne McCarron, Hayley McLean, Liam Mulligan, Tea' Prentice, Louise Rippin, and Wiremu Te Haate travelled to Christchurch to participate in the Christchurch Secondary Schools' NCEA Japanese Workshop at the University of Canterbury. The students had the opportunity to experience a variety of workshops geared to help prepare them for their NCEA Achievement Standards. 280 students from 17 high schools worked together with 50 high school teachers, university instructors and university students. It is the largest group of secondary and tertiary instructors in New Zealand co-operating together to extend our high school learners. Opihi College students worked in small groups with students from other schools and learned techniques and strategies which will aid them with their NCEA study. The conversation practice they had will also be of great benefit to our students who will travel to Japan this year. Professor Masayoshi Ogino recognised Tea' and Wiremu's commitment and dedication to the language as it was their third year of participation. It was a very exciting, rewarding day!

Photo from the left:

Tea', Tigerlily, Sheyanne, Louise, Hayley, Wiremu, Liam, Lucy, Hiroataka, Eddy



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Oceans

A Grief And Loss Peer Support Programme For Children & Young People



School Holiday Competition

DECORATE A CUPCAKE
Your Choice, Your Design

Entries close 12 noon. Monday 18th July
Bring to Harcourts Office for judging
86 King Street, Temuka

Ages: 0-5 years, 5-10 years, 10-15 years




South Canterbury Drama League

WINTER THEATRE PERFORMANCE SCHOOL

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 E: rob@robmartinproductions.com Come join us for an exciting adventure in theatre!

Totally Locally GERALDINE LETTER TRAIL

Be in to **WTN** \$100 Totally Locally Shopping Voucher

Entry forms in store
Competition closes Saturday 23 July

Can you find all the letters to spell **TOTALLY LOCALLY GERALDINE** hidden in shop windows around the town?? Match the right colour letter to the shop window you see it in and you are in to win!!

See entry form for more details

BEWARE!!! Some windows have more than one letter in them!!





Timaru TRAMPOLINE ARENA

Open every day in the School Holidays. Family Pass & \$12 Tuesday (When paying instore). Group Discounts and more. Come On In & Flip On Out. How many BackFlips can you do? Give it a go and be in to win a free return pass or a T-Shirt! For bookings or more information phone our team on 688 2807.

Totally Locally GERALDINE

Artfull Crafts is running school holiday craft classes again!

Come and join Artfull Crafts for paper-crafting fun during the holidays:

Cardmaking - Friday 15th July, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, \$15

Me Photo Album/Scrapbooking - Friday 22nd July, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, \$30

Bookings can be made online at www.artfullcrafts.co.nz/classes
Phone 688 8566, or email info@artfullcrafts.co.nz
Artfull Crafts, 24 George Street, Timaru