Opihi - on campus







Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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South Canterbury Athletics Meet

Congratulations to Cody Kereopa, Saxon McNoe and Kyal Dickson who competed in the SCPSA on Tuesday.

It was such a hot day and they performed really well against awesome competitors from various schools.

Cody Kereopa was 3rd in Discus.

Kyal Dickson was 2nd in Baseball Throw, and 3rd in Shot Put.

Saxon McNoe was 2nd in Discus and 3rd in 200m final.

Well Done!





Nau mai Haere mai

All members of our wider community are welcomed to a

Poroporoaki

To be held at Opihi Colllege on Sunday 17th December at 6 p.m.

to bless and farewell our current Whare

The whare is being removed to allow for the building of a new whare in 2018/19

You are all invited to join us for kai following the ceremony

The poroporoaki will be held at the Whare - enter from Richard Pearse Drive or more directly from Guild Road

From Across the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

This is our last newsletter for 2017. We have all been so busy that I know our students are looking forward to the end of the school year and the opportunity for a little relaxation. This week we've had students attending Athletics sports and students away at Year 7 Camp. I had the privilege of popping up to camp a couple of times and I am seriously impressed at the opportunities the students have there. Everyone seemed to be having a great time – including the staff.

Buildings

With our new buildings still at the forefront of our vision (even though the process is taking far longer than we would like!), we are making plans for the removing of some of our buildings. One of the buildings that is to be removed over summer is our Whare. We are very aware that many people in our wider community feel a kinship with this space, and are inviting all who would like to attend to a Poroporoaki to bless and farewell the building on December 17th at 6 p.m. As long as the weather is fine we will use the Whare and the space outside it for the ceremony. If it is wet we will move into the school library. We will welcome all attending to share kai with us afterwards. Please see the invitation later in this newsletter.

Awards Ceremony

As I have reminded you in our past few newsletters, 11 a.m. on the morning of 12th December is our Prize-giving. Later that evening is our Awards Ceremony. This is when we will celebrate the 2017 achievements of our students. I encourage you all to come along and help us acknowledge their effort, their hard work and their participation.

He waka eke noa. Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ; ka ora ai te iwi Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson Principal

Start of 2018

Thursday	School Office opens *
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25th January	* Please note there are some days/times the office will be closed due to staff
	training. Check our facebook page for
	details
Monday	Year 11 to 13 Course
29th January	Confirmation
Tuesday	Senior Mentor day
30th January	
Wednesday	8.30 a.m. to 3.10 p.m.
31st January	Year 7 and Senior mentors
	6 p.m. – Year 7 BBQ
Thursday	Whole school
1st February	
Friday	Whole School
2nd February	
Monday	No school – long weekend
5th February	extended for Waitangi Day
Tuesday	Waitangi Day – no school
6 th February	
Wednesday	Mihi Whakatau -
7th February	Welcome to all new students
	and staff

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	Mon 29th Jan— Fri 13th April 2018
Term 2	Mon 30th April—Fri 6th July 2018
Term 3	Mon 23rd July—Fri 28th Sept 2018
Term 4	Mon 15th Oct—Wed 12th Dec 2018

2018 STATIONERY LISTS

All 2018 stationery lists will be available on our website or via the links on our facebook page.



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.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

27th November 2017 Mia Andreassend



FAREWELL Opihi College is sadly farewelling our cleaning staff at the close of the school year:

Elva Brogden Hamish Deam Richard Hopkinson Leonie Deam We would like to thank them for their many years of hard work.



Miss Stark is beginning a one year leave of absence, to return in 2019.

THANK YOU!

Many times we are supported by some wonderful local businesses! We would like to acknowledge their support, and encourage our Opihi families to remember to shop local!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December	11	OED Day, Year 10
	12	 Senior Returns Day Day Prizegiving 11 am Evening Awards Ceremony 7.00pm
	15	Kilt Fitting 3 -4pm Last day for Kilt Orders
	17	6pm Poroporoaki to bless and farewell our Whare

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

A reminder of our policy, as adopted by the Opihi College Board of Trustees in 2015: *Smoking is banned on school grounds by staff, students or visitors; and this includes all artificial smoking devices (such as e-cigarettes and vaping devices).*

WANTED

White Water-based Paint Our groundsman would love any donations of unwanted white water -based paint—Any brand, Any age—for use in marking of fields. If you have any spare please drop of



If you have any spare, please drop off to the school office.



Displaying their Technology projects are Zac Campbell & Dylan Donehue









LET US HELP YOUR STUDENTS

YOUR SCHOOL CAN RECEIVE UP TO 10% OF SALES ON SCHOOLTEX PURCHASES.

SCHOOLTEX SCHOOL UNIFORMS AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT YOUR LOCAL THE WAREHOUSE STORE

the warehouse //

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.





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

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.





TEMUKA SPORTS GROUP PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS

Congratulations to all the junior students who competed in this sports event. The following athletes were placed:

2nd Discus

1st Discus

1st 800m

3rd Shotput

3rd Sprints

3rd Long Jump

Mia Andreassend Anika Bagrie

- Lyndon Bennett Jaxson Cullen Molly Davidson
- Grace Bennett Kyal Dickson

Cameron Fikken Sophie Hall

Rylee Harkness Amelia Holland Cody Kereopa

Simon Lehman

3rd Discus 1st Shotput 2nd Ball Throw 1st Long Jump 1st Ball Throw **1st Shotput** 2nd Sprints 3rd High Jump 3rd Shotput 1st Discus 3rd Ball Throw 3rd Shotput 3rd Long Jump **1st Shotput** 3rd Ball Throw 2nd Long Jump 2nd Sprints 3rd Ball Throw

2nd Long Jump

3rd Sprints

Kirsty McBride Joel McCone Laynee McDonald Saxon McNoe Amber Moore Logan Pannett Liam Pelvin Ryan Sherriff-Wardell Anika Smith Sophie Stewart Bryett Taylor Regan Thomas Elyse Warnock

1st Sprints 3rd 800m 3rd Discus **3rd Sprints** 2nd Shotput 1st High Jump 1st Long Jump 1st Ball Throw 1st Shotput **1st Sprints** 1st 800m 2nd High Jump 2nd High Jump 2nd 800m 2nd Long Jump 2nd Ball Throw 2nd Shotput 2nd High Jump 2nd Shotput **3rd Sprints** 2nd= High Jump 1st Long Jump 1st Shotput 3rd Long Jump 2nd Discus 2nd Shotput 2nd Ball Throw 2nd 800m 3rd Long Jump 2nd Sprints



New Records Set:

Molly Davidson Kyal Dickson

Rylee Harkness Saxon McNoe

Anika Smith

Sophie Stewart

12+ Boys Shotput 10.90m 12+ Boys Ball Throw 44.20m 12+ Boys Long Jump 4.35m 12+ Girls Shotput 7.32m U12 Boys Shotput 11.90m U12 Boys Ball Throw 41.40m U12 Boys Long Jump 4.67m U12 Boys High Jump 1.30m 12+ Girls Long Jump 3.20m U12 Girls Shotput 7.23m

U11 Girls Shotput 6.58m

Congratulations to you all on a great performance!



15-19 January 2018 New <u>8.30am</u> start time The Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru

Need entertainment for your children over the Summer holiday break?

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children <u>aged 5-13 years.</u> Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available.

REGISTER TODAY





Full details and to register on line go to

www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751 Limited Spaces available ...

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8th January 2018



LIMARU COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday 25 December 2017 12 noon - Christmas Day Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru

ALL WELCOME - NO CHARGE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL CALL MELISSA: 0204 007 3351 OR 684 4410

DONATIONS APPRECIATED - ASB BANK 12-3159-0111099-00 FACEBOOK: Timaru Community Christmas Dinner EMAIL: timaru.ccd.bookings@gmail.com

Transport

Available

Coming soon to Timaru! Hip Hop Summer Jam. A family, friendly & fun 2day dance competition for all ages, all dance styles during the summer school holidays January 2018. A community event that expresses the Hip Hop culture with open floor freestyle dance sessions, All style battles (any style of dance), Bboy/Bgirl battles, live graffiti artists, live performances Prize money & Prizes also up for grabs. Dance Workshops taught by highly experienced and qualified dancers in Krumping/Animation/Ladies only workshop/ Bgirl & Bboying.

For more information contact Chantelle Litten on Facebook or 0273734544 or chantellelitten@hotmail.com





Tennis South Canterbury School Holiday Programme For Junior Beginner Players (7-12yrs)

9.00am – 12 noon

20th – 21st December 2017

(Can sign up for one or both days) **Registration Fees:**

\$30.00 per day/child or \$50.00 per child for both days Registrations close: Wednesday 13TH DECEMBER 2017

Please see our website for Registration Form and further information or email: <u>coordinator@tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz</u> www.tennissouthcanterbury.co.nz



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

<u>Socks</u>

- 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

<u>Socks</u>

- 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.

OPIHI COLLEGE JERSEYS Still Available at Kings Shoe Store in Temuka. These are winter weight 100% wool jerseys and available in a variety of sizes for \$99 each.

SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORM

Please note there is no longer a designated summer and winter uniform. Students can choose on a daily basis which uniform items they will wear.

WHITE BLOUSES

The junior white blouses are being phased out over a two year period. Junior Girls are allowed to continue to wear the white blouse until the end of 2019.

Other items - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear black, <u>leather or leather look</u>, 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 saftey reasons as required.
- Students may only wear <u>plain</u> 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.