

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETES



AORAKI ATHLETICS RESULTS

Madison Barclay

1st place U16 Girls Javelin 27.02m

Regan Thomas

1st place U14 Boys 1500m 5.17.47

Ryan Sherriff-Wardell

3rd place U14 Boys 200m 27.09s

3rd place U14 Boys Long Jump 5.16m

Kyal Dickson

3rd place U15 Boys Shotput 9.70m

Jaxson Cullen

1st place U15 Boys 80m Hurdles

Jared Dickson

2nd place U16 Boys 100m Hurdles

Cody Crawshaw

2nd place U19 Boys 800m 2.10.91

Madison Barclay, Ryan Sherriff-Wardell, Kayla Bagrie and Regan Thomas are travelling to compete in the SISS Athletics Meet in Nelson this weekend. Good Luck!

SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER 19 DUATHLON

Congratulations to our Opihi College athletes who competed in Oamaru recently, performing very well and achieving some great results:

Cody Crawshaw

1st Place Senior Boys Duathlon

Time 1.04.16

Lachlan Ackroyd (run) & Jack Joyce (cycle)

1st place Junior Boys Team Duathlon

Time 44.06

Grace Bennet (run) & Amelia Holland (cycle)

1st place Junior Girls Team Duathlon

Time 50.14

TEMUKA SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the Opihi College students who were nominated for awards at the Temuka Sports Awards this year:

Kyal Dickson, Jahmal Loffley, Emily Wells, Bronwyn Halkett, Mia Andreassend (softball), Sophie Hall (swimming) and Ryan Sherriff-Wardell (rugby).

Congratulations to Temuka Cardinals softball players who won the Best Team Award.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY
Friday 12th April 2019

Reminder - There will not be any classes on this day



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It feels that I have just finished last fortnight's column for our newsletter, and now it's time to write the next one. This seems to me to be a clear indication that the term is flying by. With only two weeks to go of Term One, our students and teachers are working hard on ensuring that learning is embedded and that activities are on track. Our senior (Year 11 to 13) students are certainly very aware of the short time left this term to complete their assessments and build their credits.

Mufti Days

Within the past fortnight we have held two mufti days. The first, held last Friday was in support of the victims, survivors and families of the Christchurch mosque attacks on Friday 15th March. The same day we held 2 minutes of silence at 1.32 in the afternoon. Our staff and students gathered around the flagpole at that time and showed their respect for the victims, as well as acknowledging that New Zealanders do not condone any form of terrorism.

Our second mufti day was held on Tuesday of this week in support of epilepsy awareness. Our thanks to all who donated to the cause, and all those who made the effort to wear purple on the day.



Memorial Service held at Opihi College on Friday as a mark of respect to the victims from the recent tragedy in Christchurch.

Hot Cross Buns

Final orders have been sent away for our yearly Hot Cross Buns fundraiser. Our students have sold over 900 packets! Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Finally

Last week we were fortunate to have Robett Hollis talk to our students. His message about saying "Yes to Success" and being the best possible person you can be was inspiring. As was suggested on facebook; take the opportunity to talk to your students about what they got out of his speech.

I hope you have the opportunity over the weekend to spend some family time.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

(Share your gifts with the world.)

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson

Principal



Guest Speaker Mr Robett Hollis visited Opihi College and made a presentation to all of our students at assembly. Robett is an Entrepreneur and Ex-professional snow boarder, he is also ranked as one of LinkedIn's Top 3 Most Influential New Zealanders. His message about saying "Yes to Success" and being the best possible person you can be was inspiring.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

March 2019 winners

Shania Cochrane
Lachlan Welsh
Leith Meechang
Jemma Lyon
Jaxson Cullen
Ella McNoe
Paxton Bennett
Kayla Bagrie
Jayden Kellas-Taylor
Israel Pearce
Hailey Larsen
Kayla Bagrie
Emily Bennett
Jasper Ellis-McDonald



KOLOURCARE PHOTOS

Order envelopes have been distributed to all students. **Orders with payment are due in by Wednesday 10th April 2019.**

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 12th April 2019

Staff Professional Development Day

Please note there will be no classes on this day

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April	1-4	Alps to Ocean Cycling Trip Yr 12 & 13 OED
	2	Whanau Hui
	3	ARA Knife Skills course
	4	Opihi College YES Quiz Night Temuka Pipe Band Hall 7pm
	9	RYDA Programme Year 12
	10	ARA Knife Skills course
	10	Last day for Kolourcare School Photo orders
	12	Teacher Only Day Staff Professional Development Day 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

HIKE IT, BIKE IT, SCOOT IT, SKATE IT

SAFER JOURNEYS FOR
SCHOOL CHILDREN

A whānau and caregivers' guide



TAKING THE BUS

Help your child to:

- stand well back from the road when waiting for the bus
- wait for the bus to stop before getting on or off
- walk on in single file, letting smaller children go first
- listen to what the driver or bus warden says
- carry their bag in front of them so it doesn't get caught in the door
- stay seated and put their bag under the seat or on their knees where no one will trip on it
- get off the bus through the front door, and stand well clear as the bus turns or reverses and until the bus goes
- wait until the bus has gone before crossing the road so they can see clearly up and down the road. Always use the kerb drill to cross.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD BE SAFER AROUND BUSES?

- When picking up or dropping off children at the bus stop, wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Talk to children about why it's important to be quiet on the bus, and to listen to the driver and bus monitor.
- Dress your child in bright clothing so they can be easily seen.
- Teach your child the safest route to the bus stop. You can walk with them or drive there so they don't have to cross roads alone.
- Have a back-up plan in case you are running late.
- Slow down to 20km/h when driving past a stationary school bus.

SAFETY AROUND TRAINS

Help your child to understand that:

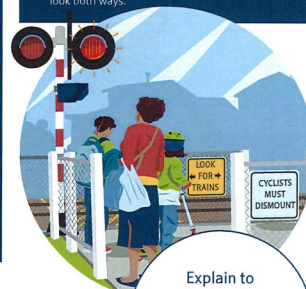
- trains are surprisingly quiet - you may not hear them coming
- trains are heavy - they take a long time to stop
- trains are fast - the average speed of a moving train is 80km/h
- trains have right of way - it's a child's responsibility to stay out of the way of the train.

Help your child to:

- only cross railway tracks at proper crossings
- stop, look and listen for trains
- use the signs, lights and bells to cross safely
- not to walk along the railway tracks
- look both ways - if there are two tracks, there could be two trains
- stay well clear of overhead wires.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD BE SAFER AROUND TRAINS?

- Always obey the signs, lights and bells when driving near railway crossings.
- Stand at least 1.5m back from the platform edge to avoid the backdraft of passing trains
- If wearing head phone, stop music or remove head phones before crossing the train tracks and look both ways.



Explain to children the danger of trains, railway tracks and the areas around the tracks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For general enquiries, or more information about road and rail safety for children, please email info@nzta.govt.nz or visit education.nzta.govt.nz

Primary school and above – measles information for school newsletters/email from the Canterbury District Health Board

March 6 2019

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March we have had ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks. Some are children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune.

Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

Measles symptoms include:

- o A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- o Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- o A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

If you think a child at your school has measles, keep them away from other children until they can be collected and taken home. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.

**Spot Prizes
to be won!**

OPIHI COLLEGE



QUIZ NIGHT!

PUT YOUR BEST TEAM FORWARD AND JOIN US
FOR A NIGHT FULL OF TRIVIA TO SUPPORT OUR
YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME (YES) STUDENTS.

When : Thursday 4th April

Where : Temuka Pipe Band Hall

Time : Doors Open @ 6:30pm - 7:00pm

Teams of 4 = \$40 per team
(To be paid in cash on the night)

To enter a team or if you're interested in
sponsoring the night please contact :

yesquiznight@gmail.com

**Auctions
& Raffles
on the
night**

Funds raised from this night will support our YES
Students in their businesses allowing them to give back
to the community and boost them into their futures.

Door Sales will be available, however please be early if this
is what you're planning. A team name will be required on the
night at the latest if not when you enter your team :)

Nau Mai Haere Mai!

25 March 2019



Tēnā tātou katoa

*This is a warm invitation for whanau to attend a hui at Opihi College.
All iwi are welcome.*

6.00PM TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2019
Meet in the Library - Kai / BBQ Dinner provided
Kaupapa - Recap of last year's hui / Goals for 2019

For those that were in attendance at last year's Meet and Greet, we had a fantastic turnout with some valuable insights from everyone. We hope that this will be the beginning of regular hui with whānau because your contributions are so important to the education of our tamariki. It is also a great way to keep whānau informed and involved within the school community.

The whole whānau is welcome to attend - Just bring yourselves! If you need us to arrange transport, please let us know ASAP.

*Nā mātou noa,
Te Rōpu Kaihoe o Ōpihi*

Ma te Wa! Hope to see you then!

OPIHI

MUSOS



LIVE

The Music Students are holding an End of Term concert on Tuesday 9th April at 6:30pm in Te Kainga. Entry is a gold coin per person and the money raised will go to help people affected by the recent tragedy in Christchurch. There will be a range of different bands, all of them from Opihi College.

We hope to see you there!

Opihi college Te-Kainga, Tuesday 9th April, 6:30-8:30pm.

Money Raised will go to the give a little charity

OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRAMP TO MESOPOTAMIA



SISS DUATHLON HELD IN OAMARU

