

Opihi - on campus



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Shigakukan Students Say *Sayonara* and *Arigato!* (Good-bye and Thank you!)

It was another whirlwind three week visit by the students and teachers from Shigakukan Senior High School. Mr Hasegawa, Mr Takani, Miss Ashizawa, Kanami, Hina, Rion, Honoka, Keito, Takahiro, Hana, Ayato, Minari, Naruho, Kenta, Mahiro, Airi, Masaki, Kotoha, Naoya, Chiho, Kaho, Yusei, Kento, Tomoki and Kokoro spent their time studying English, attending classes with "buddy" students and participating in a variety of weekend excursions. A HUGE THANK YOU must be extended to all of the HOST FAMILIES – Mrs Bergamini, the Brooklands, the Crawshaws, Donaldsons, the Ellis-McDonald Family, the Hollands, Ian Jackson & Gloria Stacey, Doug Watson & Gerrie Ligtenberg, the Lindbloms, the Middletons, Jenny Russell, the Thapas and the Weavers - who all welcomed these students into their homes. It wouldn't have been possible without your warm hospitality.

Arigato gozaimasu!



A message from the Principal



Kia ora!

We are well into the third term at school and while there are still some interruptions to our usual school days to come such as tournament week, staff and students are all starting to feel the pressure of the looming NCEA exams – internal and external exams. Our students are reminded to keep planning their work, including their study time and meet with your support people such as your teachers and deans at school if you are struggling. Good results come about due to hard and consistent work.

I was asked recently by several parents about school homework, especially in senior classes as their children had informed them that they weren't having much. NCEA often involves students being self-directing and basically our senior students have on-going homework for all of their subjects. If formal homework is not set for an evening it is expected that they are reading and working through their lessons they had that day. Students are expected, for example, to be continually adding to their reading experiences so that they can complete their reading responses at all NCEA levels in English.

I have some concerns about some of our senior students who are credit chasing and just going for the required quantity of grades instead of going for quality grades and completing full courses. If a student is capable of obtaining a Merit or Excellence endorsement they are doing themselves a disservice by not achieving to their potential. Level I, II and III NCEA exams will not be the end point qualifications for most of our students. Further training will be required for most of them be that in a working or continuing education context. Prior knowledge is important and quality grades if nothing else will open up doors for students when they apply for such things as scholarships and jobs.



We have just said our good-byes to our guests from Shigakukan and it was a pleasure for our school to host them again. Thank you to Mr Lindblom and Miss Coskerie for all the back-ground work that they did behind the scenes to make the visit such a success. Of course our thanks to our host families too for helping make the visit such a memorable one for the visiting students.

Nga mihi nui!

Kieran Stone
Acting Principal



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.

Put this date in your calendar now!

TERM 3 FUNDRAISER FOR NEW CHROMEBOOKS

Opihi College are raising funds for ten new Chromebooks 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.

HOUSE ACTIVITY DAY

On Tuesday 27th August, we are having a second House Activity Day. Students will come to school in house coloured mufti clothes and will participate in a variety of sporting and academic challenges, including the inter-house netball cup for seniors.



FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

The Te Ara Tika class have recently cut some blue gum trees for firewood. They are selling the firewood as a fundraiser at \$240 per trailer load (approx. 3.2 cubic metres per load). Delivery to local addresses can be arranged. Please note that this firewood will not be suitable for burning until next winter (or later).



Please contact the office if you are interested.
Supply is limited so be in quick!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August	18	Opihi College Duathlon <i>- Second in series of two events</i>
	20	Bandquest Competition, <i>Christchurch</i>
	20	Temuka Sports Group Winter Tournament, <i>Opihi College</i>
	26	Year 11 Industry Expo
	27	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>6.30pm</i>
	27	House Activity Day
	29	Opihi Showcase <i>5 - 7pm</i>
September	2-6	Tournament Week
	6	SCPSSA Gym Festival
	23	South Canterbury Anniversary Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i>
	27	End of Term 3

NCEA EXAMINATION DATES

The NZQA are pleased to report that the external NCEA and Scholarship Examination Timetable is now available on your smartphone at:
timetable.nzqa.govt.nz



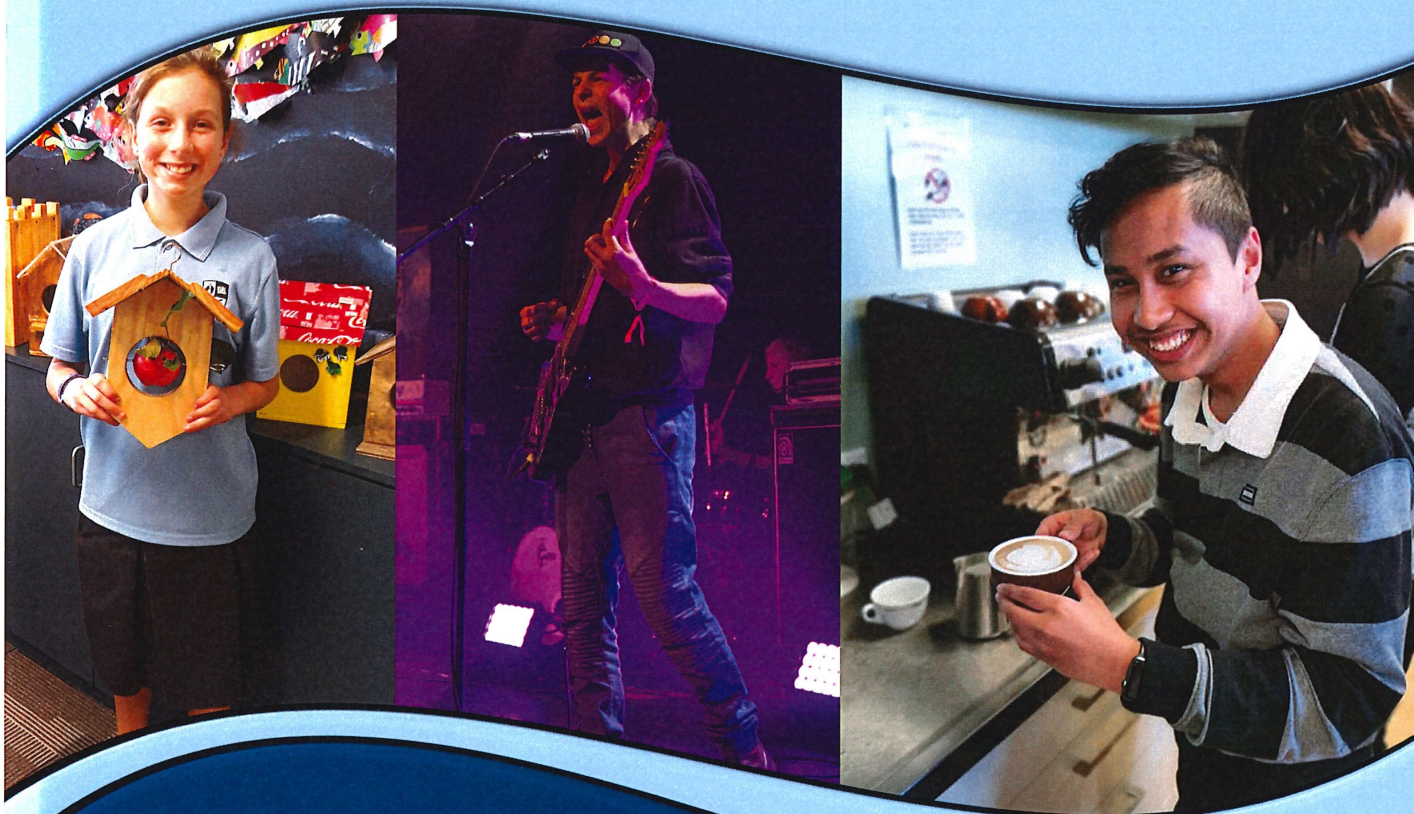
AORAKI JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

It was pleasing to see so many Opihi students taking part in the recent Aoraki Mathematics competitions for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. The events were held at Timaru Boys High School and each team had 4 team members, including one runner who had the job of running to collect and return questions to the markers. There were between 20 and 30 teams from throughout the Aoraki region, competing in each year group. While we didn't place in the top 3, all students enjoyed the event and represented the school well. Congratulations to those who were selected to take part.



OPIHI SHOWCASE

5 - 7 pm Thursday 29th August 2019



Opihi College invite all existing and new families to come along so our students can showcase what we do at Opihi College:

- * Music
- * Technology
- * Science including Science Fair
- * Integrated Studies
- * Subject choices
- * Trades Academy
- * Agricultural Academy
- * Outdoor Education
- * Gateway Programme
- * Enrolment Packs available

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YOUNG ENTERPRISE (YES)

Students from our two Young Enterprise (YES) companies recently attended a South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, Business After 5 event hosted at Ara in Timaru, to promote their business products.



Above: Megan Calder-Weavers, Geneva Hati, Mya Stratford and promoting their new Kete Pai company which is developing and selling a range of Wellness Packs.

John Reyes and Emilie Ackroyd, from Flavours of Temuka, promoted the recipe book they are developing, while Megan Calder-Weavers, Geneva Hati and Mya Stratford promoted their new Kete Pai company which is developing and selling a range of Wellness Packs.

The students used the opportunity to interact with local business people, take pre-orders for their products and also had people interested in sponsorship of their product. The students are hoping to swing into full product by mid August, and are planning Product Launch events for later this month.



John Reyes and Emilie Ackroyd promoting their Flavours of Temuka recipe book.

Check their companies out on Facebook "Flavours of Temuka", and Instagram @FlavoursofTemuka and @Kete.Pai

OPIHI COLLEGE GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

The Girls had an awesome 4 -1 win over Ashburton College last week. Chloe scored two goals, and Kayla and Hailey scored one goal each. It was an awesome way to finish the season with all girls making a positive contribution which helped the team to finish in 5th place in the league which is our highest placing since the competition began in 2016!

Well done to the girls on a great season and also special thanks to Mr Wallis and Mrs Kerslake for all they have done for the girls in organising, encouraging, supporting and coaching.



The Opihi College walking group who go out with Mrs Bergamini for a short walk around our local walkways. So lovely to see the happy smiles on a gorgeous sunny day!





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*

