

Opihi - on campus



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Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for Charity

Mr Sharp will be off to Africa later this term to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest peak in Africa at 5895 meters / 19,341 feet. There is a 20 strong Kiwi team making the trip which will take them through the jungle and across the three peak dormant volcano over about eight days of climbing. The Mental Health Foundation is the foremost charitable provider of mental health resources, training and advice in New Zealand and only survives through charitable donations. Mr Sharp is paying his own costs and so all funds will go to the charity. This week he travelled to Craighead where their health committee donated \$269.50.

Opihi College students will have the opportunity to make a contribution to the charity with a Mufti Day on Friday the 11th of August.

Mr Sharp will be talking about the trip in assembly on Monday. So far his team have earned over \$90,000 and are hoping to break the \$100,000 mark before they go. Anyone wanting to make a contribution can leave one at the office or pay directly on the website: <https://kilimanjaro-for-mental-health.everydayhero.com/nz/joe-sharp#/?k=9aqv34>

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 15th August 2017

Please note that Opihi College will be closed for instruction on this day as the staff will be off site



From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to school!

Term 3 is already shaping up to be an extremely busy one – especially for our senior students who only have approximately 12 weeks left to complete their work and gain their required NCEA credits.

The weather certainly hasn't been helping things this term; having so much water about means we need to keep students off the grassed/mud areas for the time being. We are very aware of the impact of this on students during breaks and have thanked them for their forbearance during this poor weather.

Staff

At the end of last term we farewelled three teachers. Mr Osborn has retired after more than 10 years at Opihi College, Miss Muirson who has decided to work full time with her partner on their dairy unit and Miss Griffiths who has taken up a role as Head of Faculty in another local school. Mrs Debbie Came has departed to take up a position in retail. We wish them all well in their new roles.

We have appointed Mrs Paula Ellis to the Hard Materials role and she has begun new teaching units with all of her students. Mr Tevita 'Asi has been appointed to fill Miss Muirson's role teaching Science and Maths and he is settling in well. For the meantime we have appointed Mr Bob Cumming to cover Miss Griffiths' senior classes and we will be advertising the role of Head of Maths Faculty, looking to have a new appointee start in 2018.

We have also appointed Mrs Lou Bourassa as our Attendance Officer and welcome her to our staff.



Farewell & Good Luck

Seniors

As I mentioned above, our senior students should now be focussed on pulling the learning they have done in Terms 1 and 2 together to begin completing their assignments for this year. They are well aware of what they need to do to achieve before the end of Term 3. All senior students will be granted Study Leave from 4th November this year – so they will have to use their time and workload management skills effectively to ensure that ALL of their course work is handed in by then.

Shigakukan

We are privileged to be hosting a group of students from Shigakukan High School at the moment. They arrived last week and will be staying with us until 16th August. The students spent their first few days in English and Opihi familiarisation lessons and this week they have begun spending time in mainstream classrooms, participating in lessons with our students. Last Friday we held a Mihi Whakatau to welcome the visitors to our school and Mrs Ito, who has travelled here with the Shigakukan students for a number of years now, commented that it was the best welcome ceremony she has been involved in. It's great to hear that we get better and better at what we do! Last weekend our visiting students (along with some of our host families) had a day trip to Dunedin and this coming weekend (weather permitting) they are off to Lake Tekapo for the day. Our thanks go to our host families for all that they do to involve their billeted students in their day to day lives, and in ensuring they incorporate extra activities for our guests to experience. Having guests from overseas is so positive for our students and our community, giving us an opportunity to engage with and learn more about another culture – the similarities and differences.

Student Activities

We have had the Life Education trailer here already this term, and our Year 8 Girls have also received training in Self Defence. There are a number of events upcoming on our calendar. We have our annual ski trip on the horizon, tournaments teams going off later this term to play both netball and rugby, conferencing on 11th September and senior leadership camp later that same week. A lot to prepare for!

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

Tina Johnson

HAPPY RETIREMENT MR OSBORN

At the end of Term 2 Opihi College sadly farewelled long serving staff member Mr Keith Osborn who, after ten years of dedicated service to the school, has now embarked upon his retirement. Mr Osborn will be sadly missed at Opihi College, where he was our Hard Materials Technology teacher, Bus Controller, Bus Driver, Te Kura Correspondence School Co-ordinator, Health & Safety representative and set builder for our school productions. In his place, Mr Russell Fleming has been appointed to the position of Bus Controller, Mr Phil Ireland will take his place as bus driver with the assistance of Ms Debbie Cuthbert as relief driver; and Mrs Jo Shaw is our new Te Kura Correspondence School Co-ordinator. *Thank You Mr Osborn for all your hard work over many years and we all hope you enjoy a well earned break!*



POETRY

Louise Rippin won the 13-18 year old South Canterbury Young Writers Poetry Competition recently. (Her poem is included below). She also was long listed for the NZ Flash Fiction awards, and attended the prizegiving in Christchurch where she read her piece to the audience. Well done Louise!

HOME

*You don't need a house, or a street,
Or a mailbox
To have a home
A home is so much more than that
Home is safety
Home is comfort
A home is something you never give up on
A home doesn't need a roof
Or walls, or even a door
But it needs a heart
So when your heart races when they near
When their arms around you are the only thing that
makes sense
When their eyes are brighter than
The constellations in the night sky
When silence is louder than words
When actions mean everything
You don't need a house to call your own
You are already home*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August	8	Aoraki Badminton—boys
	10	Aoraki Badminton—girls
	11	Chess Tournament
	11	Mental Health Foundation Mufti Day
	15	Teacher Only Day <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	18	Ski Trip (All years)
	20	Aoraki Snow Sport
	22	Bandquest Canterbury
	24	Food Processing Industry Day
	25	Daffodil Day Mufti Day
	25	Skate/Scooter Year 7&8
	29	Junior Science Fair
September	1	Gymnastics Festival Year 7&8
	4-8	Winter Tournament Week
	11	Parent Conference Evening 4 - 8.00pm
	12	Parent Conference Day 8.30am - 4.30pm <i>Please note there will be no classes on this day</i>

SKI TRIP

Please note that the junior and senior ski trips have been combined to have one school ski trip to Mt Hutt on **Friday the 18th of August**.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW



24th July
Sharmeela Gaddam
Millie Drake

31st July
Savannah Chittock
Neko Prentice

CONGRATULATIONS

Jamie Callaghan was placed 4th at the Upper South Island semi-finals of the NZ Spelling Bee. Awesome effort Jamie!!

HEAD COACH SOUGHT:

Are you passionate about schoolboy First XV Rugby? Are you committed to player development?

The Roncalli Aoraki First XV provides a vehicle for players at Geraldine, Mountainview, and Waimate High Schools, and Opihi, Roncalli and Mackenzie Colleges to remain loyal to their local communities and educational choices, and be able to play rugby at the highest level. The intention is that these elite schoolboy players return to their home clubs after their schooling and reinvest their experience, spreading the wealth among all the clubs in South Canterbury.

The Roncalli Aoraki First XV Committee are currently seeking expressions of interest for a HEAD COACH for 2018 and beyond to lead the Roncalli Aoraki First XV in the Crusaders UC Championship, providing high quality coaching, leadership and management.

Applicants must have

- a proven record in rugby coaching
- a strong philosophical ethos of why players play the game and the player/ coach relationship
- demonstrated people management skills required to lead a high-performance environment
- shown the ability to inspire a team while at the same time working with players individually to develop their skills to a high level
- a high level of tactical and technical expertise
- a commitment to develop senior schoolboy rugby across the Aoraki region and support the ethos and mission of the team

Desired attributes

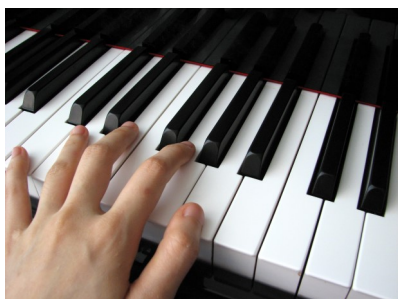
- experience with working with school age players
- have the potential of an identified 'coaching team' in place if successful

The time commitment for this role goes beyond traditional club expectations due to pre season commitments, the length of the season and travel involved.

Applicants should apply in writing with CV and covering letter. A position description can be obtained by emailing a.jones@roncalli.school.nz.

Applications are to be forwarded via email to: ktagliaia@waimate-high.school.nz or posted to K Tagliaia c/o Waimate High School, 15 Paul Street, Waimate 7924 by 5.00pm Friday 18th August 2017.

Piano and Keyboard lessons at Opihi College



We have 3 or 4 slots left in our piano teacher's timetable at Opihi College .

Keyboard skills are essential for those wanting to have a career in music and are also valuable for those who are looking at being in bands or productions.

We are looking for students who enjoy music and who are motivated to practice. Costs are \$20 per week (half hour lessons).

Please see Mr Fleming or contact the school office for information

RUGBY - U16 and U18 players

The Roncalli Aoraki Combined Team plays in the University of Canterbury (UC) Rugby Competition previously known as The Press Cup Competition. This team is a great opportunity as a pathway to higher honours in rugby. This competition is rugby played at a high level. Players will enjoy the challenge and comradery they will have playing in this team. **Opihi College students are now eligible** to play in this team, along with Waimate High School, MacKenzie College, Geraldine High School, Mountainview High School and Roncalli College. The team currently is struggling with numbers due to injuries/concussion and stand downs. They would love to have anyone who is interested in potentially playing this year or next year attend a few practices. If you would like to attend a couple of practices with the **Roncalli Aoraki Combined Team** that plays in the UC Competition in Christchurch, please contact Chris Tuite 027 463 0519. He will also be able to help arrange transport to practises also. If you attend these practices there is no obligation for you to play or guarantee you will get time this year, however this might be a good opportunity to have a look at how the team works in preparation for next year.

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