

Opihi - on campus



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OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY 2017

This year's Cross Country race was held in cool conditions with soft damp ground, but that did not deter our athletes from some great results. Congratulations to Ryan Bagrie and Hailey Larsen who both set new records by huge margins—our new Cross Country champions are:

Senior Boys Champion Cody Crawshaw

Senior Girls Champion Rebecca Denley

Intermediate Boys Champion **Ryan Bagrie** *New record 9.58 mins*
(Previous record 11.00mins set by Harley Twaddle 2013)

Intermediate Girls Champion **Hailey Larsen** *New record 12.35 mins*
(Previous record 13.27mins set by Kayla Bagrie 2015)

Junior Boys Champion Regan Thomas

Junior Girls Champion Anika Bagrie

Pictured above: Ryan Bagrie, Hailey Larsen, Cody Crawshaw & Victor Savage. Below: Logan Kerslake, Rebecca Denley





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

Wow, we have had a seriously busy time since our last newsletter.

Cross Country

Our Cross Country was held last week Wednesday, with all students in the school taking part. The Cross Country is a growing event here at Opihi College with all students now taking part. The runners are sent off first and are followed by the walkers and those on crutches and in wheelchairs. We had some interesting performances coming across the finish line with piggy backers, forward rollers and divers. But the most exciting crossings of that line was by Year 9 students, Ryan Bagrie and Hailey Larsen, who both broke the previous records by a large margin.

Congratulations Ryan and Hailey!

And congratulations to all of our students who participated. See our photos on Opihi Staff Notices on Facebook and also in this newsletter.

Open Day

On Thursday of last week we held our Open Day. We had more than 50 prospective students through, many of them with their parents or extended whanau. I believe all of our visitors enjoyed their experience, with many commenting on how much they enjoyed the Science activities, the food and wonderful aromas in the Foods room and the Musicians in the Music suite. All of these are subjects and activities that students will participate in when they enrol as students at Opihi College.

Ball

Then on Friday of last week we held our Senior Ball. The Ball planning is a huge undertaking by students each year and this year's Ball Committee are to be commended on their efforts. Planning began in Term One with decisions being made on theme, decoration and music, then a number of students spent time at school in the holidays to prepare/paint props. Planning escalated even faster this term with final arrangements being made. It all

culminated in a great night, with our senior students, their partners and Head students from other school in the area coming together for a night of enjoyment. Our thanks go to Mrs Shaw for her oversight of the ball, ensuring that everything was in place and that students were fully prepared. See our photos in this newsletter.

Property

I know that nearly two years ago Mr Wright announced to our community that Opihi College had been granted funds to replace some of our classrooms. The process since then has been long and fraught with stumbling blocks; however, we have finally had confirmed that Opihi College will receive funding to build new teaching spaces! This is fantastic news and finally confirms that earlier announcement. We don't yet know how we will place the buildings on our site, but we do know that our two storey block will most definitely come down! Which is further good news.

We will be meeting with our newly appointed Ministry of Education Project Delivery Manager within the next fortnight to start the planning process. Watch this space for further developments.

Innovative Learning environments

Having reviewed our curriculum in 2015, we are well placed to now be considering how that will transfer into the new buildings. Because we are aware that the new teaching and learning spaces will incorporate the concepts of Innovative Learning Environments (ILE) we are planning to run various trials on how we might plan and teach in those areas in the future. We are currently discussing, as a Board and as a whole staff, what we think those trials could/should look like for our staff and students. We will also keep you posted on what we will be doing once decisions have been made – but do note that in order for any trials to be robust, the discussion and planning time for them could be quite long.

School Consultation and Charter

The Board would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents and people from our wider community who participated in the surveys that we sent out.

All of your feedback has been collated and considered, and was used by the Board in a planning session that they held to develop a vision for our school. The Board's developed vision, taking into account all of the feedback we received is: The best for all learners through passion, self-awareness and community. In the end this boils down to the fact that the Board's goal is for students and teachers to be excited about the learning at Opihi College, for students to be able to self-manage and contribute to their learning, and to have them being active contributors to the school and wider community. Having developed a vision, the next step is to put that together with a plan of how we are going to work towards that. Developing a new charter for a school is an exciting but also exacting process for a Board and a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that Opihi College continues to offer our students the best possible education.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

15th May
Cody Crawshaw
Anasta Ruaine-Boaza

22nd May
Mya Stratford
Blake Higgs



REPORTING STUDENT ILLNESS

A reminder that if students become ill at any time during the school day, they are to inform their teacher then come to the Sick Bay where they will be cared for / assessed and the office staff will contact parents if necessary.

If students are absent from school due to illness, please notify the school by leaving a message on our absence line.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sophie Hall who has been selected for the Canterbury / West Coast Development Squad for swimming. *Well done.*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May	30	Cyber Safety Parents Workshop
	30	Canterbury Cross Country
	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>
	8	Japanese NCEA Day
	9	Tiki Taane concert, Ashburton
	9	Mufti Day 40 Hour Famine <i>Wear Orange & White & Black</i>

2017 TERM DATES

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

Would you like the chance to win an amazing flying experience? Well just buy one of these tickets from me (Ava Venn) or go to office. Your support is appreciated!!!



To Support the SCAC Young Eagles Program

In gaining flight experience towards pilots licenses and projects to broaden their horizons, including industry visits, flight training, and experience flights.

1st prize - Win a scenic flight over South Canterbury
2nd prize - 30 min aerobatic flight
3rd prize - 20 min trail flight

Price per ticket \$5.00

Limited to 500 tickets

CLOSES: 24th June 2017

DRAWN ON: 1st July 2017

UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION

Organiser: Aaron Pearce - Richard Pearce Airport, Timaru - 03 688 2355

TEMUKA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK WEEK

It's Book Week at Temuka Primary School from Tuesday 6th until Friday 9th June. The Home & School Team (PTA) would like to extend an invitation to your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbours to our 'Parents Evening' fundraiser on Thursday 8th June 7-9pm in the TPS MP Room. A perfect opportunity to do that secret gift buying. Take your time, have a cuppa and a wee something to eat, while you browse through the books available for sale, without the children swinging from your arms. We will have a small 'Thank You' prize draw on the night.

Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available from Thursday 25th May from the TPS school office or by contacting Tanya Milne 027 8457546.



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. **Opihi College** invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

This workshop empowers parents to take responsibility for safeguarding their children

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION with internet safety expert **John Parsons**

Venue: Opihi College Library

Date: Tuesday 30th May, 6.30 p.m.

Hosted by NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons who gives you real life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime. You will leave with the knowledge to help, support and protect your family.

John works alongside Police, Children Young Persons and their Families (CYF) and Health Professionals delivering training in child protection to attendees who come from a wide range of professions. The focus of this work is the reduction of child abuse in New Zealand.



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...protecting people online

Topics covered

Online grooming
Sexting
Damaged reputations
Cyber bullying
Reputation Management
Learning to repel & report
Future proofing for employment

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely

Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step



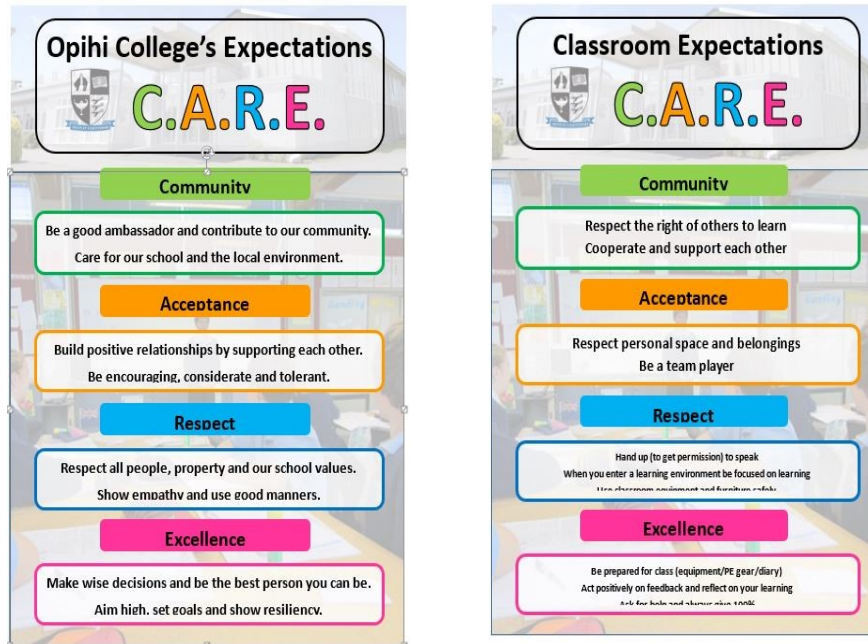
PB4L at Opihi College

In our previous newsletter we gave an introduction to PB4L and a little bit of background to this Ministry provided initiative. This will be a part of a series, provided through the school newsletter to help parents better understand the PB4L system we use here at Opihi College.

What is the purpose of the school CARE values?

The CARE values are a set of guidelines that both the teachers and the students have decided are important here at Opihi College. Around the school, students can find posters that remind them of ways they can uphold the school CARE values, both inside and outside of the classroom. Here are some examples of those documents.

Opihi College School-wide and Classroom expectations:



Most classrooms will have worked together with their subject teacher to make their own personalised set of classroom expectations. These can be found on the walls of each classroom, while 'School-wide' expectations can be found at various locations around the school including corridors and noticeboards.

Our CARE values are an important and fundamental aspect of our school culture, and can be found and upheld in every area of the school.



Enjoying the Cross Country: (Left) Dyasta Barnes & Mr Goodman. (Right) Emily Ackroyd, Shayla Moss, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Charlie Te Haate, Takila Howell



OPITI COLLEGE SENIOR BALL 2017

