

Opihi - on campus



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STUDENT -LED CONFERENCES AND OPTION CHOICE CONFIRMATION

Monday 5th September 4 - 8.00pm

Tuesday 6th September 8.30am—4.30pm (No lessons running)

Book at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using code aprdv or through the office.

**** Please note that no classes will run on Tuesday 6th September****

If any parent is inconvenienced because of this, we can roster staff to supervise students under the age of 14. If you require supervision, please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday 2nd.

What format will the conference take?

- You will meet with the mentor teacher in their teaching space, this meeting will be in a private environment.
- Student details are checked by family.
- Attendance and uniform and any pastoral matters discussed with mentor.
- Record of Learning and Assessment for NCEA is shared by senior students or progress towards Junior Graduation.
- Option Choices for 2017 are confirmed.

Frequently asked questions:

Does my son / daughter need to attend? Yes, they will be leading part of the discussion.

Should my son / daughter wear school uniform to the meeting? Yes, this is a formal school occasion.

Where do we come to when we get to school? Your child will take you directly to the Mentor's allocated space for Conferences.

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Student Name: _____ Year: _____ Whanau: _____

Requires supervision from 8.30 am - 3pm on Tuesday 6th September.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou

As usual we've been having a busy time over the past fortnight. As we wind up/down to the end of term 3 (only 3 weeks away now) we have option rotations ahead of us for juniors and assessments due for seniors. It is this time of year that becomes particularly stressful for senior students if their planning and time management has not been the best throughout the year, as they will have many assessments to hand in. Of course, those who have planned well over the past 2 terms will be well organised and on top of their tasks!

Conferencing

Conferencing with parents and students has been scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. There are no formal classes on Tuesday as Monday evening and all day Tuesday are when your students' mentors are available for you to make your appointments to meet with them. Don't forget that your meeting is with your child's mentor not their other subject teachers. If meetings with other teachers are necessary they can be arranged for a different time.

Twilight Gala

Last week we also held our Twilight Gala and what a great success it was! I was really impressed by how many of our community attended and how generous you all were with your donations and your contributions on the night. It seemed to me that everyone here had smiles on their faces – I know I did! Occasions like the Gala cannot be a success without your input and support and I would like to thank you enormously for that. This is also the opportunity to thank those staff who were involved for the time and effort they put in. It is a huge undertaking and requires a lot of staff time in the lead-up; time that has been freely given by them. Thank you all!

Defibrillator

Earlier this week raffle tickets were sent home with a request that each family sell a book (or more) to support the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed at school. The purchase of a defibrillator is something that may well benefit many in the community. Our intention is to have it mounted on the outside of our building so that it is available 24/7 for anyone who may have reason to use it. The driver of this initiative is our wonderful receptionist, Kathy Walsh, and I would like to thank her, on behalf of our wider community for her commitment to this project. Kathy has sourced some wonderful prizes for the

Raffle itself (I'm personally hoping to win those Cape Cod Chairs!) and for the student who sells the most raffle tickets. Remember, if you want more tickets to sell you can get them from Kathy. And if you don't want to sell the book you have been allocated please return them to Kathy as soon as possible so that she can reallocate them.

Uniform

As of yesterday (1st September) students may be in summer uniform. They have the option for the rest of this term and may choose to wear winter or summer uniform; however, they must wear one or the other, not a combination of the two! On the first day of term 4 all students must be in summer uniform.

Student Art

In our last newsletter I mentioned the Artarama Festival of Student at Aigantighe Art Gallery. I went along on the Saturday night to enjoy the Winter Lights Night at the Gallery and had the opportunity to view the student art at the same time. I was impressed by the entries and was particularly proud of our own students' art. Congratulations to all of our students who had art accepted for the show.

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

Tina Johnson



DAFFODIL DAY MUFTI DAY

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Pictured: Mrs Bergamini & Mrs Wood model their Crazy Hats

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

22nd August Olivia McBride

Ashleigh Griffiths

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students may wear summer uniform from 1st September.

All students **MUST** be in summer uniform from the start of Term 4.

A reminder that uniforms must not be mixed - wear either summer or winter **NOT** a combination of the two.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September	1	Summer Uniform optional
	2	BandQuest Competition <i>Christchurch</i>
	5	Ski Trip to Mt Hutt
	5	Student Led Conferences 4-8pm
	6	Student Led Conferences 8.30—4.30pm <i>No lessons running on this day</i>
	7	Netball Meeting 5pm
	7-9	Ski Trip to Cardrona, Wanaka
	8	Primary Schools Winter Tournament <i>Opihi College</i>
	9	PPTA NZEI Union Meeting <i>Lessons begin at 12 noon</i>
	16	Get2Go Event <i>Christchurch</i>
	21-23	Year 12 Leadership Camp <i>Raincliff Camp</i>
	23	End of Term 3



NETBALL

All the very best of luck to our Opihi College netball teams, competing this week in the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Nelson.

Pictured competing in their first game on Monday are:

*Left:
Aaliyah Fenton &
Sophie Leonard*

*Right:
Sheyanne McCarron*





OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

1st September 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

RE: UNION MEETING

You may be aware that PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Association) and NZEI (New Zealand Educational Institute) have announced that they are holding combined meetings throughout New Zealand in response to the government's 'global funding' proposals.

The meeting for our area is on the morning of Friday 9th September.

Many of our staff will be at that meeting, and we will not have teachers to cover timetabled classes; however, in case this causes an inconvenience to any parent/caregiver, we will hold a supervised study session from 8.30 to 12.

Normal classes will resume at 12 mid-day.

Please note that the canteen will NOT be open on this day.

Buses will run as usual.

Yours faithfully

Tina Johnson

Principal

FLAVA FESTIVAL

At the FLAVA Festival held at the Theatre Royal Timaru in August, the combined Opihi College and Mountainview High School group 'Te Iti Kahurangi' performed well, and were placed Third overall, for the innovation award, Kaitataki Tane, Performing arts.



AORAKI MATHS COMPETITION

On Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 11th August, 32 year 7-10 students competed in the Aoraki Maths Competition held in Timaru. All students pushed themselves and it was great to see them represent Opihi College with pride.

A special congratulations to the Year 10 team of Shania Cochrane, Victor Savage, Evan Crosse and Mukesh Gaddam (pictured) who were placed third in their year group – narrowly missing out on a prize after the sudden death question!

GALA RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you for your support of the gala:

Scratchies Raffle	Helen Pearce
\$100 Note Raffle	Duncan
Barkers Raffle	1st Aimee Baird
	2nd Tanya Davis

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MY AFTER SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

Sept Holiday Programme

Day	Activity	Price
Mon 26 Sep	South Canterbury Day	\$40.00
Tue 27 Sep	Fam Lam Farm Park	\$45.00
Wed 28 Sep	Pokemon Day	\$35.00
Thu 29 Sep	Swimming - CBAY	\$40.00
Fri 30 Sep	Picnic - TEMUKA	\$10.00
Mon 03 Oct	Italian Day	\$10.00
Tue 04 Oct	QAMARU - Bowling	\$10.00
Wed 05 Oct	Movies	\$10.00
Thu 06 Oct	CHCH MEGA TRIP	\$10.00
Fri 07 Oct	Rainbow Party	\$10.00

Temuka 8am-3pm Session: \$40.00
 Temuka 8am-4pm Session: \$45.00
 Temuka 8:30am-3pm Session: \$35.00
 Temuka 8:30am-4pm Session: \$40.00
 Trip fees extra as advertised

M*A*S*H

My After School Headquarters

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with full WINZ subsidy
Conditions apply

WINZ subsidies

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 8:30am - 3pm = \$35
 8:30am - 6pm = \$40
 Trip fees as advertised

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Basketball 2016

Another basketball season is over! With over 50 students playing this year in Timaru competitions I would like to take the time to thank the coaches, Natalie Bergamini, David Taylor (coached 2 teams), Nathan Bagrie, Shaun McNoe, and Sally Mulvena. Without these people, the teams would simply not exist. They give up a lot of their personal time to run our teams and I really hope all the students and parents concerned have taken the time to thank them for all they do.

Also, thanks must go to the students who have made us proud this year; with their commitment and positive attitudes shining through on many occasions. They wear their Opihi singlets with pride, no matter what comes their way.

A special mention must go to the Junior Boys team who played in the B grade final last week. After being unbeaten all season, they unfortunately lost to Mountainview. Thanks to the supporters who came to watch their game, it was great to see so many from Opihi there.

Miss Manson

Pictured (top to bottom):

Senior Boys Team

Back: Jacob O'Neill, Nick Morris, Liam Mulligan, Caleb Rippin

Front: Shayden Campbell, Neko Prentice, Shae Twaddle-Best, Eddy Duan

Junior Boys Team

Back: Mukesh Gaddam, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Tyler Frew
Front: Jia Prentice, Jacob Reid, Kiarn Prentice, Cole Robertson

Junior Girls Team

Back: Jayda McNoe, Soriya Halkett, Shania Cochrane
Front: Kayla Bagrie, Rebecca Denley, Geneva Hati, Stevie Loudon





OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

30 August 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Today we have given a member of each family a book of raffle tickets to sell. We realise and appreciate that we have just held a fundraising gala and that you have all in some way supported this, but this fundraiser is for a specific cause.

We would really like to be able to purchase a Defibrillator to have stationed at school, it would be located outside the front office and therefore be available for the community to use in an emergency as well as for any sports groups that might be using the sports fields or groups using our College Hall outside of normal school hours, but more importantly it would be available for use within our school if needed. AED Defibrillators are often the difference between life and death.

There will be prizes for the students who sell the most tickets – 1st prize being a Huawei Ascend phone which comes complete with a Skinny mobile SIM card.

Raffle books should be returned to the office together with the money by Monday 10 October and it will be drawn on Wednesday 19 October.

As this project is for the benefit of the Temuka Community it would be great if the students could sell these around their neighbourhoods and not just rely on parents to buy them. They have the school holidays to get out and do it.

If for some personal reason you are not prepared to sell these tickets, please get your child to return them to the office immediately.

We thank you in anticipation for your support and thank the students in advance for their efforts in selling these tickets. Our prizes are available for viewing in the College Office foyer. Please feel free to pop in and have a look.

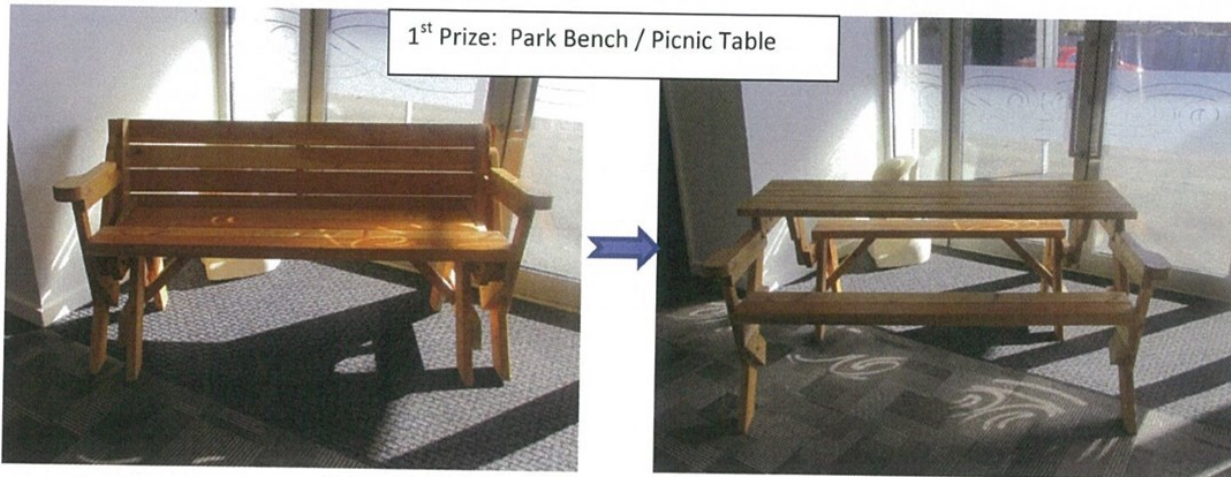
Yours sincerely

Tina Johnson
Principal

Kathy Walsh
Raffle Organiser

OPIHI COLLEGE
DEFIBRILLATOR RAFFLE PRIZES
Thank you for your support

1st Prize: Park Bench / Picnic Table



2nd Prize: Pair of Cape Cod Chairs
with matching table



3rd Prize: Picnic Hamper
filled with goodies

Help Opihi College fundraise to purchase a defibrillator.

Prizes for the students who sell the most tickets.



**Lots of FUN
for all**

**Thank You to all who supported the Twilight
Gala! Over \$3,000 raised for our school**





Temuka Cricket Club 1884 – 2016

Registrations for the coming 2016/17 cricket season are being taken on **Wednesday 21st September 2016**, between **4-5pm** at the Gunnion Square pavilion (corner Whitcombe & Denmark Streets). You need to register if you intend to play.

We have the following grades (subject to numbers):-

Friday Junior Bash (for beginners) Yr 2-4, Non hard ball (incrediball).

C Grade (**Friday** afternoons) Yr 4-6, Non hard ball (incrediball).

C Grade (Saturday mornings) Yr 4-6, Non hard ball (incrediball).

B Grade (Saturday mornings) Yr 5-8, Hard ball, pads & helmet.

A Grade (Saturday mornings) Yr 6-8, Hard ball, pads & helmet.

Saturday afternoon grade for 12-16 year olds. Hard ball, pads & helmet.

2nd Grade A Men.

Senior Men.

All enquiries to Kevin Kerse 027 3938447

**23RD, 24TH, 25TH
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SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 13 **BLenheim**
ASB THEATRE MARLBOROUGH 7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 14 **CHRISTCHURCH**
HORNCastle ARENA 7.00PM

THURSDAY 15 **Dunedin**
TOWN HALL 7.00PM

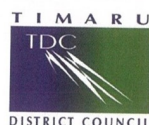
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Student Exchange Between Timaru and Eniwa, Japan

Sister Cities Timaru invites applications from Secondary School Students to represent the Timaru District on an escorted Educational and Cultural Exchange to Eniwa, Hokkaido, Japan. The exchange visit is planned for late June 2017 and will be for 3 weeks, 3 students will be chosen.

A short essay (of between 150 - 200 words) stating "Why I would make a good representative of my District" should accompany the application with a current photo.

Applicants will need a current passport & preferably need to reside & attend a High School in the Timaru District. Accommodation would be free. Students will possibly be home-hosted by the Japanese families of Eniwa students who will visit Timaru next year.

Approx airfare cost to the student \$3000 + taxes and optional personal spending (\$250-500)

Students shortlisted will be contacted by the sister city Committee for an interview at end of November 2016. Whilst a knowledge of Japanese language & culture is not a pre-requisite, an affinity with Japanese culture would be an advantage.

For further information please contact Barrie Suter 688-5501 (bazsuter@xtra.co.nz), Eric Lindblom 615-8680 (lindblom@xtra.co.nz) or Nachiko Schollum 684-7997 (nachiko@xtra.co.nz).

Applications close on Friday 28 October 2016 and send to:

Eniwa Exchange Trip
Timaru Sister City Committee
c/- Nachiko Schollum
130 Le Cren Street, Seaview
Timaru
(nachiko@xtra.co.nz)

