

# Opihi - on campus



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## YEAR 7 LUNCHEON



The Opihi College Year 7 Food students hosted invited guests for a wonderful lunch they created during class last week. As well as preparing delicious food, \$210 was raised for Temuka St John. Thanks to Mrs Rose for her organisation of this event.

*Pictured:*

*(Left) Katie Renwick presents a cheque for \$210 to Temuka St John Station Manager George Clicquot.*

*(Above Left) Hailey Gunderson & Keira Narayan*

*(Above Right) Therese & Liam Stone, Piper Suddens-Arrandale, Anna McNoe & Jahmal Loffley, Gavin McDonald & Kittie McDonald-Ellis.*

*(Above) Student chefs Julian Kaan, Patrick Donaldson, Ella McNoe & Cory Ashby.*





## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

This is our last newsletter for 2018.

We have all been so busy that I know our students are looking forward to the end of the school year and the opportunity for a little relaxation. This week we've had students attending Athletics sports and students away at Year 7 Camp. I had the privilege of popping up to camp a couple of times and I am seriously impressed at the opportunities the students have there. Everyone seemed to be having a great time – including the staff. Not even the rain was able to put a damper on their high spirits.

### Buildings

I know I keep telling you that we are making progress towards our New Build project. And I keep being wrong as the goal posts and requirements we have to meet keep moving. However, I am assured by the Ministry of Education that they will be starting next week (once our students have finished) on the removal of asbestos from H Block, and then beginning the demolition in early 2019. We have our fingers crossed that this will actually happen!

The new classrooms that were supposed to have been on site by 31<sup>st</sup> October should be arriving in January, with an opening date some time in February. Once again, the delays on this have been frustrating but I want to assure you that we exerting as much pressure as we can to make the buildings materialise.

### Awards Ceremony

Next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup>) we will be holding our day time Prize Giving at 11.30am at the Temuka Stadium. Later that evening is our Awards Ceremony, which will also be held at the Stadium this year. This is when we will celebrate the 2018 achievements of our students. Students will be released at approximately 12.30 in the afternoon, and will be expected back at the stadium in the evening in full correct uniform. I encourage you all to come along and help us acknowledge their effort, their hard work and their participation. Details of the exact organisation for Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December have been e-mailed to all students and parents.

Thank you all for being part of the great year we have had.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson  
Principal



## AWARDS CEREMONIES

**Tuesday 11th December** is the date of our annual Awards Ceremonies; our celebrations of student academic, sporting and cultural success which are being held this year at the Temuka Community Stadium (in the Temuka Domain).

Students will attend school in the morning, with Year 7 to 10 students beginning school at the usual 8.30am, and senior students attending at 9.30am. At 11.30am we will be holding our "Day Awards Ceremony" at the Temuka Community Stadium where we will celebrate sports, cultural and some academic achievements. Students will be released from the stadium to go home after that ceremony, at approximately 12.30pm, and then will return to the stadium at 6.45pm for the 'Evening Awards Ceremony'. Any bus students can return to school and will be supervised until 3.10pm when buses will run as usual.

**Parents/family/whanau are welcomed to both events.**  
**Please note change of venue: Temuka Community Stadium**

The 'free' afternoon is in lieu of attending in the evening. All students are expected to attend the 'Evening Awards Ceremony' unless the school receives a letter of explanation from the parent/caregiver prior to the event. Students who do not attend will be regarded as truant and will be expected to make up the time missed. Students attend in full uniform.

## OPIHI COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

**RE-USABLE NYLON BAGS \$5**



Here at Opihi College we

have a limited supply of multi purpose nylon bags that fold up into a small carry case. Ideal little Christmas presents at just \$5 each! Great to keep in the car ready for the groceries. Wonderful to keep in the sports bag for wet or muddy shoes and boots. Handy in the gym bag for your wet towel. Marvellous for use as a swimming bag. We have a variety of colours and designs available at the school office for purchase while stocks last.

## HOST FAMILIES WANTED

**Host families for international students are required for Term 1 of 2019. The students will be attending Opihi College. Board will be paid to host families (of \$220 per week for 11 weeks).**

**If you are interested please contact:**  
**Polly Rowe, International Students**  
**Co-ordinator by phoning 027 58 90 148 or**  
**email [rowep@opihicollege.school.nz](mailto:rowep@opihicollege.school.nz)**

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>December</b>	10	Yr 7 Post Camp Activities Yr 8-10 Activities (at school) <i>All students to wear mufti please</i>
	11	Awards Ceremony



## 2019 CALENDAR

<b>January</b>	21	<i>School Office opens *</i> <i>* Please note there are some days/times the office will be closed due to staff training. Check our facebook page for details</i>
	28	Senior Course Confirmation
	29	Senior Mentors
	30	Year 7's start
	31	Whole school starts
<b>February</b>	6	Waitangi Day <i>Statutory Holiday—School closed for instruction</i>

## 2019 STATIONERY LISTS

Stationery lists for all year levels are available at any time on our website. Stationery can be purchased at any time from the supplier or store of your choice.

Please note: Opihi College is not selling stationery or art supplies in 2019.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Can all library books please be returned immediately. Parents could you please get kids looking under beds and in wardrobes. In exchange for returning books you get a free gift. Unfortunately all books not returned will be charged to student accounts.

## THANK YOU!

Many times we are supported by some wonderful local businesses! We would like to acknowledge their support, and encourage our Opihi families to remember to shop local!





## WHITE RIBBON RIDERS VISIT & PRESENTATION

*What a fabulous experience having the White Ribbon Riders visit us at school! They spoke about the need to "Stand Up, Speak Out and Act" against violence.*



### Planning Your Holidays & Leave? Timaru's Active Kids Holiday Programmes are here to help.

Active Kids is an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children **aged 5-13 years**  
**Full day (8.30-5)** and **half day (8.30-12)** options available from as little as \$15 per session.

### REGISTRATIONS OPEN

**21-25 January 2019**

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



We would like to thank all our Active Kids families for their support throughout 2018 & wish you all an active & enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

Full details and to register on line go to [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)  
or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751  
Limited Spaces available – **Registrations close Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



### School Accounts / Class Activities

The final student accounts have been sent out for the year. You will see that class activity amounts have been adjusted accordingly and credit's applied to accounts or other charges. Year's 9, 10, 11 and 13 had no activities this year. Year's 7 and 8 students had swimming lessons, first aid and the Life Education van. Year 12's took part in the RYDA programme.

Did you know that you can claim 33% of all donations and contributions back from Inland Revenue? We are able to print off a donation receipt if you would like to do this.

We would appreciate it if families could have their school accounts settled by the last day of school. We encourage those that find paying these accounts a struggle to phone the office and make an appointment to see Miss Johnson as we do have limited funds available to help. We also strongly advise setting up a weekly payment of \$5-\$10. This helps spread the cost over the year and you will be surprised how fast things get paid off. You may even build up a credit which you can either carry over or get refunded at the end of each year.

If you have any queries about your account please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



## FAREWELL

Opihi College is sadly farewelling some teaching staff this term: Ms Recio has completed her one year fixed term appointment. Art teacher Mrs Lovatt and her family are sadly leaving the district. Maths HOD Mr Dominikovich is departing to take up a Head of Department position at a larger school.  
*Thank you to you all for your enthusiasm and hard work. Good Luck!*



## RELAY FOR LIFE

**10am - 10pm**

**Saturday 9th March 2019**

**Caroline Bay, Timaru**

Relay for Life is an inspirational and fun event for everyone, during which we celebrate with survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and come together as a community to fight back against cancer. Early next year, we will ask for any students who wish to be involved to begin fundraising. Feel free to enter your own family team in order to support this worthwhile community event.

## 'HAPI PUKU' OPIHI COLLEGE CANTEEN



The management and staff of the 'Hapi Puku' Opihi College canteen would like to thank you all for your custom this year, and wish you all a restful holiday break.  
*Your support is appreciated.*

**The canteen has now closed for the year and will re-open on January 31st 2019.**

## SCHOOLTEX SCHOOL UNIFORMS

**Thank You** to all our families for your support of the School Tex School Uniform rewards programme. This year, Opihi College has received a reward of \$1,000! WOW!  
This donation will fund the purchase of new basketball uniforms for our school teams for next season.

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## PRE-LOVED SHORTS FOR SALE \$5 per pair

The school has limited numbers of black elastic waist shorts suitable for PE. These shorts are a unisex style and in as new condition.

*Assorted sizes still available.*



## OPIHI COLLEGE KILTS

The school has limited numbers of assorted sizes of NEW Opihi College kilts available for purchase. These are priced from \$120 - \$135 (prices vary as to size). Please call into the school office to view.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

We are able to sell your used uniform items on behalf at the College office for a small commission. Uniform items must be clean (kilts and blazers dry-cleaned) and in good repair. Please deliver to the school office.





Dear Parent / Guardian,

### Back to School Requirements for 2019

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz)

Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

### OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Shop Your Way** - online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz), at your local OfficeMax store or by phone 0800 724 440.
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- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
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If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Tina Johnson  
Principal



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# OPIHI COLLEGE PE TOPS 2019



Opihi College are pleased to be able offer a choice of two styles of PE tops for 2019:

## OPTION 1

### TK MANUFACTURING RUGBY TOP



*Locally made rugby tops in a heavier weight fabric. These tops are extremely hardwearing and have been proven to last many years.*

**\$50**

## OPTION 2

### AURORA SPORTS TOP



*New alternative style top supplied by XCM. These are made of a lighter weight polyester Quick Dry fabric.*

**\$40**

We have a range of sizes of both styles of PE tops available for immediate purchase at the school office.

These can be purchased at any time from the school office. The office is open from 8.00am until 4.30pm on weekdays, term time only. The PE tops must be paid for on collection, and we can accept cash, cheque or internet banking payments. Please note that the Opihi College office does not have Eftpos facilities.

In the event of short supply of any size or style of top, we will order for you.



# OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



## OPIHI COLLEGE CAPS



*Opihi College caps are made from a cotton fabric.  
One Size Fits All with an adjuster on the back.*

**\$10**

## OPIHI COLLEGE SUNHATS



*Bucket style sunhats made from sturdy cotton drill  
fabric. Two sizes available.*

**\$10**

## OPIHI COLLEGE BEANIES



*Opihi College beanies are made from a warm navy  
polar fleece.*

**\$10**

## TEMUKA SPORTS SOCKS



*Opihi College have a supply of long black woollen  
socks. These are black with a white foldover top as  
worn by Temuka Hockey and Temuka Rugby teams.  
Three sizes available.*

**\$10**



# OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



## OPIHI COLLEGE

### WHITE SHIRTS FOR SENIORS



*Opihi College have a stock of an alternative white shirt for senior students. These shirts are made from a thicker, higher quality fabric. Available in short or long sleeve.*

**\$40**

## OPIHI COLLEGE

### WHITE BLOUSES FOR SENIORS



*Opihi College have a stock of an alternative white blouse for senior students. These shirts are made from a thicker, higher quality fabric. Available in short or long sleeve.*

**\$40**

## OPIHI COLLEGE TIES



*Opihi College ties are only compulsory if wearing the Opihi College blazer. Blazers are able to be worn by senior students only.*

**\$20**

## OPIHI COLLEGE EX-RENTAL BLAZERS



*Opihi College have a supply of ex-rental blazers. Assorted sizes available while stocks last. Blazers are only able to be worn by senior students.*

**\$100**





**YEAR 7 CAMP AT RAINCLIFF**

