

Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect – Excellence

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Shigakukan Students Say Sayonara and Arigato! (Good-bye and Thank you!)



It was another whirlwind three week visit by the students and teachers from Shigakukan Senior High School. Mrs Ito, Mr Hasegawa, Miss Ashizawa, Yuuki, Yousei, Sakurako, Yohei, Ryota, Tae, Ikuto, Seishu, Hinata, Akito, Koine, Shunsuke, Toru, Yuki, Kaito, Motoki, Misaki, Kouta, Atsuki, Ryuto, Kana, Keishin and Ryota spent their time studying English, attending classes with “buddy” students and participating in a variety of weekend excursions. A HUGE THANK YOU must be extended to all of the HOST FAMILIES – the Andreassends, Mr and Mrs Boivin, Mrs Bridge, the Brooklands, Crawshaws, Edgelers, the James Family, the Johnstone/Trott /Donaldson Family, the Marshalls, McNoes, Pannetts, Mr and Mrs Perry, the Poutais, the Schoknecht/ McClintock Family, the Thomas Family, the Venn/Norton Family, the Walshes, Weavers, Whitmans, the Williams/Kerr Family, Mrs Russell and Ms Johnson- who welcomed these students into their homes. It wouldn't have been possible without your warm hospitality. *Arigato gozaimasu!*





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

Seniors

I know I've mentioned how little time our seniors have left to complete their learning and assessments in the last few newsletters, but it still bears further mention. They have just 3 weeks left at the start of Term 4, by which time they need to have completed their term's work. This means that they should all be using the holidays to do revision and work on their course work. It is important that they manage their time effectively so that they are fully prepared to hand work in by due dates, and your support may well be required to ensure that they have time set aside throughout the break to prepare for the final days of school and for exams.

Changes for 2018

Following further discussion and consultation with our curriculum committee and with students, 2018 may have some slight differences from those I reported in our earlier newsletter. With so many of our students on Dual Pathways, Gateway and STAR courses, we are looking into the best way to ensure they do not lose too much individual subject time. This may mean the retaining of our 6 day timetable or could mean a 10 day rotation. Our goal is to provide the best opportunities for everyone.

I can confirm other aspects that I mentioned in our last newsletter:

- 1 hour periods (with some 2 hour opportunities)
- Less whanau time
- Continuing with the student Whanau Mentor system

I can also confirm that we intend to hold a Parent/Teacher Interview session next year, whilst also continuing our 3 Way Conferencing. So families will also have a planned opportunity to meet with their child's subject teachers in Term 2. This has been included in our planning as a result of parental requests.

Buildings

We are very pleased to announce that the Ministry of Education Property Team have approved the removal of the old rooms and sheds down the back driveway. A new caretakers building will be built in Term 4 and the old buildings should be ready for removal over the summer holidays.



Mental Health Foundation

Mr Sharp has returned from his Mental Health Foundation charity climb of Mt Kilimanjaro. He's looking fit and reports that the climb was 'great', both in terms of personal achievement and of the funds he raised for the Foundation. Our thanks go to all who sponsored him in this climb. His team of climbers have raised \$115,000 for the Mental Health Foundation. I think it's probably fortunate that he has only had to face a four day week at the end of term and can now spend the holidays recuperating.



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

School, whanau and community are in this together so if we share our resources and skills we will achieve great things for our rangatahi (young people).

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

18th September
Kyal Dickson
Tyla Smith



REGIONAL CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ

Congratulations to Cameron Fikken, Mitchell Brookland and Robbie Johnson who recently competed in the Otago Daily Times Extra Magazine Current Events Quiz. They achieved 4th place (1 point off third place) which is a great result. Thanks to Mrs Bergamini who accompanied them to this event. These students showed the school value of Excellence – Aim high.

Miss Manson
Year 7/8 Co-ordinator

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 7&8 STUDENTS

Can you please ensure your child has a glue stick and a highlighter as we use them (almost daily) in Integrated Studies and many of our students do not have these items. It was on the stationery list at the start of the year.

Your support is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

In Agriculture this term students had the opportunity to enter in a competition about global food security. The Empty Plate Challenge asked students to answer the question “What is global food security, and what is New Zealand’s part to play?” Shayden Walton took up the challenge and made a video on the topic and was rewarded for his efforts. This week in assembly Shayden will be awarded an iPhone 7 by the organisers after he won the competition!

His video can be viewed from the following link - <https://youtu.be/mflqSx-cBME>. Well done Shayden.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October	16	Start of Term 4
	23	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday - school closed</i>
	24	<i>Summer Uniform compulsory</i>
	26	Aoraki Junior Tennis
	25	BOT Meeting
	31	Haunted House fundraiser <i>7pm Assembly Hall</i>
	31	Mountain Biking Yr 7&8
November	3	Study Leave begins for Senior students
	9	NCEA External Examinations begin
	9	Aoraki Junior Volleyball
	29	BOT Meeting
December	5-8	Year 7 camp, Raincliff
	11	OED Day, Year 10
	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Returns Day Day Prizegiving 11 am Evening Awards Ceremony 7.00pm

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that, if your child is absent from school for any reason, that the school should be notified as early as possible. Messages are able to be left at any time on our school absence line, or by e-mailing attendance@opihicollege.school.nz.

Our teaching staff check the attendance rolls at 8.30am, so please do not be offended if we contact you soon after this to check on the whereabouts of absent students.

CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

Silver Awards

E = Maddy Hammond, Tyla Smith

Bronze Awards

C = Grace Bennett, Mitchell Brookland, Aaliyah Deer

A = Olivia Andreassend, Emily Bennett,

Aaliyah Deer, Blake Morris, Jia Prentice, Ava Venn

R = Tyla Smith, Toa Taputu

E = Nick Morris, Caleb Pipson, Krish Barot, Jordyn Morris



MONSTER RAFFLE RESULTS

Drawn under police supervision

1st	Hanmer Springs Holiday	Shania McGregor
2nd	Family Day Out	Ruth Marsden
3rd	Tekapo for Two	Chris Van der Werff
4th	Box of Fun Stationery	Chris Davis
5th	Cheese Basket	Helen Russ
6th	Cheese Basket	Nigel McGregor
7th	Warehouse Voucher	David Hickey
8th	Clothing	Keeley Jurica
9th	Vest and Drink bottle	Stephanie Andreassend
10th	Vest and Drink bottle	Tony Shaw
11th	Fox St Takeaways meal	Kim Aitken
12th	First Aid kit & ipad cover	Sharee Ann Melhopt
13th	Wooden Truck	Eva Teahen
14th	Wooden Truck	Carolyn McLaughlin

**Congratulations to the winners,
and thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.**

RETURNS

Could the following items please be returned to the school next term:

- Netball uniforms (washed)
- Basketball uniforms (washed)
- Gymnastics uniforms (washed)
- Rugby uniforms (washed)
- Overdue Library Books
- Cups and Trophies
- Blazers (Dry cleaned please)

Thank you



PRE-LOVED SHORTS FOR SALE \$5 per pair

The school has limited numbers of black elastic waist shorts suitable for PE to sell. These shorts are a unisex style and in as new condition. Sizes range from 12 -14 and XS to XXL.

OPIHI COLLEGE MUSIC

On Saturday 30th September Timaru Gymnastics Club will be holding its annual Fundraising Fair. The fair will be held at Anzac Square on Craigie Avenue in Timaru. (This is the sportsground next to the Gymnastics clubrooms, formerly the Century Pool). Opihi bands will be playing from 11.50 am until 12.20 pm and then again at 2.30-3.00pm. Allicia Kelly, Maisie Callaghan, and Opihi College grunge-masters "Black Board" will play covers and original music. "Fusion in the Sun" and many other Timaru bands will also be performing.

Get along and enjoy the festive atmosphere and support our Opihi College bands.



Opihi College is proud to announce the arrival of our new van, and would like to acknowledge and thank the anonymous benefactor who sponsored the sign-writing. **Thank You!**



CULTURAL COMPETITION RESULTS 2017

1st Pacific	2nd Aoraki
3rd Opihi	4th Rata

Pictured in House Colour Fancy Dress are Xavier Hitchen, Caleb Rooney, Jayda McNoe and Cameron Doake.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

This week members of the Temuka District Lions Club came to school to assist students in a community project, planting out a refreshed garden area at the school's back gate area. We thank the Temuka District Lions Club very much for both their physical assistance, and for the grant they gave the school towards plants for the area. It is intended that the student environmental group will maintain the garden.



Above: Quintessa Schoknecht
Right: Mrs Bergamini



HELL PIZZA READING CHALLENGE

Kia ora,

Children who have been participating in the 2017 HELL Reading Challenge will have the chance to exchange their completed pizza wheels for free pizzas when the HELL Pizza caravan tours South Canterbury in the October school holidays.

Here's the itinerary for the caravan tour:

Wednesday 4 October:

Temuka

10.30am-12.30pm

in the public car park behind Temuka Library, 72-74 King Street, Temuka

Geraldine

3.00pm-5.00 pm

in front of the Geraldine Library and Service centre, 80 Talbot Street, Geraldine

And here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

- Children can exchange any completed pizza wheel for a free pizza.
- There will be no limit on the number of pizza wheels that children can redeem. The HELL Pizza caravan only tours once a year, so children are encouraged to redeem as many wheels as they like!
- Members of the public will also be able to purchase pizzas from the caravan. However priority will be given to children redeeming their pizza wheels.
- Completed pizza wheels can also be redeemed at any HELL Pizza outlet throughout New Zealand until 3 December 2017.

TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE NEWS

September 2017

Opihi College welcomes Ara

On 11th September, Opihi College Technology and Science departments welcomed Ara Institute of Canterbury for the first STEM workshop—Aerodynamix. This workshop saw approximately 35 students from Years 9 to 13 take part in an exciting day building rockets and gliders.

The Ara team drove down from Christchurch with all their equipment including three awesome 3D printers. This was their first away trip to a school for this project, so were feeling a little nervous when they arrived. They, however, were excited to get started and despite a few technical glitches, our students were soon learning about missions to Mars, designing, programming and 3D printing parts for their gliders and rockets.

Cross-curricular links

It was a very exiting day for Technology and Science as we were able to show some of the potential projects which we could develop for our students as we approach a period of change at Opihi College. Not only did the students have to understand the physics of flight, they had to use this knowledge to design and print parts for their projects. The day presented some real life challenges which were discussed in the groups with the leaders and potential solutions were discovered.

We are very keen to continue developing these curriculum links and who knows what the future may bring...

Our special thanks to Miranda, Emily and Stephanie from Ara and the amazing Fab Lab Team for your amazing effort and awesome day.

Thanks to Mrs Shaw, Miss Carnihan and Mrs Herbert for arranging this event.

Aerodynamix @ Ara Insitute, Christchurch

Some of our students signed up for a holiday workshop at Ara in Christchurch over the winter holidays. Despite the wild weather we were determined to get up there and learn more about rocketry. Our students were joined by other from around the Canterbury region and built their own rockets which went on to launch as high as 160m. What a great trip, they even had the chance to meet the NASA pilot who is currently charged with Sofia.



BASKETBALL 2017

A big thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents for the time and effort they have put into our basketball students this year. It is a big commitment taking a basketball team, and we really appreciate all that you do - without your support these teams would not happen. Special mention must go to David Taylor and Sally Mulvena who both coached two basketball teams this year.



Teams

Year 7/8 Girls - Natalie Bergamini
Year 7/8 Boys - David Taylor
Year 9/10 Girls - Sally Mulvena
Year 9/10 Boys - David Taylor
Senior Boys - Kate Manson
Senior Girls - Sally Mulvena



Congratulations go to all the teams for trying your best all season and showing the CARE values of Community (being a good ambassador), Acceptance (building positive relationships) and Excellence (aiming high and being the best person you can be).

Kate Manson
Basketball
Co-ordinator



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING



Congratulations to the Kowhai House team of Joshua Welford, Halle Welford, Chimera Miller and Logan Scott-Walton (pictured above), who competed very successfully at the Special Olympics held at CBay recently. The relay team of Halle Welford, Josh Welford, Chimera Miller and Tessa (TGHS) won the Relay Event which was very exciting.

Results:

Halle Welford	1st	15m Freestyle
	1st	25m Freestyle
	2nd	15m Backstroke
Joshua Welford	1st	15m Kickboard
	2nd	15m Freestyle
	3rd	25m Freestyle
Chimera Miller	3rd	15m Backstroke
	4th	15m Freestyle
Logan Scott-Walton	4th	25m Freestyle
	2nd	15m Walk
	3rd	15m Kickboard

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

Phone Nicola 021 622 942

Like us on Facebook: "Temuka Athletics Club"

TEMUKA SWIM CLUB

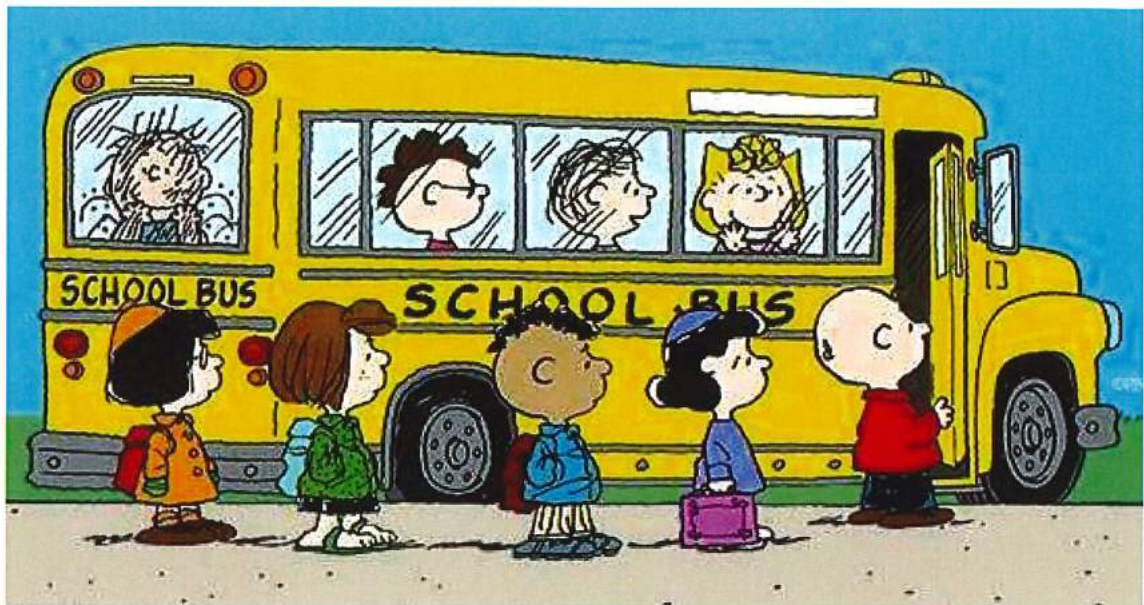
Registrations Thursday 26th October 5-6pm

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*.



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.



TEMUKA TOUCH

Season Commences
Wednesday 18 October 2017

Gunnion Square, Domain Avenue, Temuka

GRADES

OPEN	MIXED	YOUTH Year 9-13	JUNIORS Year 5-8
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ENTRY FEES:	OPEN AND MIXED	\$50.00 PER TEAM
	YOUTH & JUNIORS	\$30 PER TEAM

Entry Forms available from Heather George,
27 Princes Street Temuka – Phone 6158963

Entries Close: Friday 13 October 2017

Te Rito South Canterbury presents

Effects of STRESS on the BRAIN



Kathryn Berkett

Recognising the signs, and what to do about it to maintain healthy relationships

October 26th 2017

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Mountainview High School Auditorium
97 Pages Road, Timaru

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL.

Contact Amanda Hawker on 027 379 4842 or email terito@pssc.co.nz

Kathryn has been training audiences since 2007. Kathryn has a unique ability to engage audiences, convey complex information in an easy-to-listen to, easy-to-understand way.

Her intense passion for what she does comes across when she presents. Audiences constantly comment on how easy it was to listen to a session from Kathryn (even those who often struggle to concentrate!)

TE RITO
SOUTH CANTERBURY
Working together to keep South Canterbury safe and violence free



Entry: Gold coin donation to raise money for the Resiliency Toolkit run by the YMCA

TEMUKA COLOUR CANTER

A Fun Run or Walk With Colour

LIMITED TICKETS

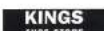
Temuka Domain Oval
Saturday 28th October 2017

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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.



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