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TRADES ACADEMY FUNDRAISER SILENT AUCTION



The Trades Academy students have created some wonderful projects which are now being sold as a fundraiser. A Silent Auction is being held at the school office. Anyone wishing to view the items or make a bid is very welcome to visit the office to do so (during office hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm). Phone bids can be made.

Items available for purchase:

1. Coat Rack
2. Outdoor garden seat
3. Dog Kennel (suitable small dog)
4. Upcycled pallet coffee table
5. Chopping Boards (eight of these)



Bidding will close at 11.30am on Friday 14th June.





From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This fortnightly newsletter always seems to come around very quickly – evidence of how quickly time passes when you're busy! And we have certainly been busy at Opihi College.

Industrial Action

As you will be aware secondary teachers are currently taking industrial action and as a follow up to last week's New Zealand wide strike, have instigated rolling year group strikes. This action meant that there were no classes for Year 9 students on Tuesday of this week. It has been proposed by the union that Tuesday of next week (11th June) there will be no classes for Year 10 students. On 19th June there will be further strike action with all secondary teachers in the Aoraki region on strike again so, unless settlement is reached before that date, you will need to plan for all students to be home that day. Further action will follow for Year 11 and 12 students.

***** The Union has just advised us that union leaders of secondary and primary teachers will be meeting with the Minister on Thursday. We will keep you updated if there is any change to these proposed industrial actions.*****

Reports

Teachers have begun the process of preparing reports on student progress. This feedback from teachers provides valuable guidance for students and parents. It is an opportunity for you to measure current progress against what needs to be achieved for the year. Setting realistic goals, and focussing on them, gives students the opportunity to ensure a successful end to their academic year. Don't forget that the year is more than half way for senior students. For most of them, a lot still needs to be achieved before November!

You can expect reports to come home on or about 21st June and will be followed up with a Parent/Teacher afternoon/evening on 26th June.

Property

Readers of the Timaru Herald will have noted that our 4 new classrooms are finally open and are now being used for teaching and learning. They are already making a positive difference to our room availability and the majority of classes that had been in the hall are now held in the new Ako (learning) Block.

House Activity Day

Don't forget that Monday 10th June is House Activity Day. Students are to come in house colours (mufti) – but do make sure that the clothing is suitable for both inside and outside activities.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

(Share your gifts with the world.)

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson
Principal

PARENT TEACHER EVENING Wednesday 26th June

*Please note that school finishes
at 12.30pm on this day*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 2pm and 8pm on this day:

- Code **5bd22** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please note these interviews are with your **child's subject teachers** (rather than mentor teachers).
- Appointments are for **ten minutes each**, it will be essential families arrive on time
- Bookings will be unable to be made on the day
- Please contact the school office if you require any assistance
- Buses will run as usual and supervision will be provided for students who are not able to be picked up. Please let the school office know, by phoning 6157 442 if your child requires supervision on this afternoon so that arrangements can be made.

WELCOME

This month we would like to welcome:

Connor Proudman

Caidance Jenkins

Welcome - we hope you enjoy your time here!

EXTRA MAGAZINE SPELLING QUIZ

Congratulations to Lachlan Russell, Glacier Heather, Sophie Bool, Tayla Rooney, Keira Narayan and Shian Coskerie for representing Opihi College at the recent Extra Magazine Spelling Quiz. You all represented Opihi College with pride and showed the school value of Excellence.

HOUSE ACTIVITY DAY

This has been rescheduled due to the Strike Action, and will now be held on Monday 10th June. All students to come to school in house coloured mufti and will participate in a variety of fun activities during the day as house groups.

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

Term 2 winners:

Ella Swete

Blake Higgs

Shayden Walton

Vishwapriyan Velmurugan



MT HUTT SKI TRIP

The Ski Trip programme for all year groups is scheduled to be held on **Monday 12th August 2019**. Total cost for the trip is \$100. A notice with all of the details for this trip are available from the school office.

SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

As part of our Music Programme here at Opihi College, we will be participating in Smokefree Rockquest again this year. This event gives our students a chance to show off their songwriting and musical skills to caregivers and friends in a relaxed family environment.

All are welcome to attend the Smokefree Rockquest Concert which is being held at **6.30pm Saturday 22nd June 2019** at the Mountainview High School Auditorium.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June	7	Election Day for Board of Trustees election for staff and parent representatives
	10	House Activity Day - House Colour Mufti on this day
	11	SCPSS Cross Country
	11	PPTA Rolling Strike - Year 10's rostered home <i>Please note schools nationwide will not be teaching Year 10 students due to a Teachers Strike * (unless negotiations result in a settlement prior to this).</i>
	14	Y10 Japanese Competition Dunedin
	14	New Board of Trustees take office
	19	PPTA Rolling Strike - <i>Please note schools nationwide will not be teaching any students due to a Teachers Strike * (unless negotiations result in a settlement prior to this).</i>
	21	Reports issued
	22	RockQuest Concert 6.30- 9.30pm Mountainview High School Auditorium
	25	PPTA Rolling Strike - Year 11's rostered home <i>Please note schools nationwide will not be teaching Year 11 students due to a Teachers Strike * (unless negotiations result in a settlement prior to this).</i>
	26	Parent Teacher Evening 2 - 8pm <i>Please note school finishes at 12.30pm on this day</i>
	26	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	28	Life Education van visits
July	2	PPTA Rolling Strike - Year 12's rostered home <i>Please note schools nationwide will not be teaching Year 12 students due to a Teachers Strike * (unless negotiations result in a settlement prior to this).</i>
	4-5	Barista Course

Host a Japanese Student from Shigakukan High School!

Do you want to learn a little about another country or another language? Why not host a student from Japan and give it a try! We're looking for host families to provide homestays for a group of Japanese boys and girls aged 15-16 from 24 July to 14 August at the beginning of Term Three. They don't need a special room of their own, just a bed to sleep in and a little space for their luggage. You don't have to go out of your way to do anything special with them; simply welcome them into your home and include them as part of your family. Your student would attend school from Monday to Friday and then be away on Saturday or Sunday for a day-trip excursion. We realise that there will be some extra expenses involved in hosting your student, so we will provide each family with \$375 to offset those costs a little.



Why we organise this hosting programme:

- It's a significant fundraiser for the school and helps our students participate in the Japanese Language Trip to Japan.
- Our Opihi College students and family members are exposed to a new language and culture. They will try new foods, play new games, and learn about music, art, and crafts.
- Our Japanese language classes at all levels 7-13 get an infusion of real language and culture learning.
- We learn more about the world around us firsthand.

Please contact Cindy Coskerie by email at coskeriec@opihicollege.school.nz or ring her at school on 615-7442 or for more information. Thank you!





ARA TRADES TASTER DAY
 The Opihi College Year 11 Materials Technology class enjoyed participating in a variety of activities including the De Walt Power Tool Challenge at ARA in Timaru. Congratulations to Max Denley who was the fastest in the tyre change challenge!





OPIHI COLLEGE WINTER DUATHLONS

Individual and Team Competition



RACE 1 - SUNDAY 7th JULY 2019

RACE 2 - SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2019

- Held in Temuka - running in the Opihi College grounds and cycling on country roads from Temuka to Milford.
- Social competition open to all adults and students
- Competition Grades for Individuals or Teams of Two
- **Short Course:** Run 2km, Cycle 10.8km, Run 1km
- **Long Course:** Run 4km, Cycle 21.6km, Run 2km
- **Schedule:**

9.00- 10.00am	Check in at Opihi College Library
10.15am	Compulsory race briefing
10.30am	Race Start
- **Parking:**

If dry, on school field, entry off Guild Road
If wet, park on Richard Pearse Drive and enter through main gates
- **Entry Fee:**

Individuals and Teams, one race	\$30
Individuals and Teams, both races	\$50
Students representing a High School, one race	\$15
Students representing a High School, both races	\$30
- Great prizes and spot prizes
- Grateful thanks to our generous sponsors



Enter online at www.scpacers.co.nz
Entry forms available at the Opihi College office



Entries on the day accepted*

**Late entries will incur an additional \$5 charge per entry*





OPIHI COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS



Introducing the 2019 Opihi College Girls Football Team -

Back row: Shekinah Welford, Chloe Kerslake, Madi Barclay, Bailee Ellery, Anika Bagrie, Hailey Larsen, Charlotte Bennett & Cordelia Taylor. Front Row: Stevie Loudon, Geneva Hati, Soriya Halkett & Kayla Bagrie.

NETBALL

Thank you to all the netball families who chipped in to run the canteen last weekend which raised some extra funds for our netballers.

Results from Saturday 25th May:

Seniors

Opihi A beat Roncalli B 24-20

Opihi B lost to Geraldine High School Social 17-21

Juniors

Opihi Black lost to St Pats

Dublin 15-23

Opihi Blue drew with
Craighead Queens 7-7

Pictured: The junior netballers enjoying participating in the Rainbow Tournament in Timaru recently.



FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Opihi College girls football team who won 2-0 against Timaru Girls High School last week. Well done girls (especially when so many of you weren't feeling well). Congratulations to Chloe Kerslake for scoring both of the goals.

A special "Thank You" to Mr Wallis for preparing this new team to play in the Aorangi competition.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who participated and stood against some tough competition at the Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cross Country recently. Well done to Jack Joyce who finished second in his grade, and Cody Crawshaw who finished tenth in his grade.



Opihi College Board of Trustees' Election for Parent Representatives

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Shane Brookland
Tony Narayan
Andrew Russell
Andrew Williams

Signed
Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer

WANTED



The Opihi College Trades Academy desperately require old red chimney bricks. If you have any you could donate, please contact Ms Ellis or the school office.
We can collect if required.
Thank you.



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Mountain View High School Auditorium,
Pages Road, Marchwiell
Saturday June 15, 7pm

General admission \$25 Family Pass 2x Adult + 2 U18 \$50
NZAC members \$15 Student with Id \$15
Tickets available at www.banff.nz
All proceeds go to the New Zealand Alpine Club

V.O.I.C.E YOUTH PROJECT 2019 ART EXHIBITION & COMPETITION JUNE 18-21

Entries close 12th June 2019
With works delivered to: YMCA
23 Butler Street, Timaru.



ENTRY CRITERIA: Open to all South Canterbury young people aged from 12-24 years of age. **CASH PRIZES!**
CATEGORIES: Image 1: Painting/Drawing. Image 2: Mixed Media/Printmaking. Digital Media Image 3: Film/Photography/Design.
3D Works: Sculpture/Installation. + SPECIAL AWARD CATEGORIES. **OPENING/AWARDS NIGHT:** Tuesday 18 June, 6.30pm @
Timaru District Council Chambers, Barnard Street, Timaru. **Exhibition:** @TDC Chambers 6.30pm 18-12.30pm 21 June 2019.

THEME: WE ARE MORE THAN YOU SEE
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT: Cath - youth@ymcasc.org.nz Phone: 688 3682 or Anna Reihana@cath.health.nz Phone: 687 2609

