

# Opihi - on campus



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## BANDQUEST 2016

BandQuest is a Nationally contested, Smokefree sponsored event that allows Students from Years 7 and 8 to experience the thrill of standing on a fully amped up stage with professional sound and lighting before a large (but friendly), audience. SFBQ was held over 3 nights involving 50 bands at Chisnallwood Intermediate, a specialist performing arts school in Christchurch this year.

Despite the tough competition from 6 (!!) Chisnallwood bands in our final, a broken wrist and a lost voice, not to mention performance nerves, Opihi 's two bands 'Untouchables' and 'Untamed ' played their original song and a cover, with outstanding musicianship.

The technique award for Bass playing was received by Matthew Anso (pictured).



One judge commented to me after the show that if luck had been on our side and "Untouchables" were at full vocal strength they would have had to make a very difficult call for third overall between them and St Andrews.

Maisie Callaghan-vocals and guitar, Matthew Anso -bass, Caleb Rooney-drums, Madison Reihana-guitar and vocals, were "Untamed" and performed 'I Can't See", (Callaghan-Reihana) and "Psycho Killer", (David Burnes).

Beth Philp-vocals, Aaliyah Lovatt-vocals, Luke Smith-drums, Baiden Halkett-keys, Olivia Andreassend-Bass, were "Untouchables" and performed "Nightmare", (Philp-Lovatt-Andreassend-Smith-Thomas-Halkett) and "Heathens", (Dunn-Joseph).

Special mention of needs to be made of Ava Venn's contribution to the show. She accompanied the Untouchables to Christchurch in her role as band mentor and helped focus and direct the group in rehearsal **every morning tea and lunchtime for 3 months.**

Massive thanks to Chris Callaghan for transporting 5 highly excited and nervous musicians to the show, and to Jamie Callaghan for recording and posting the clips on Facebook.

Once again, an inspiring, creative group of kids -out there doing it! -can't wait for next year!

Russell Fleming  
Music  
Opihi



## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Kia Ora Tatou

The final week of the term is upon us and as usual it is a time to reflect upon progress and review our successes. Last week we held the second round of student led conferencing where students had the opportunity to share with family and whanau their progress this year. I understand that those who attended found the experience useful. When students, families and the community work together we all achieve so much. For senior students, now is the time to act upon the advice to ensure that they are successful in the final weeks of their courses. The pressure is really on for them!

### Leadership Camp

This week we have had a group of Year 12 students away at Leadership Camp. This is where they are given the opportunity to challenge themselves in leadership roles and learn how to be peer support leaders for next year's Year 7 students. Today we 'opened' the application process for Head Student roles in 2017. Interested students must have lodged their application by Friday 14th October – the first Friday after the holidays.

### Skiing

Last Monday our school ski-trip was held. All students had the opportunity for a day on the slopes and about 50 of them went. I know that they had a great day – all were smiling through their wind burn on their return.

Last week was also our junior ski and snowboard trip to Cardrona ski field at Wanaka. I know that they faced some horrid weather, but I understand from talking to them that they didn't care – they just saw it as a hazard of being on the trip. I have heard that everyone involved in the trip impressed our staff and others around them with their exceptional behaviour and attitude. My thanks, and the thanks of the students involved, goes to Miss Sutherland for her organisation and planning of this trip, and also to Mrs Bergamini and Mr McNoe for their support. It takes every participant of a trip to make it the success that this one was.

### Cultural competition

We have been practicing for some weeks now for our House Cultural Competition. Next Friday 23rd September, last period, is D-Day (Do It Day) so there are not many practice sessions left. Cultural Competition is taking the place of our End of Term assembly this term, and I do hope that we will have family and whanau attend this event as we showcase student talents. I am very much looking forward to experiencing this event that I have been hearing so much about!

### Finally

There is only one week of school left until the holidays begin. I hope students do not take this as a time to 'wind down' as all students, junior and senior, have work to complete and assessments to sit or hand in. Family and whanau support will help students to stay on task this coming week; help them with their time management, check that they are completing their homework/assignments, contact their teachers if you are not sure what work they need to be spending their time on.

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

Tina Johnson  
Principal



*A group of Year 11 & 12 students enjoyed exploring careers in the Motor Industry at the Motor Trade Association Showcase last week.  
Pictured: Malcolm O'Connell*



### WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

5th September Natalie Stone  
Amber Tredrea  
12th September Samantha Haley  
Dylan Stone

*Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher*

### CARE BADGES

#### Congratulations to the following students:

Kalani Lawson ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Courtney Leonard ~ received her Silver E badge  
Natasha Pannett ~ received her Bronze R badge  
Emily Bennett ~ received her Silver E badge  
Baiden Halkett ~ received his Silver E badge  
Alyssa Price ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Natalie Stone ~ received her Silver E badge  
Charlie Te Haate ~ received her Bronze R badge  
Brooke Thomas ~ received her Bronze A badge  
Brooke Thomas ~ received her Silver E badge  
Shae Twaddle ~ received his Bronze R badge  
Eddy Duan ~ received his Bronze C badge  
Shanique Guile ~ received her Bronze A badge  
Georgia Hammond ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Maddy Hammond ~ received her Bronze C badge  
Hailey Larsen ~ received her Bronze A badge  
Issy Livingstone ~ received her Bronze R badge  
John Reyes ~ received his Bronze R badge  
Louise Rippin ~ received his Gold E badge  
Ryen Williams ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Tom Downing ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Bryce Drawbridge ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Geneva Hati ~ received her Bronze E badge  
Jayden Kellas-Taylor ~ received his Bronze R badge  
Garth Maffey ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Kaia MacPherson ~ received her Silver E badge  
Kaia MacPherson ~ received her Bronze A badge  
Sam Murdoch ~ received his Bronze E badge  
Jaykob Reid ~ received his Bronze C badge

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September	20	Japanese Language Trip to Japan
September	21	House Winter Tournament - House Colours
	23	Cultural Competition & End of Term Assembly 1.30pm Parents and caregivers welcome to attend
October	10	Start of Term 4 Summer Uniform compulsory
	21-22	Temuka District Schools Jubilee celebrations
	24	Labour Day Holiday <b>School closed for instruction</b>
	26	SCPSSA Mountain Biking
November	2	Senior Study Leave begins (Last day for Seniors if eligible for study leave)

### GALA RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you for your support of the gala:

Kowhai House Raffle Shirley Marwick  
*Congratulations!*

### COLLEGE TROPHIES

Please return clean cups and trophies to the office.

### 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.



### FIRST AID

Our junior students have enjoyed completing their Red Cross First Aid training this week.

*Pictured:*

*Left: Caleb Kellas-Taylor & Fletcher Joyce*

*Right: Cheyenne Conley & Takila Howell*





WOW what a busy term we have had.

Students this term have participated in a number of sporting activities.

Table tennis

Skiing

Badminton

Netball

Basketball

Soccer

Hockey

Pool

Gymnastics

Chess

Plus South Island Secondary School Tournament week. With students at Netball and Hockey

Currently I am busy collating information for sports awards which are fast approaching.

At the moment students are signing up for summer sports

Softball

Cricket

Tennis

## SKI TRIP TO CARDRONA

Fifteen Year 9 & 10's went to Wanaka to spend two magnificent days skiing at one of New Zealand's best ski resorts, Cardrona. The crew left Opihi College on Wednesday afternoon, stopping in Omarama for a hot chocolate and fish and chips. We stayed at Zula Lodge in Albert Town, watching the famous movie 'Boy' before getting an early nights sleep before our first day skiing. Thursday was a horrible snow storm, but that did not hinder anyone's spirits. Friday was fantastic, the big yellow was shining down on us all day, with a fresh blanket of powder for everyone to enjoy. It was a great experience for all who participated and we hope to keep it going next year!



## SOFTBALL

The following players have been selected for the 2016 Under 15 Boys Softball development squad:

- Kiarn Prentice - Temuka Cardinals
- Hamish Fikken - Temuka Cardinals
- Cameron Fikken - Temuka Cardinals
- Tobias Lomano - Temuka Cardinals
- Mukesh Gaddam - Opihi
- Sam Brown - Temuka Cardinals
- Brayden Ward - Temuka Cardinals
- Oliver Hunter-Brady - Temuka Cardinals

*Congratulations to you all!*

## HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Rural Schools' combined hockey team who finished in Second place at the recent South Island Secondary Schools tournament.

*Pictured: Andrew Kirkcaldie*





# SCPSSA Gymnastics Festival

Well done Opihi students, you made our school proud at the recent South Canterbury Primary Schools' Sports Association Gymnastics Festival.

Thirteen Year 7 & 8 students represented Opihi College at this years event. Held in Timaru on 2nd September, over 50 teams gathered at the Alpine Sports Stadium for the annual competition.

- **A team gained a 4th placing in the A Grade:** Calan Meechang, Hailey Larsen, Natasha Pannett, Shayla Moss and Cordelia Taylor.
- **B team came 3rd equal in their B grade:** Kyal Dickson, Ryen Williams, Emily Russ, Elyse Warnock, Bailey McDonald-Solway and Jaxson Cullen.
- Sickness and injury unfortunately prevented the following students from attending after practising for six weeks with the other students: Nathan Nolan, Jordan Bruce, Cody Kereopa, Jacob Wilson.

A huge thank you to Bronwyn Meechang, students John Reyes and Emily Bennett who coached.

Natalie Bergamini  
Teacher in Charge

*Pictured:* Above right: Cordelia Taylor  
Below right: Shayla Moss  
Below: Cordelia Taylor, Calan Meechang, Natasha Pannett  
With Hailey Larsen & Shayla Moss





# Opihi College Netball

2016 Netball season has come to an end.  
Well done and thank you to all  
of our Coaches, Managers, players and support crew!



## Congratulations to our 7A Netball team

Won both their grade overall and most goals scored in their Aoraki competition. A big thank you to their coaches Lynley Prentice, Sharon MacDonald and Karen Joyce.

*Back row: Anika Smith, Sophie Leonard, Kaylee Stone, Kirsty McBride, Laynee MacDonald.*  
*Front: Coach Mrs Lynley Prentice, Skyla Bennett, Soraya George, Elyse Warnock, Coach Mrs Sharon MacDonald*  
*Absent: Coach Mrs Karen Joyce*

## Well done to our Senior Tournament team

The girls pushed through all the injuries and pain to play well! The results didn't fall our way, but we had fun and showed continuous improvement. Thank you so much to Miss Wylie, Miss Griffiths and Sally for their tremendous support during this tournament and throughout the season. Special thanks to Miss Muirson for the inspiration during tournament and great coaching during the season. Goodbye to our amazing year 13's whose enthusiasm will be dearly missed.

*Back row: Coach Miss Wylie, Aaliyah Fenton, Olivia McBride, Tegan Robertson, Emily Scannell, Emily McBride, Sheyanne McCarron, Coach Miss Griffiths.*

*Front row: Coach Mrs Mulvena, Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris, Madi Heurea, Sophie Leonard, Geneva Hati*



# TEMUKA UNITED TENNIS

NEW PLAYERS  
WELCOME!

Registration Wednesday  
14th September 3-4.30pm  
Temuka Pavilion, Temuka  
Domain

Any enquiries to Letitia  
Uren 0274 607 116



## WAI-ITI TENNIS CLUB



### JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAYS

Ages 5 - 16years

Saturday 10th & 17th September 2016, 10:00 – 11:30am

Tuesday 12th September 3:15 – 4:00pm

Come and have-a-go. We will have balls out and some rackets available if you want to bring a friend.

- Parking available off Maltby Avenue.
- Coaching programmes available for all levels (beginners through to junior interclub) throughout the week.
- Tennis Hot Shots Community Play on Saturday mornings

For more information please: email: [waiiti.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:waiiti.tennis@gmail.com)  
Phone/Text Matt on 027 684 4071

# TEMUKA TOUCH

Season Commences

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Gunnion Square, Domain Avenue, Temuka

### GRADES

OPEN	MIXED	YOUTH	JUNIORS
		Year 9-13	Year 5-8

ENTRY FEES:	OPEN AND MIXED	\$50.00 PER TEAM
	YOUTH & JUNIORS	\$30 PER TEAM

Entry Forms available from Heather George,  
27 Princes Street Temuka – Phone 6158963

Entries Close: Wednesday 5 October 2016



## 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

## Temuka Athletic Club

Registrations for the 2016/17 Season will be held on **Monday, 10 October 2016** at the **Opihi College**, Sports Grounds, Guild Road, Temuka. **5.45 - 6.15pm.** Our opening night will follow registrations.

\$20 per child age 4-6,  
\$50 per child age 7+.

For an early  
registration form -



email: [temu.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:temu.athletics@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page.

For further information contact:  
Nicola - 021 622 942



# TEMUKA COLOUR CANTER

A Fun Run or Walk With Colour

## LIMITED TICKETS

Temuka Domain Oval  
Saturday 29th October 2016

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD STALLS  
SPOT PRIZES

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE  
Visit the website for full ticket information,  
fees, event & registration details.  
[www.temukacolourcanter.co.nz](http://www.temukacolourcanter.co.nz)

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I'm stepping up and walking for dementia.

REUBEN THORNE

Timaru

11am | 17 September

Botanic Gardens

Take a positive step this September and join your local Memory Walk to raise awareness and support people affected by dementia.

Let's get our heads around dementia  
Sign up at [alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk](http://alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk)

ALZHEIMERS NEW ZEALAND

Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!"  
Dress up in a costume starting with the letter S & join us at the skating rink on Marine Parade for a fun filled evening

\$5 entry which includes skate hire  
sausages & drinks for sale

Prizes for best dressed & best dressed helmet

Don't forget socks & a helmet

16th Sep 6-9pm

# SPRING ROLLER DISCO

Timaru District Youth Council  
[facebook.com/theTDYC](https://facebook.com/theTDYC)

# CAROLINE BAY BEACH CLEAN UP

## 2016

18th Sept.

1pm - 3pm

BYO Gloves

Timaru