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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PINK SHIRT DAY



HILLARY CHALLENGE ADVENTURE RACE



Well Done to the Opihi College Adventure Racing team who competed in the Hillary Challenge in Geraldine last weekend. Our team of Kayla Bagrie, Ryan Bagrie, Shayden Campbell, Cody Crawshaw, Mukesh Gaddam, Neko Prentice, Victor Savage and Andrew Kirkcaldie all competed very well, and some were lucky enough to win spot prizes.



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

This fortnightly newsletter always seems to come around very quickly – evidence of how quickly time passes when you're busy! And we have certainly been busy at Opihi College.

Representation

Yesterday I received the great news that four of our Year 7/8 students have been selected to represent the Aoraki Football South Canterbury region in football. Eli Kerse, Cody Kereopa and Robbie Johnson will be travelling to Sydney in September to play in the Sydney International Cup. Logan Larsen has also been selected as a team reserve. Congratulations to all four of them! It is certainly an honour to be selected from such a large intake area. Last year our local team won the competition, and I know that this year's team are striving for equal success.

Cross Country

On Wednesday afternoon we had a group of students participating in the Aoraki Cross Country event in Timaru. Ryan Bagrie came first in the Junior Boys, and I believe came in well before the fastest of the Intermediate grade runners. Ryan continues to impress everyone with his focus and determination. Congratulations Ryan!

Our Intermediate Boys team placed third in the team competition so we also congratulate; Cody Crawshaw, Victor Savage, Cameron Doake and Cole Robertson on that effort. Our girls, whilst not placing, ran very well and represented our school with pride.

Reports

This week teachers have begun the process of preparing reports on student progress. This feedback from teachers provides valuable guidance for students and parents. It is an opportunity for you to measure current progress against what needs to be achieved for the year. Setting realistic goals, and focussing on them, gives students the opportunity to ensure a successful end to their academic year. Don't forget that the year is more than half way for senior students. For most of them, a lot still needs to be achieved before November! You can expect reports to come home on or about 26th June.

Property

Readers of the Timaru Herald will have noted that, as I reported in our last newsletter, we have been granted the funding to replace some of our classrooms. Initially we were constrained from reporting to you the actual figures, but now that the Ministry has released them we can tell you that we will have approximately \$5.5 million to spend. We only get a certain amount of freedom in *how* that money is spent, but it's still pretty exciting to know that we will **definitely** be getting new teaching spaces. We, as a whole school, are looking closely at how we teach in our current spaces, and how we would like to teach in our new spaces. To support our inquiries into Innovative Learning Spaces and Modern Teaching Practices we have been discussing a lot of different teaching ideas. We are taking into account the film we screened last year, "Most Likely to Succeed", and many of the practices that we are seeing in new schools. As part of this research we are arranging a Teacher Only Day next term which will enable all of our staff to visit schools, including the newly opened Rolleston College, where teaching and learning is happening in innovative ways. We will definitely keep you informed of progress.



My Time

On Wednesday I had the privilege of watching some of our students during their My Time activities. My thanks especially go to the BMX group who invited me out to see what they are creating at the back of the school. I am seriously impressed with the work they are doing there, and how co-operatively they are working to redesign the track. That is 'real' learning going on there, with them problem solving, using equipment responsibly, working out the best use of their resources, trialling what they've created and brainstorming to see how they might make it better. Great work boys!



I also got to see our school experts teaching other students how to play chess, a group of students setting each other fitness challenges, a group scouting film locations, and another group working on football skills.

As always, there is a lot going on at Opihi.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal

FOR YOUR CALENDAR		
June	13	Aoraki Cycling
	14	Yr 12 Agriculture Course— <i>Tractors</i>
	16	Yr 10 JPN Competition
	18-19	<i>Mataarariki Noho Marae</i>
	30	Aoraki Netball
	30	Skate & Scooter <i>Yrs 7 & 8</i>
	30	Smokefree Rockquest Final
July	5-7	Life Education Trust visit
	7	<i>End of Term 2</i> End of Term Assembly

**WEEKLY
CARE CARD DRAW**


Opihi College

26th May
Thea McNoe







OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Education Act requires that at least once every two years, The Board of Trustees produce a written statement about how the school will implement health education.

The legislation requires schools to:

Inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum; and
Consult with members of the school community regarding the way in which the school should implement health education; and
Describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

It is important for parents to understand that under New Zealand law, from the age of 16, young people have full control over their own health information. Our school initiatives will always encourage young people to talk to their parents/caregiver/ whanau about health concerns or with their permission allow the health professional to do so on their behalf.

In general, we cover Levels 4 to 8 of the curriculum at Opihi College. Individual parents may request, by writing to the Principal, that their children be excluded from tuition of parts of the health programme related to sexual health education. This requirement does not extend to exclusion at any other time when a teacher deals with a question raised by another student that relates to sexuality education, and does not prevent students seeking help or resources from our health clinics and/or health personnel under the legal guidelines explained above.

The Survey is an overview of the health and sexuality programmes we are proposing to teach.

If you have any comments, feedback, suggestions or questions we would be pleased to hear them. The Survey is available on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/healthconsult2017>

Please complete the Survey by: Friday 16th June 2017

Yours sincerely,

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OPIHI COLLEGE HOODIES

Due to a manufacturing cost increase, there will be a change of price for these as of Term 3. (The new price will be \$55). If you would like to order one at the old price of \$50, please get your order into Sally in the library before the end of the term.



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

WANTED FOR THE ART DEPARTMENT

Old magazines and plastic containers—ice cream containers, lunch boxes or 1 litre and larger containers—would all be very gratefully received.



TEMUKA SWIMMING CLUB AGM

7.00pm Tuesday 13th June 2017

To be held at 29 Princes Street, Temuka

It would be great to add some new faces to our team.

Any questions please contact

St John Youth

We're currently recruiting in your area!



Penguins: 6-8 year olds

Cadets: 8-18 year olds

Leaders: 18+



St John Youth Temuka Division

Wednesday 4.30 till 6pm all welcome

Phone or txt Tasha 022 096 7391

St John Youth: Looking for New Recruits

St John Youth is for all young people aged 8 to 18. Penguins (aged 6 and 7) and Cadets (aged 8 to 18) are grouped into various levels for training, competitions, events, camps and even social activities.

We also have many mixed activities for senior cadets to take the lead and provide role models for junior cadets to aspire to. So although we cover a lot of ages - don't panic! Penguins or Cadets enter levels based on their age and unique needs.

We meet once a week during the school term at their local division. Every division has a unique programme to suit your needs and interests, so there is a lot of variety.

Outside the exciting activities that happen in a division, there are heaps of other activities throughout the year for kids to meet new people, learn new things and have loads of fun.

If your child is interested in becoming a member of St John Youth and they are aged between 6 and 18, please contact:

Tasha McHaffie

022 096 7391

danellelana14@gmail.com

We meet every Wednesday from 4.30pm till 6pm.
Everyone is welcome



St John
Here for Life

The Geraldine Community Board

Invites you to a

Meeting Skills Workshop

on Thursday 15th June

7.30 pm

Geraldine Resource Centre, Peel St, Geraldine

Ever wanted to learn about how meetings should be run? Want to build confidence and understanding so you can take part fully? This is the perfect way to start.

This FREE workshop, hosted by members of the **Geraldine Community Board**, will demonstrate how meetings are run and give insight into the roles of committee members, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Also learn how to make meetings enjoyable and relaxed so people want to take part.

If you have ever wanted to join a committee but shy away from the formal meeting process or want to step up to a position on your committee then this is the workshop for you!

Please email janeneadams@gmail.com to register or phone 693 7693

