

Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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YES (YOUTH ENTERPRISE SCHEME)

Congratulations to the 'Buzz Bags' YES company who won First prize in the Facebook Company Photo Competition. Their prize winning photo is pictured above. This company consists of Megan Calder, Stevie Loudon, Jamie Callaghan, Mya Stratford, Geneva Hati and Xavier Hitchen, and they have won \$100 for their company. Congratulations to the 'Flavours of Temuka' company of John Reyes, Shalai Gibson, Emilie Ackroyd and Alex Uden who won \$100 for their company in a lucky draw when registering their company with YES.

The Opihi College Youth Enterprise group held a very successful quiz night last week, where they raised over \$1,000. The YES group would like to thank all of their generous sponsors:

Heartland Potato Chips, Pot Lot Temuka, Ellie's Barber Shop, Creative Food, Candles by Michelle, Hammer Hardware Temuka, Flip Out, Orana Wildlife Park, Temuka Real Estate, Talbot Forest Cheese, and Sweet Creations



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The last newsletter of Term 1. I'm really not sure where that term disappeared to, but we certainly filled it with a lot of activity!

Mufti Days

On the 22nd March we held an impromptu mufti day in support of families of the victims of the terror attacks in Christchurch on the previous Friday. I am very proud that our students donated \$472.50 to this very worthy cause. The following Tuesday our Head Students ran a Mufti Day to raise funds for Epilepsy Support. Congratulations to our students who raised a further \$333.50 for this cause.

We choose two causes each term to support through mufti days and I am always impressed at the consideration our students put into choosing which causes they will back. It is never an easy decision when we are asked to support dozens of causes each year.

Buildings

Any time you go past our school now you will notice the obvious 'gap'. We are thrilled to say that H Block no longer exists. It has been a very long pathway to its removal so we are delighted at this progress. The relocatable classrooms are nearing completion and we hope to be using those rooms by the end of the first week of Term Two. Huge thanks go to our students who have been so tolerant of the disruption that our limited classroom space has caused. We are now well into the process of planning for our new buildings and by the time you receive this newsletter we will have the concept drawing up in front of school. We have already consulted with local iwi on the design of the whole part of the building, and will be continuing that consultation shortly in order to design the frontage.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

(Share your gifts with the world.)

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal



Opihi College Redevelopment



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

April 2019 winners

McKenzie Hodgson
Isobel Bennett
Xavier Hitchen
Hailey Larsen



KOLOURCARE PHOTOS

Order envelopes have been delivered to the photographer, and delivery of photos is expected early next term.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 12th April 2019

Staff Professional Development Day

Please note there will not be any classes on this day

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Thank You for your support of this fundraiser where more than 900 packets were sold. Well done to our top sellers who will receive Care Cards: Molly Keenan, Trey Poutai, Lucy Priddle, Nic Edmond, Nick Dynes, Tayla Cullen, Jess West and Tony Milne.

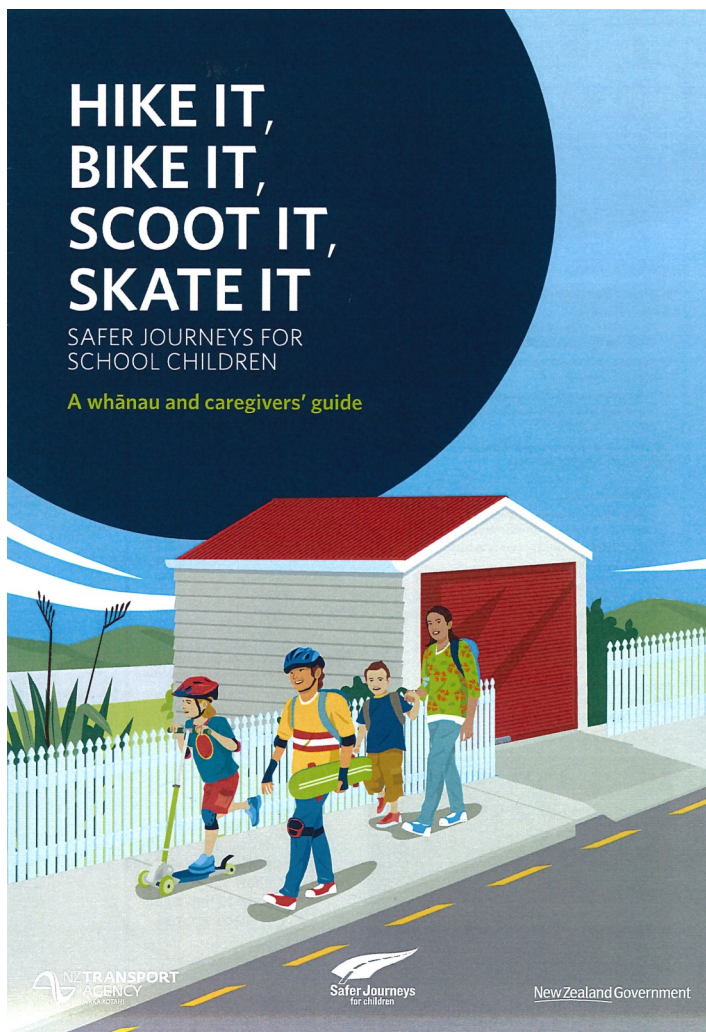
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April	12	Teacher Only Day <i>Staff Professional Development Day</i> End of Term 1
	29	Start of Term 2
May	1	BOT Meeting
	6	Yr 13 Otago Tertiary Trip
	10	Cross Country
	13-14	Yr 13 Leadership Course
	17	"Pink Shirt Day"
	17	Opihi College Senior Ball
	20	Yr 13 ChCh Tertiary Trip
	23	Opihi College Open Day <i>2pm to 4.30pm</i>
	24	<i>Nominations close for Board of Trustees election for parent representatives</i>
June	3	Queens Birthday <i>Statutory Holiday</i>
	7	<i>Election Day for Board of Trustees election for staff and parent representatives</i>

HIKE IT, BIKE IT, SCOOT IT, SKATE IT

SAFER JOURNEYS FOR
SCHOOL CHILDREN

A whānau and caregivers' guide



WALKING ON RURAL ROADS

Help your child to:

- walk facing oncoming traffic
- keep as far off the road as possible
- walk in single file, shortest person at the front, so everyone can see oncoming traffic
- listen very carefully. Vehicles can approach at high speed and be heard long before they are seen
- if a vehicle is coming, stop and stay back from the roadside until it has passed
- if you can't see the road ahead clearly, be extra careful.

If there's a narrow bridge, stop in a safe place and:

- listen carefully and scan the distance to make sure there are no vehicles coming
- go onto the bridge and walk quickly across, facing oncoming vehicles
- keep looking and listening for any vehicles that come from behind or in front.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD BE SAFER WHEN WALKING?

- If you usually drive to school, park your car further away from the school and then walk some of the way with your child so they learn about road safety with you.
- Try a walking bus, where children walk to school in an organised group. Talk to your school. They may have walking buses.



Ensure your child always wears a helmet when using their cycle, scooter or skateboard.



CYCLING

Children should know how to ride safely and be confident in traffic before attempting to ride to school, with or without you.

Support and help your child to learn how to:

- keep left
- check over their shoulder for traffic
- use the correct lane
- pass other road users safely
- use hand signals
- be safe and courteous when cycling in groups
- share the road and paths
- expect hazards and ride to avoid them.

The official New Zealand code for cyclists has information about the skills needed and available courses:

www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code

It is important that you know the correct rule and have the right equipment to keep safe: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/factsheets/01/docs/01-cycles.pdf

Young children should always hold the hand of a responsible older person when walking near traffic.



SCIENCE

Opihi College Science students of all ages have been busy with Science Investigations over the last few weeks, with outings to the Taumatakaha Stream, Opihi River and Portobello.



FAREWELL

Opihi College sadly farewells Ms Queree from the staff this week. Ms Queree has been teaching for eight years at Opihi College, and will be missed for her efficiency and thorough organization of her department, and the College swimming sports. Ms Queree has been our Head of Social Sciences, Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees, and a Dean / House Leader also. We thank Ms Queree for her time and dedication to Opihi College, and wish all her all the best for when she leaves the district.



UNIFORM

We have good supplies of second hand uniform here at Opihi College should you need a few extra warm clothes for winter. Beanies, caps and sunhats all available for \$10 each. Still some ex-rental blazers available for purchase by senior students for \$100 each. Plenty of PE tops available for immediate purchase in both styles. Come in and have a look!

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

TEMUKA RUGBY CLUB

U13 Temuka Rugby Team are looking for more players. If you are interested in having a go please come along to the training on Wednesday 4pm at the camping ground to see if you like it.

You can contact Kim on 0273485191 for more information.

GEMS FLORIST

Ball flowers available:
Corsage \$15 Buttonhole \$12

Contact Gemma:
Gemsflorist@gmail.com
On Facebook and Instagram
(Gemma May, florist)
Phone 021 068 1121



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

During Term 2 we will be holding our Board of Trustee elections. We will be seeking new parent representatives and a new staff representative as some of our representatives are finishing their terms. If you are interested in joining our Board of Trustees, but require more information please do not hesitate to contact the school office to discuss. All families will be receiving nomination information in the post in May, with nominations closing at noon on Friday 24th May 2019. The election will be held in June 2019.



15-18 April 2019

Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgan's Road, Timaru

The April Holiday break is only weeks away!
Let us help while you work!

Sign up your child to experience a huge range sports & fun heaps of activities!!!

Active Kids is a fun, safe and 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.

REGISTER TODAY



Full details and to register on line go to

www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751
Limited Spaces available.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8th April 2019

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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.

Now available in Size 11-1 only

\$10

WEST HAM UNITED OCEANIA ACADEMY 2019 PLAYER ID CAMP



TIMARU

NEW ZEALAND

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th April
Sir Basil Arthur Park,
Racecourse Rd, Timaru
Cost \$185 (includes a camp t-shirt)

Boys & Girls: Ages 7 -17

SESSION TIMES

10.00 am – 2.00pm (Lunch break 12.00 – 12.30pm)
BRING A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE AND SUNSCREEN

- West Ham International Academy Coaches
- Selected Players Invited to West Ham Australia National Camp (Residential Camp on the Gold Coast, 21st- 24th September)
- West Ham Academy Assistant Academy Director will Oversee National Camp
- Selected Players invited to spend a week at the club in London
- Selected Players invited to take part in West Ham UK Development Tour

REGISTRATION
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An Introductory Mindfulness Workshop
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STREET, TIMARU
GIRLS 12PM-2PM
BOYS 3PM-5PM**

Tickets \$25-Bookings essential

Contact Tenika 0225169180

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VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL

The Opihi College girls' volleyball team travelled to Christchurch recently for the Satellite Tournament in Christchurch. This is the first time Opihi College has entered a volleyball team in years, if ever. The girls have come on in leaps and bounds over the past six months with Mr Wallis as their coach. They played magnificently and won two out of six games. They were long games (some going for two hours!) and these girls stuck it out and played great volleyball. The four games lost were all very close, coming down to the 5th set but we just couldn't get the win. Cheers to all our sponsors and all of the support from our awesome parents, school and community. Thank you also to Mr Wallis and Miss Sutherland for their organization of this trip.



ALPS TO OCEAN CYCLE TRIP



The OED class wish to thank Mr Grace and Mr & Mrs Wallace for accompanying them on the very successful Alps 2 Ocean Cycling Trip held in March.

Students should play Bridge!

Fun - Learn and enjoy

Every hand is different. It is a fun game played by four or more people. You can play for a few minutes or much longer. You can play with other people or on-line.

Mathematics and memory

Bridge requires mental mathematics and remembering which cards have or have not been played. (learn to count cards)

Problem Solving and Sharing

Each deal requires players to solve the problem of estimating how many tricks can be made and of deciding a trump suit. Players are bidding with their partner against opponents. Thus, bridge helps players communicate both in the bidding and the play of the hand with their partner. Pairs can also work together on their own bidding systems.

Logical thinking

Bridge players have to think logically at all times and have to work out a plan to either make or defeat a contract

We were in Year 11 at King's High School, Dunedin, when Otago Bridge Club did a drive for bridge in schools.

A tutor was sent to schools at lunch times. We saw it advertised in the daily notices at school, and we had a bridge-playing maths teacher that we liked.

At the time, we knew nothing about bridge other than it was a card game. We learned mini bridge at lunch time before attending lessons at the club, and kept going. I think a major factor in that was that there was a group of five of us that were keen, so having a group of keen students was key. Also, there were other young people in our lessons at the club, so we didn't feel on our own

Why should school and uni students learn to play bridge? In short, it's a fun problem-solving game, we quickly had opportunities to travel to play bridge in the region, nationally, and eventually internationally.

In my opinion, it's probably best to learn when at high school, since things are a bit busier when undertaking tertiary studies compared to school.

Best wishes, Jared, Dunedin

**Opihi College Library from May 1, 2019
7pm-9pm commitment of 10 weeks just \$10**

For further information contact:

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