

# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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**TOURNAMENT WEEK 2017**





## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

As usual we've been having a busy time over the past fortnight. As we wind up/down to the end of Term 3 (only 2 weeks away now) we have assessments due for seniors. It is this time of year that becomes particularly stressful for senior students if their planning and time management has not been the best throughout the year, 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!

### Conferencing

Monday evening and Tuesday of this week were set aside for conferencing with students, parents and mentors. I have been particularly impressed with the number of parents who have attended conferencing, as it is such a worthwhile opportunity to meet with mentors and get a real picture of where your student is at, what their goals and aspirations are, and how they are going to 'get there'.

One of the outcomes from conferencing is a clear message that parents would like more opportunities to meet with mentors and teachers, so we will be considering what changes we might make for next year's planning to enable those opportunities to come about.

If you are one of the few who missed out on the opportunity to attend a conference, do give our front office a call, where our office staff will be happy to book you an appointment.

### Changes for 2018

As a result of the surveys and conversations we have undertaken this year with students, parents and staff, we will be changing our school timetable for 2018.

The general consensus from all of our information gathering shows a strong preference to return to a 5 or 10 day timetable, with 1 hour periods. There is some flexibility across subject areas and students who find the longer periods more workable so to meet their needs as well we intend to 'block' 1 hour periods to allow for some 2 hour periods to be run alongside them.

There has been very mixed feedback on our Whanau classes. There is a clear mandate to continue the current Whanau mentor system with families together and year levels mixed; however, there has been some discontent voiced over the Whanau time allowance, so Whanau times will be shorter next year. This means that many of the aspects of citizenship and key competencies that have been part of the Whanau ethos will now have to occur at other times and in other ways.

With new building now planned for 2018, we will be creating new learning spaces that will not look like our existing single-class rooms. This means that by 2019 the way we teach and learn at Opihi College will look different. This does mean that these timetable changes (basically a return to the 2015 timetable format) will likely only be in place for 2018 while we plan for the future.

### Buildings

Our Board has been working closely with the Ministry of Education property team and we are finally seeing progress with planning for how we spend the \$5.3 million that we have been allocated. Anyone who has been in school over the past week will have seen all of the painted markings showing boundaries, underground drains, cables etc. Earlier this week our Master Planners had a drone up, mapping our site from the air.

After a number of years of slow progress it is exciting to know that we should be receiving draft plans from the Master Planners and Ministry of Education within the next 6 weeks. What Opihi College buildings and classrooms are going to look like is decidedly different from the initial planning that occurred 5 or 6 years ago, but we are very excited about the more versatile learning spaces that we will be creating.

### Mental Health Foundation

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, Mr Sharp, our school counsellor, is taking part in a charity climb of Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the NZ Mental Health Foundation. He headed off on Wednesday, and we look forward to receiving updates from him.

Wishing you a great weekend, and hoping that you get to spend at least some of it with your family.

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

**Tina Johnson**  
Principal

## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

11th September  
Nahia Crawshaw  
Nick Morris



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>September</b>	20	Opihi College Cultural Competition 1.25pm
	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
<b>October</b>	16	Start of Term 4
	23	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday - school closed</i>
	26	Aoraki Junior Tennis
	27	BOT Meeting
	31	Haunted House fundraiser 7pm Assembly Hall
	31	Mountain Biking Yr 7&8
<b>November</b>	3	Study Leave begins for Senior students

## TEMUKA SWIM CLUB

**Registrations Thursday 26th October 5-6pm**

At the Temuka Pool

Current members are able to pay and register online. A fantastic way to keep fit and learn a life skill, we cater for learners to competitive swimmers or those just wanting to keep fit.

Potential squad members please contact Marty Pow, Dave Holland or Sarah Young ASAP, pre-season training will start on the 3rd of October.

Any questions please contact Sarah young 021 778 659 or Dave Holland 027 302 4303 or visit our face book page *Temuka Swimming Club*.

## TEMUKA ATHLETICS CLUB

We welcome all children from 5 years old.

Athletics is a great way to keep fit, improve agility and strength and make new friends.

Season Start: Monday 16 October 2017

Time: 6.15pm

Where: Opihi College Sportsgrounds (Guild Road)

6 and under \$20

7 and over \$50

For further information and registration details:

Email [temu.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:temu.athletics@gmail.com)

Phone Nicola 021 622 942

Like us on Facebook: "Temuka Athletics Club"

## Children's Learn to Sail

Timaru Yacht and Powerboat Club are hosting an information evening for parents whose children are interested in learning to sail on



**Thursday 14th September  
at 7pm**  
at the Club House in  
Timaru.

For more information please contact Rob Berger  
at [juniors@timaruyabc.co.nz](mailto:juniors@timaruyabc.co.nz) or  
see the website <http://www.timaruyabc.co.nz/>

## CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

### Silver Awards

**A** = Abigail Blay

**R** = Shae Twaddle,

**E** = Cordelia Taylor, Soraya George, Kye Waihape

### Bronze Awards

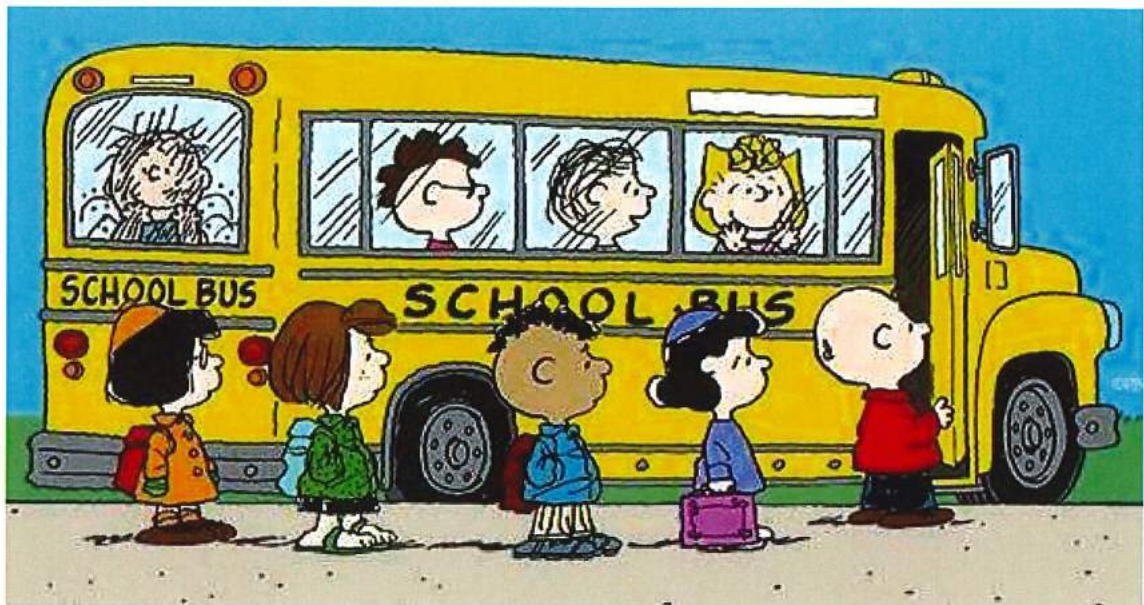
**C** = Sarn McCone, Dyasta Barnes, Jasmine Uren, Elise Warnock

**R** = Laynee McDonald, Alex McDonald-Solway, Cordelia Taylor, Cameron Fikken, Sian Loudon

**E** = Charlotte Bennett, Grace Bennett, Jacob Spivey, Ryan Donehue, Jamaine Etti, Bryett Taylor, Ashton Wright







### Situations Vacant

#### Casual Bus Driver

Opihi College is looking for someone with a bus licence who can fill in on a casual basis when required.

We need someone to drive our Mitsubishi Rosa who might be available for school trips and a few relief days on one of our small school runs.

If you are interested and think this might suit you, please make contact with Tina Johnson, Principal, to discuss.







Kia ora,

Opihi College students, as well as bands from Timaru Boy's High School and Roncalli College, have been invited to play at the Temuka Primary School's Spring Fair.



**The fair is on Saturday 16th September at Temuka Primary School.** The fair will be **from 10am until 3pm** - we are hoping to provide music for the entire period. We are organizing a curtain sider truck for the bands to play in. We'll be playing in quite a central location at the Fair.

Bands this year will include:

<b>Fusion In the Sun</b>	(TBHS)	<b>Placegetters in Rockquest 2017</b>
<b>Claws</b>	(RONCOLL)	
<b>Death Muffins</b>	(OPIHI)	<b>Best original song Bandquest 2017</b>
<b>Bass BBQ</b>	(OPIHI)	
<b>Jess Marshall</b>	(OPIHI)	<b>Rockquest finalists 2017</b>
<b>Timaru Jazz Band</b>	(Combined TBH-RONCOL-MVIEW)	
And many more solos and groups!		

Performers will set up and be ready for a brief sound check by 9.30AM on the Saturday morning. If required, students should be at the primary school by about 9.30am for the 1st sound check or 12.00 lunch time for second sound check.



***Please spread the word around family and the community and support our young performers and the local Primary School***

# Monster Raffle

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

Prizes will be given to the top five sellers

More raffle sheets are available from the office

Drawn Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank you for your support



We would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors

Hanmer Motor Inn, Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve, Baird's Motordrome Ltd, Flipout, Movie Max, Speight's Ale House, Tekapo Springs, Kohan Restaurant, Eeny Meeny, Talbot Forest Cheese, The Bagrie Family, Fox St Takeaways, Books & Gifts Direct and The McNoe Family



# SCIENCE FAIR

August/September 2017

## Opihi College Science Fair

On 29th August, Opihi College presented the 2017 Science Fair and Art Exhibition. All of our Year 7 and 8 science classes have spent the last five weeks working on their Science projects. The themes ranged from 'Which recipe makes the best slime' to 'Does the colour of jelly affect the taste?'.

I would like to thank the science teachers for their efforts and hard work during this period as well as Mrs Meechang for helping the students with their equipment.

### Best in Science Fair

The projects were judged on overall scientific method, conclusion drawn and presentation.

Congratulations to the following students:

Alistair Callaghan, Raju Gadikoppula, Vishwap Valmurugan, Cameron Fikken, Amelia Holland, Grace Bennett, Aaliyah Lovatt, Emily Wells, Nic Edmond, Jordan Bruce, Iraia Hemara and Jakob Ashby.

These students went on to represent Opihi College in the Sanford Science and Technology Fair on 13th September held in Timaru.

## Sanford Science and Technology Fair 2017

Well done to all those who entered this year. There was serious competition in the junior categories with some exceptional projects exhibited.

Congratulations to our senior students Ellen Crosse, Sian Loudon and Maddison Mawhinney for winning prizes in their categories.





# TEMUKA COLOUR CANTER

A Fun Run or Walk With Colour

**LIMITED TICKETS**

Temuka Domain Oval  
Saturday 28th October 2017

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD STALLS  
SPOT PRIZES

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE  
Visit the website for full ticket information,  
fees, event & registration details.

[www.temukacolourcanter.co.nz](http://www.temukacolourcanter.co.nz)

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elite sponsors



**Brainwave**  
early years last forever  
whakamana i te tamaiti

## Unravelling the adolescent brain



social and  
emotional  
change

Support adolescents in  
navigating the transition from  
child to well adjusted adult

Adolescent Seminar

Thursday 2 November 2017 @7-9pm

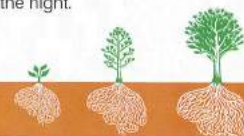
Hosted by: Tao Temuka Scout Group

Venue: Opihi College Library, Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka

Tickets can be purchased from Temuka Pharmacy  
for \$20 or at the door on the night.



[www.brainwave.org.nz](http://www.brainwave.org.nz)



**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

**ADVENTURE  
PLUS!**

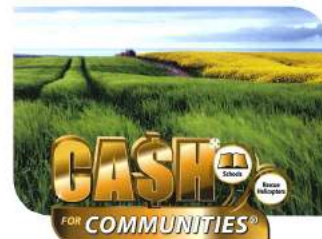
9 Dyson Street, Temuka

PGG Wrightson



6 September 2017

Tina Johnson  
Principal  
Opihi College  
Richard Pearse Drive  
Temuka 7920



### Let's raise funds for Opihi College

This spring, PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash for Communities and give farmers an opportunity to raise funds for their local school or Rescue Helicopter. The programme has raised more than \$455,000 over the past six years, and over 600 farmers registered last year.

PGG Wrightson and Ballance will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser\* purchased by farmers who have registered and nominated their school or Rescue Helicopter at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz).

**Give your school the chance to win iPads with the  
Cash for Communities 2017 Programme.**

The school with the highest amount of nominations in both the North and South island through Cash for Communities will receive three Apple iPad Pros each. The school with the second highest amount of nominations in both the North and South island will receive two Apple iPad Pros each.

Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging our customers to get involved in this year's Cash for Communities and we suggest you do too. A range of resources including posters, advertisements for your newsletter and fun children's activities are available at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz) to help you raise awareness.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz](mailto:cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz) or phone 03 372 0405.

Yours sincerely,

*R Wrightson*

Richard Wrightson  
National Sales Manager  
PGG Wrightson Limited



Opihi College  
could receive free  
iPads!

The more nominations  
your school receives,  
the higher your chance  
of winning.

\*\$1 for every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased (including Lime and Gypsum) between 1 September and 30 November 2017 will be donated. Open to PGG Wrightson Ltd account holders only. Once a \$25 donation total is reached for Opihi College, you'll be guaranteed to receive a cheque for the funds nominated at the conclusion of the campaign. Apple iPad Pro 10.5 inch, 64GB models will be given away. For eligible products and full terms and conditions see [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz).

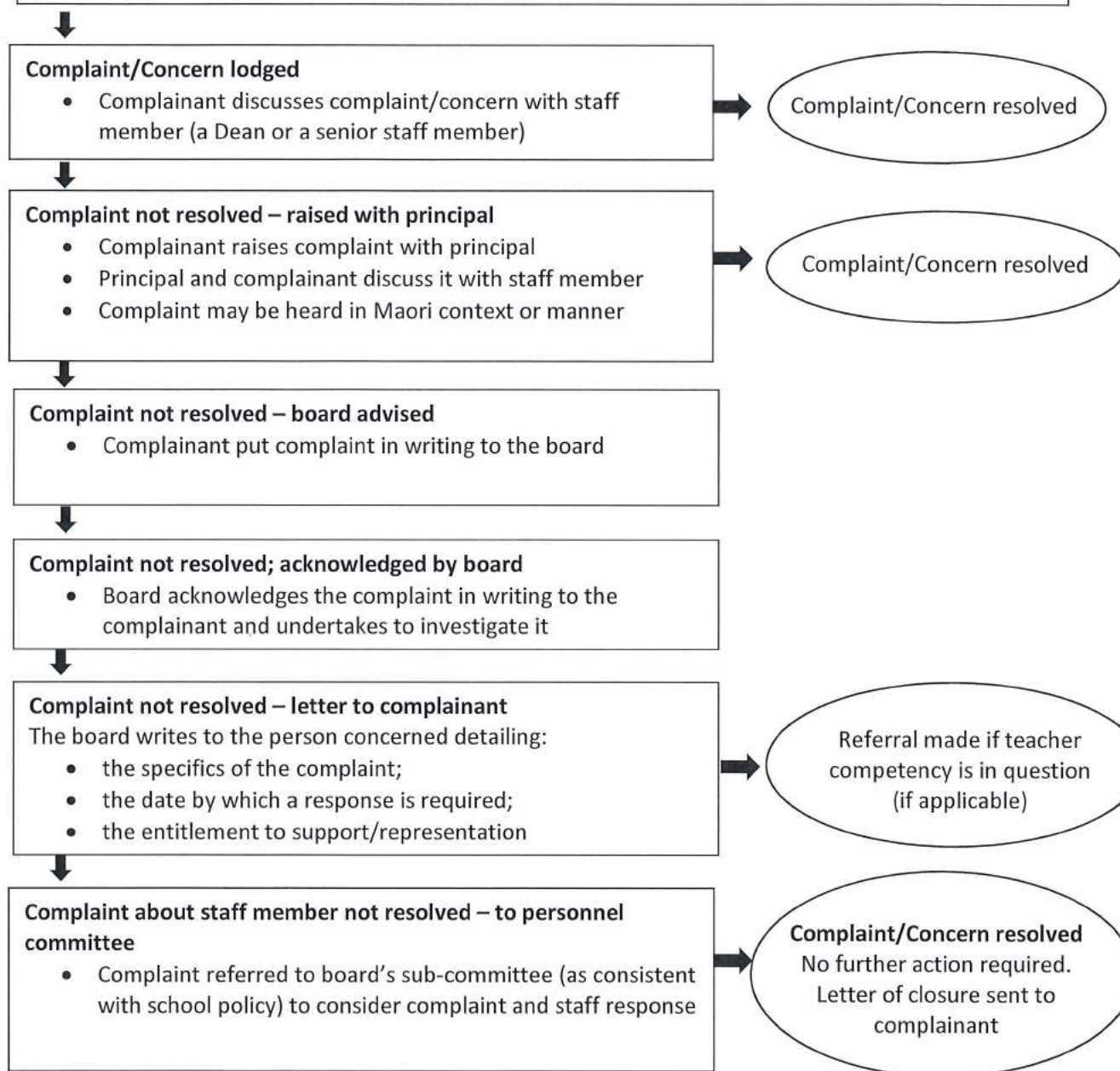
Freephone 0800 10 22 76 [www.pggwrightson.co.nz](http://www.pggwrightson.co.nz)

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## OPIHI COLLEGE CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

When concerns and complaints from any member of the school community arise they will be handled promptly with care and sensitivity. Following this procedure will ensure that a fair resolution is reached. Everyone has a right to support person throughout this procedure.





## Concern / Complaint Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the issue / concern? \_\_\_\_\_

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What action have you taken in regard to this issue?

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What would you like to happen now?

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Are you willing to have a restorative conversation with the person with whom the complaint is about?  
(if it is appropriate)

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*Office use only:*

*Date received:* \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken:

Actioned by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_