

Opihi - on campus



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AT OPIHI COLLEGE

MRS WILCOX

Introduction by Lyndon and Olivia

Our vibrant new teacher, Ms Wilcox, has come to Opihi College to provide our students with strong work ethics and enthusiasm for learning. Ms Wilcox has two kids of her own and currently lives in Geraldine with her husband, who is also a teacher. She studied at Otago University to be a primary trained teacher, with extra qualifications in Mathematics. Ms Wilcox is currently teaching Year 7-10 Maths at Opihi College.

Ms Wilcox loves the outdoors. In her spare time she enjoys walking her dog, playing team sports and skiing during the winter. These are a few of the reasons why she chose to move back to New Zealand, after living and teaching in London for a number years.

Olivia and I asked her what she would like to bring to the students of Opihi College. She replied with "I want the students to have a thirst for learning and to see that learning can be interesting, important and creative. I would like to see students having more of a desire to learn, in addition to engagement in their working. This shows students are forward thinking and adaptable towards their future working life."

We welcome Ms Wilcox into our Opihi College family.



We Want To Hear From You!

Parents, Whanau, Community

Have a say in the future of education at Opihi College!

Lorraine Pearce from the Ministry of Education has been consulting with staff and students on how they see the future of Education at our school. We would like to offer you the opportunity to consult with her too.

Take the chance to discuss how you think learning could/should look in the future.

Lorraine will be here to meet with parents from

6p.m. to 7p.m. on Thursday 25th August.

You can come to our Twilight Gala from 4p.m. to 6 p.m. and then attend the meeting afterwards! Perfect scheduling!

Come along! Have your say! How do you want your children to be learning in the future?





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou

Welcome back to school and to Term 3. I hope all of our families enjoyed the school holidays and that you were all able to take some time to spend with your whanau during the two weeks.

As this term gets underway staff have been considering the courses which will be made available for our students in 2017 and how these will link to employment, further training opportunities and tertiary study. As a result of these consultations we are expecting to expand the opportunities available to students.

It is at this time of year that we, along with all schools in New Zealand, have also been carrying out our predictions for the school roll in 2017. We do expect a degree of growth in our roll which in turn translates to enhanced staffing and funding for the school. This predicted roll growth is a reflection of the positive attitude our community has towards the school and our students' achievements, which encourages others to choose Opihi College as the educator of their children. We are a small secondary school, and we like our size. For that reason we never want to grow too big, but there is certainly room for some growth while still maintaining our special dynamic and culture.

Careers options

Year 10 students will be visiting Year 11 option classes in Week four of this term (week beginning 15th August) to get an idea of what each option area is like at senior level. We are trialling this method this year as teachers have been concerned in the past that students have not always chosen courses for the right reasons or given consideration to all their possible career pathways. The options visits will be followed up with parent/student/teacher conferences in Week 7 of term (5th and 6th September).

Building consultation

Lorraine Pearce from the Ministry of Education has been working with staff on how we see

learning developing in the future and how we would like that to look at Opihi College. This is the beginning of the consultation process for the new buildings that we will be getting. To continue this consultation process, on what you and your students would like learning to look like at Opihi College in years to come, Lorraine needs to meet with students and families. See the notice further on in this newsletter for the time and date of a public meeting with Lorraine. The more of you who can attend that meeting, the better idea we get of what you want for your children.

Shigakukan High School

This term we have welcomed 24 students from Shigakukan High School who are visiting our school to experience New Zealand education. We are very proud that we have been their school of choice for 10 years now! I would like to extend my thanks to the host families who take in these students and provide such a wonderful experience for our guests. The students are so far reporting a wonderful experience and how much they enjoy the family life of their homestays.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal



Maisie Callaghan and Cordelia Taylor at our recent Science Fair and Art Exhibition

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

1st August Alex Drummond
Israel Pearce

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Ashley Brown ~ received her Bronze C badge
Natasha Pannett ~ received her Bronze C badge
Samantha Haley ~ received her Silver E badge
Kyle Morris ~ received his Bronze R badge
Ashley Neame ~ received her Bronze C badge
Jia Prentice ~ received his Bronze C badge
Natalie Stone ~ received her Bronze R badge
Emily Scannell ~ received her Bronze A badge
Toa Taputu ~ received his Bronze C badge
Jacob Thompson ~ received his Gold C badge
Bonnie Tootill ~ received her Bronze C badge
Matthew Anso ~ received his Bronze E badge
Ryan Bagrie ~ received his Silver E badge
Stella Cotter ~ received her Bronze C badge
Milly Keen ~ received her Bronze C badge
Breana McKeown ~ received her Bronze E badge
Blake Morris ~ received his Bronze R badge
Hannah Morrison ~ received her Bronze R badge
Sophie Nolan ~ received her Bronze R badge
Kiarn Prentice ~ received his Bronze R badge
John Reyes ~ received his Bronze C badge

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August	8-12	Maths Week
	15-19	International Languages Week
	19	FLAVA Festival, Timaru
	22-26	Arts Week
	25	Twilight Gala 4-6pm Consultation Meeting 6-7pm
	26	Mt Hutt Ski & Snowboard trip <i>All year levels</i>
	26	Daffodil Day—Mufti Day

CONGRATULATIONS

Pool

Geraldine Pool Competition results:

1st Place Gary Millar
2nd Place Shayden Campbell
3rd Place Wiremu Te Haate

South Canterbury Rugby Reps

Toby Tredrea and Jayden Kellas-Taylor selected for the Sth Canty Under 14 team.
Fletcher Joyce selected for the Sth Canty Under 48kg team.

Well done to you all



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.



SUPER HERO MUFTI DAY

Thank You

to all who
supported this
fun Mufti Day,
raising funds for
CCS and helping
to celebrate
Ramahi's
birthday



ART & SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The other night I saw something really spectacular. There is no word that I can tell you how great it was. It was the Exhibition Night.

On 6th of July, Opihi College held an Art and Year 7 & 8 Science Exhibition in the hall. There were many different kinds of art and each Year 7 & 8 Science group had different themes for their exhibitions.

Every single exhibit was really enjoyable to see. Each of the art works had a different feel, and used different processes. Some of the students I interviewed told me art is very hard work, and also said art is a relaxing and creative time for them. Also, when I said "I would like to buy", Riki said "Ok, \$300". It's a deal.

I thought that art was just making something beautiful or nice, but it is actually building student's well-being and creativity. The same as art, science is also giving students opportunities to learn and accomplish their goals by using good processes, such as experimenting, recording, and exhibiting.

This great night gave students many things to learn, also it let people enjoy themselves, including me.

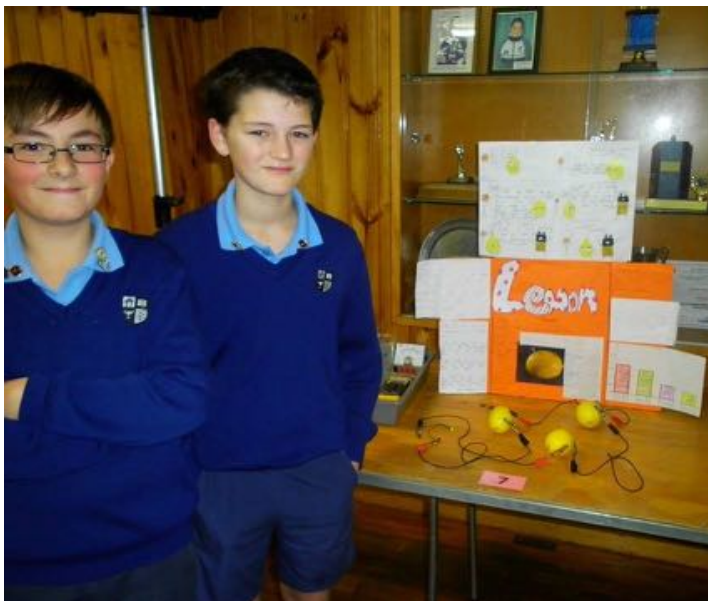
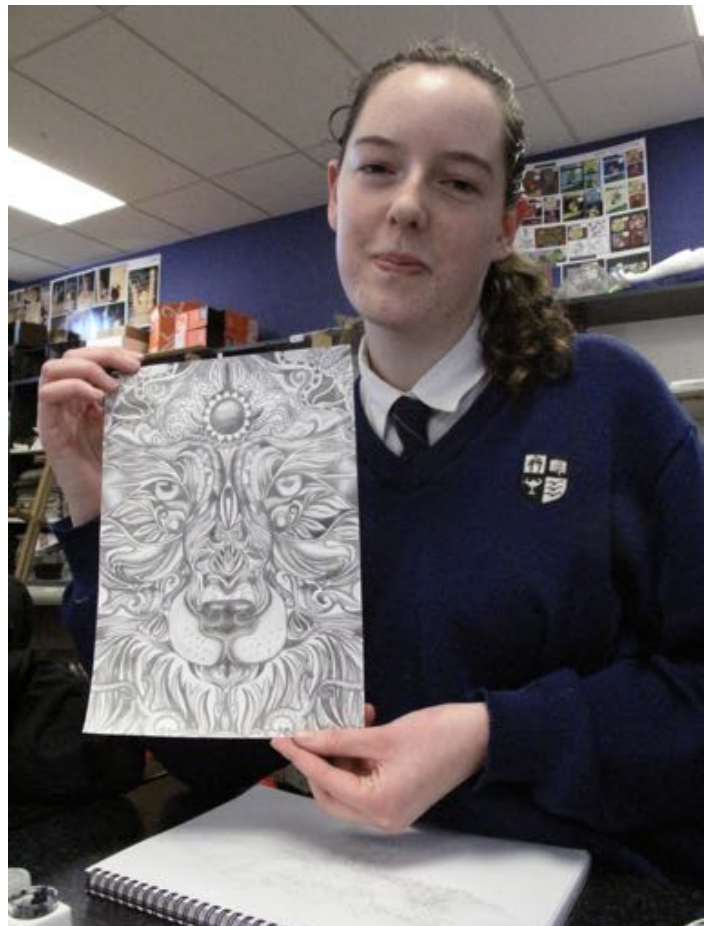
Thank you for the student's hard work, and thank you very much for supporting the night.

By Eddy Duan



Above: Jacob Wilson & Alyssa Price

Below: Alysha Calder displays her original artwork



Above: Dylan Stone & Bailey Donaldson-Fitt

AORAKI BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Opihi College Boys and Girls Badminton teams competed in the Aoraki Badminton tournament held in Timaru this week. They all represented the school with pride, and the Girls C Grade team of Tyla Smith, Madi Heurea, Sophie Leonard and Shania Cochrane were placed Third. Congratulations to you all!



Above: Lucy Cooper Below: J



Back: Emily McBride, Sophie Leonard, Madi Heurea, Olivia McBride
Middle row: Tyla Smith, Emily Scannell, Samantha Haley
Front: Shania Cochrane



Left: Emily Scannell & Samantha Haley
Above: Neko Prentice Right: Curtis Watkins





FUN RUN

Sunday 21st August

10am, Caroline Bay Soundshell

Dress up as your favourite (or fastest) animal

\$5 entry for 3km or \$10 entry for 5km
(or \$7 & \$12 for registration on the day)

Run or Walk
Spot Prizes & BBQ

Register at www.everywomensduathlon.co.nz or call into Frontrunner.
Registration on the day from 9.30am.

All proceeds to the South Canterbury X Country Team travelling to Wellington to compete in Sept.

SCVCC presents a **MONSTER CAR RALLY**



ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

SUNDAY AUGUST 28TH



**MEET AT CAROLINE BAY NORTH ENTRANCE
FROM 9-AM**

\$20 ENTRY PER CAR. (includes a morning visit AND an afternoon visit)

**BAR-B-Q LUNCH, TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AT THE LUNCH VENUE (OR BRING A PICNIC)**

**\$2 RAFFLE, CHOOSE YOUR OWN PRIZE FROM THE LINEUP. DRAWN AT
THE LUNCH STOP**

MAKE IT A FAMILY DAY, OR JUST COME ON YOUR OWN.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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student exchange
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EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES



In July, students aged 15 - 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long-term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and

desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today!

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on

0800 445 079 or visit our website: <http://www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student>





Original Artwork by Opihi College student Alysha Calder