

Opihi - on campus



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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 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 RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to those that supported our Term Three Fundraiser. We raised \$1648 to go towards new Chromebooks.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Grocery Hamper - Tkt 1280 *Damian Fitiao*

Grocery Hamper - Tkt 5 *Lachlan Ackroyd*

Drinks Basket - Tkt 2533 *Mariko Coskerie*

Tea/Coffee Basket - Tkt 2777 *Paul Milne*

\$50 MTA Vouchers - Tkt 1051 *Angela Francis*

\$40 Dowells Voucher - Tkt 340 *Bernie Rose*

Children's Book & Activity Set - Tkt 1074
Jeremy Hines

A Hammock - Tkt 2304 *Cindy Coskerie*

Children's Animal Encyclopedia - Tkt 722
Dave Cornelius

MOR Gift Set - Tkt 2729 *Ryan Williams*

END OF TERM ROCK CONCERT

6.30PM

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

OPIHI COLLEGE ASSEMBLY HALL

Entry by gold coin donation

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR MUSICIANS!



A message from the Principal

Kia ora!

I managed to get to Tai Tapu last week to watch our boys' U15 rugby team play. I was impressed with their 'never give up' attitude and they scored some excellent team tries against teams from much larger schools. What I was more impressed with though was the very positive comments that came back to our school in regards to the behaviour of the boys at the restaurant that they had dinner at, not just once but twice we received glowing comments from the owners. Nga mihi me te pai (please and thank you) can get you a long way in life! Well done guys!

By all accounts our girls' netball team also performed well on and off the field and they have done themselves and the school proud. While I am very competitive by nature the over-all scores do not matter to me. It is more about the involvement of our students as they represent our school and their behaviour at the tournaments they attend.

Well done to all the people involved behind the scenes that made it possible for our students to attend the South Island co-educational U15 Boys' rugby tournament in Lincoln and the South Island Secondary Schools' netball tournament in Nelson. A special thanks to our school staff that gave up their time and attended the tournaments – Mr Goodman and Mrs McNoe (rugby) and Mrs Bergamini (netball).

Nga mihi nui!
Kieran Stone
(Acting Principal)



Some of the wonderful costumes our students created for the Wearable Arts competition on House Activity Day.



SANFORD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Opihi College at the Sanford Science and Technology Fair this year. These students have shown good investigative skills, problem solving and critical thinking:

Brylee Crawford	Shian Coskerie
Katie Renwick	Chloe Donaldson-Fitt
Dakota Henderson	Hazel Johnston
Leith Meechang	Keira Narayan
Ollie Wells	Mikayla White
Cody Wright	

Well done to you all!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September	23	South Canterbury Anniversary Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i>
	24	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	25	Conferencing Day <i>Please note classes will finish at 12.30pm on this day</i>
	26	Term 3 Concert <i>6pm in the Hall</i>
	27	End of Term 3
October	14	Start of Term 4
November	1	Last Day for Seniors
	8	NZQA External Exams begin

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

Science Field Trips

Members of Year 11 students attended two field trips recently.

The first was to Washdyke Flats to observe and record the different rocky shore animal and plants species. This was investigating human impacts on the intertidal species.

The second trip was investigating geological land features and how they originated. For this study we visited Ravensdown Lime Quarry inland from Geraldine looking at Limestone processing but also saw some fossils that had been excavated from the quarry. We then continued to Kakahu bush where we saw the old lime kiln. Then we walked to the limestone cliffs and tested the limestone and looked at erosion forces.

Thanks to Keely from Timaru Museum for facilitating the trips.



These Year 12 Boys had a great time at Prodriver recently, completing their Forklift Operator Certificate.

Disclaimer: The Forklift was not operational at the time of taking the photo.



JUNIOR NETBALL

The last game of the season saw both our junior teams finish fourth in their sections. Opihi Black lost 24-15 to Craighead Sapphires and Opihi Blue lost 19-13 to Mackenzie Junior Aces. We have watched some exciting games this season and the girls have represented our school brilliantly.

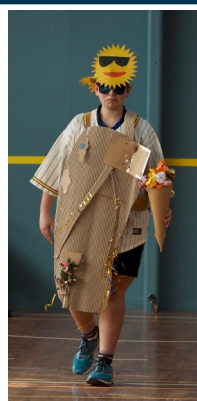
A huge thankyou to Lee-ann Cleverley for coaching Opihi Black and Year 11 students Baiden Halkett and Maddy Hammond for coaching Opihi Blue. Your time and effort is so appreciated and without you our girls wouldn't be able to play.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hailey Larsen who was awarded the Hardie Cup for Most Valuable Player in the Under 17 South Canterbury Netball Rep team. Hailey has had a fantastic season and we look forward to seeing what she can achieve next season!

Several Opihi College students have been selected to represent South Canterbury in the Under 14.5yrs and Under 16 yrs Rugby teams. Well done Caleb Kellas-Taylor, Aidan Reid, Jaxson Cullen and Kyal Dickson!





Growing NZ Year 10 Science Challenge Day

Ten Year 10 students attended the Young Enterprise Science and Innovation Challenge at Ara. It was attended by eight local schools and four primary industry sectors. Teams of students had to come up with possible solutions to solve some of the problems these industries face. It involved speaking to representatives from the primary sector, coming up with possible solutions, building a prototype and selling the idea to the Industry sectors. Problems they had to find solutions to included keeping cows cool to increase production, weed control and animal conditioning. Science and Technology that the students came up with included robotic weed killers directed by GPS, solar powered and chemical heat exchangers for cooling and shade centres for cattle, satellite tracking and artificial intelligence. The industry representatives were very impressed with the ideas and presentations which they said were totally new ideas and solutions. They said there will be an expanding number of careers in these areas and it is hoped that many of the students might consider jobs with primary industry.





Rural Livestock U15 Boys Rugby Tournament



Opihi College enjoyed the successful participation of a talented group of rugby players in what was an outstanding secondary school Under 15 rugby competition hosted in Christchurch last week. Dedication of some proud college parents in conjunction with the commitment of staff and coaches deserve deep gratitude as collectively their hard work meant players were able to represent Opihi College at the tournament.

Arrival at Lincoln Rugby Club in anticipation for the squads first 40-minute game saw both excitement and anxiety merge into a well-rehearsed Haka lead by Masi Loilagi which was very well received by all who witnessed then and throughout the four following performances. Up against stiff competition the touring squad were unable to conjure up a victory in five attempts over the course of three days however, players displayed some gutsy

performances showing real strength of character by fronting at every kick off and putting in solid performances throughout their time on the field with not one instance of negativity flung toward each other at odds for a win. Amongst the squad of 21 players were two novice rugby players Caleb Pipson & Nic Edmond who showed they were shakers not fakers, with Caleb making a most impressive tackle earning him the name 'Frank' along with Nic's most impressive carry of the tournament squad. Waimate lads Jack Farrell & Scott McKinlay slotted into the Opihi fold seamlessly with their displays of rugby talent and personal interactions well received and respected amongst the group. Notable mentions include Kyal Dickson & Jaxson Cullen who were the exception playing every minute on Tournament with outstanding defensive efforts in their respective roles, Jaxson being rewarded with the final touchdown. Regan Thomas along with Logan Larsen were in outstanding attacking form both scoring impressive try's off the back of some great inside play which had supporters off their feet on both occasions. Ryan Sheriff deserves special mention as an injury saw him unable to play less than a week from tournament which some say could have been the difference between five losses & five wins.



Overall the squad was very well behaved on what was a very enjoyable experience which received some very positive feedback from outside entities. Hopefully the benchmark has been set so Opihi College can continue to participate in this ongoing U15 tournament recognising those players moving on in age and inviting those up & coming creating lifelong memories and mateship.

Well done to all those involved in 2019 the players did themselves and the school proud. The Originals!

Anyone wishing to view photos of the tournament are welcome to follow Temuka under 14.5 rugby team 2019 on Facebook.





South Island Secondary Schools Netball 2019



Sunday 1st September was the start of an extremely exciting week for the Opihi Netball team. Travelling to Nelson were 11 students - Geneva Hati, Kayla Bagrie, Mya Stratford, Stevie Loudon, Hailey Larsen, Georgia Hammond, Sophie Hall, Bronwyn Halkett, Molly Davidson, Grace Bennett and Bailee Ellery, who were selected and entered into the C grade competition. Held at Saxton Stadium and courts from Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th September this was a well run tournament.

Coach Diane Manson, co-coach Sheree Mehlhopt and manager Natalie Bergamini were very proud with the way this team co-operated and developed. Some players were in their third tournament while others were brand new to the game of netball this year.

Two brilliant days of weather saw three excellent wins, followed by a downpour of rain on Wednesday 4th. This didn't dampen spirits and the team had a loss and another win. Spirits were high as the team entered the semi-finals and started their aim of making it to the top. Some players were feeling the impact of tiredness and a few injuries crept in. Unfortunately the next two games were lost and Opihi College finished a commendable 4th placing out of 16 teams.



Well done to all the girls and a special mention to Hailey Larsen who was noticed as one of only five players across the C Grade for a Talented Player Award.

Thank you to Diane Manson who relentlessly urged this team to "do the work" and play skilful, exciting netball. Many thanks to Sheree Mehlhopt for her care and assistance, helping the team to be positive. It was very emotional for all when the team sadly lost to Greymouth High School for a top spot in the finals.

Farewell to Geneva, Kayla, Mya and Stevie, all Year 13, who played their last game of netball for Opihi College.

Timaru will host the SISS tournament in 2020.





Temuka Cricket Club 1884 – 2019

Want to play **CRICKET** this summer...

Registrations for the coming 2019/20 cricket season are being taken on **Friday 27th September 2019**, between **3-3.45pm** at the Gunnion Square pavilion (corner Whitcombe & Denmark Streets).
Registration & payment will be required on the day.
If you can't make registration please register on:-

<https://www.southcanterburycricket.co.nz/club-player-registration/>

We have the following grades (subject to numbers):-

Friday Junior Bash (for beginners) Yr 2-4, Non hard ball. Subs \$20 for season.

C Grade (Friday afternoons) Yr 4-6, Non hard ball. Subs \$40

B2 Grade (Saturday mornings) Yr 5-7, Hard ball, pads & helmet. Subs \$40

B1 Grade (Saturday mornings) Yr 6-8, Hard ball, pads & helmet. Subs \$40

2nd Grade A Men.

Senior Men.

All enquiries to Shane Gilkison 021 02313118 or gilky@southcanterburycricket.co.nz



7-11 October 2019

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

The October 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 5-13 years.

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available
from as little as \$15 per session.



REGISTER TODAY



Full details and to register on line go to

www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

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

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
MONDAY 1st October 2019



**SOUTH CANTERBURY
SOFTBALL ASSN INC**

**TRAINING
SESSION WITH
ELE PAPANUI
PREMIER MENS
TEAM**

Come train and learn!
SKILLS TRAINING SESSION WITH 2 CURRENT
BLACK SOX
TYRON BARTORILLO & JACKSON WATT
& THE PREMIER PAPANUI MENS TEAM

10.00-11.30 fielding skills & drills
11.30-12.30 batting skills

U13, U15 AND U18'S WELCOME

SEPT 14 2019
SIR BASIL ARTHUR PARK
10.00AM START

Register your interest
southcanterburysoftball@gmail.com







Give it a go!

*Try softball or tee ball as your
summer sport*

Due to another event being held at Sir Basil Arthur Park on
Sunday 15 September, the **Give Softball A Go day** will now be held
on **Saturday 14 September** starting at **1.00pm**.

The following is the timeline for the day:

10.00am - 12 noon Skills Clinic with ELE Papanui Men for all
junior players including rep players for U13, U15 and U18 teams

1.00pm - 2.30pm Give Softball A Go - for all new players mainly
Tee-Ball & Junior Softball

2.30pm - 3.30pm Slow Pitch - for all new and old adult players.
Very social.