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OUTSTANDING ATHLETICS RESULTS

COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

A team of 36 athletes travelled to Mackenzie High Schools' for our annual Country High Schools' Athletics meet. Competing against athletes from Mackenzie, Twizel, Geraldine, and Waimate, Opihi College students performed excellently with 57 top three placings overall.

Some notable performances came from the following athletes.

Cody Kereopa: 1st U12.5 Boys Discus 17.6m, Triple Jump 8.42m, Long Jump 4.09m,

2nd 100m

Saxon McNoe: 1st U12.5 Boys 400m 1m11s, 800m 2m49s, High Jump 1.25m,

3rd 200m

Grace Bennett: 1st U12.5 Girls High Jump 1.1m

Sam Brown: 1st U14 Boys Javelin 27.88m, Discus 26.9m

Hailey Larsen: 1st U14 Girls Javelin 15.67m, 2nd Long Jump, High Jump Jared Dickson: 1st U14 Boys 100m 12.5s, 200m 26.28s, Shot 8.76m, 2nd 400m

Kayla Bagrie: 1st U16 Girls 400m 1m15s

Ryan Bagrie: 1st U16 Boys 1500m 4m,56s, 2nd U14 800m, 3rd 400m 2nd Discus

Cody Crawshaw: 1st U16 Boys 800m 2m24s, 2nd Javelin

Neko Prentice: 1st U19 Boys Javelin 34.2m, High Jump 1.6m, Triple Jump 10.21m

Liam Mulligan: 1st U19 Boys Shot 10.76m



A team of 16 athletes competed in Timaru at the Aoraki Athletics last week, with some outstanding results.

Kiarn Prentice: 1st Triple Jump 10.87m

Ryan Bagrie: 1st 800m 2.19.21, 1st 1500m 4.59.12, 2nd 400m 62.42

Jared Dickson: 1st 80m Hurdles 13.99, 3rd 200m 26.99 s

Cody Crawshaw: 1st Javelin 30.89

Rebecca Denley: 2nd Javelin 19.11m, 3rd Long Jump 4.33m

SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to attend the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Meet in Dunedin in April: Kiarn Prentice, Cody Crawshaw, Ryan Bagrie, and Jared Dickson.

Congratulations to Cody Kereopa who at our Opihi College Athletics broke not one but two records. (Our apologies for the omission). Cody broke not only the Long Jump record but also the U12 1/2 Boys Triple Jump record with 8.54m, beating the 1995 record of 8.50m set by V. Tarrant.



Congratulations to Ashton Wright who competed at the Canterbury Champs and was selected to represent the Canterbury team in Dunedin this coming weekend. Good luck Ashton.

Pictured: (Above) Kiarn Prentice (Left) Shayla Moss



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Tēnā koutou katoa,

It seems that I have just finished last fortnight's column for our newsletter, and now it's time to write the next one. This seems to me to be a clear indication that the term is flying by. With only three weeks to go of Term One, our students and teachers are working hard on ensuring that learning is embedded and that activities are on track. Our senior (Year 11 to 13) students are certainly very aware of the short time left this term to complete their assessments and build their credits.

Relay for Life

On the 11th and 12th March a large number of our students and staff walked in the Relay for Life. Some were part of our school 'team', others made up teams independent of Opihi College. It really doesn't matter which group they walked for. What matters is that they were taking part. It also doesn't matter what their specific reasons for walking were. What matters is that they raised money for a very worthy cause. I spoke at assembly the following Monday about their participation and how meaningful their efforts are to a lot of people in New Zealand. One of our students had written on the back of her T-Shirt an "I'm walking for " list of the people she knew who have been affected by cancer. That was a very long list for a young student, and just shows how many people cancer impacts on.

Hot Cross Buns

Final orders have been sent away for our yearly Hot Cross Buns fundraiser. Our students have sold over 1500 packets! Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Aoraki Athletics

A group of our students attended Aoraki Athletics on the 15th March where they performed impressively. I'm sure you will read the write up on that in this newsletter. I had mentioned in our last newsletter that I hoped to include photos from the Country High School Athletics. Unfortunately I was unable to attend on the day and so have no photos for you;

however, there a few here from the Aoraki event which will hopefully make up for the lack of Fairlie ones.

Mihi Whakatu for Mrs Staniford

Next week a group of staff and students will be travelling down to The Catlins Area School to support Mrs Kate Staniford at the Mihi Whakatau they are holding to welcome her as their incoming new Principal. We are very proud of Mrs Staniford and her appointment to this role, and it is important to us to show The Catlins Area School how highly we esteem Mrs Staniford. We wish to make it clear to them how regretful we are at losing her as part of our Opihi College staff. Any members of our school community are also welcome to travel down to The Catlins Area School to support Mrs Staniford.

Deputy Principal

With Mrs Staniford leaving Opihi College, it has been necessary to appoint a new Deputy Principal. We advertised, short-listed and held interviews for this position. It is with pleasure that we have been able to announce the appointment of Mr Logan Callow as our new Deputy Principal. This will, of course, mean some additional staff changes and as a result there may well be some changes to student timetables and teachers for Term 2. We will, as always, endeavour to achieve the best possible outcomes for your students with any changes that are made.

Finally

I hope you have the opportunity over the weekend to spend some family time.

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

Tina Johnson Principal

TERM 1 STUDENT-TEACHER-PARENT CONFERENCES

Monday 27th March 8.30am—4.30pm (No classes running on this day) Tuesday 28th March 4pm—8pm

Bookings are open for the conferences at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, using the code 698ma, or call the office on 03 6157 442. Enter the student details, then select 'Mentor' as the subject area to find the appropriate teacher. Your child has been allocated or chosen a

Your child has been allocated or chosen a mentor, please ask them which teacher this is before booking!

LEARNING SUPPORT

At Opihi College we are fortunate to have a qualified SPELD teacher, Mrs Bridget Wison, who caters for acceleration and support programmes. These programmes support students to meet their potential. During Term 1, students will be visiting her room to complete tasks to determine if the programmes are right for them. Your child may come home and say they have been to see Mrs Wilson. You will receive a letter if your child will be attending her programmes for acceleration or support.

WANTED - ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS

The Science Department would love some more ice-cream containers. If you have any spare, please deliver to the school office.

YEAR 7 CAMP 2017

The date for the Year 7 camp has been moved - it's now Tuesday 5th December till Friday 8th December. The cost is still being confirmed, but to give you an idea last year's camp was set at \$130. Please consider setting up an automatic payment for this expense, as December can be an expensive time of the year for families.

Miss Manson Year 7/8 Co-ordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Cheyenne McCarron, Olivia Andreassend and Brooke Thomas who recently performed at the National Pipe Band Championships.

FOR YOU	JR CALENDAR		
March	27	Conferencing 8.00am— 4.00pm No classes on this day	
	28	Conferencing 4—8.00pm	
	30-31	Biology Trip to Portobello Year 13	
	31	Aoraki Park Games Years 7-8	
April	3-5	Outdoor Education Trip	
	5	Agriculture Trip Year 12	
	5	Board of Trustees Meeting	
	6	Hot Cross Bun Pickup	
	11	RYDA Programme Year 12	
	12	Aoraki Swimming	
	13	End of Term 1	

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	m 4 Monday 16 October - Wednesday 13 December 2017	

HOT CROSS BUNS

Thankyou to all those who supported this popular fundraiser. So far, more than 1,600 packets have been sold! Buns will be delivered to the College on Thursday 6th April. If your child has a large order, you will need to collect it from the school hall by 4.30pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Order forms have been sent home with students this week. Please make all cheques out to KOLOURCARE.

Orders to be in by Friday 7th April please.





RYPEN Adventure Camp

Last weekend, 9 of our Year 11 students took up the opportunity offered to them by the Rotary to attend a camp to develop leadership at Lindisfarne, with 23 other students from around South Canterbury. They enjoyed rock climbing, early morning runs (although some didn't enjoy this so much), and team work challenges. We are so proud of these students for taking up this opportunity to develop themselves and step out of their comfort zone.



ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all students and families that Road Rules MUST be adhered to at all times while cycling or scootering to and from school. A guide to the NZTA road rules is included in this newsletter.

SC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Congratulations to Logan Pannett who finished in 2nd place in this event. Well done!



Pictured (Above) Cody Crawshaw (Below) Jared Dickson

(Left) Ryan Bagrie



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF AT OPIHI COLLEGE



MR GOODMAN

We're really excited to be welcoming Mr Goodman to Opihi College in 2017. Mr Goodman has come to Opihi College all the way from England and will be teaching Geography, Physical Education and Social Studies. Before moving to New Zealand Mr Goodman taught Geography at College, he has also previously taught Health and History. When we asked Mr Goodman what he likes about Opihi College, he said that he likes the community, knowing the students and he said that he is looking forward to hopefully using nature as a resource to teach. Mr Goodman's interests include the outdoors, geography, climbing, surfing, running and family.

Welcome to Opihi College Mr Goodman!



MR THEW

We are very happy and excited to welcome Mr Thew. This week we had the opportunity to ask our new Attendance Officer Mr David Thew some questions about himself. Mr Thew doesn't teach any subject but he did jokingly say that he teaches students to stay in school. Currently he is also a supervisor for Ritchies in Geraldine full time when not at Opihi College. During his time here at Opihi College he's looking forward to getting to know everyone, some more than others. His interests outside of school are Chinese martial art and traditional Chinese medicine. He is also a two time Tai Chi world champion and hopes to compete in the next world championship in China.

Welcome to Opihi College Mr Thew!



MISS INOUE

We're very happy to be welcoming Miss Inoue into our school this year. Miss Inoue has come to our school all the way from Japan and is assisting Mr Lindblom in teaching Japanese. Before coming to New Zealand Miss Inoue used to sell a Japanese type of wedding dress. Miss Inoue is enjoying her time at Opihi College so far and she thinks that the teachers are friendly and that the students are cute. Miss Inoue's interests are scuba diving, reading books and Japanese comics. When we ask Miss Inoue what does she like about New Zealand so far, she said that she really likes the nature here but also that she likes everything in New Zealand except for marmite.

Welcome to Opihi College Miss Inoue!

POLICE FITNESS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 14th March Dagmar Fikken took Cameron Fikken, Riley Harkness, Kyal Dickson and Elise Warnock into Timaru so they could compete against other Year 7/8 pupils in the Police Fitness Challenge. They had lots of fun and really enjoyed completing the course that police women and men have to pass every 2 years. Big thanks to Dagmar for taking them in and supervising them - parental support is much appreciated. Well done to our students for showing the CARE values of Community (being a good ambassador) and Acceptance (build positive relationships by supporting each other).





Left: Cameron Fikken

Centre:

Elise Warnock with Cameron Fikken

Above: Kyal Dickson

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

10th March

Ava Venn & Cheyenne O'Neill

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Gold Awards

E = Louise Rippin, Mya Stratford, Megan Calder

Silver Awards

C = Megan Frew, Allicia Kelly, Dom Barrett-Waihape

A = Megan Calder, Mya Stratford

R = Megan Calder, Mya Stratford

E = Courtney Leonard, Emily Bennett, Baiden Halkett, Natalie Stone, Brooke Thomas, Kaia MacPherson, Jamie Callaghan, Liam Mulligan, Kalani Lawson, Charlie Te Haate, Dylan Stone, Nahia Crawshaw, Dylan Donehue, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Shekinah Welford, Takila Howell, Calan Meechang, Hamish Fikken, Georgia Hammond, Jasmine Uren, Saxon McNoe, Rebecca Denley

Bronze Awards

C = Kalani Lawson, Georgia Hammond, Maddy Hammond, Jaykob Reid, Bailey McDonald-Solway, Issy Livingstone, Jacinda Kelly, Dylan Stone, Xavier Hitchen, Caleb Rooney, Katie Black, Mia Andreassend, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Cordelia Taylor, Kayla Bagrie, Shae Twaddle-Best, Gary Millar, Malcolm O'Connell, TJ Guile, Lionell Hansen, Curtis Watkins, Levi Brooking.

A = Brooke Thomas, Shanique Guile, Hailey Larsen, Kaia MacPherson, Nahia Crawshaw, Megan Frew, Ebony Keeley, Cheyenne O'Neill, Sheyanne McCarron, Jamie Tootill, Kiarn Prentice, Cole Robertson, Alicia Staniford.

R = Charlie Te Haate, Shae Twaddle, Issy Livingstone, John Reyes, Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Cheyenne O'Neill, Lydia Smith, Sharmeela Gaddam, Hunter McKay, Mukesh Gaddam, Mia Andreassend, Kaia MacPherson, John Crawford, Milly Keen, Josh Welford, Vinnie Cornelius, Georgia Hammond, Ashley Neame, Sophie Hall.

E = Allyssa Price, Ryen Williams, Tom Downing, Bryce Drawbridge, Geneva Hati, Garth Maffey, Sam Murdoch, Anika Smith, Emily Wells, Syrita McGinnis, Liam Marshall, Israel Pearce, Kaylee Stone, Elise Warnock, Skyla Bennett, Rickie Beecroft-Suddens, Shanique Guile, Jordan Clarke, Cody Kereopa, Alissa Whitman, Mia Callaghan, Upendhar Gadikoppula, Hunter McKay, Jack Guo, Nathan Nolan, Logan Scott-Walton, Rylee Harkness, Blake Higgs, Stevie Louden, Ashleigh Griffiths, Nicholas Johnstone, Laynee McDonald, Shaun Edwin, Anasta Ruaine-Boaza, Phillip Davis, Hailey Larsen, Kyal Dickson, Bylly Reeves.



Relay for Life 2017



Last weekend the yearly event of the Relay for Life was held at Caroline Bay. This year we had a team of 29 from Opihi College. While some of the team were just doing it for an experience, for some of us it was extremely personal. Unfortunately this year, the weather gods did not do us any favours, but like I said to the team — "It's nothing compared to what a person with cancer goes through". Our team raised a massive \$4600 for the South Canterbury Cancer Society!!!



Throughout the night, the track became muddier and muddier, but our team walked continuously keeping our baton always moving. We kept a count of our laps so that we could track how far we went. Some amazing individuals set themselves a target to walk 70km and managed to do it!! As a group we walked approximately 900km, which was not easy in the mud!!

The Relay for Life is a chance to fundraise for the South Canterbury Cancer Society. Any money that is raised stays to support individuals and their families in South Canterbury. This year I was exceptionally humbled by the amazing support of our community. Most students went door knocking to raise money. Some of them raised over \$300 by themselves which was outstanding.

Special mention needs to go to:

Debbie Doake who made her delicious fudge as a fundraiser and made \$1200!!

New World who donated \$150 to Debbie for products to make the fudge.

Parents who kindly donated some ingredients for the fudge

The students who helped to bag up all the bags of fudge

Sweet Creations who kindly put a donation box in their shop and then matched the amount raised.

Annette Mabey who stayed with us the whole night.

All the parents who brought us food during the night.

All the amazing people who helped to set up and pack up in the rain

And to the wonderful students who gave up their time to raise money for a cause.

Thank you so much everyone on a great Relay for Life 2017 Vicki Henderson





Babysitting **Course**

A course that teaches young adults all the different aspects, and expectations when looking for babysitting employment, and while working.

When: Sat April 8th 9am-4pm

Where: 38 Stafford St.

Cost: \$50



The course will cover

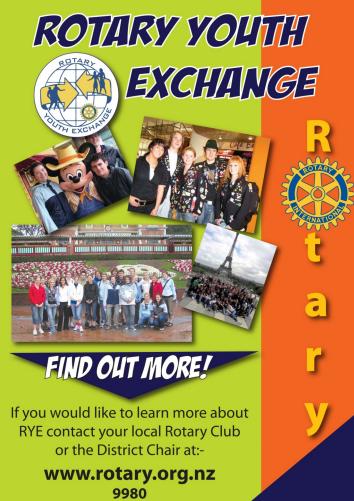
- Ages and stages
- Employee/Employer expectations
- Nappy folding and changing
- Safety of children and babysitter
- Baby bathing
- Child and infant CPR
- Pay rates

On completion of this course participants receive both a Pro-med attendance first aid certificate, along with a Timaru Parents Centre course certificate.

For more info: Amanda 027 389 5219 timaruparentscentre@gmail.com



TEMUKA SQUASH CLUB Welcome new members of all ages and abilities. Junior lessons start soon! Any enquiries please phone 027 911 8680 Or see Mrs Patrick in the office



Trial and Scenic Flight Vouchers



As part of fundraising for my flight training, I am selling trial and scenic flight vouchers through my local South Canterbury Aero Club. The vouchers make great gifts for either yourself or someone else and are valid for 3 months from the date of issue.

Trial flights

Trial flights are designed to give students as much hands on time flying as possible to see if it is for them. Includes a pre-flight walk around and explanation with the instructor, can bring 2 additional people in the Archer for no extra cost.

	Archer (4 seats)	Tomahawk (2 seats)
20 minutes	\$135.00	\$95.00
30 minutes	\$159.00	\$129.00
45 minutes	\$215.00	\$169.00
60 minutes	\$285.00	\$230.00

Scenic Flights

All scenic flights are carried out in the Archer, seating up to 3 people. Take your pick from :

TIMARU BY AIR - a 30 minute aerial flight of Timaru city, coastline and patchwork farm lands for \$179.

TEKAPO TOUR - a 1.5 hour tour of Timaru district, past Burkes pass and McKenzie country, then fly over the stunning Lake Tekapo with views of the Southern Alps including Mount Cook for \$525. **AORAKI MOUNT COOK EXPERIENCE** - \$700 for a remarkable 2 hour flight around New Zealand's highest mountain, Mount Cook. You will fly around the 12,000 foot peak, including the McKenzie country, Tasman Glacier and Lakes, Pukaki, Tekapo and Ohau. For more information or to purchase a voucher please contact: **Lucy Cooper - 0210747005 or cooperlu@opihicollege.school.nz**

Hayley Butcher Dance Studio

Do you have lots on after school but would love to learn to dance? If there is enough interest I will be taking a Jazz/Hiphop dance class on Thursdays at lunchtime at Opihi College Hall starting Term 2.

To enrol or for more information you can contact Hayley at www.facebook/hayleybutcherdancestudio @hotmail.com



TEMUKA HOCKEY CLUB

Is looking for another Year 7 or 8 player for their 11-a-side team. Please contact Paula Crawshaw 615 6911 or 027 488 2781



TODD MUDIE GROUP

South Canterbury Rugby Junior Academy Holiday Programme ${\sf April\ 19^{th}\ \&\ 20^{th}\ 2017}$

Application Form

Name of Child	Forward/Back (circle one)
Name of Parent or guardian	
Contact Number of Parent or guardian	
Email	
Age group of Child: (please tick one group) no 7 year olds	please
8-10 years old = will be held on Wednesday 19th April. [(Age as of the day of the programme)
11-13 years old = will be held on Thursday 20th April.	(Age as of the day of the programme)
The programme will run from $9,\!30am$ till $12,\!30pm$	each day, at Alpine Energy Stadium.
Cost - $$15$ per day (please pay to the union office)	
Each child will receive a Todd Mudie Group Holiday Progra are other prizes up for grabs.	mme t-shirt and drink bottle, plus there
What to bring - Food, drink, boots, running shoes ar	nd a mouth guard.
T- Shirt size - please circle one. (Kids size) 8 10 1	2 14 (adult size) S M L XL
Please note any health issues:	
Please Sign:	
Applications close on Monday 3 rd April.	(2 weeks needed for orders)



South Canterbury Roller Skating Club

Quiz Night

When: 29th March 2017
Where: The Sail and Anchor
Time: Starts 7:30 sharp!
Cost: \$10.00 pp

teams of 4



Prizes and Raffles

All funds contributing to South Canterbury Skaters representing New Zealand at the Oceania Inline Speed Skating Championships in Brisbane April 2017

> To book your team contact Maree Lowen 684 7762



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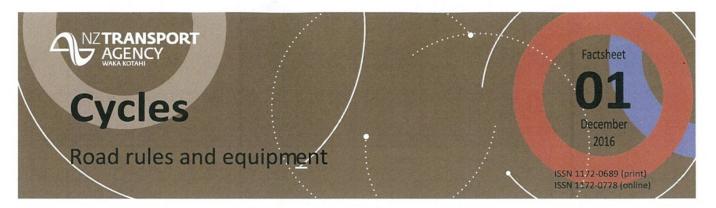
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Cyclists share the roads with motor vehicles. If you are a cyclist, then for your own safety, and the safety of other road users, you must follow the road rules for cycle riders and you must have the right equipment.

By following these rules, you will contribute to a cycle friendly culture, and make sharing the road easier for everyone.

What rules must I follow?

- Your cycle must have the right equipment (see below for more information).
- Where there is a cycle path, you may ride on the cycle path
 or on the road. Where there is no cycle path, you must ride
 on the road and keep as far left as you safely can. If
 specifically prohibited by a sign from riding on the road, you
 must ride on any cycle path provided or use an alternative
 road.
- If you are cycling on a shared path, be courteous to pedestrians. Often pedestrians can't hear cyclists approaching, especially from behind or the side. Call out politely or use a bell if you have one.
- You can only ride on the footpath if you're delivering newspapers, mail or leaflets, or your wheel diameter is no more than 355mm.
- You may use a bus lane, as long as there are no signs or road markings forbidding this. A 'B' traffic signal applies to bikes as well as buses.
- If you're riding with other cyclists, don't ride more than two abreast. Ride in single file when you're passing other vehicles

 including parked vehicles.
- Use a clear arm signal if you intend to turn, reduce your speed or stop.
- At intersections, you must follow the same road rules as motor vehicles, or complete a hook turn, or get off your cycle and walk across.
- You can only carry a passenger if your cycle has a pillion seat and footrests for that passenger. A container or seat for an infant must protect their legs from the wheels.
- You can tow a trailer with your cycle, but you can't tow any other sort of vehicle. Your cycle can't be towed by another vehicle.
- If you carry a load it must be secure, mustn't touch the ground and mustn't extend more than one metre in front of or behind the wheels, or 55cm on either side (from the centre of the cycle).

What are the rules for wearing cycle helmets?

It is compulsory for all cyclists on New Zealand roads to wear cycle helmets. Your cycle helmet must:

meet an approved standard (see below)

Check that your helmet is the right size. It should fit snugly on your head with a minimum use of pads. It's not a good idea to buy a child a helmet that they will 'grow into'.

If your cycle helmet gets damaged, replace it with a new one.

Please note that if a police officer stops you and asks to inspect

· be securely fastened.

your helmet, you must give it to them.

Riding at night or in limited visibility

If you ride between sunset and sunrise, or at any other time when there isn't sufficient daylight for a person or vehicle to be clearly visible at a distance of 100 metres, you must:

- · have cycle lights fitted (see below)
- · switch your cycle lights on
- wear reflective material (if you don't have pedal reflectors).

Courtesy on the road

Every time you ride, you have an opportunity to contribute to a cycle friendly culture. It is important to ride with courtesy and respect for all other cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Make sure you are visible at all times, clearly show your intentions and consider your position on the road if you are impeding other traffic. Thank other road users when you can. For example, let them know you are happy they waited for you by waving, smiling, or giving them a 'thumbs up'. This will make sharing the road easier for everyone.

What equipment must my cycle have?

Your cycle must have the following equipment:

Brakes

Your cycle must have good brakes on the front and back wheels (if the cycle was made before 1 January 1988, the law only requires a brake on the back wheel).

Reflectors

You must have a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 metres when light shines on it (eg a car's headlights).

You may have yellow or amber pedal retroreflectors on the forward and rearward facing surfaces of each pedal.