Opihi - on campus







Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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··· Saturday, May 5th··

HOUSIE Night

being held at the



Prizes



Raffles

Charitable fundraising event for a Student 2018 Japan Trip

Drinks and nibbles available

Everyone is welcome!

Doors

Open 6.30

Eyes

Down 7.30

From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope you all managed to make the most of the good weather in the first week and spend some quality time with your families. We will be hosting the Education Review Office in Week 3 of this term. We are looking forward to our discussions with them and the opportunity to showcase our students' successes.

Staff

Most of you will be aware that in Term 1 our Librarian and Sports Coordinator, Sally Mulvena, left to take up a leadership role at Temuka Library. We were very fortunate to be able to appoint Debbie Cuthbert to this role.

Term 1 also saw the resignation of science teacher Mr Tevita 'Asi. Mr 'Asi has made the decision to move back full-time to Oamaru, where his family are. We have advertised for a Science teacher; however, in the meantime Ms Tamara Muirson and Mr Joe Grossman will be teaching those classes. We are fortunate to have experienced science teachers to fill in for us, as they know our programmes and can ensure that student learning is not disrupted.

Activities

This term we also have a number of activities planned. Just a quick glance at the school calendar shows Parent/Teacher meetings, Defence Force visits and leadership courses, senior visits to Canterbury and Otago Universities, Health Careers Day, Attitude presentations, Pink Shirt Day, the Senior Ball, our school Cross Country, Japanese trips, St Johns training, and a Technology Showcase evening. When you add in academic challenges, evening and weekend sports as well as the likes of Aoraki squash, football, cycling and basketball competitions, this is going to be a very busy term.

On 24th May we have our Open Day/Evening and we encourage visits form any prospective students and their families. The day is largely aimed at year 6 and year 8 students, however anyone considering enrolling at Opihi College is most welcome to attend.

I am looking forward to another productive term full of successes for our students.

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

Tina Johnson Principal







FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

Mrs Sally Mulvena has been our enthusiastic Librarian, Sports Co-ordinator and relief Bus Driver, for the past eight years. Sally has helped out in many areas of the school during her time here, and her hard work will be missed here at Opihi College. We wish to thank Sally for all her hard work, and wish her all the best for her new role at the Temuka Library.

Mr Tevita Asi has taught Science at Opihi College since last year. He has been an inspiration to our young rugby players during his time here.

STUDENT PROFILE

Shae Twaddle-Best

During the holidays Shae travel led to Petone to compete in the National Under 19 Pool Competition. He competed in both singles and doubles in the 5 day event. Teaming up with Daniel Riley of Papakura. Shae and



Daniel made it through to the finals, eventually placing 2nd in the Doubles competition.

In the singles Shae played in a pool of more than 40 players, ending with a 10th placing. Congratulations Shae! Impressive achievement.

Shae is also involved in community drama. He is currently performing in "A Few Good Men" which is being put on by the Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts. Shae plays Corporal Howard in the compelling drama about the trial of two US Marines charged with the murder of a fellow marine. Set in US Naval Base – Guantanonmo Bay, Cuba; Washington DC and courtroom during summer in 1986. The play written by Aaron Sorkin was adapted for film in 1992, starring Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson.

The play has been running from 27th April through to 6th May - make the most of it, get a ticket (available from Just One Wish Gifts in Geraldine) and go along to watch Shae's performance.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR		
May	7	Otago Tertiary Trip
	17	Attitude Presentation
	18	Pink Shirt Day
	18	Senior Ball Arrivals 8.00 to 8.30pm
	21	Christchurch Tertiary Visit
	23	Cross Country
	23	Movie Night at Movie Max Opihi College Netball Fundraiser - Tickets available at the school office
	24	Aoraki Squash
	24	Open Day 2-4.30pm
	30	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Opihi College Meeting Room

2018 TERM DATES

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

NZQA FEES

These fees are \$76.70 for all senior students. If you are the holder of a Community Service Card, or have more than one student in the family studying NCEA, you can apply to NZQA for Financial Assistance where the fees are reduced to only \$15. Please collect a form from the school office if you would like to apply.



Opihi College Outdoor Ed students Josh Depree, Kye Waihape-Barrett, Jia Prentice and Hunter McKay were pleased to try the College's new Mountainbikes on their two day cycle tour of South Canterbury. Thanks Mr Grace and Ms Ellis for arranging this trip for the group.

Opihi College Careers 2018

There has been a lot happening in the Careers Department last term. We have had a number of liaison officers in to talk to students about different tertiary courses and career pathways. There have also been a number of trip and courses. These have included an Ara Welding Taster Day and the Transport & Logistics Sector Day at Levels Raceway. A group of Year 12 students also attended the Year 12 Discovery Day at the University of Canterbury where they were able to explore the campus and attend mini lectures. This term I am taking a group to visit the New Zealand Defence Force Bus where they can explore career options and talk to military personnel. We will be attending a Health Careers Day at Timaru Hospital and I also have trips planned for the Year 13 students to Otago & Canterbury Tertiary Days.

The Gateway students have completed First Aid, Health & Safety & Fire Safety courses. They are now ready to go out on work placement next term. If any local Employers are interested in having a Gateway student for work experience please get in touch. This is non-paid work and a great chance for the students to explore different career options.

Likewise, if any employers have part-time after school or holiday positions available please also get in touch and I may be able to recommend a student to you.

Jo Shaw

Opihi College - Careers Adviser & Gateway Coordinator shawi@opihicollege.school.nz

University information evening

The University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) invites students from our school and their families to attend its South Canterbury Information Evening on Monday 18 June.

The evening is a great opportunity for senior secondary students and their parents to learn more about the range of qualifications UC offers, to hear from leading academics and get key questions answered about:

- Scholarships
- · Accommodation
- · Student Support
- Degree and course information

Anyone considering university study in 2019 or 2020 is welcome at this free event, so register online to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC.

Register at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/

The UC Information Evening starts at 6pm on 18 June at The Grosvenor, 26 Cairns Tce, Timaru.



NEW UNIFORM FOR SALE AT OPIHI COLLEGE

White blouses \$40
Senior White shirts \$40
Kilts \$125
Navy beanies \$10
Opihi College ties \$20
PE Tops \$60
Rugby socks \$10



(Socks are Black with white top as worn by Temuka sports teams)

PRE LOVED UNIFORM

Our uniform shop has good stocks of kilts, jerseys, long sleeved shirts and blouses ready for winter. Still good stocks of ex-rental blazers at \$100 each also. We are able to sell your pre loved uniform items on behalf (school retains 20% commission). Items for sale must be clean and in good order (kilts to be dry cleaned please).

WANTED FOR PURCHASE: We have a family urgently seeking a large PE top (size 18 or larger) if anyone has one to sell. Please contact the school office.

Opihi College Movie Night



Netball Fundraiser

Come along and laugh your socks off at Melissa McCarthy's latest movie and he our students raise funds to get to tournament.

Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm

Movie Max, Timaru

\$25 per person, includes drink, goodie bag and prize draws

Tickets available from the school office or email

coskeriec@opihicollege.school.nz

Digital Natives to Screenagers

Online Opportunities and Challenges

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

for parents/whānau and community members

WHEN: Monday 2 July 2018, 7.00pm to 9.00 pm

WHERE: Room 1, Education Centre, Timaru Hospital

Enter through Main Hospital Entrance

Facilitated by Anjie Webster from Netsafe

For more information and to register go to www.wavesouthcanterbury.co.nz/news/professional-development/ Digital Natives to Screenagers







PLAY SQUASH IN **TEMUKA**

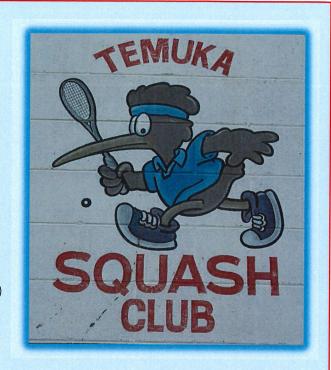
Temuka Squash Club would like to invite any adults interested in playing Squash to join us at our 'Have A Go Day':

When: Sunday 20th May 2018

Time: 1pm onwards

Where: Temuka Rugby Squash Club courts (Located under the Temuka Rugby Clubrooms in the Temuka Domain)

Bring: Sports shoes (clean, non marking soles essential). We can loan you a racket for the day. There is no cost for this fun day.



Players of all ages and abilities are welcome at our friendly squash club. where we hold weekly competitions on Monday and Wednesday nights. For more information feel free to contact Marshall on 027 234 3268.

ECLIPZ HAIR SALON King Street, Temuka

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



