

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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Host a Japanese Student from Shigakukan High School!

Do you want to learn a little about another country or another language? Why not host a student from Japan and give it a try! We're looking for host families to provide homestays for a group of Japanese boys and girls aged 14-17 from 26 July to 16 August at the beginning of Term Three. They don't need a special room of their own, just a bed to sleep in and a little space for their luggage. You don't have to go out of your way to do anything special with them; simply welcome them into your home and include them as part of your family. Your student would attend school from Monday to Friday and then be away on Saturday or Sunday for a day-trip excursion. We realise that there will be some extra expenses involved in hosting your student, so we will provide each family with \$375 to offset those costs a little.



Why we organise this hosting programme:

- It's a significant fundraiser for the school and helps our students participate in the Japanese Language Trip to Japan.
- Our Opihi College students and family members are exposed to a new language and culture. They will try new foods, play new games, and learn about music, art, and crafts.
- Our Japanese language classes at all levels 7-13 get an infusion of real language and culture learning.
- We learn more about the world around us firsthand.

Please contact Eric Lindblom by email at lindblome@opihicollege.school.nz or ring him at school on 615-7442 or for more information. Thank you!



Students from the 2016 Shigakukan High School visit. Why not get involved!



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope that you all managed to have a break, although I appreciate that the weather didn't make it easy for everyone to get outside as much as you might have liked. It's always a little frustrating when the new term starts with better weather than we had over the holidays!

I note that the first day of this term marked the completion of my first year as Principal at Opihi College. I have definitely enjoyed this first year, and am looking forward to future years (I'll stop ticking them off from here on in). I don't think Principals ever manage to achieve all the things they set out to in any given period of time; however, I'm satisfied that I've met most of my goals for the first year, which were mostly around getting to know staff, students and the "Opihi Culture". I do thank you for the way you have all welcomed me, and allowed me to feel part of your community.

Assemblies

We began this term with our ANZAC Assembly. The Head students, our guests and I were led into the hall by Brooke Thomas on the bagpipes and Ashley Brown on the drum. My thanks to them both for their participation. It was a great opportunity to showcase the talents of these two young ladies. Our Head Students presented the same readings that they offered at the Dawn Service on 25th April. We were also addressed by Mr Alan Smith of the RSA who both spoke of what ANZAC Day means and how important it is to remember the reasons that we continue to commemorate it.

At this week's assembly Ms Manson spoke to students about the way they should be wearing their uniform. We have noticed a degree of laxness creeping into the personal presentation of some of our students and they were reminded of the expectations we have with regard to uniform.

Common uniform problems:

- * Students wearing non regulation jerseys and jackets at school
- * Girls wearing white socks with sport symbols on them
- * Boys not being clean shaven
- * Long sleeved thermals being worn under short sleeved tops.

We are publishing the Uniform Code again in this Newsletter as a reminder to everyone. The agreement to abide by our uniform requirements is part

of enrolment at our school, and we do appreciate the support of you all in helping support this.

Sports

Last week I asked Mrs Mulvena, our Sports Co-ordinator, what was going on with Opihi College sport at the moment. Here is her reply:

This term we have

- 5 Netball teams in the Saturday Competition: Yr 7 team, Yr 8 team, Yr 9 & 10 team, A mixed age team and a Senior A team.
- 4 Basketball teams in the Friday night competition: Yr 9 & 10 Boys and Girls teams and Seniors Boys and Girls teams.
- We have a girls Football team competing in the new weekly competition.
- 2 Basketball teams playing in the Monday night competition: Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls teams.
- Students playing for Temuka Football Club.
- Students playing for Temuka Rugby Club.
- Students playing for Temuka Hockey Club.
- Students playing for Temuka Squash Club.
- Students this term are also participating in Badminton, Squash, Archery, Pool.
- We will be holding our school cross country on 17th May (next week Wednesday).
- This term students will compete in a Chess Tournament, Squash Tournament, Girls Football Tournament, Yr 9 & 10 Basketball tournaments, Skate/Scooter competition.
- 2017 Hillary Challenge Adventure Race.

Outstanding achievement during the school holidays:

Shae Twaddle-Best and Gary Millar competed in the 2017 Clubs NZ National Juniors 8 Ball Tournament at the Timaru Town and Country Club. Both Shae and Gary made the semi-finals in the plate competition. An excellent achievement for their first year playing. Our congratulations are extended to them both.

Starting Times

Just a reminder that Period 1 begins at 8:30am. It is advisable that you ensure your child is here 5-10 minutes before the starting time. This allows them enough time to get to class. We are having a number of students arrived late consistently. This impacts on their learning and can interrupt the class too. On Wednesday, class does not start till 9:10am. We recommend that your child arrives later to school that day, except for bus students who will arrive at their usual time.

Activities

This term we also have a number of activities planned. Just a quick glance at the school calendar shows Mt Cook Geography camp, Blood donation, Attitude programme, University visits, Careers Expo and Project Incubator. There will be far more than the activities I've listed, but they give you a good overview of how busy and involved our students are.

On 18th May we have our Open Day/Evening and we encourage visits from any prospective students and their families. The day is largely aimed at Year 6 and Year 8 students, however anyone considering enrolling at Opihi College is most welcome to attend.

I am looking forward to another productive term full of successes for our students.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May	17	Opihi College Cross Country <i>Races start 1.50pm All Welcome</i>
	18	Opihi College Open Day
	19	Opihi College Senior Ball
	22	Careers Expo <i>Years 12 & 13</i>
	25	Aoraki Squash
	26	Mufti Day <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>
	30	Cyber Safety Parents Workshop
	31	BOT Meeting
June	5	Queens Birthday <i>Statutory Holiday—School closed</i>
	7	Aoraki Cross Country
	8	Dental Van visit <i>Yr 8 checks</i>
	9	Tiki Taane concert, Ashburton

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW



10th April
Bronwyn Halkett
Geneva Hati

5th May
Liam Mulligan
Hayley Bettridge

Congratulations to you all

OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 17th May 2017

1.50pm	Senior Boys	2 laps
2.00pm	Senior Girls	1 lap
2.05pm	Year 9/10 Boys	1 lap
2.10pm	Year 9/10 Girls	1 lap
2.15pm	Year 7/8 Boys	1 lap
2.20pm	Year 7/8 Girls	1 lap
2.25pm	Walk	1 lap

The route begins and ends at Opihi College, with a section out of school grounds (where the students run through the Taumatakahu stream walkway).

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Silver Awards

E = Zac Campbell, Liam Pelvin, Levi Brooking

Bronze Awards

C = Soraya George, Toni Doake, Cameron Doake

A = Bailey McDonald-Solway, Neko Prentice

R = Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Courtney Leonard,
Jasmine Uren

E = Aaliyah Lovatt, Jaxson Cullen, Halle Welford, Lachlan Ackroyd, Lyndon Bennett,
Mitchell Brookland, Maisie Stewart



ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

'THANK YOU' to all who have supported Opihi College in the ANZ Olympic Schools programme. Opihi College has been able to redeem points from this ANZ programme to buy tools for the College Workshop. Included in the rewards chosen are a Hammer Drill, Lithium ion battery, Slide Mitre Saw, Mouse Sander and an Angle Grinder.

Pictured are some of our students enjoying using the new tools in the workshop:

Left: Logan Kerslake

Right: Dyasta Barnes, Israel Pearce, Breana McKeown

Below: Levi Brooking



SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Near the end of Term One we sent out school accounts. We have had a few queries about the amount of some of the items charged. We do our very best to keep subject costs as low as possible and compare very favourably against other schools in South Canterbury. We also understand that even minimal charges are a struggle for some families. We encourage families in this situation to contact us as we don't want to see students miss out on great opportunities. All matters regarding accounts are kept strictly confidential.

A lot of our families pay their account by regular automatic payments. Some as little as \$5 per week. This is a very easy and effective method. Some find they are in credit by the end of the year, which can be refunded or carried over to the next year. Our bank account can be found on the bottom of our invoices.

Sports and extra-curricular activities are of course optional extras for students but usually come with a cost. Because we have to pay up front for these things to happen, it is a requirement of our school that costs for these are paid before they take place. If you have a regular AP then this is negotiable. If payment is not received then your child will not be able to participate.

If you have any further queries regarding your school account please contact the office directly or email office@opihicollege.school.nz.

Formal Dresses Available

Loan Dresses available absolutely free of charge!

Over 60 dresses ranging from size 8-18 in a wide range of styles for different occasions from Balls to Weddings.

Some shoes and jewellery also available.

Contact Andrea Hurst on 0210315072 or via Facebook



Time to call a professional?



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

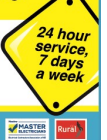


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PB4L at Opihi College

As you will be aware, here at Opihi College we use an initiative call 'PB4L'. You may have heard your child talk about our CARE values, or be excited to receive a CARE card or a badge, or you may know about other aspects of this system. Periodically, we will use the newsletters to further explain how PB4L works to enhance learning for your child.

So what is PB4L?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is a Ministry initiative which supports New Zealand schools, early childhood education (ECE) settings, and whanau to promote positive behaviour and create inclusive learning environments that foster well-being and achievement for every child and student.

BACKGROUND

Positive Behaviour for Learning is built on the principles that positive behaviour can be learnt and that environments can be changed to support effective teaching and learning for every child and student. It also reflects the belief that schools and early childhood education settings play a major role in fostering well-being and creating safe, healthy communities.

HOW DOES PB4L SUPPORT INCLUSION?

The New Zealand Curriculum requires that teaching and learning recognises, supports, and builds on **all** students' identities, languages, cultures, and abilities.

PB4L helps to develop inclusive learning environments that enable all children and students:

- to **participate**
- to **be engaged**
- to **achieve**
- to **belong**.

Well-being, learning, and behaviour are interlinked. A respectful, inclusive learning environment enables children and students to express their needs and feelings in positive ways that do not set up barriers to learning or achievement.

The New Zealand Curriculum promotes the development of social and emotional competencies. The key competencies, including relating to others, managing self, and participating and contributing, are the "key to learning in every learning area".

PB4L helps to create a learning environment where every child or student can experience success by developing and using these key competencies.



PRE LOVED UNIFORM

Our uniform shop has good stocks of kilts, jerseys and long sleeved shirts and blouses ready for winter. We are able to sell your pre loved uniform items on behalf (school retains 20% commission). Items for sale must be clean and in good order (kilts to be dry cleaned please).

We also have the following new items for sale:

Navy beanies	\$10
Opihi College ties	\$20
PE Tops	\$60
Rugby socks	\$10
(Black with white top)	

Uniforms available for purchase during school office hours.



Start Date: Tuesday, 2nd May 2017

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Where: Alpine Energy Stadium, Temuka Domain, Temuka

Duration of Beginners Course: 12 weeks - one class per week, which upon completion, you are invited to go for our white belt promotion

Price: 30.00

For more information: please contact Senpai Cherie Pierce 0276937576



FUNDRAISING – Term Two

Last term our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser was a great success. Student's really got behind it and sold an amazing 1600 packets, raising nearly \$1200. This term we have Reusable Plastic Bags, Bulk Food Wrap, Foil, Baking Paper and Minigrip Bags.

The Reusable Plastic Bags are a multi-purpose bag that fold up into small carry case, great to keep in the car ready for the groceries. These will be sold for \$5 each and come in a variety of colours and designs. We have one at the school office for you to view.



The Bulk Food Wrap products are great value and will last for ages. Food Wrap is sold in a dispenser and comes in 300m or 600m, Foil 90m or 150m and Baking Paper 100m. The Minigrip bags come in three sizes and lots of 100.

Order forms will be given to students on Monday 22nd May and will need to be returned with money by Tuesday 6th June. Orders will be available for pick up Monday 3rd July. Once again there will be prizes and CARE cards for the students who sell the most.



OPIHI COLLEGE ART

Pictured are some of the lovely sculptures our Year 9 Art students have created recently



OPIHI COLLEGE OPEN DAY

C.A.R.E.

COMMUNITY-ACCEPTANCE-RESPECT-EXCELLENCE



1:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka

Phone: (03) 615 7442

www.opihicollege.school.nz

Enrolment forms available on the day

Thursday, May 18th Opihi College

Be part of our exciting future

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children - **including special information regarding Year 8 students**

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.
- To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
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To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

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 1st but is compulsory after Labour Weekend.