

Opihi - on campus



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South Island Netball Tournament

This three day tournament was held in Christchurch during the first week of the holidays. Opihi College entered a team in the Combined (Year 9 and 10) Grade of 31 teams.

On Monday, Opihi College beat Hornby High School 31-19, but lost to Catholic Cathedral College 33-25 and South Otago High School 34-14. On Tuesday, Opihi won their first game against South Westland Area School 25-12, but were defeated by Golden Bay High School 32-18 and Menzies 46-13. The girls woke to a very cold morning on Wednesday and faced off against Kavanagh College, losing 30-19. This meant their final match was to be played against Golden Bay, once again, in the playoff for 23/24 place. The girls really pulled together as a team and gave their all, winning 31-28 and earning a final place of 23.

It was lovely to see so many families who were able to travel to Christchurch and support the girls over the three days. A special thanks goes to Olivia McBride (Umpire), Emily McBride (Coach) and Bernie McBride for all their assistance, and Debbie Hauptfleisch and Cindy Coskerie for their management.



WELCOME

This term Opihi College are very pleased to welcome Mr Kieran Stone as Acting Principal, and Mr Bob Cumming as Acting Deputy Principal. Miss Johnson will be away on leave for the next few months, and we are currently in the process of appointing a new Deputy Principal. We thank them very much for their assistance!

Opihi College is currently hosting a visit from a group of Shigakukan High School students from Japan. We welcome them to our school for the next few weeks and hope they enjoy their visit!



Kia ora! My name is Kieran Stone and I am acting Principal for your College in Term 3 while Miss Johnson is away on leave. I feel very privileged to be part of your school community. Term 3 is a very important term, especially for our senior students as they head towards their final NCEA assessments for the year and so it's business as usual from my perspective.

I am from Greymouth in the land of Pounamu and whitebait. Originally I am from Invercargill and I had my first teaching experience down in Winton in Southland. My Grandparents on my father's side came from the South Canterbury area, Geraldine and Winchester. I feel a real connection to this part of our country. I enjoy fishing and tramping and I try to play golf with some success at times. I enjoy watching all sports and I played rugby, cricket and basketball in my younger days, when my legs did what I told them to.

Please feel free to drop in and say hello as I would love to meet you.

Nga mihi nui!

Tēnā koutou katoa

I'm very pleased to be back at Opihi College for Term 3, helping out as Acting Deputy Principal, while the school looks at appointing a new Deputy Principal to replace Mr Logan Callow.

For those of you who don't know me, I was Deputy Principal at Temuka High School / Opihi College from 1997 until the end of 2013, and I also taught Mathematics and Digital Technology. Prior to being Deputy Principal, I was the Head of Mathematics and a member of the Senior Management team at Awatapu College in Palmerston North.

I have a desire to see our students develop into caring, hard-working, independent citizens. Many of our students are very pleasant, mature young people and, as parents of those students, you can be proud of them. I will support all students and their teachers in my capacity as Deputy Principal. I look forward to meeting you at school, or in the community – please introduce yourselves if you see me.

Ngā mihi nui.

Bob Cumming



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW

End of Term winners:

Matthew Anso

Dylan Donehue

Varshini Velmurugan

Piper-Lee Suddens

Winner of \$50 Voucher = Raju Gadikoppula



TERM 3 FUNDRAISER FOR NEW COMPUTERS

Opihi College are raising funds for ten new Chrome-books by holding a raffle this term. Raffle sheets have been sent home with all students to sell. We are asking families to donate one grocery item each to go towards two grocery baskets. Items can be handed in to the school office.



OPIHI COLLEGE CHESS

Congratulations to all of the entrants in our Opihi College Chess Competition for 2019. Our students have been battling each other all of Term 2 and the final results are:

1st place **Julian Kaan**

2nd place **Kyle Morris**

3rd place **Blake Morris**

Well done to you all!

FOOD AT SCHOOL

Research has proven that all students need to have the right amount of fuel for their bodies to grow and be healthy. Research has also proven that they need the right amount of fuel to help their brains to concentrate. We have concerns around the amount of students that are going through the school day with no food at all. While we understand that some parents put the responsibility onto their child to pack themselves a lunch, this is not happening with certain students. Please can you check that your child has enough sustainable food for the day. There are certain items we do not allow at school, such as chewing gum and fizzy or energy drinks. All students are encouraged to have a water bottle at school. If for any reason you need to bring food in for your child, please leave it at the office rather than wandering through the school. All visitors must sign in at the office.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August	7	Science Engineering Trip to Christchurch
	8 & 9	Year 12 Resiliency Course
	12	Opihi College Ski Trip
	13	History Trip
	18	Opihi College Duathlon - Second in series of two events
	20	Bandquest Competition, Christchurch
	20	Temuka Sports Group Winter Tournament, Opihi College
	26	Year 11 Industry Expo
	27	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
	27	House Activity Day
	29	Opihi Showcase 5 - 7pm

MUSIC

Opihi College band "The Big Foots" (comprising Reef Brazendale, Luke Smith and Liam Pelvin) are playing at the Aidan Theatre, 28 Latter Street, Timaru on Friday 2nd August 2019. This is an Open Microphone night being held from 6pm to 7.30pm. All welcome to support them at this event.

OPIHI SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2019 5- 7PM

We would like to invite all families, and all new families for 2020, to come to Opihi College on the evening of 29th August to look at what wonderful things our students have done this year. This is our chance for students to show parents what they have been working on in different areas of the school, including Technology, Science, Integrated Studies and Music. There will be a chance for our musical students from Bandquest and Rockquest to perform to a live audience.

In the library, we will have teachers available to discuss careers and subjects option choices, as students in Years 8-12 will be choosing subjects for next year during this term.

More detailed information will be in the next newsletter. Put this date in your calendar now so you don't forget it.



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 WINTER DUATHLON

The Opihi College & SC Pacers Annual Duathlon Series began in July attracting athletes to Temuka to compete. Competitors enjoyed running within the grounds of Opihi College, and cycled around a circuit from Temuka to Milford and return. As well as the senior competitors, this year children were able to compete in the 'Chocolate Fish Race', where after running and cycling around the Opihi College field they all won a chocolate fish for their efforts. Competitors enjoyed the clear sunny conditions and will be keen to return for the second Duathlon in the series which is due to be held on Sunday 18th August.

Congratulations to all of the winners in the first Duathlon held on 7th July 2019:

Long Course

Run 4 km & Cycle 21.6km & Run 2km

Female grade - Winner Martina Fellmann,
2nd Shirley Rolsten, 3rd Allison Sparham.

Male grade - Winner Ben Wreford,
2nd Cameron Prattley, 3rd Mike Blandy.

Team grade - Winner "Gym Grunters"
(Kurt Englebrecht & Grant), 2nd Anita &
Antony Callon, 3rd Hannah Wood & Kendra Tuck,



Short Course

Run 2km & Cycle 10.8km & Run 1km

Female grade - Winner Leilani Guilford,
2nd Lisa Pilgrim, 3rd Megan Baird.

Male grade - Winner Jayden Walker,
2nd Jack Joyce, 3rd Jason Stevenson.

Team Grade - Winner "Pink Panthers"
(Amelia Walker & Kirsten Walker).



Congratulations to the Opihi College Girls' Football Team who won last week against TGHS. They play their final game for the season on Thursday 8th August at 3.45pm at Opihi College against Ashburton. It would be great to see as many supporters there as possible.

CULTURAL COMPETITION 2019

On Monday this week we held our annual Cultural Competition. This year, the house captains decided that our performances would involve the school waiata, school haka, and a chant that represented Opihi College. Houses had around four weeks to prepare for their performances.

We would like to send out a huge congratulations to every single student who performed with their house, especially all the students that were new to this experience. Lastly, we would like to thank our judges - Mr Kieran Stone (Acting Principal), Mrs Elizabeth Marryatt, and Matua Shayde Taikato. They had a very hard job judging due to the high standard of performances.

Results were: 1st Opihi, 2nd Aoraki, 3rd = Rata and Pacific.



The students had lots of fun at the Barista course held at Opihi College at the end of Term 2, and the staff enjoyed sampling the coffee.

