

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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Lots of FUN
for all

Twilight Gala

4 - 6.00pm

Thursday 25th August
Opihi College



Food Games Silent Auction
Monster White Elephant Stall
Plants Cakes Books Toys
Chocolate Wheel Cupcakes
Lucky Jars Sausage Sizzle
Raffles Candy Floss Popcorn



Fun for the whole family!





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Opihi College with senior students working towards their assessments and junior students working towards finishing their practical work in their current option/technology subjects.

Aoraki Secondary School Badminton Tournament

A group of our students attended this tournament. They all represented our school well. It is always gratifying to hear from people outside the school how well mannered/behaved our students are when they are at events, and how encouraging it is to see them enjoying their participation. The students who attended this year upheld our school values of:
Community – through participation and being 'team' players
Acceptance – through sportsmanship
Respect – through their behaviour to others
Excellence – through the effort they put in

Maths week

Last week we celebrated Maths Week. The 'lolly jar' competition was very popular, and there were a number of entries in the "guess the teachers' favourite maths strands" challenge. Most importantly of course, the staff won back the staff/student shield by winning the Mini Athletics competition – though I must say that it was a close run thing!
Our thanks to Mrs Staniford for her work in putting together the activities and competitions for the week, and for being 'visible' at breaks so that students could challenge her with maths problems.

Noho Marae

Last week we also held a Noho Marae at school. All the attendees I have spoken to felt that they gained a lot from the experience – and had a great time too. I was very impressed at the way many of these students stepped up to challenges and have taken on leadership roles. On the second night they were joined by students from Mountainview High School for a long session of practice for their combined Flava Festival performance. Our thanks to Mrs Rose, Whaea Clarkson and Miss Sutherland for planning and leading this Noho Marae opportunity for our students.

Shigakukan High School visit.

On Sunday we had our final event with the visiting students. We shared a meal and they put on a performance of dance, song and individual speeches which was enjoyed by all who attended. It has been tremendous to see and hear how their English has improved during their three weeks with us at Opihi College. This annual event would not be possible without the contribution of host families who welcome these students into their homes. This was the tenth year in a row that they have visited us and I hope that many will return in future years, as I know a large number of these students do make great friendships with our students. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Lindblom for all of his organisation in preparing our students and their families for this event.

The weekend is upon us again. The Flava Festival is on today (Friday) in Timaru and I am sure that many of you will be attending to support our students. The Artarama Festival of Student Art is also on at Aigantighe Art Gallery, and they have a "Winter Lights Night" event there this Saturday. It would be a great opportunity to take your children along, admire the student art (including that of some of our students) and enjoy the gala atmosphere.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

ARTS WEEK

MONDAY 22nd— FRIDAY 26th AUGUST

Colouring in competitions are already running (collect from the office or library) and will be displayed at the Gala, and judged Friday.

Monday lunchtime activity is Wearable Art - newspaper costume making in the Hall.

Tuesday lunchtime activity will be the Arts Week Amazing Race - a 'hunt the clues' activity around the school.

Wednesday lunchtime activity will be Chalk Pavement Art.

Thursday is the School Twilight Gala 4-6.00pm.

Friday is Crazy Hat Day - to go along with the student run Daffodil Day Mufti (students design a crazy hat to wear and will be judged on their artistic and creative talents).

All events have prizes!

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

8th August Jakob Ashby
Tigerlily Doudle
15th August Kyle Morris
Wiremu Te Haate

Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher

2017 NETBALL COMMITTEE

Passionate about keeping netball running smoothly at Opihi College and want to be more involved? We would like to welcome volunteers to come along to a meeting on Wednesday 7th September at 5pm in the school library to discuss forming a netball committee for the 2017 season. Our committee will need those interested in Junior and Senior Netball, Umpiring, Coaching, and Fundraising. Any questions please email netball@opihicollege.school.nz

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August	22-26	Arts Week
	22	Year 12 Science Field Trip <i>Antarctic Centre</i>
	25	Twilight Gala 4-6pm Consultation Meeting 6-7pm
	26	Mt Hutt Ski & Snowboard trip <i>All year levels</i>
	26	Mufti Day –Daffodil Day
September	2	BandQuest Competition <i>Christchurch</i>
	7	Netball Meeting 5pm
	16	Get2Go Event <i>Christchurch</i>
	21-23	Year 12 Leadership Camp <i>Raincliff Camp</i>
	23	End of Term 3

ARTARAMA EXHIBITION

More than 200 people attended the prizegiving opening of the Artarama Exhibition at the Aigantighe Art Gallery on Saturday 13th August, where our Opihi College students entered some very good original artworks.

Congratulations to Opihi College prize winners:

Alysha Calder who won First Prize in the 3D Paint category,

Riki Russell who won an award in the Year 11 & 12 Print category,

Mrs Heidi Lovatt who won a Teacher's Award. The Exhibition is open for free public viewing at the Aigantighe Art Gallery until Sunday 28th August.



Prize Winners Riki Russell, Mrs Lovatt and Alysha Calder

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Opihi College hosted a successful South Canterbury Schools chess tournament in August. Chess teams from Waihi School, Barton Rural, Mountainview High School and Homeschool participated in this day long tournament.

Congratulations to the Opihi College Senior Team of Wiremu Te Haate, Eddy Duan, Shae Twaddle-Best and Jacob O'Neill who finished in First Place in the Senior Grade.



DAFFODIL DAY

The Cancer Society appreciated the assistance of Opihi College students Shae Twaddle-Best, Rochelle Johnson and Tigerlily Doudle at the recent Daffodil Day Breakfast held at 100% Homemade Café in Temuka. *"They represented the school very well and helped make the breakfast run smoothly so thank you to them".*

Opihi College will be holding a Mufti Day to raise funds for the Cancer Society on Daffodil Day Friday 26th August.

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?





Shigakukan Students Say *Sayonara* and *Arigato!* (Good-bye and Thank you!)

After an exciting three weeks living with Temuka families and attending Opihi College, students and teachers from Shigakukan Junior and Senior High School said a sad farewell to their host families and new friends at school. The Shigakukan students spent their time studying English, attending classes with “buddy” students and participating in a variety of excursions. These included trips to Tekapo, Dunedin and Timaru as well as local visits to Temuka and Temuka Primary School. The students learned a lot about New Zealand culture and the English language, but their visit also gave our Opihi College students the chance to try out some of the Japanese language that they have been learning in class. It was really exciting to communicate with the Shigakukan students in both languages.



A HUGE THANK YOU must be extended to all of the HOST FAMILIES – Mrs Bergamini, the Crawshaws, Mrs Etti, the Harkness family, Ms Johnson, the Kellys, the Larsens, the Lovatts, the Marshalls, the Mawhinneys, the McCarrons, the McIvors, the McLeans, the McNoes, the Murdochs, the Pannetts, the Rippins, Mrs Russell, the Savage/Mercier family, the Stones and the Weavers- who welcomed these students into their homes. It wouldn't have been possible without your warm hospitality.
Arigato gozaimasu!





Homework: What are YOUR Views?

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Invitation to participate in NZ research on teachers', students' and parents' views and experiences of HOMEWORK

Homework has a long tradition in New Zealand schools, however, very little is known of teachers', students' and parents' views and experiences of this practice. Your school is participating in a research project examining teachers' parents' and students' opinions and experiences of homework.

Parents and students (who are in years 5 and above) are invited to participate in this research by completing a short online anonymous questionnaire.

There is no obligation to complete this questionnaire, even though your school is participating. Further information about the study, including your rights if you do choose to participate can be found at this link:

Questionnaire for Parents or Caregivers
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kiaora>

Questionnaire for Students (Year 5 and above)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nzhomework>

If you would like to contact the researchers directly, you can do this at:

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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 Fronrunner.
Registration on the day from 9.30am.

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

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Aorangi Golf Junior Tournament

Pleasant Point Golf Club
Tuesday 27 September 2016



- Open to Boys and Girls Under 19
- 18 Hole event for 0-40 handicaps
- 9 Hole event for beginner golfers (caddies recommended for this section)
- Entry Fee is \$10 payable on the day
- 10am Multi tee start
- Entries close Thursday 22 September
- Draw published on www.aorangigolf.org.nz on Friday 23 September

Enter online at www.aorangigolf.org.nz or phone 0800 101 995

Would you like a Tumour with that?



An invitation to

101 things the alcohol industry won't tell you about alcohol.

Let's start with this one...

ALCOHOL CAUSES CANCER

- 15 New Zealanders die each week due to alcohol
- 5 die of an alcohol-related cancer

How does this affect you, your family, your organisation?

You are invited to an early evening meeting featuring presentations by Professor Jennie Connor* and Professor Doug Sellman*, and take part in discussion about New Zealand's favourite recreational drug, alcohol, its harms and solutions.

*Professor Jennie Connor, MSc, PhD, FRACPM is Professor of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago, Dunedin.
*Professor Doug Sellman, MSc, PhD, FRACPM, FACAM is Professor of Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine, University of Otago, Christchurch.

Where & When:

TIMARU
Tuesday 23rd August 2016
Caroline Bay Community Lounge
Timaru
7.30pm - 9.00pm
with supper to follow

Alcohol Action NZ is a broad network of people across New Zealand, who advocate for a set of evidence-based alcohol reforms to the way alcohol is marketed, supplied, sold and consumed in NZ (the 5+ Solution).
www.alcoholaction.co.nz

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