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ROCKSHOP BANDQUEST CO.NZ

CONGRATULATIONS

To all our Opihi College musicians who represented Opihi College so admirably at the Rockshop Bandquest held in Christchurch last week. (Pop band "DeathMuffin" comprising Aaliyah Lovatt (vocals), Emily Wells (bass), Kyal Dickson (drums), Mia Andreassend (keyboard) and Brooke Milmine (guitar); and Punk Rock band "Bandquest" consisting of trio Bronwyn Halkett (bass), Luke Smith (drums) and Reef Brazendale (vocals, guitar).

Well done to our prize winners, who won prize vouchers for our school:

Best Musicianship

Reef Brazendale

Best Bassist

Emily Wells

Best Lyrics

Aaliyah Lovatt

Best Original Song

"Deathmuffin" (pictured below)





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

Welcome to the end of Week 6, Term 3. Monday sees the start of week 7. That is important as it reminds us that seniors now only have 7 weeks left at school before study leave begins. That is 7 weeks to complete all of their internal assessments! This is an important time for you to check in with your student/s on how their planning and time management are going, as they will have many assessments to hand in. Of course, those who have planned well over the past 2 terms will be well organised and on top of their tasks!

Teacher Only Day

On the 15th August we held a Teacher Only Day. We know that holding it on a Tuesday wasn't the easiest for many of you and we appreciate you all keeping your students at home that day. The choice of day was out of our hands, as that was the only date we could attend the newly opened Rolleston College. It was a very worthwhile opportunity for all of our staff to see the new buildings and observe the new curriculum delivery they are developing there. We spent the afternoon at Emmanuel Christian School where they also have new buildings and are implementing a new curriculum delivery. It has generated a lot of discussion within our staff and has helped us clarify some ideas about Opihi College's future developments.

Conferencing

Conferencing begins on the 11th September – just two weeks away. There are no formal classes on Tuesday 12th as Monday evening and all day Tuesday are when your students' mentors are available for you to make your appointments to meet with them. Don't forget that your meeting is with your child's mentor not their other subject teachers. If meetings with other teachers are necessary they can be arranged for a different time.

Bookings for conferencing are now open online. If you have any problems with this, give our wonderful ladies in the office a call and they will be able to help you. We highly value this opportunity to conference with you and your student/s, and we appreciate that all of you endeavour to attend a session during this time; however, we are aware that there will always be a few who cannot make the timing work. If you are one of those few, then our office staff can also help you with booking a different time to meet with your student's mentor.

Senior Subject Choices

We have now opened the online Course selection process so Year 8 to 12 students can begin to choose the courses they would like to study in 2018. This process is completed with you at your conference session with your child's mentor. Their subject choices do require your sign off.

Mental Health Foundation

Mr Sharp, our school counsellor, is joining a group who are doing a Mental Health Foundation fundraising climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. Congratulations to our students who held a mufti day to support Mr Sharp's fundraising for the Mental Health Foundation. Our students presented Mr Sharp with \$361.30, which helps towards his \$4,000.00 goal. If you would like to further sponsor Mr Sharp you can do so at <https://kilimanjaro-for-mental-health.everydayhero.com/nz/joe-sharp>. Mr Sharp has chosen to pay for the actual trip from his own finances, so you can rest assured that **all** funds he raises will go directly to the Foundation.

Science Fair

Our Junior Science Fair was held on Tuesday night. It is always great to see such a strong family turn-out for this event. It is an ideal way of discovering what our students are doing in Science, and a chance to talk to them about their learning. I am always impressed with how well they are able to describe the learning processes – what aspects they chose to study, and all of the why's and how's of that. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.



Arts Week

Over the past few weeks our students have been working, in their whanau groups, on creating "Recycled Sculpture". This was a student driven exercise which resulted in some exceedingly creative artworks. The judging panel were hard pressed, and some robust discussions were held around the judging table. Congratulations to every class who submitted an artwork, each piece made us smile.

As part of Arts Week the staff were also challenged. Our task was to 'decorate' our individual pigeonholes. There are definitely some creative minds at Opihi College! Some staff went with 'themes' based on their role here at school (or individual traits that you may be aware of). See if you can identify whose pigeonholes are depicted in the photos.

Temuka Primary School

Dovetailing with our Arts Week (but in reality unrelated), Temuka Primary School performed their bi-annual show in the Opihi College Hall last week. I was fortunate to be able to attend the matinee performance and I am really excited to think that many of those very talented students will be attending Opihi College in the future. The students and all of the staff of Temuka Primary School are to be commended on their efforts. Great performances, great costumes and a really important theme. Wow!

Winter Tournament

Next week is Winter Tournament week. We have a netball team competing in the South Island Secondary Schools Competition in Christchurch. We also have a team intending to head to Greymouth for the Rugby competition – though with injuries in the team it may be challenging to have enough players! We know that both teams will play at their best, and I am sure they will represent Opihi College with pride.

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

Tina Johnson
Principal



Monster Raffle

A reminder that raffle sheets, even if unsold, need to be handed into the office by Wednesday 20th September

Prizes will be given to the top five sellers

More raffle sheets are available from the office

Drawn Wednesday 27th September

The funds raised from raffle sales will be going towards new lockers and furniture for our rebuild. This is an ongoing fund as we are going to need a substantial amount to cover these.

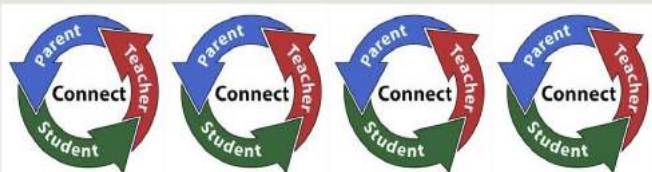
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Monday 11th September 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 12th September 8.30am - 4.30pm

The second stage of conferencing for 2017 will take place on the 11th (4-8pm) and 12th (8.30am -4.00pm) September. There will be no classes on September 12th to allow staff to meet with whanau. Book a session with your child's mentor teacher at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code kkeks. In this conference Options Choices will be confirmed and progress towards Junior Graduation (Yr 7-10) and NCEA (Yr 11-13) will be discussed.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sam Brown and Jared Dickson on their selection for the South Canterbury Under 14 Rugby Team.



Opihi College band "Bandquest" performing last week.
Pictured Luke Smith (drums), Reef Brazendale (guitar & vocals), and Bronwyn Halkett (bass).

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| September | 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> |
| | 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCITO Industry Day Sanfords Science Fair Yr 12 Ag Fencing course |
| | 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aoraki Table Tennis Temuka Sports Group winter tournament |
| | 16 | Aoraki Mountainbiking |
| | 19 | HPV Vaccination Clinic |
| | 20 | Opihi College Cultural Competition |
| | 21 | Yr 11 YMCA Health Day |
| | 22 | Yr 12-13 YMCA Health Day |
| | 25 | South Canterbury Day <i>Statutory Holiday - school closed</i> |
| | 26-29 | OED South Canterbury MTB Tour |
| | 29 | End of Term 3 |

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW



21st August

Dom Waihapa-Barrett
Kaia Macpherson

28th August

Hailey Larsen
Tyla Smith

ATTENDANCE

Parents are now able to e-mail absences or attendance matters directly to the Attendance Officer—please use the the e-mail address: attendance@opihicollege.school.nz

TEMUKA UNITED TENNIS AGM

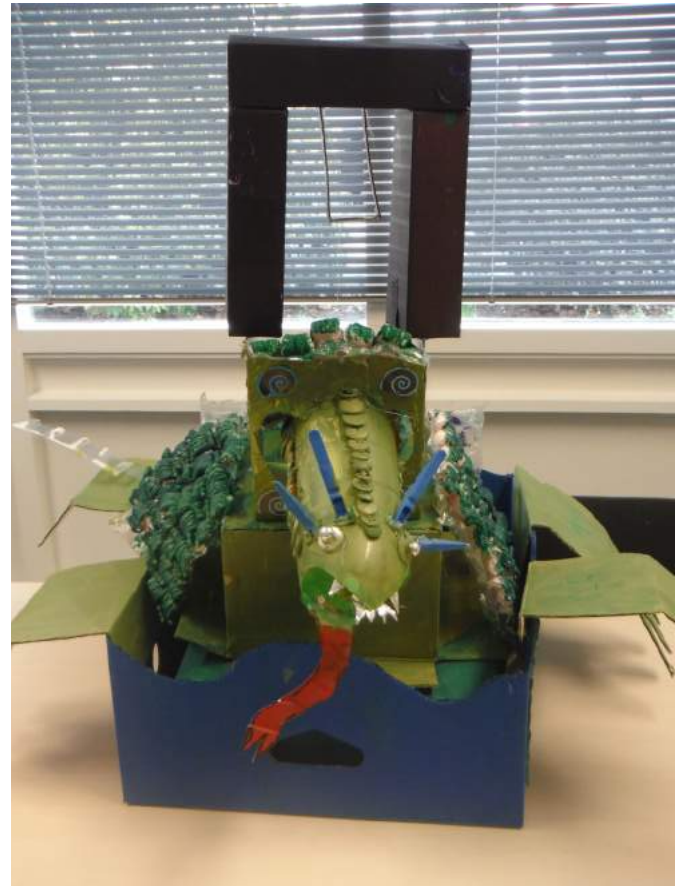
6.30pm Monday 4th September 2017

Pavilion, Temuka Domain

Registration Day 18th September 2017

Any enquiries—Letitia 0274 607 116

ARTS WEEK SCULPTURE COMPETITION



RESULTS

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1st | ASR | R2D2 |
| 2nd | PMQ | Pacific Wave |
| 3rd | | Buzzy Bee |
| <i>Highly Commended</i> | OLB | Taniwha |





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Voices OF CRAIGHEAD



...an evening of vocal performance with students of Craighead School,

and featuring **THE CRAIGHEAD CHORALE...**

Turley Auditorium

Craighead Diocesan School
September 20 & 21, 7:30 pm

Adults - \$10.00

Students - \$5.00

Tickets available from
Craighead School Office



SCOUTS New Zealand

Tao Temuka Scout Group

Do you want to check out Scouts? Everyone is welcome to visit and your first month is totally free :)

SCOUTS

Tuesday nights 6:00pm

For boys and girls in Years 7-10

Joining Scouts means having lots of fun, exploring new things, making new friends, experimenting, taking on challenges, and experiencing the great outdoors!!



For more info please
contact: Dan Goldie
021-91 90 95

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SPRING FAIR

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Sept 16th, 10-3pm

7Tonne Truck Pull:
 30metres Teams of 2 Men
 30metres Teams of Mixed 2/3
 20metres Ladies only. Teams of 4
 18+ only \$15 per Team
 800kg ATV Pull Side-by-Side:
 17 years and younger \$5 per Team
 Heaps Of Prizes To Be Won!
 Please See Facebook For More Details

MUSIC TRUCK PULL STALLS



Babysitting Course

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

When: Sept 30th, 9am-4pm, RSVP by Sept 23rd.

Where: 38 Stafford St.

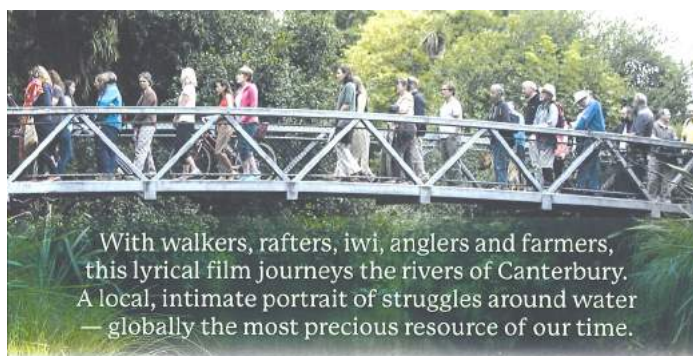
Cost: \$50



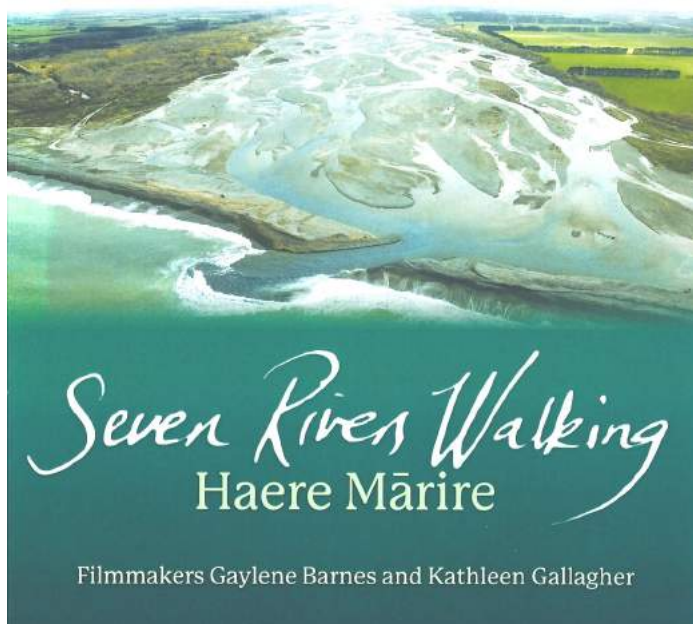
The course will cover

- Ages and Stages
- Employee/Employer expectations
- Nappy folding and changing
- Safety of children and babysitter
- Baby bathing
- Children and Infant CPR
- Payrates
- On completion of this course participants receive both Promed attendance first aid certificate, along with a Timaru Parents Centre Course certificate.

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



With walkers, rafters, iwi, anglers and farmers, this lyrical film journeys the rivers of Canterbury. A local, intimate portrait of struggles around water — globally the most precious resource of our time.



Seven Rivers Walking

Haere Mārire

Filmmakers Gaylene Barnes and Kathleen Gallagher

"This film... places the hope of change in a shared love of Canterbury's rivers and riparian environments and a profound appreciation of their ecology." — BILL GOSDEN (NZ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL)

"Our rivers are in crisis. They need us — they need us now."
 — COLLEEN PHILIP (FOREST & BIRD)

Seven Rivers Walking

We travel alongside kaitiaki — the river guardians — who stand as sentinels to the continual degradation of their beloved spring-fed streams and braided rivers of Canterbury. They watch as the river species and critters no longer flourish, they talk, they protest, they sing, they walk ... they inspire.

FILMMAKERS Gaylene Barnes & Kathleen Gallagher

MUSICIANS Ariana Tikao, Bob Bickerton, Aroha Yate-Smith, Taihuka Smith

CINEMATOGRAPHY James Ellis, Dave Perry, Gaylene Barnes, Whare Mihiniui

SOUND MIX Chris Sinclair
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 Running time 84 minutes

COMING SOON TO THE GERALDINE CINEMA



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