

Opihi - on campus



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RUGBY WORKSHOP

Recently six Year 7/8 boys took up the opportunity to attend a rugby skills workshop at Waihi School. The New Zealand Heartland XV rugby team, coached by South Canterbury's Heartland coach Barry Matthews ran the boys through some drills and skills. It was filmed for Heartland TV. The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were pleased they attended the workshop. Big thanks to Andy Taylor who took the boys there.



Modelling the new Opihi College caps: (Front) Paul Shrestha, Fergus Talbot. (Back) Dylan Donehue, Josh Crichton, Elyse Warnock, Shalai Gibson.

OPIHI COLLEGE CAPS

We've added a cap to our school uniform lineup. Available now at the school office for \$10 each. A sample is available to try on.



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. Only \$5 per pair.





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

It's almost scary the way this school term is passing so rapidly. We have recently farewelled our senior students. All students have begun their study leave. If your student is sitting external exams, we appreciate your support in helping them to maintain a study schedule.

NCEA Exams

NCEA Exams started this week. All students have been informed of the expectations during the exams. These expectations are set down by NZQA. We have also reminded students that Year 11's and 12's must attend exams in full uniform. Year 13's may wear appropriate mufti.

We wish all students every success in their exams and believe their results will be a reflection upon the time and effort that they have put into their studies during the school year.

Awards Ceremonies

Tuesday 12th December is the date of our annual Awards Ceremonies; our celebrations of student academic, sporting and cultural success.

Students will attend school in the morning, with Year 7 to 10 students beginning school at the usual 8.30, and senior students attending at 9.30. At 11.00 we will be holding our "Day Prizegiving" where we will celebrate sports, cultural and some academic achievements. Students will be released to go home after that ceremony, then will return at 6.45 for the evening Awards Ceremony.

Parents/family/whanau are welcomed to both events.

The 'free' afternoon is in lieu of attending in the evening. All students are expected to attend the awards night unless the school receives a letter of explanation from the parent/caregiver prior to the event. Students who do not attend will be regarded as truant and will be expected to make up the time missed. Students attend in full uniform.

Uniform

***** As with any uniform changes, there will be a two year phase in period, so students who have existing uniform items can continue to use them until the end of 2019.***

As a result of feedback from our school community we have reviewed our school uniform. The main focus of that feedback over the past year has been about the junior uniform. We revisited the comments received and the current uniform and have made a change so that from 2018:

- All junior students will be wearing the light blue polo shirt (the same as the current 'boys') paired with the kilt, a navy skirt or navy shorts (both boys and girls styles of shorts will be available from The Warehouse in January).
- All students may choose to wear white or black turn over socks, the current striped grey 'school' sock, the over the knee black socks or black stockings.
- We have introduced a 'school' cap which is available from the school office. Students may now choose between the bucket hat, the cap or the wide-brimmed navy hat.
- Seniors will continue to wear a white shirt, however we are sourcing a new heavier fabric – these will be available (and can also be pre-ordered) from the school office. These new shirts come in a long or short sleeved option, and both options have a straight bottom so do not have to be tucked in. They can be worn with or without a tie.
- We will no longer have a 'summer' and 'winter' uniform – all items will be 'mix and match' and can be worn throughout the year

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We hope that these changes will make our uniform more practical for our students and parents.

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

School, whanau and community in this together so if we share our resources and skills we will achieve great things for our tamariki.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal

UPDATED: Opihi College Uniform – School Regulations 2018

Junior Uniform (Years 7-10)

Tops

- Mid-blue polo shirt with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water resistant jacket.

Bottoms

- Navy blue walk shorts
- Inverted pleat navy skirt
- Long black dress trousers
- “Blue Watch” tartan kilt

Socks

- White turn over top ankle socks
- Black turn over top ankle socks
- Black stockings or black over the knee socks
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Senior Uniform (Years 11-13)

Tops

- White straight hem, short sleeve, collar band, shirt
- White long sleeve, collar band shirt (must be tucked in)
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water resistant jacket.
- school blazer and tie (optional Year 11-12, compulsory in Year 13)

Bottoms

- Navy blue walk shorts
- Inverted pleat skirt navy
- Long black dress trousers
- “Blue Watch” tartan kilt

Socks

- White turn over top ankle socks
- Black turn over top ankle socks
- Black stockings or black over the knee socks
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Uniform items are only available from The Warehouse, Timaru or the College Office.

Other items - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear black, leather or leather look, shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes. Shoes must be able to be polished, not suede or canvas. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are strongly advised to wear a blue school bucket hat or school cap in Term 1 and Term 4. Both styles can be purchased from the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies and scarves may be worn during Term 2 and 3.
- PE uniform - Opihi College PE shirt with black shorts (mid-thigh maximum length and no cycle type shorts). A change of socks is to be worn with gym shoes. On cold days a black tracksuit or a plain coloured sweatshirt in your house colour and black track pants can be worn. *(The P.E. shirts are only available to purchase through the school office.)*



PERSONAL PRESENTATION – SCHOOL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all students.

- Hair must be clean, tidy (out of eyes) and tied up if longer than shoulder length. No extremes including changing hair to unnatural colours. Boys must be clean-shaven. Hair ties must be in school colours. (Blue, black, brown and white.)
- A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn inside clothing. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required.
- Students may only wear plain silver or gold stud earrings in their ears at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with school uniform.

The school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly at all times.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

30th October 2017
Aaron Beecroft-Suddens

6th November 2017
Lachlan Ackroyd



SCPSSA MOUNTAIN BIKING

The annual Mountain Biking event for primary school students was held at Centennial Park in Timaru on Wednesday 1st November. Four Year 7/8 boys from Opihi College travelled in to participate this year. Logan Pannett, Mitchell Brookland and Trey Poutai competed in the A grade—Logan placing 6th. Lachie White successfully finished the 5km race in the B Grade event.



Well done boys, this event requires fitness, stamina, biking skills and speed.

Natalie Bergamini



TEMUKA SWIMMING POOL

Opening for the season
Friday 17th November
Child \$2.50 Adult \$4.00



SPLASH FOR CASH

Saturday 25th November 2017
After the Temuka Christmas Parade

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November	17	Close of nominations for Opihi College Board of Trustees Parent Representative Election
	21	Aoraki Ki-O-Rahi Cricket –Year 7&8 Boys
	23	Cricket –Year 7&8 Girls
	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
	15	Kilt Fitting 3 -4pm <i>Last day for Kilt Orders</i>

RETURNS

Could the following items please be returned to the school as soon as possible:

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

Thank you

MANDY'S TUCK SHOP

Please note the school canteen will close for the year on Friday 1st December 2017.

Your support is appreciated.

2018 CALENDAR

January	25	School Office opens
	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Confirmation Peer Support training Industry Visits
	31	Years 7 and 13 only
February	1	Whole School begins
	5	Mihi Whakatau
	6	Waitangi Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i>

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FAIR

10am–12noon Sunday 12th November
Corner SH1 & Heaton Street, Timaru



‘THANK YOU’ to all who supported our Haunted Hall fundraiser, and to Mrs Lovatt for her hard work organizing this. As you can see, our students have enjoyed learning about costuming, makeup and theatrics!

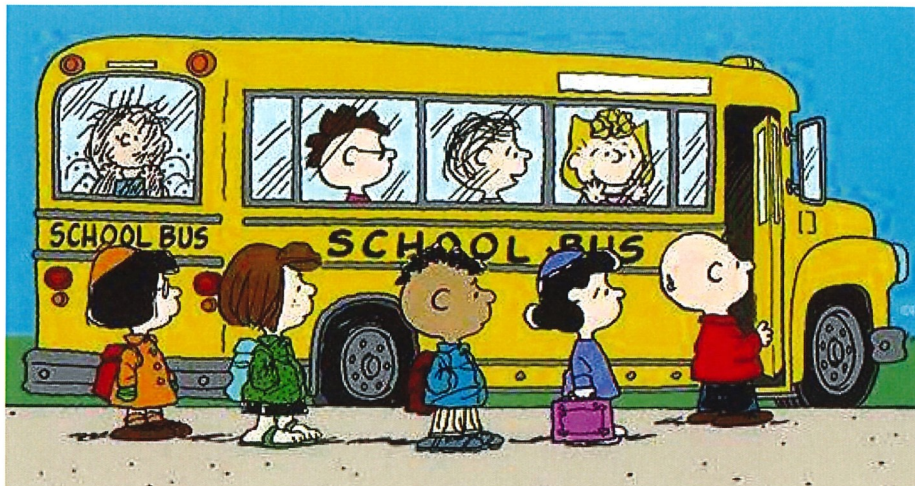




Pictured are some of our junior technology students' completed projects.

Left: Vili Loilagi

Right: Joshua Herpacio



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.

Go Geraldine Christmas Parade:

**Friday 1st December
from 6.30 pm.**

Leaving from the corner of Hislop St, travelling along Talbot St to Peel St. Entertainment, float prizes and santa sack draw in **Domain from 7.15 pm**. Bring a picnic or purchase from the food stalls.

For float entry forms contact Janene on 027 555 6524.

HAYLEY BUTCHER DANCE STUDIO CONCERT

Where: Opihi College Hall

When: Sunday December 3rd

Times: First Show 2pm

Second Show & Prizegiving 6pm

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from Temuka Primary School hall on Mondays at 3-5.30pm, Winchester Primary School office, Pleasant Point Primary School office.

Raffles, snacks and drinks available at the show.

Come along for some great entertainment from dancers aged from 3-11 years with Tap Dancing, Jazz, Hiphop, Song and Dance, Trios, Duos and Troupes.

Geraldine Gun Club Invites new members, young and old, to visit and find out all that we have to offer. We offer excellent facilities and equipment for the experienced as well as those completely new to target shooting. This is a great parent/child activity to do together and we provide training and support for all with a friendly and knowledgeable team in hand to help. Training is held on Wednesday evenings and there are plenty of competition events as well. For more information please contact Tim on 0274 923 296.



Exciting news for all the faithful followers of the annual Woodbury Every Women's Events: The organisers are pleased to announce that planning is underway to develop the event with a fresh new look, different date and course to be announced in the coming months. Plenty of notice and info will be provided once plans are finalised and in the meantime a big thank you to all the past supporters and participants and here's to looking forward to future events which will be even more fun and challenging!

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/everywomensduathlon/> for all the latest news.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of TWO parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 17th November 2017 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 1st December 2017.

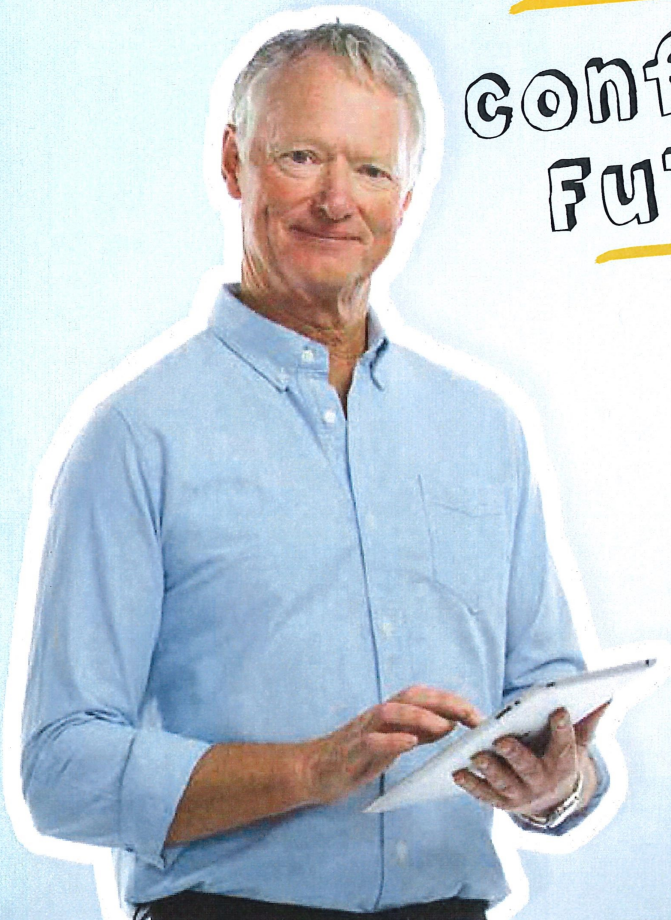
Signed

S. Patrick
Returning Officer



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Make a difference. Become a school trustee.

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning. Make a difference and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from your school.

Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz

**YOUR RETURNING
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**SCHOOL
TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS**

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CHRISTMAS TREATS



TERM 4 FUNDRAISER

Truffles Salted Caramel 4 pack = \$3.00

Shortbread Giftbox 20 pack = \$5.00

(School makes \$1.00 per pack sold)

Orders and money to be in by
Friday 10th November

To be picked up Tuesday 28th November at the end
of the day

More order forms available from the office

