

# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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## 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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## *A message from the Principal*

Kia ora!

With Daffodils starting to pop up everywhere Spring is just around the corner. It's one of my favourite times of the year and I have many fond memories of lambing time in Southland. With the finer weather many of our students are now bringing their bikes and scooters to school. Students are reminded to not scooter or skateboard on the road as we have had some complaints from members of the public about this occurring near school and it is quite simply silly dangerous behaviour. Students riding bikes to school must have helmets on please as is required by law and obviously for their safety.

I have enjoyed meeting the various members of our school community and please feel free to drop in and see me if you have any concerns. My first impression of the school when I arrived here just over a month ago was of a very tidy school in which the students wore their uniforms with pride and the students spoke to each other appropriately. These little things do matter and I am impressed in particular with our Year 13 students who constantly impress me with their happy and well-presented demeanour.

Our school has moved its' procedures and Policies to School Docs. Please view and familiarise yourselves with our Procedures and Policies on line at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) – Username: opihicollege – Password: care.

Nga mihi nui!

Kieran Stone (Acting Principal)



## **PARENT TEACHER EVENING** **Wednesday 25th September**

*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 1.30pm and 6pm on this day:

- Code **udmkf** on the [schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://schoolinterviews.co.nz) website
- Please note these interviews are with your **child's whanau/mentor teacher**
- Appointments are for **fifteen 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.



*Opihi College students enjoying House Activity Day*



## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to Term 3 winners:

Mya Stratford  
Calan Meechang  
Dominic Barrett-Waihape  
Leith Meechang  
Blake Higgs  
Hamish Fikken  
Ella Ferguson  
Leith Meechang



## WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome new students this term:

*Jayla John*  
*Chylsea Martin*  
*Chelsey Niles*

We hope you enjoy your time here!

## HPV IMMUNISATION

Dose 2 for consented Year 8 students is due. The Public Health Nurses will be at school on 5th September. Students please have a good breakfast on the day and something to eat at interval. Parents please inform the nurse or school if there are any concerns.

*Claire Neilson, Public Health Nursing*  
*Cell 027 247 9301*

## HEAD LICE

Opihi College would like to advise all families that there has been a reported case of head lice within the school.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

|           |     |  |
|-----------|-----|--|
| August    | 29  | Opihi Showcase 5 - 7pm   |
|           | 30  | Daffodil Day Mufti Day<br>Fundraiser for Cancer Society                          |
| September | 2-6 | Tournament Week:<br>Netball Tournament, Nelson<br>Rugby Tournament, Christchurch |
|           | 5   | HPV Immunisation<br>Second dose for consented Year 8 students                    |
|           | 6   | SCPSSA Gym Festival  |
|           | 23  | South Canterbury<br>Anniversary Day<br>Statutory Holiday                         |
|           | 24  | BOT Meeting 6.30pm   |
|           | 25  | Conferencing Day<br>Please note classes will finish at 12.30pm on this day       |
|           | 27  | End of Term 3  |
| October   | 14  | Start of Term 4  |

## 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](http://timetable.nzqa.govt.nz)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Hazel Johnston who won First Prize in the 10-12 years section of the Timaru District Libraries Poetry Competition. Here is her winning poem:

Leaving the house for school, Mum said, "take a coat sweetie. A storm's coming."  
Walking down the road,  
with blue sky smiling down at me I think to myself  
*There is no storm.*

Arriving at school,  
I sense something is off.  
Wind whips my hair in every direction.  
*A warning*

Then I see her.  
Her glare of ice strikes me full force  
Grey clouds growl overhead as the wind howls wrathfully.  
*What did I do?*

Rain fusillades down, soaking us  
Screaming at each other,  
tears of confusion and anger tumbling down my face  
Rain ricochets from the cracked concrete  
*Broken, like us*

Thunder cracks,  
Her stone-cold face,  
dripping with a combination of tears and rain blazing in my direction  
Realization hits me like a train.  
*Mum was right.*  
*A storm is here.*

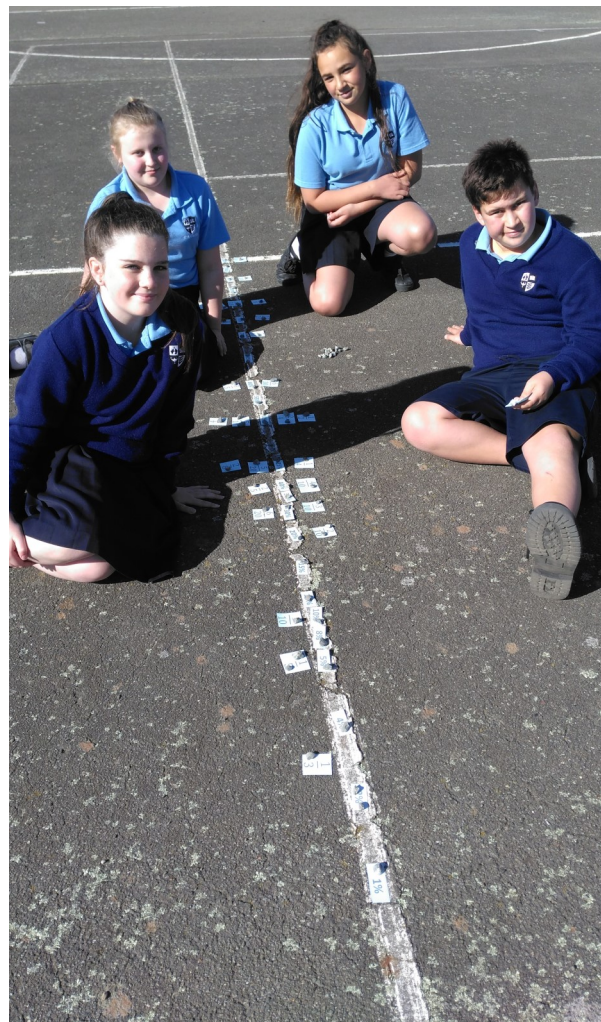




# MATHS WEEK COMPETITION

Congratulations to Senior Whanau class RWD and Junior Whanau class RWS for being the winning whanau classes for our Maths Week competition in week 4 this term. Each Whanau class were given a number of problems to solve during the week. At the end of the week the winners were drawn and cake or muffins enjoyed on the following Monday. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition and enjoyed problem solving with their Whanau class.

*Pictured: MN1 students enjoying their Maths class outside, and some of the winning Whanau class RWD enjoying the cake they won in the Maths Week competition.*



\$20  
per  
person



**WARRIOR Princess**  
workshops

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Presents: TWO TIMARU Workshops!

**When:**  
Sunday 8th  
&  
Sunday  
15th  
September  
2019

**Time:**  
1pm - 3pm

**Where:**  
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Street



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& youth  
worker, Sofia  
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Limited  
spaces!

Sunday 8th - GIRLS aged 10-12 years  
Sunday 15th- YOUNG WOMEN aged 13-15 years

**Both workshops will include:**

- Social Skills
- Journalling exercises
- Taonga Takaro/māori games
- Self esteem building
- Māori legends
- Free gift!

**How to book:**

Purchase Tickets via our facebook page or on the Eventbrite website!  
Bookings are essential!



Warrior Princess Workshops



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## INVITATION FROM THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

### REDRUTH PARK PLANTING DAY

*Matariki Tu Rakau*

Timaru District Council in conjunction with the Ministry for Primary Industries would like to invite you to a public planting day to be held at **Redruth Park on Saturday 31st August at 2.00pm** (weather permitting). The planting will take place to the east of the carpark at the Collins Street entrance to Redruth Park, immediately south of the cemetery. This planting is to commemorate the personnel who served in the Armed Services over the last One Hundred Years. There is some off street parking available in the carpark, with a short walk to the planting site. Please dress for the conditions with sturdy footwear. If you can, bring your own spade and gloves. Check the Council's social media page for further information.

*Kind regards*

*Wayne Loveday  
Park Contracts and Engagement Officer*





## BANDQUEST

Opihi College students were the only representatives from South Canterbury to compete at this year's Bandquest finals in Christchurch last week. Smoke-free Bandquest is a national competition for students in primary school. They played Nirvana's "All Apologies" and their own composition "Control" which was written by Zyanna Uerata (lead vocals) and Brylee Crawford (drums). Jahmal Loffley (lead guitar), Katie Renwick (bass), Ella McNoe (vocals), Ella Swete (vocals) and Hazel Johnston (rhythm guitar) rehearsed every day for over two months and the Temuka community can be very proud of them all. They will be performing their songs at the Opihi College Showcase on Thursday 29th August. Other bands from the College will also perform.

### LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Please note that students may not leave the school during school hours except by special arrangement - for example, a parent request (verbal or written) for the student to attend a medical appointment.

Exceptions are:

- Lunch passes are for students who walk to their own home for lunch each day. Approval for this pass is managed by the office and deputy principal, and requires a completed form from the student's parent/caregiver.

If a student is, or becomes, sick at school, take them to the health bay and inform the office who will contact the parent(s) and arrange for the student to be collected from school. Students will not be allowed to leave school unless a parent has been contacted and permission given for the student to leave.

### 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!*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Former students of Opihi College

- Jennifer Cruden (MTCHLP Master of TchLrn Primary)
- Katie Omundsen (GDTCPR GDip Teaching Primary)

have recently graduated from Victoria University of Wellington. Victoria University is very proud of the achievements of the students.

*Well done.*

### GOOD LUCK

Our Opihi College rugby and netball tournament teams are away next week to compete in national Secondary Schools Tournaments.

*Best of luck to you all!*



### 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.



## **Basketball 2019**

Another basketball season is over! Opihi College was well represented with over 50 students playing this year in the Timaru competition. A huge thanks to everyone (parents and teachers) who coached/assisted the teams (David Taylor, Steph Esler, Kate Manson, Kerry-Ann West, Shelly and Paul Thompson and Eric Lindblom). Without these people, the teams would simply not exist. They give up a lot of their personal time to look after our teams and I really hope all the students and parents concerned have taken the time to thank them for all they do. Thanks must also go to the students who have made us proud this year; with their commitment and positive attitudes shining through on many occasions. They wear their Opihi singlets with pride, no matter what comes their way. Final thanks go to the supporters who came to watch the games throughout the season. I know the kids loved having you there on the side-lines.

*Well done everyone 😊*



### **NETBALL**

Saturday was a gorgeous day for our netballers to play some amazing netball. Our two senior teams had their last game of the season with both teams coming away with third place in their sections. Opihi A had a very convincing win over Roncalli B 39-18. Opihi B's game was a bit closer against Geraldine High School Social. Well done to both teams on a fantastic result and a brilliant season.

A massive "Thank You!" to coach Dianne Manson and co-coach Sharee Melhopt for looking after the Opihi A team this season, and to Emily McBride for coaching Opihi B. The time and effort you put into these teams is invaluable and we are very grateful. Thank You also to Netball convenor Cindy Coskerie for all her hard work supporting the netball players.

Our senior Opihi College netball team is off to Nelson this weekend to compete in the SISS Netball Tournament and we wish them all the best! Our junior netballers will be playing their final games for the season this weekend also.



## OPIHI COLLEGE SKI TRIP

On Monday 12th August a group of students, teachers and parents went to Mt Hutt skiing for the day. After fresh snow in the weekend, the trails were groomed and the sun was shining. It was a perfect day for all. Thank you so much to Miss Sutherland, Mr Wallis, Mr Kahu Jones, Mr Gavin McDonald, and Mr Shaun McNoe for helping everyone out on the day and making sure that the students got down the field safely. We are now all looking forward to next years ski trip.

Here is the link for a video made by Shayden Walton:

<https://youtu.be/1aNjH1jj-B0>

If you scroll through till 2:25 you will see a fabulous clip of Connor Proudman doing a back flip on his snowboard.





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**SEPT 14 2019**  
**SIR BASIL ARTHUR PARK**  
**10.00AM START**

Register you interest  
[southcanterburysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:southcanterburysoftball@gmail.com)





*Give it a go!*

*Try softball or tee ball as your  
summer sport*

*Give it a go day*  
*Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2019*  
*Sir Basil Arthur Park*  
*10 am*

*With NZ ISA players helping you!*  
*Lucas, Atankaiia, Kiara*  
*and Telen*

**SUPPORT  
KIWIS WITH  
CANCER**

**PAINT  
AUGUST  
YELLOW**

**DAFFODIL  
DAY**

## **OPIHI COLLEGE MUFTI DAY**

**FRIDAY  
30  
AUGUST**

Wear Yellow and bring along a  
gold coin donation for Mufti Day  
to support the Cancer Society

*Join the fun -  
Win prizes in our Quiz and  
Colouring Competition*

### **Daffodil Day Colouring Competition & Quiz**

Work with your whanau group to complete the quiz -  
the winning Whanau class will receive a cake to share!

### **Collect Colouring Competition pages from library**

*Sharpen your pencils - prizes for students and teachers!*



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