

# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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**RAINCLIFF  
CAMP  
2016**







## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

The first news of the month is: I was severely embarrassed to find, after reports had been sent, that there was an error in the message from me. The comment clearly should have read, "We look forward to continuing our relationship with you in 2017." I will definitely have to do a better job in future at proofreading!

This is our last newsletter for 2016, and before I get into the 'end of year' stuff, I want to mention a couple of activities that our juniors have been involved in.

### Activities

On the 25th and 26th of November a group of our Year 7 and 8 students attended a music workshop at Bluestone School. By all accounts it was a great success, with students forming a band on the day, practicing at lunch time, and performing in the afternoon. Well done to our students who attended and made the most of the opportunity! Thank you to our music teacher, Mr Fleming, for arranging this experience for our group.

As I'm sure you are aware, we've just had our Year 7 students out on camp at Raincliff. I deliberately made the time each day to go out there to see how they were doing. Having camp only 35km away is a definite advantage! My thanks go to all of the teachers and senior students without whom camp wouldn't run. Special thanks to the two year 10 girls, Geneva and Megan, who stepped in at the last minute to help out.

The students who have been involved in the camp and/or the music workshop can definitely say that they have 'participated'. Participation is one of the elements of the Key Competencies that are at the core of our New Zealand Curriculum.

### Changes for 2017

In Mike Wright's last newsletter of 2015 he said, "Ahead lie many exciting opportunities and a few challenges (for Opihi College). There will continue to be significant change and development which will only strengthen the college."

He is right. We faced new opportunities and certainly some challenges heading into 2016. Change has continued, and will continue to. This year we began the year with a radical timetable change. It took a while for students (and staff) to become comfortable with that change, but our tracking of student data indicates that the changes have had an overall positive impact on student outcomes. Feedback and analysis of data have meant we are making some minor tweaks to those changes for 2017 but nothing that people will be uncomfortable with – the key changes will be shortening morning break a little, lengthening lunch break, and having no whanau class on Wednesdays.

One of the many areas we have been looking at is programme delivery and how we might best develop our programmes for our junior students. Year 7 and 8 Technology will be moving to a 2 year cycle. Because we offer our juniors such a broad range of curriculum areas, the delivery has seemed a bit piecemeal and scattered. By changing to the two year cycle we can give students more time in each subject area to consolidate their knowledge, so they are gaining in-depth knowledge rather than a short 'taster'.

With our new buildings still at the forefront of our vision (even though the process is taking far longer than we would like!), we have also been considering how we will move towards integrating learning levels and subject areas. We are currently doing this effectively with our Year 7 and 8 integrated classes, but acknowledge that we have a long way to go in other areas. We don't want to start by 'ripping the current structures apart', but do need to begin on this journey.

To support this in 2017, we are going to move further towards integration by having four combined Year 9/10 classes. Until now, most of our students have been in multi-level classes throughout their schooling and it has only been in Year 9 that they have been separated out. In 2016 we have had a group of teachers researching schools with successful Year 9/10 hubs, and it is clear that those schools who have introduced them are showing improved learning outcomes for their students. This will also mean that we are able to provide a better

gender spread in our classes (with 2016's Year 9 girls having been very much in the minority). Students will still move into their separate Year 9 and Year 10 levels for most optional subjects.

I am sure these changes for 2017 will open up exciting learning opportunities for our students. The only thing that might be better would be adding an extra couple of hours to our school day (to fit more learning in) – but until the Ministry comes up with funding for that it's not within our scope!

## Awards Ceremony

As I have reminded you in our past few newsletters, the evening of December 7<sup>th</sup> is our Awards Ceremony. This is when we will celebrate the 2016 achievements of our students. I encourage you all to come along and help us acknowledge their effort, their hard work and their participation.

He waka eke noa. Nā tō  
rourou, nā taku rourou ;  
ka ora ai te iwi

Nga mihi.



Opihi College Temuka Presents:



Welcome to the Opihi College auditions for the 2017 production of "Back to the 80s"!

You are about to go on a journey....  
A journey back to a time when Rick Astley was the King of Pop...  
When bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool....  
When the Atari was cutting edge technology....  
That's right dudes.....you are about to go on a journey....

BACK TO THE 80'S!!!

We are now looking for our ultimate cast to bring this fantastic show to life!!!

Auditions are open to anyone Y7 – Y13 in 2017. (This years' Year 6's who are about to join Opihi College are encouraged to get involved!)

**AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD  
WEEK 2, TERM 1, 2017.**

## ARMISTICE DAY 2016



18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Ms Tina Johnson  
Principal – Opihi College  
Richard Pearse Dr  
TEMUKA 7920

Dear Ms Johnson

TEMUKA RSA – ARMISTICE DAY 2016

On behalf of the Temuka RSA I would like to thank you for contributing in such a meaningful way to the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Without the support from people such as you it would not have been as successful. I have had many comments from those who attended, as well as others within the Temuka Community, who appreciated the effort you went to and thoroughly enjoyed hearing Wiremu and Tea speak.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely

V. L. Howey  
Vicki Howey  
Secretary/Manager  
Temuka RSA



## READING PLUS

We have come to the end of the first full year running Reading Plus at Opihi College. Students have worked hard and been very successful. The programme covers reading speed (important for fluency and task completion), reading comprehension and vocabulary. We have seen gains across all these areas as students work towards the end of this first year.

Fluent reading speed is 250 words per minute (wpm), talking speed is 120 wpm. Many students read well but slowly. We have seen significant progress towards fluency throughout the year. The increase in wpm ranges from 5-124 which is an outstanding result. Three quarters of the students have moved up between 1 - 3 years in their reading comprehension with the biggest gains in our Year 9 boys.

All students have completed the final assessment in Reading Plus for the year and had a conference to discuss their successes, tricky bits and goals for next year. Higher gains in comprehension, speed and vocab usually match student participation. Students with lower progress generally acknowledged that they could have put some more time into it. With these great results the programme will continue next year and is available to all of our students (\$40/yr). Please contact Bridget Wilson at [wilsonb@opihicollege.school.nz](mailto:wilsonb@opihicollege.school.nz) for more information.



### WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

18th November

Liam Pelvin

*Congratulations on winning a canteen voucher*

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**Tuesday 13th December**

**4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**At the School Office**



### PE TOPS:

If you require a PE top for 2017 please get your late orders in IMMEDIATELY. These tops are being manufactured to order for us over the school holidays. Made to measure sizes are available at no extra cost. (These are \$60 each which is payable on collection in 2017).

### OPIHI COLLEGE KILT FITTING

We are hoping to source Opihi College kilts directly from the manufacturer Bromleywear. Families will be able to purchase kilts at a cost lower than from a store. We are holding a fitting session for families to order kilts for delivery in 2017 on:

**Tuesday 13th December 4 - 6.00pm**

Please note: In order to purchase kilts for delivery in 2017 orders MUST be in to the manufacturer by 15th December 2016. Payment will be on arrival of order.

### OPIHI COLLEGE JERSEYS

Stock still available at Kings Shoe Store, Temuka. These jerseys are high quality knitwear.

### OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

Good stocks of new items available from the school office:

Ties	\$20	Sunhats	\$10
Beanies	\$10	Black & White Sport Socks	\$10

### 2017 STATIONERY LISTS

Spare copies of these are available on our website, or from the school office.

### 2017 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 30 January - Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July
Term 3	Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October - December 2017

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>December</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Second Hand Uniform Sale &amp; Kilt Fitting Session</b> 4.00 -6.00pm
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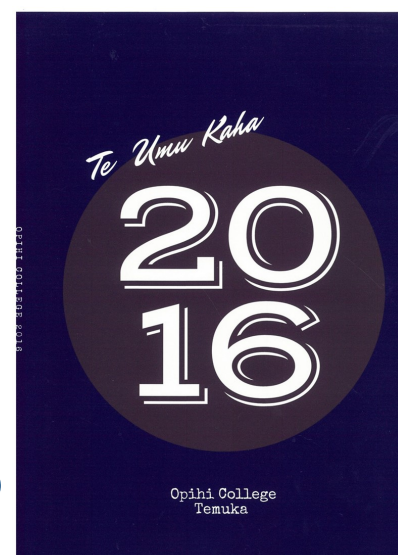
## 2017

<b>January</b>	<b>23</b>	School office opens
	<b>30</b>	Teacher Only Day
	<b>31</b>	Year 13 Course Confirmation 2.00pm
<b>February</b>	<b>1st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 9 Camp to Spencer Park Christchurch</li> <li>Year 7 Orientation Day with Year 13 Peer Support 8.30- 3.10pm; followed by Year 7 Welcome Barbeque 6pm</li> <li>Year 10 Course Confirmation 8.30am</li> <li>Year 11 Course Confirmation 11.30am</li> <li>Year 12 Course Confirmation 1.30pm</li> </ul> <i>All course confirmation held in the Hall</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>All students attend</b>
	<b>6</b>	Waitangi Day holiday <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	<b>7</b>	Mihi Whakatau - Parents welcome. New students, staff and parents to meet at school main entrance at 8.30am. All other students, staff and parents to meet at Hall courtyard doors.

## OPIHI COLLEGE YEARBOOKS

Full Colour  
2016 School  
Magazine now  
available for  
purchase at the  
School Office

**\$30**





# SPORTS

Congratulations to all the Opihi College students who participated in a sport this year. It was definitely a busy year.

Adventure racing,	Archery,	Athletics,	Badminton,
Basketball,	Chess,	Claybird shooting,	Cross Country,
Football,	Get-2-go,	Golf	Gymnastics,
Hockey,	Ki-o-Rahi	Mountain biking,	Netball,
Orienteering,	Pool-in-schools,	Rogaine,	Rugby,
Rugby 7s,	Softball,	Swimming,	Touch,
Triathlon,	Volleyball.		

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COACHES, MANAGERS,  
PARENT HELPERS, STUDENT COACHES AND  
STUDENT HELPERS.

See you all next year.



## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Opihi College can benefit from any families using Laser Electrical services:

**Time to call a professional?**



\*T&C's apply

Use any **Laser Electrical Services** and mention 'Opihi College' and we will pay 5% of the invoice back to Opihi College



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# Opihi College Uniform – School Regulations



## Junior Summer Uniform (Years 7-10)

- blue check skirt (being phased out) or inverted pleat skirt navy (SchoolTex order number 36278)
- white split hem, short sleeve, blouse (SchoolTex order number 86983)
- white ankle socks
- or
- mid-blue polo shirt (*New stock arriving November which will have our school crest on them.*)
- navy blue walk shorts
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop



## Senior Summer Uniform (Years 11-13)

- navy blue skirt
- white split hem, short sleeve, blouse
- white ankle socks
- school blazer (optional)
- or
- white short sleeved shirt designed to sit out
- navy blue walk shorts
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop
- school blazer (optional)



## Junior Winter Uniform (Years 7-10)

- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt
- long-sleeved white blouse
- black stockings or black over the knee socks
- school tie (optional)
- or
- Polo shirt
- long black dress trousers or navy blue walk shorts
- school socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop



## Senior Winter Uniform (Years 11-13)

- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt
- long-sleeved white blouse
- black stockings or black over the knee socks
- school tie school tie (optional)
- school blazer (optional) *school tie must be worn with the blazer*
- or
- white long sleeved shirt
- long black dress trousers or navy blue walk shorts
- school tie (optional)
- school blazer (optional) *school tie must be worn with the blazer*





## All Seasons - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear black, leather or leather look, shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes. Shoes must be able to be polished, not suede or canvas. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are advised to wear a blue sunhat (not baseball cap) in Term 1 and Term 4. Sunhats can be purchased through the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies may be worn with the winter uniform during Term 2 and Term 3.
- Black soft shell jacket with crest; or any plain black jacket of their choice for warmth.
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- A non-hooded plain navy blue polar fleece jacket may be worn.
- PE uniform - Opihi College Rugby/Polo shirt with black shorts (mid-thigh maximum length and no cycle type shorts). A change of socks are to be worn with gym shoes. On cold days a black track suit or a plain coloured sweat shirt in your house colour and track pants may be worn. A white sweatshirt is also acceptable. *(The P.E. Rugby / Polo shirts are available to order and purchase through the school office – cost \$60.00.)*



## PERSONAL PRESENTATION – SCHOOL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all students. The appearance of the students is expected to reflect credit on the school at all times.

- Hair must be clean, tidy and tied up if longer than shoulder length. No extremes including changing hair to unnatural colours. Boys must be clean-shaven. Hair ties must be in school colours. (Blue, black and white.)
- A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn appropriately. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required.
- Students may only wear one plain silver or gold stud earring per ear at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- For students in Years 7 – 13 the school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly. Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with school uniform.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Winter Uniform is optional from the beginning of Term 2 but is compulsory after Queen's Birthday weekend. Summer Uniform is optional from September 1<sup>st</sup> but is compulsory after Labour Weekend.



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



21, 22 and 23 December

8.15am – 5.00pm



Christmas Themed fun filled pre-Christmas  
Holiday Programme  
Heaps of Activities, Games, Cooking and Baking

AND.....

## January Summer Fun Holiday Programme



Monday 9 January – Friday 27 January 2017

8.15 – 5.00pm

Register with Jo

Book early - 03 688 3682



## VACANCY

*Ellie's Barber Shop are looking for someone to work after school and in the school holidays for a couple of hours. Anyone who is aged 14 years or older and interested in this job, could they please pop into Ellie's Barber Shop at 73 King Street, Temuka.*

## BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 2017

Temuka District Lions Club is offering the chance of an outdoor and physical pursuits course, offering activities such as Ropes, Initiative Course, First Aid, Tramping (Bush Skills), Abseiling and Kayaking, etc.

All activities are under the guidance of qualified instructors and are accomplished as part of a team of 8-10 people.

The dates for 2017 are May 12-20. Both Male and Female, 18 years or over, with a reasonable standard of fitness. Lions will pay for you—the cost is around \$500 for the week per person. You will need to arrange own transport. (Berwick is 40km south of Dunedin).

## TWILIGHT FESTIVE TRAIL

FRIDAY 9TH & SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER  
FROM 7-9PM EACH NIGHT

Visit six homes  
decorated in the  
Christmas Theme  
(details below)

Cost includes  
refreshments &  
Christmas nibbles  
\$15 per adult  
\$5 per child (5-12yrs)  
(under 5 free)

Tickets available at:  
Kings Shoe Store  
Temuka Real Estate  
Lumino the Dentist

Any enquiries  
please contact:  
Karen Hickey  
Ph: 615-7550  
Sally Woodhead  
Ph: 615 9135



1. Sharlene & Ken Heaphy, 23B Harris Place  
2. Janet & Ron Luxton, 24 St Leonards Road  
3. Carolyn & Ken Darby, 40A Wallingford Road

4. Karen & Noel Hickey, 29 Guise Street  
5. Sandy & Willi Powell, 96 Richard Pearce Drive  
6. Sally & Keith Woodhead, 20 Grange Settlement Rd

Hosted by Temuka District Lions Club  
Proceeds will go towards Christmas lights for Temuka Township



## Temuka Swimming Pool

ph: 615 8205

**Opening: FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

### Early Bird Swimming

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

6:00am – 8:00am

### Public & Lane Swimming

10:00am – 1:30 (week days)

Lane available throughout day unless pool is booked.

### Aqua Fitness

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Monday & Wednesday

(December)

11am

10:00am

6:00pm – 6:45pm



### Public

Saturdays

10:00am – 6:00pm

Sundays

12 noon – 6:00pm

Weekdays

10:00am – 6:00pm

Paddling Pool open daily

11:00am – 6:00pm (except Sunday 12noon – 6:00pm)

Inflatable in pool – Sundays

1:30pm – 4:00pm

**Extended hours Mid December – Mid February**

**10:00am – 7:00pm**

### Swimming Club

Tuesday & Thursday

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Most week days schools have the pool booked from 11 am – 12 noon & 1:30pm – 2:30pm so pool is closed to public, please check with the office.

**\$2.50 Child \$4.00 Adult 65+ \$3.50 over 80's free**

**Concession tickets available**

**Heated Pools & our Shop is back**

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Saturday  
26 Nov  
2.15*

