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Congratulations to all our students on their successes in the 2016 NCEA examinations!

2016 Proxime Accessit and Dux
(Above) Emily Scannell with Dux Meghan Mulligan

Excellence Endorsements
(Above right) Alicia Staniford, Abigail Blay and Louise Rippin

Merit Endorsements
Back row: Shanique Guile, Tegan Robertson, Caleb Rippin, Sian Loudon, Ellen Crosse.
Front: Lucy Cooper, Liam Mulligan and Rochelle Johnson.



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

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Parent Name _____

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REMINDER: STAFF ONLY DAY FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY School not open for students



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to the new school year and in particular welcome to the students, parents/caregivers, whanau and staff who have joined Opihi College in 2017. I trust that the first two weeks of the school year have gone well and that you have settled into the routines of term time. It was wonderful to see so many Year 7 students and their families joining our staff at the "Welcome Year 7's" barbeque after their first day at school. The event was hosted by our Year 13 Peer Support students who did an impressive job with the catering and playing games with the students. Thank you Ms Manson for organising this event and the staff who did so much of the preparation during the day.

To all the parents who came along, I would like to express our appreciation of your support. The transition from Primary school to a secondary environment introduces new challenges to our youngest students, and your on-going support with those changes makes the transition so much more comfortable for your students. There will be many times throughout the years that your children are at Opihi College that we will invite you in to come and be involved in what they are doing. It is great for them to be able to share these experiences with you. Your support is vital to successful outcomes for your students.

New staff

As well as welcoming new students we also welcomed a new staff member. We ended last year with the loss of two teachers: Ms Prebble and Mr Peters. Ms Prebble has been replaced by Mr Simon Goodman who has joined us from England and will be teaching Social Sciences, Geography and PE. Mr Peters has re-joined us part time to teach some DVC and junior Mathematics. During the holidays we also received resignations from Ms Branaye Wylie who will be leaving us in March to take up a position as Assistant Head of English at Ellesmere College, and Mrs Kate Staniford who will be leaving us in April to begin her role as Principal of Catlins

Area School. It is with sorrow that the Board accepted their resignations however, we wish them well in their new roles. We have advertised for both those positions and will advise of appointments in due course.

Celebrations

With the start of the new school year, there is much to celebrate in terms of successes for Opihi College community.

NCEA Results 2014

At the start of the year we also have the opportunity to reflect upon the successes of 2016. Our provisional NCEA results for last year show that we have some very good rates of success as detailed in the summary below.

2016 Endorsements:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	UE
Merit	13%	13%	30%	
Excellence	7%	3%	20%	
Total passed	73%	77%	56%	44%

We are also very proud of our students who have gained NCEA qualifications. We are particularly proud of those who have gained endorsements. Equally, our staff, who have guided students to these achievements, deserve acknowledgement for all of the extra time they have put into conferencing with students, assisting them in sourcing the additional resources they needed and putting pressure on them to always give their best. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and committed staff who are willing to 'go the extra mile' for the benefit of our students. Thank you.



Sports Team Coaches and Managers

The plans for new sports teams and coaches are well under way. As part of our efforts to keep young people safe we now require volunteer coaches and managers to consent to a police vet. For any parent or family member who is interested in developing a sport at Opihi College, please contact Sally Mulvena, Opihi College Sports Co-ordinator for information.

Finally

I look forward to my first full year at Opihi College. I am sure that we will go on to build on the successes of 2016. As I said to our Year 7 students and parents at the welcome BBQ, and I reiterated to all students at our first assembly of the year; research has proven over and over again that it is those students who get involved in what schools have to offer who will gain the most out of their education years. For this reason we expect all students to be involved in the wider school life, participating in either sporting or cultural activities (or both) during the year. I expect to meet many parents, caregivers and whanau during the school year as we open the school for mentoring and course conferencing. I encourage you to stay involved with your child's education and to support their progress during the coming year.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY!

Anyone who had overdue library books at the end of last year and has still not returned them you have until next Wednesday (15th of February) to return them! After this date the cost of the books will be charged to your school account.

STAFF ONLY DAY FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

*School is not open to students and the
Office will be closed for that day.*



Speech Competitions

There are two speech competitions on offer at the moment for Year 12 and 13 students

NZ Lions Club Youth Speechmaker Contest

Overall national winner receives a 6 week trip to the US/ Canada with all airfares, accommodation and meals paid for.

2nd place getter receives a trip to Australia

3rd place getter receives a placement at the Lions International Youth Camp in Rotorua

Rotary District Speech Competition

1st Prize - \$1000 cash

2nd Prize - \$500 cash

3rd Prize - \$300 cash

4th Prize - \$200 cash

There are also prizes for winning your local area competition.

If you would like to receive any further information, please see Miss Henderson or the "English Competitions" notice-board outside Room 8.

NETBALL INFORMATION EVENING

All information for the 2017 season will be presented at this presentation. If you are going to be involved this season as a parent/caregiver, player, coach or manager please attend this evening. If unable to attend please get in contact with the Teacher in Charge of Netball via the contact details below.

Sign-up sheet is in the library.

Where: School Library

When: Wednesday 15th February, 7pm – 8pm

Contact: Branaye Wylie/Sarah Stark
netball@opihicollege.school.nz
Facebook: Opihi Netball

Relay for Life

Every year the South Canterbury Cancer Society run a Relay for Life in Timaru at Caroline Bay, to raise money for cancer. This year it is being held on the 11th and 12th of March. We will be entering an Opihi College team this year, however I will be capping numbers at 20. On Monday after assembly, I will ask any students who are interested to collect a letter from me, which will outline what is involved. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for something that affects us all so closely.

Vicki Henderson



INTRODUCING OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2017

Ellen Crosse **Deputy Head Student**

Hi my name is Ellen Crosse, and I am one of the Deputy Head Students this year. I decided to go for a Head Student position because I thought it would be a great opportunity to extend myself and my leadership skills. I try to give everything a go whether I'm good at it or not so that I can be a better role model for the younger students. I enjoy playing sports, reading and hanging out with my friends in my free time. My plans for the future are to go to Otago University and do the Health Science's first year course and then go on to study medicine. I look forward to this being a great year of getting to know all the students, representing our school in this role within the community and challenging myself in my school work.

Abigail Blay **Board of Trustees Student Representative**

Hi my name is Abigail and I'm the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 2017. I went for this position because I wanted to be involved during my last year here at Opihi and felt that student representative would give me opportunities to push myself and to have a share in our school community. I enjoy reading and spending time with friends in my spare time. After leaving I hope to travel, predominantly through Europe but also through South America and Asia to explore the different cultures and history. I would eventually like to attend polytech so I can pursue a career in the beauty industry. I look forward to working with the students this year.

Cheyenne O'Neill **Deputy Head Student**

Hello my name is Cheyenne O'Neill, I'm one of the Deputy Head Students for 2017.

My interests include photography, listening to music, reading stories from online writers and watching anime.

I stood for Head Student for 2017 because I felt I could do a great job in supporting our students at Opihi College, just like last year's head students did. I also wanted to prove to myself that I could get up on that stage, and give being head student a shot.

My goals for this year is to get an over all Merit endorsement and to get University Entrance, because after this year I'm planning to go to university to study social working and photography.



INTRODUCING OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2017



Abigail Blay (Student Representative to the Board of Trustees), Ellen Crosse (Deputy Head Student), Tegan Robertson (Head Student), Principal Mrs Tina Johnson, Neko Prentice (Head Student), Cheyenne O'Neill (Deputy Head Student).

Tegan Robertson Head Student

Hi, my name is Tegan Robertson and I am one of the Head Students for 2017. I'm 17 years old and I have attended Opihi College since I started as a Year 7. My interests include hanging out with friends, going to the lakes, doing anything outdoors, playing sport and watching Netflix. I stood for head student because I wanted to be a good role model to the younger students. I also wanted the chance to represent Opihi and show the wider community just how great our school is. My goal is to gain NCEA Level 3 with University Entrance then head to Otago for future study. Being a head student was always something that I wanted to be and now that I have been given this opportunity I'm really excited for what's to come this year.

Neko Prentice Head Student

Kia Ora.

My name is Neko and I'm a Head Student for Opihi College this year. I have attended Opihi College since Year 7 and have enjoyed every moment at this school. I love to get involved in all school activities like sports, competitions and anything the school has to offer. My interest are skateboarding, basketball, most outdoor activities, photography and filming, gaming and many more. I applied to be a Head Student as it's a huge and important opportunity that I was willing to be a part of and to lead Opihi College in a great way just like past head students. I also wanted to be a great role model to younger students and to show them how great our school is. My goal is to gain NCEA Level 3 this year. In the future my goal is to do some type of business with skateboarding or have something to do with either-photography and filming as I love these activities with a lot of passion.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Information Evening – All players MUST attend this meeting with a caregiver/parent. Wednesday 15th February at 7pm. We need coaches and managers. Please sign-up in the library.

Archery –The Sign-up sheet is in the library – Please come and sign up and take a notice. We only have 12 places available per term. We must have at least 9 taking part for this to run. Currently I have had 3 slips returned. If you want to do archery please bring your slip back asap.

Basketball – The Sign-up sheet is in the library. –Please come and collect a notice and return it asap.

Police Competency Test – Yr 7 & 8 ONLY. Please collect a notice from the library and return it to Ms Manson asap.

The **Temuka Sport Awards** are on in April. They are asking for Nominations by 1st April. Please email sports@opihicollege.school.nz to request a nomination form please.

This term we will be having whole school Athletics Day and whole school Swimming Sports Afternoons.

***Swimming Sports** – Heats, Wednesday 15th February P3. (Only swimmers attend). 1pm start
Finals, Wednesday 22nd February P3. (Whole school attend).*

***Athletics Day** – 28th February All day.*

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 - Wednesday 13 December 2017

PRODUCTION – BACK TO THE 80'S

Postponement – Due to this particular show being offered this year by other schools in the local region, we are postponing our production of *Back to the 80's* until 2018.

PIANO AND ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD LESSONS

These are held at school. For details please ring Mrs Rule on 027 619 4075, or come to the Music Practice Room on a Tuesday morning.

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\$30

Term 1 Calendar 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FEBRUARY	30 Teacher Only Day	31 Teacher Only Day	1 Y9 Camp Y7 BBQ @6pm	2 All students	3	4	5
	6 WAITANGI DAY	7 Mihi Whakatau NCEA Assembly	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15 Swimming Sports Heats Netball Info evening	16 HiYS – Y7 & 13 Peel Forest	17 Staff Only Day	18	19
	20 Gateway Fire Safety Course	21 Gateway Fire Safety Course Yr 7&8 Boys Cricket	22 Swimming Sports final Yr 7&8 Boys Cricket	23 Yr 7 & 8 Girls Cricket	24 Mufti Day – Relay for Life	25	26
MARCH	27	28 Athletic Sports	1 Athletics pp	2	3 School photos	4	5
	6	7	8	9 CHS Athletics	10 Mufti Day – Rescue Helicopter	11 Relay for Life 4pm start	12 Relay for Life 10am finish
	13 Settling in report sent home	14 Aoraki Athletics	15	16 Gateway Health and Safety	17 Gateway Health and Safety	18	19
	20	21	22	23 Y11-13 Aoraki Volleyball Yr 7&8 Aoraki Triathlon	24	25	26
	27 Conferencing 8 – 4. No classes	28 Conferencing Evening 4-8pm	29	30 Y13 Bio Trip	31 Y13 Bio Trip Y7/8 Aoraki Park Games	1 SISS Athletics	2 SISS Athletics
APRIL	3 Outdoor Education Trip	4 Outdoor Education Trip	5 Outdoor Education Trip Y12 Ag Trip	6 Gateway First Aid	7 Gateway First Aid	8	9
	10 GRIP Leaders Day - ChCh	11 Y12 RYDA	12 Aoraki Swimming	13 End of Term Assembly /NCEA Progress Printout	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15	16

YEAR 9 CAMP SPENCER PARK FEB 2017



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TERM 1 '17

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
9am LEGEND: ACTING & DRAMA 10am MUSIC ART & CRAFTS 11am DANCE WELLNESS 12pm WRITING & LANGUAGES OTHER 1pm 2pm 3pm 3.15-7.30pm H Tip Toe DANCE Jazz & Highland Dancing ages 2-18 Amanda R 027 941 9996 4pm 5pm 6pm 7pm 8pm+	9.30-10.45am H Mainly MUSIC John H Gold Coin 2.20-8.45pm H Tip Toe DANCE Jazz & Highland Dancing ages 2-18 + TUE 3.30 onward M GUITAR Kev Bowen 027 3467354 Amanda R 027 941 9996 NEW! DANCE FOR ADULTS!	12.30pm-2.30pm H Finding our Voices ACTING lessons for Students with Special Needs Jill 027 452 4791 \$5 NEW : Coming Soon : 3.15 - TBA ART CLASSES David Waddington Adult classes Kids classes CONTACT DAVID to ENROLL:	9.30-10.30am YOGA H Paula F \$7 or 3-4.30 pm M PIANO Lessons Adele C 021 02369674 4.30-5.30pm H Children's CHOIR Adele C 6-7pm YOGA H Paula F \$7 or Koha 7.30-9pm H Shine CHOIR for adults Christopher 027 568 5515 Loraine 0211172618	The Academy can also be hired for meetings, one-off workshops, concerts, private gatherings and family birthday parties. Academy hourly hire: H= Hall \$15 F= Foyer \$10 M= Music Room \$8.00 EVENT HIRE \$100 NEW: 3.15-4.45 ACTivate Drama Gill Towle BA 0221 917788 starts 10 of Feb All Welcome! from 7.30 Blackboard Friday CONCERTS Last Friday of the Month \$5 Adele on 021 02369674	fortnightly 1.15 - 2.45 pm MORRIS DANCING Rhys Taylor 021 462260

THE ACADEMY
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GERALDINE

COMING UP:

ACTING FOR
PRESCHOOLERS
in the April holidays

CONCERT:
SAT 13th MAY CMNZ
JAZZ OCTET
"The Jac"
1pm Lunchtime concert

SAT 13th MAY 11am CMNZ
JAZZ ENSEMBLE
WORKSHOP
with members of
"The Jac"

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For information contact: Jill Roberts 027 452 4791 - for bookings contact Trisha Reader on 027 736 7822 **NEW EMAIL! academygeraldine@gmail.com**

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).



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Email: sts@stsnz.co.nz
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HOST FAMILIES WANTED

North Otago-South Canterbury-
McKenzie Districts

Open up your home and become a Host Family!

STS are currently looking for families for our intake of students arriving in July 2017, for either a Year or Semester placement. Students come from Europe, Scandinavia and South America. It is a fantastic experience to be the host family who acts as the intermediary between an exchange student and everything that is new and exciting.

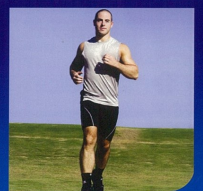
"Every student we have hosted has given us new insight into their home, country, their traditions, their food and their family home life. We recommend hosting a student – it's fun, enjoyable, rewarding and fulfilling." The Hill Family - Whangarei

Please Contact - Trish Laphorn
Your Local Area Representative, for more information or to make an enquiry about hosting.
Ph 021 2244240 or trishlaphorn.sts@gmail.com

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Cool Sip Juices	\$1.50
Up and Go	box \$2.50
Orange Juice	Glass \$1.00
Pop Water	\$2.00
Cool Change Juices	600ml \$3.50
	1Ltr \$4.00
Hot Chocolate	\$1.50

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Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Pie	\$3.50
Noodles	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Hash browns	2 for \$2.00
Frankfurter	\$2.50
Savories	\$1.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$3.50
Toasted Sandwich	(1/2) \$1.50
Water for Noodles	.50c
Chicken Wrap	\$2.50
Sandwich	\$3.00
Mini Donuts	\$3.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Chips / Dorito	\$2.00
Muffin	\$2.00
Licorice	\$1.50
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Muffin	\$3.00
Slice or Cake	\$1.50
Pie	\$4.00

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