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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to all our students on their successes in the 2017 NCEA Examinations!



Well done to our students who achieved Excellence and Merit Endorsements

(Pictured above) Cody Crawshaw, Kayla Bagrie, Shania Cochrane, Alex Uden, Evan Crosse, Lucy Cooper, Rochelle Johnson, Liam Mulligan, Stevie Loudon, Caleb Rippin, Rebecca Denley, TJ Guile, Ebony Keeley, Lydia Smith.



Level 1 Excellence Endorsements:

(Pictured left) Megan Calder, Mya Stratford, Victor Savage, Aaliyah Fenton and Jessica Marshall.

Level 2 Excellence Endorsements:

(Pictured right) Louise Rippin & Jack Guo.



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

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Signed _____



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to the new school year and in particular welcome to the students, parents/ caregivers, whanau and staff who have joined Opihi College in 2018. I trust that the first two very short weeks of the school year have gone well and that you have settled into the routines of term time. We were very happy to see so many Year 7 students and their families joining our staff at the "Welcome Year 7's" barbeque after their first day at school. The event was hosted by our Senior Mentors who did a great job throughout the day with our new junior students. Thank you Ms Manson for organising this event and the staff and students who did so much of the preparation during the day. To all the parents who came along, I would like to express our appreciation of your support. The transition from Primary school to a secondary environment introduces new challenges to our youngest students, and your on-going support with those changes makes the transition so much more comfortable for your students. Your support is vital to successful outcomes for your students.

New staff

We have also welcomed new staff this year. We have appointed Mr Paul Dominikovich to the position of Head of Faculty; Maths. Mrs Rolalie Recio has begun as a Maths teacher, teaching junior and senior Maths. Mr Tom Wallis is spending this year with us teaching Agriculture and PE in place of Miss Sarah Stark who is on leave this year. We are fortunate to have been able to appoint teachers of such high calibre and are looking forward to 2018 with them. During the year both Mrs Rebecca Verge (English) and Mr Eric Peters (DVC and junior Maths) were appointed to permanent positions with Opihi College and it is wonderful to know that these two will be remaining with us.

Over the holidays we were pleased to welcome our new Caretaker Mr Bruce Mattingly. Mr Mattingly has come to us from Mountainview High School, where he has worked for the last 17 years.

NCEA Results 2017

This is the time when we have the opportunity to reflect upon the successes of 2017. Our provisional NCEA results for last year show that we have some very good rates of success as detailed in the summary below.

2017 Endorsements:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Merit	23%	12%	19%
Excellence	11%	6%	
Total passed	82%	70%	44%

89% of our students gained NCEA Literacy and 96% of our students gained NCEA Numeracy.

We are very proud of our all of our students who have gained NCEA qualifications. We are particularly proud of those who have gained endorsements. Equally, our staff, who have guided students to these achievements, deserve acknowledgement for all of the extra time they have put into conferencing with students, assisting them in sourcing the additional resources they needed and putting pressure on them to always give their best. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and committed staff who are willing to 'go the extra mile' for the benefit of our students. Thank you.

Mihi Whakatau

Earlier this week we formally welcomed all of our new students and staff with a mihi whakatau. It is always a moving celebration, and I take this opportunity to thank our existing staff and students for the way they welcomed the new members to our school. Their resounding haka made a stirring welcome, at the same time formalising our use of the gym as our formal space for the interim.



Buildings

As you are aware, this year should see the beginning of our new buildings. Over the holidays the old sheds and boiler house were removed along with our Whare. Whilst it is very sad to see our Whare dismantled, we welcome the opportunity to create a new space. In the meantime, we have blessed Te Kainga (the previous AV Suite) as our temporary home of Maoridom at Opihi College. Our thanks to Te Wera and guests who took part in that blessing on Wednesday.

No doubt your students have told you that some of their classes are happening in 'new' spaces in school this year. We have turned the Hall into four classroom spaces and are also using some other smaller areas around the school for classes. Whilst we hope that all of this is short term, I'm not prepared to put any guarantees on how long we might or might not need to use these areas. As you will know if you have followed this saga with us, the process to new buildings is a long and winding one!

Finally

I am sure that in 2018 we will go on to build on the successes of 2017. As I said to our Year 7 students and parents, research has proven over and over again that it is those students who get involved in what schools have to offer who will gain the most out of their education years. For this reason we expect all students to be involved in the wider school life, participating in either sporting or cultural activities (or both) during the year. I expect to meet many parents, caregivers and whanau during the school year as we open the school for mentoring and course conferencing. I encourage you to stay involved with your child's education and to support their progress during the coming year.

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

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal



Congratulations to our 2017 Dux and Proxime Accessit

*Pictured:
2017 Dux Abigail Blay
and
Proxime Accessit Tegan
Robertson*



INTRODUCING OUR 2018 STUDENT LEADERS

Our Head Students for 2018, pictured above with Miss Johnson, are Jessica Marshall (BOT Representative), Liam Mulligan (Head Boy), Rochelle Johnson (Deputy Head Student) and Lucy Cooper (Head Girl)

2018 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Rata = Cole Robertson, Shae Twaddle-Best & Mya Stratford
Pacific = Stevie Loudon, Jayden Kellas-Taylor & Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris.

Aoraki = Kayla Bagrie & Evan Crosse

Opihi = Cody Crawshaw, Leah Webb & Victor Savage.

*Our House Captains, pictured below, are:
(Back row) Kayla Bagrie, Cole Robertson, Shae Twaddle-Best, Jayden Kellas-Taylor, Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris, Cody Crawshaw.
(Front row) Mya Stratford, Leah Webb, Victor Savage, Stevie Loudon and Evan Crosse (inset).*



NCEA RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students:

Merit Endorsements:

Level 1—Rebecca Denley, Shania Cochrane, Alex Uden, Lydia Smith, TJ Guile, Ebony Keeley, Kayla Bagrie, Evan Crosse, Stevie Louden.

Level 2 –Lucy Cooper, Caleb Rippin, Liam Mulligan, Rochelle Johnson.

Level 3—Shanique Guile, Abigail Blay, Ellen Crosse, Sian Louden.

Excellence Endorsements:

Level 1—Aaliyah Fenton, Megan Calder, Victor Savage, Mya Stratford, Jessica Marshall.

Level 2—Jack Guo, Louise Rippin.

ADVENTURE SKILLS ACADEMY – Discovering how you can go beyond your limits

During the holidays, while most students were enjoying their time relaxing, Kayla Bagrie and Cody Crawshaw took up the opportunity to go away on a 9 day Adventure Skills Academy just outside of Nelson. They had applied for this last year and were accepted to go to Whenua Iti Outdoors. Even now, three weeks after they have returned, they are both still buzzing about this experience. Not only did it teach them outdoors skills, but gave them a chance to show themselves as leaders and experience some of the most beautiful parts of the South Island.

Their first day on camp was spent completing team building activities and getting to know their group and instructors. They then spent two days caving in Takaka. They said that these caves were amazing as they had tight squeezes, open spaces, stalagmites, stalagtites and a river going through them. If you think of the caves you experienced during Year 7 camp, and then multiply them by 100. That is how awesome they were.

Following that, they then spent 3 days kayaking. One day was learning vital skills like rolling your kayak and getting out of it. The next two days were definitely the highlight for Cody and Kayla – kayaking in the Abel Tasman for two days. They kayaked 12km from Marahau to Mosquito Bay and then back again. Along the way they were lucky enough to see orca and seals.

The next 3 days were spent doing a 44km tramp through the Kahurangi Scenic which was both physically and mentally demanding. While tramping, they had to carry their own packs, sleeping gear, and all the group gear including food. While the first day of tramping only took them 3 hours, the second day was the most gruelling, with 10 hours of tramping. The sights were amazing along the way and they were both very pleased to see Dry Rock Shelter which was to be their bed for the night. However hard this tramp was, it was also a highlight for Cody who loved the challenge of it and the whole environment they were exploring.

This experience has now inspired Kayla and Cody to do more outdoor adventures in the future. They already are part of our adventure racing team, and say that Outward Bound would be something to aspire too as well. Both would love to return to the Abel Tasman region to undertake more adventures. They would strongly recommend this Adventure Skills Academy to anyone that is wanting a physical and mental challenge.





FAREWELL

Opihi College is sadly farewelling two staff members as they are retiring - Caretaker Mr Percy Goldfinch, and long serving staff member Mrs Margaret Waddington.

Mrs Waddington has had a lifelong involvement with Opihi College (and the former Temuka High School).

Mrs Waddington, or Miss Ross as she was known then, was a past pupil of the school, receiving several years of her secondary school education here. At that time, her mother Phyllis Ross was on staff as a Teacher of French. In the 1980's Miss Ross returned to the school as a new teacher, and taught alongside fellow teacher, and future husband, Mr David Waddington. After a break from teaching while she raised her family, Mrs Waddington returned to the school in 1998 where she has taught ever since. On returning she taught a variety of subjects, including Fabric, Transition and junior Maths alongside her brother Mr Stephen Ross and sister Mrs Mary Preddy. She has held a number of roles in her time here and has had a keen interest in assisting students with special educational needs. Until her retirement last week, she has been ably managing Kowhai House and working as the SENCO at our school. After so many years of hard work it is hard to thank her for all she has done, and we will definitely miss Mrs Waddington's smiling face and keen interest in her students progress here at Opihi College.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February	14	Yr 7&8 Swimming - <i>BG1 BG2 MN1 MN2</i>
	15	Year 11 Farmbikes Course
	16	Swimming Sports—Heats <i>11.00—1.30pm</i>
	19	Yr 7 & 8 Swimming <i>BG2 & MN2</i>
	20	Yr 7 & 8 Swimming <i>BG1 & MN1</i>
	23	Swimming Sports—Finals <i>1.00—3.00pm</i>
	23	Year 12 Tractors Course
	26	NZ Defence Force Visit
	28	Athletics Day
March	1	UC Liasion Visit
	5	Yr 7 & 8 Swimming <i>BG2 & MN2</i>
	6	Yr 7 & 8 Swimming <i>BG1 & MN1</i>
	6-8	Geography Field Trip
	9	Yr 12 Fencing Course
	14	Yr 7&8 Swimming - <i>BG1 BG2 MN1 MN2</i>

JAPANESE TRIP 2018

In September this year, seven senior students accompanied by Mr Lindblom and Mrs Walsh are travelling to Japan for our biennial Japanese Language trip.

The students have been busy fundraising for their trip through a variety of different activities. They started their fundraising off by holding a stall at the Temuka Christmas Parade. They have been doing sausage sizzles at Mitre 10 and rogueing paddocks and picking potatoes to date. Their current activities include a raffle which has 5 prizes in which the winner gets to make the first choice of prizes, followed by second place getter making the second choice right through until the 5th prize. Prizes for this raffle are: Half an hour scenic flight, a handcrafted King Single Quilt, Trailer load of wood, \$40 Voucher from Main Street Butchery in Temuka and the Services of an Electrician (labour only) for up to 8 hours. The students and their families have been out and about selling these raffles to friends, neighbours and families but also at the supermarket over a couple of different days. We have the raffle available for purchase at the Front Office also. Future fundraising includes a Breakfast at Village Café at the Highfield Mall, Timaru, Housie / Bingo night - date and time plus venue to be confirmed, a Disco, selling bacon and they will also be selling some really yummy fudge during the winter. Along the way they have also picked up a few odd jobs painting, shifting furniture etc. If you have any jobs that you need a hand with contact Kathy in the office and I can pass it on to the students and their families.

Kathy Walsh

SCHOOL HEALTH CLINICS FOR 2018

School health clinics will be held weekly on Thursdays over the lunchtime with Public Health Nurse Claire Neilson. Students can self refer, teachers can ask a student to attend, or parents/caregivers can contact Claire or ask their son/daughter to attend. This is a free service for all students in the school. The clinics are held in the medical room near the student office. Students are encouraged to discuss any health concern they may have with a parent/caregiver but the clinics are confidential. The nurse will see a wide variety of issues such as vision/hearing, skin problems such as acne, sports and other injuries, sexual health/contraception, weight/nutrition advice, low mood and other mental health, quit smoking support.

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION FOR 2018

In 2018 students will be offered Year 7 Dtap one dose only (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis or whooping cough) and Year 8 HPV9 2 doses (Human Papilloma virus). The school nurse will visit the school to arrange education about these vaccines. At this time the consent forms for Year 7 and Year 8 students will be given to students to take home. Notice will be given when this education will occur and the date for immunization for consented students. Immunisations are scheduled to occur in South Canterbury schools weeks of 12th and 19th March and weeks 10th and 17th September for HPV only.

Claire Neilson
Public Health Nurse

YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST

The Lions Club of NZ are offering the opportunity for any student between 16 – 21 years of age, to participate in a public speaking competition. Entrants will be required to deliver a speech, on any topic, which is between 5-6 minutes long. They will also need to do an impromptu speech of no more than 2 minutes. District finals will be held during May. The winners will then travel to the National Finals in August. The overall national winner receives a trip to USA/Canada for 4-6 weeks!! Any student that is interested, needs to see Miss Henderson for an entry form.

UNIFORM

The Opihi College Uniform Shop has in stock a range of Opihi college hats - your choice of a cap, a bucket hat or a beanie - new hats are all \$10 each. New PE tops are also in stock, with most sizes available, for \$60 each.



The College is selling its stock of rental Blazers - these are available for sale for \$100 each. These are in great condition and still available in most sizes.



Also available are a range of black elastic waist sports shorts suitable for PE. These are pre-loved, but in great condition and only \$5 a pair. Still a good range of sizes of these unisex shorts available.

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

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).

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Sunday 1st April
Open Floor Jam | 1vs1 Bboy/Bgirl Battles
1vs1 All style Battle Semis & Finals
Free Breaking Workshop
Free Animation Workshop
Live Graffiti Artist & Graffiti Competition

And ALSO:
Live DJ | BBQ | Prizes | Prize money | Live Performances,
Judges Showcases from well known Common Ground Crew
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WHERE:
West End Hall

WHEN:
Saturday 31st March & Sunday 1st April, 12pm- 6pm

ENTRY:
\$10 Adults | \$5 (5-16yrs)
2-DAY pass \$15

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Chicken Salad Bowl	\$5.00
B.L.T Sandwiches	\$5.00
Nacho's	\$5.00
Chicken Burgers	\$4.00
with salad	\$5.00
with cheese	\$5.00
Chicken Nuggets x6	\$4.00
Hot Fries	\$2.50
Hot Wedges	\$2.50
Wedges topped	\$5.00
With onion, bacon cheese Sour cream.	

COLD TREATS

Juicie	\$1.50
Moosie	\$1.50
Ice-cream tub	\$2.00
Slushy cup	\$3.00

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$1.50
Cool Sip Juices	\$2.00
Up and Go	box \$2.50
Orange Juice	Glass \$1.00
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Cool Change Juices	600ml \$4.00
	1Ltr \$5.00

FOOD AVAILABLE

Stuffed Potato	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Pie	\$4.00
Noodles	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Hash browns	2 for \$2.00
Frankfurter	\$3.00
Savouries	\$1.50
Toasted Sandwich	(1/2) \$1.50
Water for Noodles	.50c
Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Sandwich	\$3.00
Mini Donuts	\$4.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Chips / Dorito	\$2.00
Muffin	\$2.00
Licorice	\$1.50
Cookie	\$1.50
Banana Cake or Slices	\$1.00

GLUTEN FREE

Toasty	\$4.00
Muffin	\$3.00
Slice or Cake	\$1.50
Pie	\$4.00

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