

# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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## OPIHI COLLEGE MUSICIANS ROCK THE SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

A large group of Opihi College rock musicians took to the stage at the Mountainview High School auditorium last weekend to compete in the annual Smokefree Rockquest regional competition. All of the musicians had a great night, with some of the newer musicians doing a good job of battling their nerves to take to the stage for the first time, especially with a large range of bands competing from a number of schools. The 'Best Song Award' was won by Opihi College band "The Begonias" comprising 14 year old Reef Brazendale (vocals and lead guitar), 15 year old Matthew Anso (bass) and 16 year old Luke Smith (drums) for the original song they composed and performed. In the Solo Section, Megan Calder sang her way to Second Prize. *Well done to you all!*





## From Across the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Another term done! We are more than half way through the 2019 school year!

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June reports were sent home, then last Wednesday, at the request of a number of parents, we held our Parent Teacher Interviews. This opportunity to talk directly to your student's teacher was clearly appreciated by many parents and we were very pleased with the number of you who came along. If you missed out on this opportunity, and would like to meet some of your child's teachers, please call the office to make appointments to do so. If you would like to come in, every endeavour will be made to set you up with appointments early in Term three.

### Property

We continue to make progress with regard to planning for our new learning spaces. We have now approved the design plan for our new buildings and are moving into the 'fine detail' design stage. It is exciting to be making progress and we are looking forward to breaking ground in December. In the meantime we are making great use of the new Ako block. We have also removed some of the walls in the hall, giving us a 'half hall' which we intend to use for assemblies and formal occasions. We obviously don't have enough space for Awards Ceremonies or Prize-giving but at least we will have partial use.

### Uniform

Now the cooler weather has arrived I would like to remind families of the expectations regarding uniform. Our general uniform is no longer 'seasonal', so there is no requirement that students move into 'winter' or 'summer' uniform on any set dates. However this is a reminder that hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Students can wear a plain black jacket (puffer acceptable) or a uniform soft shell jacket for warmth during the winter. A plain black or navy beanie and a plain black or navy scarf may be worn as required. Hats and scarves are not

acceptable or required in class. Uniform shoes are plain black and must take nugget – in other words, be leather or vinyl not fabric. Students may wear thermals under their uniforms but the thermal must have shorter sleeves than the shirt they are wearing, so that no thermal sleeve is showing. Equally necks should be below those of the uniform shirt. This is also a reminder that students are expected to wear the correct uniform both to and from school each day.

### Enjoy your holidays

This is our last newsletter before the holidays. Enjoy your break with your whanau; we look forward to seeing you all back In Term 3.

### Tohaina ō painga ki te ao.

(Share your gifts with the world.)

Ka kite ano.

Tina Johnson  
Principal



*Another awesome experience last week when one of our Te Ara Tika groups laid the best hangi. Their goal was to "work together as a team towards a common goal". They nailed it and ate some yummy food in the process.*



## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

Term 2 winners:

Issy Livingstone  
Hailey Larsen  
Ella Ferguson  
Alyssa White



## 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.

## CANTEEN

Please note that the Opihi College canteen will be closed on Friday 26th July. There will be food available for purchase on this day - the Netball teams and the Youth Enterprise Scheme will be holding fundraising food stalls. More details on this next term.

## FAREWELL

### Mr Logan Callow

This week, we are sadly farewelling Deputy Principal Mr Logan Callow who is departing to take up a new position at Timaru Girls High School. Mr Callow has been a teacher at Opihi College for the past 12 years, and has also been our Head of Science and Deputy Principal. Mr Callow will be remembered for many things, such as taunting students with crabs during Biology trips, beating everyone in the 100m sprint at Athletics (and almost vomiting afterwards), scaring Year 7 students every year in the caves at Raincliff and also for being an awesome teacher. We thank him so very much for his hard work and dedication to the school over the last 12 years and wish him all the best for the future.



### Mrs Polly Rowe

Miss Polly has worked in a number of roles during her short time here at Opihi College. She has been our Attendance Officer, International Students Director and has assisted with junior Art classes. Miss Polly was the creative force behind the 'Haunted H-Block' fundraiser, and has helped immensely with decorations for our senior balls. We thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work and wish her well in her future endeavours.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July	4-5	Barista Course
	5	End of Term 2
	7	Opihi College Duathlon <i>- First in series of two events</i>
	7-10	SISS Netball Tournament Christchurch
July	22	Start of Term 3
	24	Shigakukan Visit begins
	26	Netball and Young Enterprise Scheme fundraising food stalls. <i>Canteen closed for the day</i>
	29	Cultural Competition
August	12	Opihi College Ski Trip
August	18	Opihi College Duathlon <i>- Second in series of two events</i>

## 2019 TERM DATES

Term 3 Mon 22nd July—Fri 27th Sep  
Term 4 Mon 14th Oct—Fri 13th Dec

## BEREAVEMENT

Opihi College staff and students have sadly farewelled former staff member Mrs Margaret Waddington who passed away last week after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs Waddington has had a lifelong involvement with Opihi College (and the former Temuka High School). Mrs Waddington, or Miss Ross as she was known then, was a past pupil of the school, receiving several years of her secondary school



education here. At that time, her mother Phyllis Ross was on staff as a Teacher of French. In the 1980's Miss Ross returned to the school as a new teacher, and taught alongside fellow teacher, and future husband, Mr David Waddington. After a break from teaching while she raised her family, Mrs Waddington returned to the school in 1998 where she taught until her retirement last year. *Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.*



# OPIHI COLLEGE SPORTS RESULTS



## RUGBY

Congratulations to our Opihi College rugby players who played in the Temuka Under 14.5yrs team beating the TBHS Leopards 68-14 last weekend.



## SQUASH School Holiday Programme



Come along and 'Have a Go'

### When:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

### Where:

Timaru, Brunswick St

### Time:

11am-midday

### Cost:

\$2 per session

Register by email or text

Contact: Andrina Stoddart  
Email: [sjdomidlands@hotmail.com](mailto:sjdomidlands@hotmail.com)  
Cell: 027 376 6881



TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.



15-19 July 2019

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

The July Holiday break is only weeks away!  
Are you working & need childcare or  
after some fun activities to stop the boredom???

Sign up your child today to experience a huge  
range sports & heaps of awesome 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 5-11 years.

Full day (9.30-11) and half day (9.30-12) options available  
from as little as \$15 per session.

**REGISTER TODAY**



Full details and to register on line go to  
[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

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

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**





# 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](http://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*



# 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](mailto:coskeriec@opihicollege.school.nz) or ring her at school on 615-7442 or for more information. Thank you!







## OPIHI COLLEGE 'POP UP RESTAURANT'

Well done to the Year 10 Foods class who put on a three course luncheon for invited guests last week. They made everything themselves (including the pasta and breads) and the food was amazing! You were all a real credit to your families and Mrs Rose. Hopefully you can make the meals at home one day so more of your whanau can enjoy your culinary skills.



### There's a new non-emergency number for Police

To help keep New Zealand as safe as possible, we've introduced a new way to contact Police for non-emergencies: call 105 or go to [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz)

Use [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz) to report:

- Thrift in a public place
- Thrift from a car
- Intentional property damage
- Shoplifting
- Lost property
- Or to get an update on a report already made or add to an existing report

Until now people either called their local Police station or they called 111 if they wanted to get hold of Police. Quite often people called 111 just because they wanted to talk to someone even if the matter wasn't urgent.

So we have introduced 105 so people know how to contact us for those non urgent situations as well. Use 105 to report things that have already happened that don't need urgent Police assistance.

Remember, in an emergency, always call 111.

You can call 105 from both mobile and landline phones. It's a free nationwide service available day and night for New Zealanders and overseas visitors.

Use 105 to report anything else to Police that's already happened.

#### Call 111 when:

- A crime is happening now - and the offenders are still there or just left
- Someone's in danger or badly injured
- There's a serious risk to human life or property
- You see a major public hazard, like trees blocking a road
- Any of these things are happening now or have just happened

111 is also the number for Fire and Ambulance.

#### Report it at a Police station.

You can also report anything in person at your local station - we'll always be here to help you.

**IF IT'S HAPPENING NOW CALL 111**

**IF IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED USE 105**

**NON-EMERGENCY** Ohofata Kore **105**

Call 105 or go online to [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz)



# OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

## Sharing student information with the Canterbury District Health Board

### *Free dental care for teenagers, Year 9 – 18<sup>th</sup> birthday*

#### **Why we are sharing student information**

Opihi College would like to provide student information to the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB), who will check if students are enrolled with a dentist.

#### **Information to be shared**

We will provide the CDHB with the following information:

- Your teenager's name, date of birth, address, contact number and class
- Your name, contact number and e-mail

#### **Purpose**

The CDHB will only use this information to check that your teenager is enrolled with a dentist and/or to contact you with information about free dental care.

#### **Free dental providers for Canterbury teens**

Most dentists offer free dental care for teens. When a teenager is enrolled with a dental provider, the dentist will create a recall date and check your teenager's teeth each year. More information about free dental care for teens can be found at [www.cdhb.health.nz/teendental](http://www.cdhb.health.nz/teendental).

#### **Opting out**

If you do not wish for Opihi College to share this information, please notify the school office by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

Ngā mihi,

Tina Johnson  
Principal  
Opihi College





*A Big "Thank You" to all the local employers who host our students for work experience on the Gateway Programme. As you can see, the students are getting to try a wide range of local employment opportunities!*



**Alpine ENERGY 2019**

**Model Railway Expo**

**Saturday 13th July**  
10am - 5pm

**Sunday 14th July**  
10am - 4pm

**Family \$15**  
**Adult \$8**  
**Child \$3**

**Roncalli College Gym**  
**Craigie Avenue, Timaru**

**hospice** Proceeds to Hospice South Canterbury

### Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please contact our Call Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook**
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,**
- **Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**

Or email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)





**TECHNOLOGY**

*Our junior students have been completing their projects and have produced some amazing work - clocks, trays, bird feeders, bumble bee houses and memory boards are just some of the useful items they have created this year.*

