

# Opihi - on campus



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## OPIHI COLLEGE MUSICIANS ROCK ROCKQUEST

Congratulations to all the Opihi College musicians who performed in the RockQuest Regional Finals held at the Theatre Royal in Timaru last week. Great results with the following prizes won by Opihi College students:

**First Prize -Solo Category** *Megan Calder*  
Megan has won music gear to the value of \$250.

**Second Prize—Band category** *'ALRM'*  
Allicia Kelly, Reef Brazendale, Luke Smith & Matthew Anso won musical gear to the value of \$400.

**Musicianship Award** *Reef Brazendale*  
Reef has won a M.A.I.N.Z. scholarship

**Style Award** *Opihi College band 'ALRM'*  
Allicia Kelly, Reef Brazendale, Luke Smith & Matthew Anso won a hamper of styling products.

***Congratulations to all of the musicians who performed in the Regional Final. Our winning band ALRM and solo artist Megan Calder will now record an entry for selection to the National Finals to be held in Auckland. Good Luck!***



## SECOND PLACE FOR OPIHI

Year 10 students Maisie Callaghan, Nahia Crawshaw, Bailey Donaldson-Fitt, Baiden Halkett, Nich Johnstone, Cameron Stone, Cordelia Taylor and Alissa Whitman represented Opihi College at the 4th Annual New Zealand Japanese Trivia Championships held at Otago Girls' High School in Dunedin. To get ready for the event they scoured the internet for bits of Japanese cultural trivia that might come up in the contest in the categories of: Japanese Sports/Festivals, Pop Culture, Geography, Food and Daily Life. They couldn't retain the 1st place trophy that last year's Opihi team won, but they were only 1 point away and they can be very proud of their efforts. Baiden, Cameron, Cordelia and Alissa also won the best dressed award for their colourful onesies. Thank you, Mrs Rowe! *Yoku dekimashita (Well done!)*





## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This fortnightly newsletter always seems to come around very quickly – evidence of how quickly time passes when you're busy! And we have certainly been busy at Opihi College.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Last week, at the request of a number of parents, we held our Parent Teacher Interviews. This opportunity to talk directly to your student's teacher was clearly appreciated by many parents and we were very pleased with the number of you who came along. If you missed out on this opportunity, and would like to meet some of your child's teachers, please call the office to make appointments to do so. Although teachers and students are extremely busy as we head into the last week of Term two, every endeavour will be made for you to set you up with appointments early in Term three.

### Property

We continue to make progress with regard to planning for our new buildings. The progress is far slower than we'd like it to be, but we are moving in the right direction. It has now been confirmed by the Ministry of Education that H Block will come down this summer. The Ministry has advised that they will be building a larger building than had been originally planned for, therefore the time frames have been extended. We are awaiting more detail from the Ministry, and are hopeful that we will be in a position to announce more specifics next term.

### Uniform

Now the cooler weather has arrived I would like to remind families of the expectations regarding uniform. Our general uniform is no longer 'seasonal', so there is no requirement that students move into 'winter' or 'summer' uniform on any set dates. However this is a reminder that hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Students can wear a plain black jacket (puffer acceptable) or a uniform soft shell jacket for warmth during the winter. A plain black or navy beanie and a plain black or navy scarf may be worn as required. Hats and scarves are not acceptable or required in class. Students may wear thermals under their uniforms but the thermal must have shorter sleeves than the shirt they are wearing. This is also a reminder that students are expected to wear the correct uniform both to and from school each day.

### Providing a safe environment

We are committed to providing a safe environment for everyone at Opihi College. With this in mind I have been speaking to the Board of Trustees about bringing in the drug detection dogs. I provide this information and warning to all parents and students so that there are no surprises. All members of our community can expect that the dogs will visit our school site and I will be extending an invitation for them to visit whenever they are in our area. I appreciate the support of parents as we work to keep our school safe.

### Whanau Hui

We are planning to hold a Whanau Hui on the evening of 1st August. It is very important to us that we know what our Māori community aspire to for your children, and we cannot endeavour to meet those expectations and aspirations if we don't know what they are. We truly hope you will attend the hui in order for us to have an opportunity to share ideas and ensure you have a voice in Opihi College's future.

This is our last newsletter before the holidays.

Enjoy your break with your whanau; we look forward to seeing you all back In Term 3.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.  
(Share your gifts with the world.)  
Ka kite ano.

Tina Johnson  
Principal





## ART

**Congratulations** to Ashleigh Griffiths and Zane Fearn who received prizes at the recent *V.O.I.C.E. Youth Project 2018 Art Exhibition and Competition* held at the Timaru District Council.

Ashleigh Griffiths won 2nd prize in the 3D Art category for her original lamp and carving. Zane Fearn won 3rd prize in the 3D Art category for his original lamp. *Well done*

## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

22nd June 2018  
Sophie Hall  
Shayden Walton



## CARE BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:

### Silver Awards

**C** = Jessica Marshall  
**E** = Syrita McGinnis

### Bronze Awards

**C** = Tyler Frew, Aaliyah Fenton, Lachie White, Victor Savage, Nick Morris, Lachlan Ackroyd, Ava Hitchen  
**A** = Georgia Hammond, Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Rochelle Johnson, Elise Warnock  
**R** = Alistair Callaghan, Masi Loilagi, Mikaire Mookkaiah-Butler, Thea McNoe, Emily Wilson, Amber Moore  
**E** = Brylee Crawford, Chloe Donaldson-Fitt, Chloe Kerslake, Kristian Recio, Amber Moore, Patrick Donaldson, Cochise Jones, Jade Willcox, Noah Drake, Shaun Jones, Liam Stone, Ollie Reid, Sophie Stewart

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>July</b>	3	Technology & Art Showcase Evening 5.30pm
	6	End of Term 2
	23	Start of Term 3
	25	BOT Meeting
	25	Shigakukan visit begins
<b>August</b>	1	Whanau Hui 6pm
	2	TSG Winter Tournament
	9	Opihi Netball Quiz Night

## 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

## TERM TWO

### KITCHEN WRAP FUNDRAISER

**A huge Thank You** to all the families that supported our latest fundraiser. We raised an amazing \$1200 which will go towards purchasing new computers. Our three top sellers were Lachlan Welsh (29 items), Soriya and Baiden Halkett (20 items) and Bella Williams (17 items). They have received a reward for their efforts.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Opihi College Breakfast Club is now operating each day from 8.00- 8.20am in the Foods Room. All Welcome!**



*Donations of milo, peanut butter, marmite, jams and breakfast cereals would be gratefully received.*



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**Invitation to all families**



# **OPIHI COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY AND ART SHOWCASE EVENING**

**5.30—6.30 PM**

**TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018**

All families and friends of Years 7-10 Technology and Art students are invited to an evening where we will be displaying your students work.

This will be held in the Technology block at Opihi College.

*Nibbles provided by our Student Chefs!*





# OPIHI COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS



## SCPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all our Cross Country runners who competed admirably at the SCPSSA Cross Country competition held at Waihi School recently.



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to the Opihi College Girls Football team who competed at the Aoraki Secondary Schools Girls Football tournament at Sir Basil Arthur Park in Timaru recently. All of the players represented the school with pride, finishing in 7th place.

*Pictured: (Back) Anasta Ruaine-Boaza, Stevie Loudon, Madison Reihana, Hailey Larsen, Soriya Halkett, Geneva Hati, Olivia Andreassend, Mr Wallis. (Front) Takila Howell, Chloe Kerslake, Leah Webb, Charlie Te Haate, Shania Cochrane, Anika Bagrie, Kayla Bagrie. Absent: Anika Smith*

## ARCHERY

Another great staff student challenge held at Opihi College recently—the Student team had a very narrow win over the Staff team 86-80.





## PB4L at Opihi College

In our previous newsletter we gave an introduction to PB4L and a little bit of background to this Ministry provided initiative. This will be a part of a series, provided through the school newsletter to help parents better understand the PB4L system we use here at Opihi College.

### What is the purpose of the school CARE values?

The CARE values are a set of guidelines that both the teachers and the students have decided are important here at Opihi College. Around the school, students can find posters that remind them of ways they can uphold the school CARE values, both inside and outside of the classroom. Here are some examples of those documents.

Opihi College School-wide and Classroom expectations:



Most classrooms will have worked together with their subject teacher to make their own personalised set of classroom expectations. These can be found on the walls of each classroom, while 'School-wide' expectations can be found at various locations around the school including corridors and noticeboards.

**Our CARE values are an important and fundamental aspect of our school culture, and can be found and upheld in every area of the school.**

# MATARIKI

***'Matariki hunga, Matariki ahunga nui'***  
***Matariki brings us together***

As the Maori New Year approached, some of our students were involved in a school wānanga. The two day wānanga was held during the week leading up to Matariki. The purpose of the wānanga was to engage students in learning activities within a Māori kaupapa (setting) such as health (hauora), music and dance (kapa haka), sports (kori-ā-tinana), te reo Māori and tikanga Māori. It was also to provide opportunities for students to consider future goals (career education), listen to motivational speakers from the community, and to learn helpful disciplinary skills to aid them with their immediate and future aspirations. After the first day of wānanga, students prepared kai (oven hangi) and ended the day with warm hearts and full puku!

On the second day of the wānanga, students ventured out to Timaru to visit with other students at Mountainview High School for kapa haka, let off some energy at C-Bay swimming, and ended the day by visiting Te Ana, the Rock Art Centre. However, for most the highlight had to be lunch at McDonalds!

Overall, the wānanga was a great success and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves! We look forward to having more in the future.

***'Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai'***  
***Nurture the seed and it will blossom!***



<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Whanau Hui</b>
<b>WHO:</b>	Your whole whanau (tamariki/children included)
<b>WHEN:</b>	6.00pm 1st August
<b>WHY:</b>	We want to meet you!!
<b>SO:</b>	Book the date on your calendar
<b>AND THEN:</b>	Come along with the whanau and have tea with us (Kai will be provided)

## DREW BROWN VISIT

Recently our Year 7/8 students in Science had a visit from Drew Brown. Drew Brown has been to Antarctica seven times and brought equipment and slides to show and discuss the environment in Antarctica. Many questions were asked and all students were fascinated with what was talked about. Here are some written notes of thanks from some of the students:

*"I learnt so much about the ships you sailed to Antarctica. I would like to find more about Gotland 2."* Charlotte  
*"My favourite part was asking all the questions and looking at the photos".* Regan  
*"It was amazing how well the huskies can adapt to the cold".* Brylee  
*"Thank you for letting me carry the pick axe."* Ollie

## NZQA FEES

A reminder to all families of students in Year's 11 – 13 that NZQA fees will need to be paid by the beginning of September. The fee for Domestic students is \$76.70 unless you qualify for Financial Assistance which reduces it to \$20.

*To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and must apply under one of the following application types:*

*\* Benefit applications – those receiving a Work and Income or Study Link Benefit*

*\* Income based applications – Community Services Card Holders*

*\* Multiple Candidate Applications – Where the total fees exceed \$200*

*To apply for Financial Assistance you must complete an Application Form, available through the School Office or online at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz). Please feel free to phone the School Office if you have any questions or queries.*





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## QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 9th August

Opihi College Library

7.00pm start

Doors open at 6.30pm

Fundraising for Opihi College Netball

**Lots of Amazing Prizes**

Kindly Sponsored by:

Duncan Engineering, Temuka Motorcycles, Talbot Forest Cheese, Orana Wildlife Trust, Temuka Plumbing, NZAgbiz, Inspire Hair Design, Flip Out, Bennys Again, Austin 92, Movie Max Timaru, Milford Park Equestrian, Main Street Butchery, Fox Street Takeaways, Sharee Mehlopt - Scentsy, The Pot Lot, Temuka Hammer Hardware, Temuka Jewellery, Temuka Pharmacy

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Check out *Help for the Tough Times* – a guide for teens. Ask your school guidance counsellor, or a member of the school staff about it.



**16-20 July 2018**

The Southern Trust Events Centre,  
Morgan's Road, Timaru

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**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 9th July 2018**