

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our students who gained NCEA endorsements in 2018



MERIT ENDORSEMENTS

(Pictured above left) Kaia Macpherson, Jessica Marshall, Megan Calder, John Reyes, and Tom Johnson.

EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS

(Pictured above right) Emily Bennett, Mya Stratford, Issy Livingstone.



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

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Student Name _____

Tutor Class _____

Parent Name _____

Signed _____



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

All of our students and staff seem to be settling well into the new academic year. We have managed to include a lot of activity and opportunities into a short time, and I hope students are having some interesting conversations with whanau about their learning so far.

Congratulations to the **House Captains** (to be seen later in this newsletter) who were elected last week. Their responsibilities begin with two major calendar events in the next fortnight with Swimming Sports next week and Athletics Sports the week after.

Swimming Sports are on 20th February (next Wednesday) at the Temuka Pool. Following feedback from last year's event, we have a changed format this year in an endeavour to include more students and incorporate more fun into the day. The swimming will be a full day event. The whole school will attend, with students starting at school at the usual time. Students are to wear their House colours – a reminder that no body or hair paint should be used. We welcome community support and encourage you all to come along for all or part of the day. Races will begin at 9.30am. Don't forget sunblock, hats and plenty of water.

Athletic Sports are to be held on Tuesday 26th February, with full school participation. The information about the day is on our website, but will also be on social media before the event. Once again, students are encouraged to wear house colours. As always, we love having whanau and community support on the day and look forward to seeing as many of you here as possible.

Attendance and Lateness

As you are aware, attendance at school, for the whole school day, is a requirement. Sadly we are already dealing with some lateness issues and I need to remind students and whanau that school starts at 8.45a.m., therefore students are expected at school by 8.40a.m. In order to

ensure that our students have the best opportunities for learning, it is necessary for them to be at school on time. If a student is more than 15 minutes late, without a valid reason from home, they will be required to make up the time after school.

Uniform

Another matter we are currently dealing with is incorrect uniform. If a student is wearing non-uniform items they need an explanatory note from their parent/caregiver. The student needs to take the note to their Dean at the start of the day. A reminder that, because we encourage students to take sun protection seriously, we have three different styles of uniform hat available. There should be no need for students to be wearing non-uniform ones.

Last year we changed our uniform code to allow students to wear multiple earrings in their ears; however, the taonga rules did not change. Our uniform code states: "A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn inside clothing. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required." Please note that this does not give students permission to wear 'jewellery', the item must have cultural or religious significance. The taonga, given its significance, should also be worn close to the heart – inside clothing. Our full uniform code is available on our website should you be unsure of the guidelines.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our swimming and athletic sports. Hopefully our next newsletter will contain a range of photos from both events.

E waka eke noa

We are all in this together.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal





Our new junior students enjoying their first day at Opihi College



TEMUKA ATHLETICS CLUB

Is celebrating 125 years since our first athletics meeting on 02 March 1919.
We are inviting the whole community to come and celebrate with us, you do not need to be a current or past member to join in.

Family Athletics Day

Opihi College, Guild
Road, Temuka.

9.00am Registrations

9.30am Start

\$5 Entry Fee. Use our Book Now button on our Facebook page for pre-registration or enter on the day. Prize money in all age groups. Food stalls available or bring a picnic lunch. Senior events in the afternoon. See our Facebook page for the programme.

Contact Nicola 021 622 942
or email temu.athletics@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February	18 -19	Gateway First Aid Course
	19	Waterways Trip
	19	Public Health Nursing Immunisation presentation
	20	Swimming Sports <i>All day</i>
	22	Yr13 Interview Skills course
	26	Athletic Sports <i>All day</i>
	27	BOT Meeting <i>6.30pm</i>
	28	YES Kickstarter Day ARA
March	3	Japan Day Trip <i>Christchurch</i>
	5	Rocky Shore Trip
	4-5	Gateway Fire Safety Course
	6-7	CHS Athletics
	11-12	Yr 13 Gateway Communication Course
	13	School Photos
	15	SCPSS Triathlon
April	12	Teacher Only Day <i>Staff Professional Development Day</i> End of Term 1

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 31st Jan— Fri 12th April

Term 2 Mon 29th April—Fri 5th July

Term 3 Mon 22nd July—Fri 27th Sept

Term 4 Mon 14th Oct—Fri 13th Dec

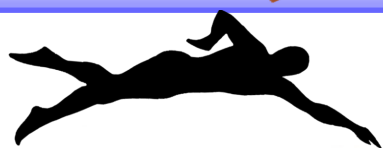
Hockey South Canterbury

invite you to our

Open Day/Have a Go day

on Sunday 24th of February 2019
from 2pm-4pm

at the turf located at Aorangi Park on Morgans Road, Timaru. This is open to all primary school aged children where you can have a hit around on the turf and we can assist you with all information regarding hockey in Timaru. Bring a few friends and come and have a go! All gear is provided and it's FREE!



Opihi College Swimming Sports



When: Wednesday 20th February 9.30 - 3.00 (Postponement day Thursday 21st)

Where: Temuka Domain Pool, All Visitors Welcome

This year we have changed the format of the swimming sports to include more fun events to encourage the participation of more students. For this reason, we are unable to give accurate times for when events or breaks will be.

All competitive events are straight timed finals.

Age groups are: Year 7&8, Year 9&10, and Seniors (11-13).

Students are to attend school in House colours with appropriate swim wear (no face paint or hair colour allowed).

Students will meet at 8.45 in their Whanau classroom. We will do a roll call and then walk to the swimming pool, as a school.

Sunscreen will be provided but we encourage students to bring their own sunscreen, hats and other Sun Smart clothing.

Bus students will be picked up from the pool at 3.10. If you are attending and wish to take your student home, they must inform their Whanau teacher or Dean before leaving.

The only equipment your student will need for this day is swimwear, food and drink.

Swimming Programme 1 Day Event (9.30-3.10)

1. 133m Medley Boys
2. 133m Medley Girls
3. **Boys 33m Running Race**
4. **Girls 33m Running Race**
5. 7 & 8 Boys 33m Freestyle
6. 7 & 8 Girls 33m Freestyle
7. 9 & 10 Boys 33m Freestyle
8. 9 & 10 Girls 33m Freestyle
9. 11 – 13 Boys 33m Freestyle
10. 11 - 13 Girls 33m Freestyle
11. **Boys 33m underwater race**
12. **Girls 33m underwater race**
13. 100m Freestyle Boys
14. 100m Freestyle Girls

Break - 15 min

15. 7 & 8 Boys 33m Backstroke
16. 7 & 8 Girls 33m Backstroke
17. 9 & 10 Boys 33m Backstroke
18. 9 & 10 Girls 33m Backstroke
19. 11 – 13 Boys 33m Backstroke
20. 11-13 Girls 33m Backstroke
21. **Boys 33m Doggie Paddle**
22. **Girls 33m Doggie Paddle**
23. 100m Backstroke Boys
24. 100m Backstroke Girls
25. **House Piggy Back Race**

26. 7 & 8 Boys 33m Butterfly
27. 7 & 8 Girls 33m Butterfly
28. 9 & 10 Girls 33m Butterfly
29. 11-13 Boys 33m Butterfly
30. 11-13 Girls 33m Butterfly

Lunch

31. 7 & 8 Boys 33m Breaststroke
32. 7 & 8 Girls 33m Breaststroke
33. 9 & 10 Boys 33m Breaststroke
34. 9 & 10 Girls 33m Breaststroke
35. 11 – 13 Boys 33m Breaststroke
36. 11-13 Girls 33m Breaststroke
37. **Boys Mad Dash**
38. **Girls Mad Dash**
39. Boys 100m Breaststroke
40. Girls 100m Breaststroke

Break - 10 mins

41. **House Lilo Race**
42. 7 & 8 House Relay
43. 9 & 10 House Relay
44. 11-13 House Relay
45. **Student / Teacher Relay Race (time dependent)**
46. **House Baton Relay**

INTRODUCING OUR STUDENT LEADERS



2019

Head
Students
Mya Stratford &
Cody Crawshaw

Deputy Head
Students
Megan Calder &
Jessica Marshall



INTRODUCING OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS



Pacific House Captains -
Opihi House Captains -
Aoraki House Captains -
Rata House Captains -



Baiden Halkett, Jared Dickson & Hailey Larsen
Cameron Doake & Charlie Te Haate
Harriet Grace, Thomas Johnson & Kayla Bagrie
Hamish Fikken, Kaia MacPherson & Cole Robertson



The Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 (HDCA)

The Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 (the Act) aims to lessen the harm caused to people by online content, and to deter people from posting or sending content that may harm others. In short, the Act gives people in New Zealand an avenue for dealing with harmful content posted or sent digitally — it offers help for serious cases of online bullying, abuse, and harassment.

What are harmful digital communications?

Harmful digital communications can take many different forms. They can be private messages or content that others can see. They include when someone uses the internet, email, apps, social media or mobile phones to send or publish threatening or offensive material and messages, spread damaging or degrading rumours and publish online invasive or distressing photographs or videos.

A digital communication is harmful if it:

- is directed at an individual; and
- makes or could make that person seriously emotionally distressed; and
- it has or could seriously breach of one or more of the 10 communication principles in the Act.

At the core of the Act, are the ten communication principles that give guidance around what a digital communication should not do.

A digital communication should not:

1. disclose sensitive personal facts about a person
2. be threatening, intimidating, or menacing
3. be grossly offensive
4. be indecent or obscene
5. be used to harass a person
6. make a false allegation
7. breach confidences
8. incite or encourage anyone to send a deliberately harmful message
9. incite or encourage a person to commit suicide
10. denigrate a person's colour, race, ethnic or national origins, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

The blurring of boundaries between online and offline, home and school, means that what happens out of school time, usually ends up spilling into the school environment and having a negative impact on student learning.

Key things to know:

- **Schools have a statutory role.** The legislation specifically names schools in the Act, therefore schools have a statutory role. A school representative can file a complaint (with consent) with Netsafe on behalf of a young person and, where Netsafe is unable to resolve the complaint, the Act provides for the school representative to apply for enforceable court orders against the content author or host.
- **Ages and stages.** The law has both a civil and a criminal pathway (charges under the new offence of deliberately posting harmful content can be brought against offenders 14 years and over, while the civil remedies in the Act are available to New Zealanders of all ages).

The Website that contains the official Legislations of the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0063/latest/whole.html>



The Developing Brain

Host of the TV documentary “All in the Mind” and co-host of the TV series “The Secret Life of Girls”, renowned Neuroscience Educator, Nathan Wallis takes his talk “The Developing Brain” on the road and is coming to a town near you.

In his unique “tell you how it is” style, Nathan Wallis provide an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the younger years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for our future.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Nathan Wallis speak.

For more information and to get your ticket go to eventfinda.co.nz.

Tour Dates - South Island

Feb 18 - Timaru Boys High School, Timaru

Feb 19 - Waitaki Boys High School, Oamaru

Feb 20 - Otago Boys High School, Dunedin

Feb 21 - Wakatipu High School, Queenstown

Apr 08 - Kikakoura High School, Kikakoura

Apr 10 - Nelson College, Nelson

Apr 11 - Regent Theatre, Hokitika

Facebook: [@nathanwallisxfactorededucation](https://www.facebook.com/nathanwallisxfactorededucation)



BEGINNERS CLASS Temuka Seido Karate

Start Date: Tuesday 12th February 2019

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Where: Alpine Energy Stadium, Temuka Domain, Temuka

Duration of Beginners Course: 12 weeks - one class per week, which upon completion, you are invited to your first grading

For more information: please contact Cherie Pierce 0276937576



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

*With a special character focus**

Is your child in years 5-8 at school?

Are they looking for something to do on a Thursday after school?

Looking for something that doesn't cost you the earth?

The 3:29 after school club offers games, afternoon tea, activities & crafts, and talking about Christian faith and values.

Starting Day Thursday, 21 February 2019
Day & Time: Thursdays, 3:29pm-5:29pm, School Terms
Place: Trinity Church, Hally Terrace, Temuka
Cost: \$5.00 per child per session

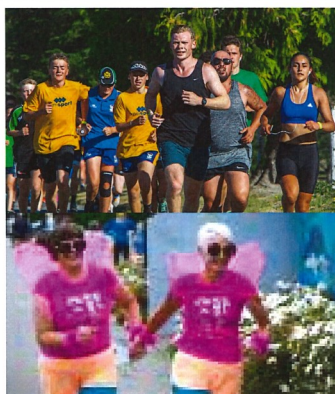
For further details please phone Gene 027 278 1965

*Trinity Church is a Christian church and teaches Christian beliefs and values.



TRINITY CHURCH

CNR HALLY TERRACE & WILMSHURST ROAD, TEMUKA
 P: 03 615 7472



MARCH 3, 2019

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ON THE DAY - MARCH 3

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3k Countdown Supermarket, For 3km start at Countdown Supermarket, Church Street, buses leave Caroline Bay from 9am for the start at 9.30 am.

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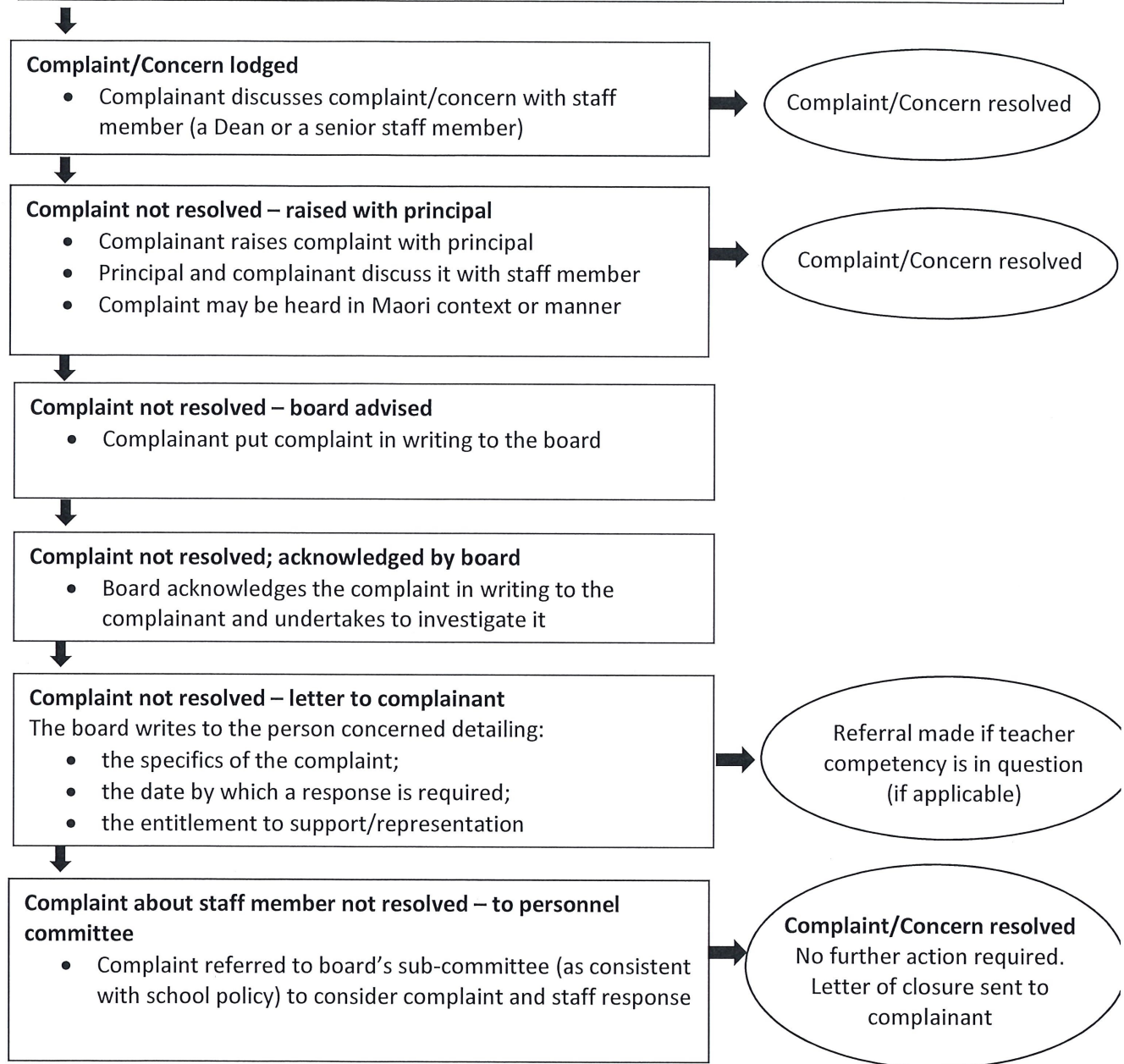
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OPIHI COLLEGE CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

When concerns and complaints from any member of the school community arise they will be handled promptly with care and sensitivity. Following this procedure will ensure that a fair resolution is reached. Everyone has a right to support person throughout this procedure.



Concern/Complaint Form

House: _____ Year Level: _____

Name of person making the complaint: _____

Name of person/s being complained about: _____

What is the issue/concern? _____

What action have you taken in regard to this issue? _____

What would you like to happen now? _____

Are you willing to have a restorative conversation with the person/s whom the complaint is about? (if appropriate)

Office use only:

Date received: _____

Action taken:

Actioned by: _____

Date: _____