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Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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OPIHI COLLEGE OPEN DAY

C.A.R.E.

COMMUNITY-ACCEPTANCE-RESPECT-EXCELLENCE









2:00 - 4:30 pm

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka

Phone: (03) 615 7442

www.opihicollege.school.nz

Enrolment forms available on the day

Thursday, May 24th Opihi College

Be part of our exciting future

From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Week three of Term Two already! Only 7 more weeks this term, and I'm really not sure how we're going to fit everything in.

Ball

One of the 'most important' things on our activity list at the moment is our school ball. Well, most important to our senior students anyway! This week at school can always be a little hard to grab the attention of our seniors – they have other things on their minds. However, I'm looking forward to this Friday night; seeing our students and their guests in their finery and enjoying themselves socialising and dancing. Although I'm always slightly miffed that my role means I'm inside greeting our ball goers – and don't get to be outside watching the arrivals and their transportation.

Don't forget that because of the re-purposing of our hall, we have a new venue for the ball this year, so we'll be seeing you all at St Joseph's Hall.

Property

I know that nearly three years ago Mr Wright announced to our community that Opihi College had been granted funds to replace some of our classrooms. The process since then has been long and fraught with stumbling blocks. At about this time last year we finally had confirmed that Opihi College would receive funding of five million dollars to build nine new teaching spaces! This turned out to have been inaccurately reported to us and we were then advised that the number of classrooms we were to receive dropped to six. After another re-evaluation of our site, we have recently been advised that we will now receive 14 new teaching spaces, with H Block and Math/Science block scheduled for demolition. The increase in the scope of the project does mean further delays, but it's hard to get too upset when the number of new spaces has increased so dramatically. We will keep you posted of progress.



Education Review Office

The Review team from the Education Review Office (ERO) have been visiting us this week, checking documentation and talking to staff, students and our Board about how teaching and learning is going at Opihi College. A review is a valuable process that gives us the opportunity to evaluate what we do and how we do it. Once the ERO team has completed their consultation they will provide us with a report which will contain any recommendations they may have on how we can improve what we do at Opihi College.

Union Meeting

The Post Primary Teachers' Association (Secondary teachers' union) has called a Union Meeting for all members on the afternoon of 6th June. We would like to enable all of our members to attend. This means that although school will be open for instruction that afternoon, students will not be in normal classes but will be managed by the non-union members on our staff. We will send home a letter closer to the date advising you of this. At that time you will be offered the option to withdraw your student at lunch time if you choose to.

Cross Country

Don't forget that our Cross Country will be held on the afternoon of 23rd May – we'd love you to come along and support your students. Perhaps you'd like to be part of a parent's team, or maybe you'd just prefer to watch and cheer. Either way, it'd be great to see you here.



Technology students have been enjoying learning to operate a wood lathe recently. Pictured: Ms Ellis with Zane and the technology project that he recently designed and constructed from timber, copper and concrete.

KIWI COMPETITIONS YEARS 7-10

Once again this year the University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered.

Letters have been sent home with students. If you have lost yours, pick up another one from the office. The deadline for entries is 25th May. This deadline must be adhered to as I have to have all entries in by this day and they will not accept late entries.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

*4th May 2018*Brylee Crawford
Patrick Callaghan



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



Lights were out with the power cut this week ... but Opihi College students continued with their learning! Pictured: Mya Stratford and Megan Calder

FOR YOUR CALENDAR			
May	17	Attitude Presentation	
	18	Pink Shirt Day	
	18	Senior Ball Arrivals 8.00 to 8.30pm Please note: Change of venue to St Josephs hall, Denmark St, Temuka	
	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	
	4	Queens Birthday Statutory Holiday—school closed for instruction	
June	6	1.30pm PPTA Paid Union Meeting for teachers School will be open for instruction But students will be able to finish school at lunchtime if the parents wish	
	7	Japanese NCEA Day— Christchurch	
	7	Aoraki Cross Country	
	12	SCPSSA Cross Country	
	12	Aoraki Cycling	



Host a Japanese Student from Shigakukan High School!

Do you want to learn a little about another country or another language? Why not host a student from Japan and give it a try! We're looking for host families to provide homestays for a group of Japanese boys and girls aged 14-17 from 25 July to 15 August at the beginning of Term Three. They don't need a special room of their own, just a bed to sleep in and a little space for their luggage. You don't



have to go out of your way do anything special with them; simply welcome them into your home and include them as part of your family. Your student would attend school from Monday to Friday and then be away on Saturday or Sunday for a day-trip excursion. We realise that there will be some extra expenses involved in hosting your student, so we will provide each family with \$375 to offset those costs a little. Why we organise this hosting programme:

- It's a significant fundraiser for the school and helps our students participate in the Japanese Language Trip to Japan.
- Our Opihi College students and family members are exposed to a new language and culture. They will try new foods, play new games, and learn about music, art, and crafts.
- Our Japanese language classes at all levels 7-13 get an infusion of real language and culture learning.
- We learn more about the world around us firsthand.

Please contact Eric Lindblom by email at lindblome@opihicollege.school.nz or ring him at school on 615-7442 or for more information. Thank you!





Students from the 2017 Shigakukan High School visit. Why not get involved!

WELCOME

This term we would like to welcome:

Manaia Thomas Nephai Lomano Ashley Neame

These three join our other new students who we welcomed last term:

Madison Barclay
Bailee Bryce-Gillett
Jess Esler
Jacob Ferguson
Jesse Ferguson
Jayme-Leigh Gibson
Maisie Harvey
Kenneth Recio
Kristian Recio
Aidan Reid

Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy your time here!

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

A reminder of our Uniform Regulations:

In cooler weather, students are able to wear the following uniform items for extra warmth:

Opihi College Jersey or Sleeveless Vest

Opihi College jacket

Opihi College blazer (for seniors only)

Opihi College navy beanie

Thermal under clothing is able to be worn *as long as it is not visible*. Long sleeve thermals are not to be worn with short sleeve shirts & blouses.

New uniform for sale at Opihi College:

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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)

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bin is full of un-named jerseys and jackets!

If your child is missing any uniform items please check our lost property bin which is now located in the library.

A friendly reminder to name all uniform items.

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 NETBALL

Our junior netballers enjoyed competing in the Rainbow Netball fun tournament in Timaru over the weekend. They played some fabulous netball (winning three of their four games) and had a fun day. *Well done!*

OPIHI COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Opihi College basketball teams who have had a great start to the season.

Last week, all six teams won their games! Well done to all the players and their wonderful coaches (David Taylor, Steph Esler, Liam Mulligan and Tony Rippin) and their supportive parents (too many to name).

OPIHI COLLEGE TERM TWO FUNDRAISER

All money raised will go towards replacing computers

Time to Stock Up Again on Bulk Kitchen Products







And Multi Purpose Reusable Bags \$5 each





Orders and money to be in by Tuesday 5th June

Order to be picked up Monday 2nd July at the end of the day

More order forms available from the office

Points will be given to the house that sells the most items

Prizes for the top five sellers

C.A.R.E. cards for the top 10 sellers

Z TEMUKA & TEMUKA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOOD IN THE HOOD 2018

WISH TO INVITE YOU ALL

SATURDAY 19TH MAY 12.30pm

COME ALONG MEET THE FIREFIGHTERS

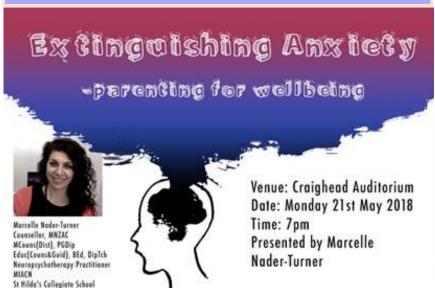
LOOK THROUGH A FIRE TRUCK

DON'T WORRY MUMS AND DAD/GRANDADS AND GRANDMAS

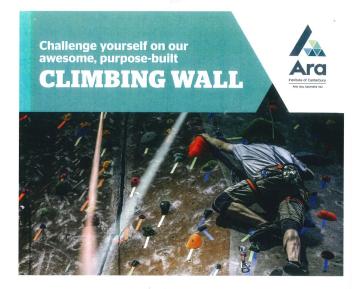
WE WILL ALSO HAVE A COMMUNITY CONCIERGE

WASHING WINDOWS!

SEE YOU ALL THERE







G BLOCK GYM ON CAMPUS, THEODOSIA STREET, TIMARU

PUBLIC SESSIONS WEDNESDAY 7PM — 9PM

16 MAY - 20 JUNE

18 JULY - 8 AUGUST

\$6 YOUTH (14YRS AND UNDER)

\$8 STUDENTS(WITH STUDENT ID)

\$10 ADULTS

Harness included

- Must complete an induction on first visit, 7pm every session.
- Climbers under the age of 14 must be accompanied at all times by a parent/

 parentle.
- Climbers under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian sign a risk acknowledgment form on their first visit.

Visit our website for conditions and important details. ara.ac.nz | 0800 24 24 76

Opihi College Movie Night



Netball Fundraiser

Come along and laugh your socks off at Melissa McCarthy's latest movie and h 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