Opihi - on campus





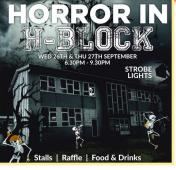


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Opihi College would like to thank everyone who supported the "Horror in H-Block" fundraiser held in September at the school. Over two evenings, nearly 500 brave souls were led on a tour through horror themed rooms in the schools two storey 'H-Block', which is scheduled for demolition. The enthusiastic student helpers learnt so much about costuming and theatrics during this event. A huge 'Thank you' to Opihi College staff member Polly Rowe, whose artistic vision made this event such a success, and all the volunteers and stallholders who assisted on these nights.









From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Seniors

Your senior students have less than a week at school. Have they finished their internal assessment work? Are they ready for exams? Have you sat down with them to discuss study and work plans? If you haven't then this would be the ideal time to do that. Most of our students have at least one external exam and the extra time they are given now is for studying for those exams. It is sensible to remind them that they are not "on holiday" until after the Awards Ceremony on 11th December.

Armistice Day

I talked to our students last week at assembly about Armistice Day (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). This year is the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day. The local community will be celebrating the day with a parade on Sunday 11th November, re-enacting the original 1918 parade. We have been asked if our students will lead that parade, as Timaru District High School did in 1918.

Our Head Students will lead the parade, and we encourage **all** of our students and staff to support our school on the day by walking with them. Students should meet in uniform in the Commerce Street carpark at 10.15 on 11th November to participate. We would really appreciate parental/caregiver support in encouraging your students to attend – it will reflect their loyalty to their school and their pride in our Temuka community.

Buildings

We are finally seeing some traction on the demolition of H Block. At this stage the demolition is planned to begin before Christmas. We are well aware that this has been an 'ongoing' plan, with the original intention having been for the removal <u>last</u> Christmas; however, it appears that it <u>will</u> actually happen this year! Watch this space (or the H Block space).



Temuka Pakeke Lions members Mike Dawes and Jim Fitzgerald present Deputy Principal Mr Callow with a cheque for \$1,500.

Temuka Pakeke Lions

Opihi College is extremely grateful to the Temuka Pakeke Lions club who have recently made a surprise donation to the school of \$1,500.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

(Share your gifts with the world.)
Ka kite ano.

Tina Johnson Principal



Opihi College students at an ARA welding course recently

WELCOME

Mrs Gold

Mrs Angela Gold has recently joined the Opihi College whanau. She has been a part of the Temuka community for many years,



attending Opihi College during her school days. Previously she worked as a resource teacher in Learning and Behaviour, based in the South Canterbury district, alongside also teaching Year 7 classes at Opihi College and being an Opihi College relief teacher. She has recently started in her new position as the Head of Learning Support here at Opihi College. During her free time Mrs Gold enjoys walking, gardening, reading, and spending time with her family.

WELCOME

Welcome also to our new students:
Mahima Thapa & Morgan Sweetman
We hope you enjoy your time here at Opihi College

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

As senior students are beginning study leave next week, and will be completing their yearly clearance in December, payment of fees prior to this simplifies the process for the students on this day. Options for payment are online banking, cheque or cash payment at the college office between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm.

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Could all Opihi College Cups and Trophies please be cleaned and returned to the office. *Thank you*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR		
October	31	Last Day for Senior Students
	31	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	31	SCPSSA Mountainbiking
November	7	NCEA Examinations Begin
	14	Aoraki Junior Volleyball
	15	Aoraki Junior Touch
	22	Aoraki Ki O Rahi
	29	Yr 13 Graduation Dinner
	30	NCEA Examinations End
December	4-7	Year 7 Camp at Raincliff
	4	SCPSSA Athletics
	11	Awards Ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Liam Mulligan and Rochelle Johnson who have been awarded University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarships valued at \$6000 each. Liam is planning on studying First Year Health Sciences and Rochelle will be studying a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary Education).

TEMUKA SWIMMING POOL

Opening 16th November for the summer season

New Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 6.00am to 6.00pm Saturday & Sunday 10.00am to 6.00pm

Agua Fitness classes 10.00am Mondays & Fridays





IDEAS FESTIVAL AT ARA POLYTECH

24 of our Year 7 and 8 students attended the Ideas Festival at ARA Polytech. Pictured are some of the workshops they participated in.









OPIHI COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS





ADVENTURE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Congratulations to Cole Robertson and Victor Savage who took part in the Adventure Skills Development Camp during their holidays run by Whenua Iti. They took themselves out of their comfort zone and learnt valuable leadership skills. Well done boys!!

TEMUKA SWIMMING CLUB

Registrations are now open for children of any ability 6 years or above.

Register online at www.sporty.co.nz/temukaswim

or at the Temuka Swimming pool on Thursday 25th October between 5—6.00pm.

Lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 20minutes for Learn to Swim or an hour for Squads. The season runs from mid November until mid March with a break for Christmas.





Wednesday night racing program 2018-2019

Where: Levels International Motor Raceway
When: Wednesday nights – starting 24 October 2018 – 12 December 2018 and 30 January
2019 – 27 February 2019

Under 17 and development grades:

\$3 entry fee

Sign on by 6pm – racing starts at 6.15 Development grade - 4.8km Handicap

Under 17 - 9.6km mix between handicap and graded scratch

Overall point's series with points accumulated for each race for grade as well as points for your school going towards the Heartland Ricoh Interschool Trophy Bring your school friends along on any bike to get points for your school!

Seniors

\$3 entry fee
Sign on by 6.30pm for 7pm start
A, B, C grades – 16km
D grade 14km
(numbers dependant)

Point's series with points accumulated for overall winners at the end of the season $% \left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left(1\right) \right\}$

Under 17's are allowed to race with the seniors provided they have raced in the under 17 race first and they must always be on under 17 gearing

OPIHI COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS







RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Pictured are some of our students enjoying their weekly riding lessons.

From Left: Crystal Smith. Logan Scott-Walton, Halle Welford.

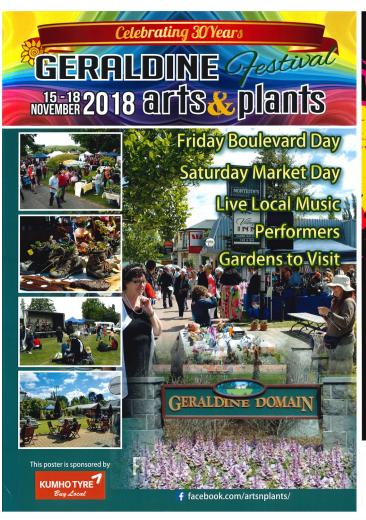














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