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NEW CHAMPIONS AT ATHLETIC SPORTS

Jack Joyce

Jack Joyce

Logan Larsen

Anika Bagrie

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Regan Thomas

Trystana Howard

Trystana Howard

Cody Crawshaw

Cameron Doake

Karn Williams

Shayla Moss

Shavla Moss

Nick Morris

Nick Morris

Kayla Bagrie

Kayla Bagrie

Kayla Bagrie

Michael Livingstone

Rebecca Denley & Hailey Larsen

Regan Thomas Liam Pelvin

Grace Bennett

OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS FOR 2018:

Under 12 and Half Boys Champion Under 12 and Half Boys Track Champion Under 12 and Half Boys Field Champion

Under 12 and Half Girls Champion Under 12 and Half Girls Track Champion Under 12 and Half Girls Field Champion

Under 14 Boys Champion Under 14 Boys Track Champion Under 14 Boys Field Champion

Under 14 Girls Champion Under 14 Girls Track Champion Under 14 Girls Field Champion

Under 16 Boys Champion Under 16 Boys Track Champion Under 16 Boys Field Champion

Under 16 Girls Champion Under 16 Girls Track Champion Under 16 Girls Field Champion

Under 19 Boys Champion Under 19 Boys Track Champion Under 19 Boys Field Champion

Under 19 Girls Champion Under 19 Girls Track Champion Under 19 Girls Field Champion

NEW RECORD Cody Crawshaw Under 16 Boys Triple Jump 11.32m Beating D. Clarence 1997 mark of 10.95m Well done Cody!

House Results:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Aoraki Pacific Opihi Rata 621.66 points 610.5 points 481.83 points 424.99 points







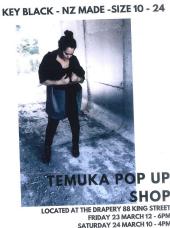
DISCO

Friday 6th April at Temuka Rugby Clubrooms

A group of our students are currently fundraising for a trip to Japan later this year. They are running a Disco on Friday 6th April at the Temuka Rugby Clubrooms from 6 – 7.00pm for all primary aged children and from 7.30 – 9.00pm for students in Year 7 – 10 with a theme of 'Around the World'. Please note this Disco is only for students who attend Temuka, Winchester, St Josephs, Arowhenua Primary Schools and Opihi College. Year 7 and 8 students from Arowhenua Maori School and St Joseph's Primary can choose which Disco they would like to attend. They are most welcome to join the other students from their school at the Primary aged Disco or attend the later one for students from Years 7 – 10 with the students from Opihi College. Entry is \$2.00 and there will be refreshments and glow sticks available for purchase also. Spot Prizes on the night and there will also be Prizes for Best Dressed so get your thinking caps on. Parents of primary aged children are welcome to stay and there will be a separate area for you to sit and have a chat with tea and coffee available.

Tickets are available for purchase from school offices. Please note there will be no door sales. Any enquiries can be directed to Kathy at the Opihi College Office.





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ENQUIRIES TO OPIHI COLLEGE OFFICE – 615 7442



TEMUKA BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Lessons Starting 30 April, 7-9pm. 10 week course.

> Two venues, two choices:

Geraldine - Mondays (Ph Helen, 0274659763),

Temuka - Tuesdays (Ph Robyn, 03 615 9081).

Stimulating & challenging card game for 10yrs+

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

9th March 2018 Piper Lee Suddens Kaia MacPherson



POOL

Congratulations to Shae Twaddle-Best, who has been selected for the team to travel to Wellington in April to compete in a national Pool competition. *Well done Shae!*





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AORAKI ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of the Opihi College Athletics team who competed at the Aoraki Athletics Meet recently.

Some of the great results: **Cody Crawshaw**—1st in Under 16 800m & 2nd Long Jump & 2nd Triple Jump **Karn Williams**—1st in Under 15 Long Jump & 3rd Javelin **Kiarn Prentice**—3rd in Under 15 Triple Jump

The following athletes have been selected to compete at the South Island Athletics competition: Cody Crawshaw, Karn Williams Kiarn Prentice, Shayla Moss & Jared Dickson *Well Done and Best of Luck!*



FOR YOUR CALENDAR			
March	28	BOT Meeting	
	29	SCPSSA Swimming Comp	
	29	ARA Welding Course—Yr11	
	30	Good Friday Stat Holiday—school closed	
April	2	Easter Monday Stat Holiday—school closed	
	3	Easter Tuesday Stat Holiday—school closed	
	10	Aoraki Swimming Comp	
	11	Last Day for Kolourcare Photo orders	
	11	RYDA course—Year 12	
	13	End of Term 1	

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

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes have been handed out to all students for photo orders. Please return orders with payment to the school office. *Last day for photo orders is Wednesday 11th April.* Dear Parents/Caregivers



At Opihi College, we strongly encourage our parents to enrol their child in the <u>Reading Plus</u> <u>program</u>. This is a web-based reading programme that helps students become stronger, more proficient and confident readers.

This program helps students to <u>read faster</u>, <u>recognise new words</u>, <u>and comprehend more of what</u> <u>they have read</u>; enabling them to read more easily <u>across all age levels</u>.

Here are some comments from our students who have used Reading Plus 'I like it because it's easier than reading a book.' 'I can read more fluently. When I first started I was falling behind and now I can keep up.' 'It is a fun way to improve my reading.' 'It tells you the percentage – if I get it wrong I am more careful.'

Reading Plus covers <u>all reading abilities</u> - it helps good readers become excellent readers. We have noticed a big jump in the reading confidence and ability of students using this program correctly. Students really seem to like the tracking of the programme; knowing that they need to consistently achieve an 80% pass rate before they move on to the next level is empowering for them. Reading Plus content goes all the way to Year 13. It is great for extending students.

Although we cover reading skills comprehensively in our class programme, we feel this web-based programme adds depth to a child's skill base, which is why we would like to see as many of our students participate in this program this year. The weekly assignments are completed for homework, with homeroom teacher monitoring and supporting. If you do not have the devices or internet at home, lessons can be completed at school.

The cost of this programme is \$40 per student (\$1 per week at school). **Reading skills are so important for your child – every subject they take requires reading comprehension.** Please consider this when making your decision. Our literacy teacher (Bridget Wilson) is happy to talk to any parent/caregiver who would like to find out more about this programme. Simply indicate below and she will get back to you.

If you would like your child to participate in the Reading Plus program this year, please indicate below.

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I would like Bridget Wilson (literacy teacher) to contact me so I can learn more about the Reading Plus programme before I make my mind up YES / NO

I would like my child _____ Year level _____ to participate in the Reading Plus programme. Enclosed is \$40.

Parent/Caregiver's name: ______Signature ______Signature ______Please return this slip and money in an envelope (addressed to Bridget Wilson) to the college office.

PB4L at Opihi College

As you will be aware, here at Opihi College we use an initiative call 'PB4L'. You may have heard your child talk about our CARE values, or be excited to receive a CARE card or a badge, or you may know about other aspects of this system. Periodically, we will use the newsletters to further explain how PB4L works to enhance learning for your child.

So what is PB4L?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is a Ministry initiative which supports New Zealand schools, early childhood education (ECE) settings, and whanau to promote positive behaviour and create inclusive learning environments that foster well-being and achievement for every child and student.

BACKGROUND

Positive Behaviour for Learning is built on the principles that positive behaviour can be learnt and that environments can be changed to support effective teaching and learning for every child and student. It also reflects the belief that schools and early childhood education settings play a major role in fostering well-being and creating safe, healthy communities.

HOW DOES PB4L SUPPORT INCLUSION?

The New Zealand Curriculum requires that teaching and learning recognises, supports, and builds on **all** students' identities, languages, cultures, and abilities. PB4L helps to develop inclusive learning environments that enable all children and students:

- to participate
- to be engaged
- to achieve
- to **belong**.

Well-being, learning, and behaviour are interlinked. A respectful, inclusive learning environment enables children and students to express their needs and feelings in positive ways that do not set up barriers to learning or achievement.

The New Zealand Curriculum promotes the development of social and emotional competencies. The key competencies, including relating to others, managing self, and participating and contributing, are the "key to learning in every learning area". PB4L helps to create a learning environment where every child or student can experience success by developing and using these key competencies.





SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

As of next term we will be emailing school accounts. If we do not have the appropriate email address for you please fill in the slip below and return to the school office. If you prefer to receive your account via post please indicate below. Remember you can also view your student account via our website portal. Passwords to gain access were emailed out last month.

We do our very best to keep subject costs as low as possible and compare very favourably against other schools in South Canterbury. We also understand that even minimal charges are a struggle for some families. We encourage families in this situation to contact us as we don't want to see students miss out on great opportunities. All matters regarding accounts are kept strictly confidential.

A lot of our families pay their account by regular automatic payments. Some as little as \$5 per week. This is a very easy and effective method. Some find they are in credit by the end of the year, which can be refunded or carried over to the next year. Our bank account can be found on the bottom of our invoices.

Sports and extra-curricular activities are of course optional extras for students but usually come with a cost. Because we have to pay up front for these things to happen, it is a requirement of our school that costs for these are paid before they take place. If you have a regular AP then this is negotiable. If payment is not received then your child will not be able to participate.

If you have any further queries regarding your school account please contact the office directly or email **office@opihicollege.school.nz.**

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS	
Student Name:	-
Parent/Caregiver name:	-
Email:	_
I wish to receive my school account via post YES/NO	

OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS





Temuka United Football Club 2018 Registration

For existing players online between 06/03/18 - 26/03/18 (see our Facebook page if you are not sure how to do this)

New players can register at the club rooms on Richard Pearse Drive on Thursday the 15th of March from 4pm -6pm or Saturday the 17th of March from 10am - 11am

Fees for 2018 6 - 10th grade \$80 11th - 14th grade \$95

Please note registration cut off will be Monday the 26th of March we can not guarantee a place for your player after this date.

ECLIPZ HAIR SALON King Street, Temuka

Ball Hair-Up and Make-up with Carly Combo price only \$90 Please phone 6158 628 to Book

Struggling to read, write, focus and or concentrate? Help available from 6 1/2 years on. Contact Sally McKerchar - ph / txt (027)2224835 *Qualified Irlen Screener*



Temuka Hockey Club

Junior Registration and Have a Go Day with Hayden Shaw

We welcome back previous year's players to register for the 2018 season. We also warmly invite new players in Year 2-8 to come along and have a go with former Black Stick, Hayden Shaw

When: Sunday 25th March Time: 2-3pm Where: Temuka Stadium

Each child will need:

- Mouth guard
- Shin pads
- · Stick (There will be extra sticks for new players to use on the day)



For more information feel free to contact Hayden Shaw. haydenshaw80@gmail.com

Local's specials!

Peel Forest Holiday Program

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Wednesday 18th – Sunday 22 April 9am – 3.30pm daily

Wednesday 18th

Little Mt Peel (Students 8 years and above)

As a group take a hike up to Little Mt Peel and see what you can see from the top! Transport leaving at 8am as we will need a bit more time on this day! Minimum numbers: 7 students

Thursday 19th

Orari River Adventure day (Students 10 years and above)

Take part in an action packed day and have some fun in the water! With an abseil into a canyon/river, river gorge walk, waterfall jump/kayak and a river safe program this is a real highlight for students. **Minimum numbers**: 10 students

Friday 20th

Rock climbing/Abseiling at Spur Road – Timaru (Students 10 years and above) Cost: \$50

Keen to have a go at climbing – this is your chance to learn how to belay and develop your confidence on the rock.

Minimum numbers: 10 students

Transport will be made available daily from Geraldine meeting at Kennedy park gate by Geraldine High school. The bus will leave at **8.30am** and arrive back at **4pm** daily. It will be an additional charge of \$5 per day for transportation per student.

FOR FAMILIES

Saturday 21st

Parent/child Fun Yak kayak adventure (Students 8 years and above)

Great way to bond and have a shared experience with your child. For younger students (below 11 years) we can put together a series of small 4 person rafts that are dynamic and good bouncy fun. Older students can learn to master a two person inflatable kayak either with their parent or another student. You will learn some raft/kayak skills in the slow moving waters of the Rangitata, including paddle strokes and how to get on and off your raft/kayak. You will then have a go at paddling down the grade 2 section of the Rangitata. This is not for the faint hearted and great for students who are keen for a challenge. Minimum numbers: 6 people

Sunday 22th

Rakaia Raft Trip (Students 8 years and above)

Chance to raft the Rakaia gorge – viewing the unique rock formations along the way. This is a grade 2 section which is a great journey and would be suitable for families as well. **Meeting us** at Peel forest outdoor centre – Transport included. **Timeframes:** 8am-4pm

Minimum numbers: 12 people

Contact us here at: 03 6963832, 027 2626049 (Julie Grant – Operations) or email us at <u>info@peelforestoutdoors.org.nz</u> if you are keen to join us for a registration form.



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Cost: \$50

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