

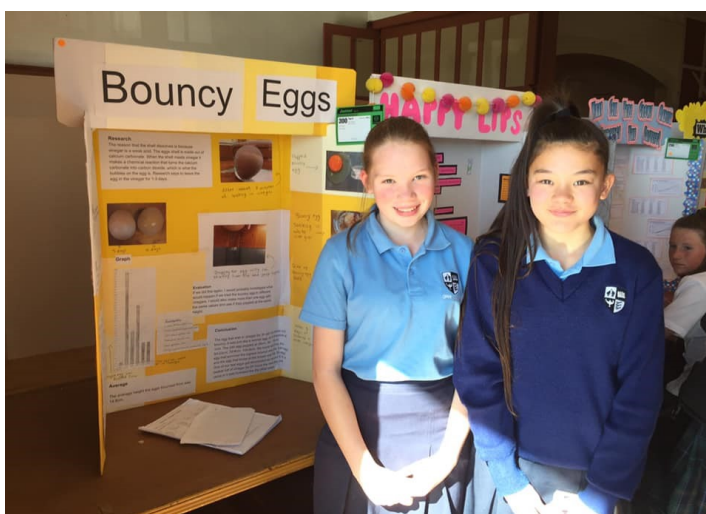
# Opihi - on campus



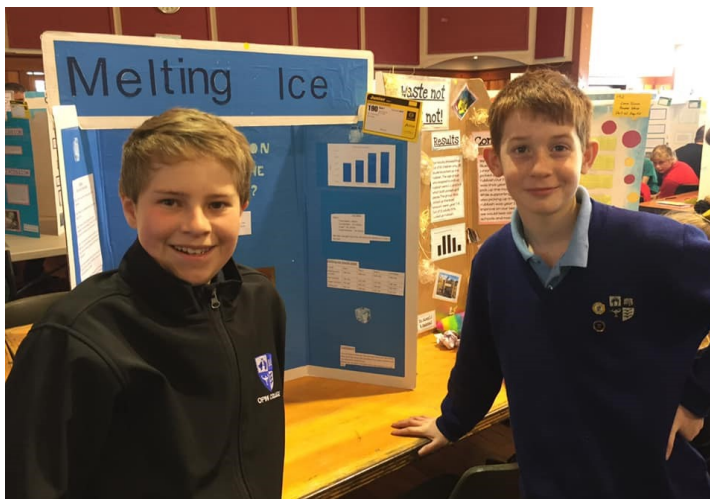
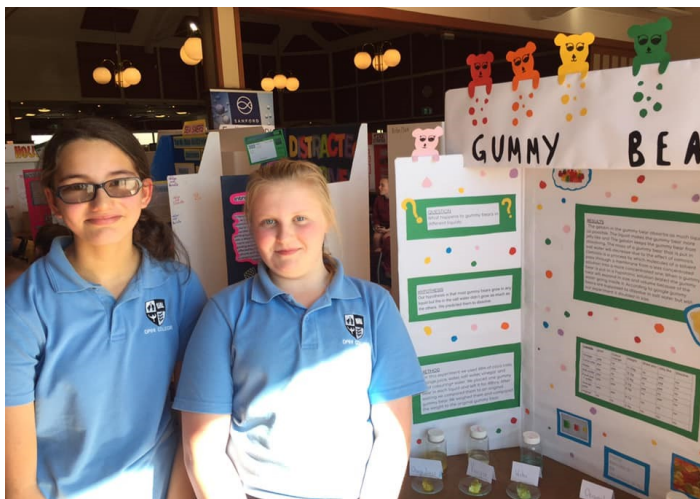
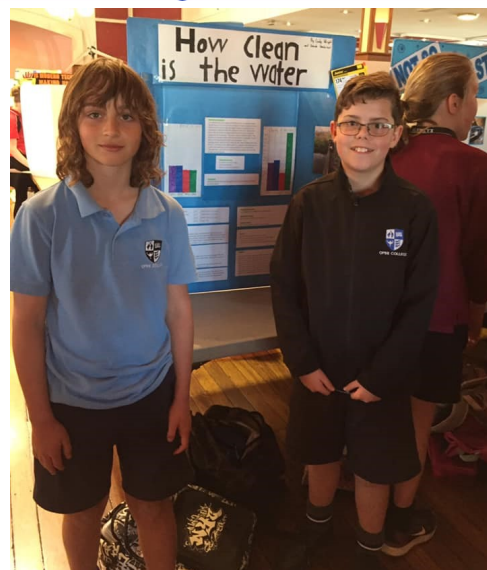
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## SANFORD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR



Well done to all the students who took part in the Sanford Science and Technology fair. Although there were no winners this year, our visits to the science fair have given us much to think about and we look forward to more success next year.



### MATHEMATICS IN ACTION

Our junior mathematics classes have been learning about statistics this term. Mrs Hauptfleisch's Year 7 and 8 classes completed an Engineering Challenge where they investigated what a catapult was, how they could make one with items including popsicle sticks and rubber bands, and how far it could shoot different projectiles. The students completed a number of trials to collect their data, then analysed it before writing up their conclusions.

(Left) Piper-Lee Suddens and Patrick Donaldson.  
(Right) Jacob Spivey



# A message from our Head Students

Kia Ora!

As we start to see the end of September, this brings the end of Term 3. I'm happy to feel Term 3 has been another success to the year, we have seen many proud students compete and participate in a wide range of activities throughout the term. It is also an important time of the year, as students will start earning the last of their credits. But additionally it is the time to prepare for the coming exams. Some students may find this a difficult time to carry on working hard, but it is essential to make sure this time is used productively.

As the sun shines a little more now, some people may make the most of it and be travelling during the coming holiday. I just would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I hope to see everyone again in Term 4.

Cody Crawshaw



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## Board of Trustees Election 2019

### Declaration of Student Election Results

Votes:

Ackroyd, Emilie 30

Hitchen, Xavier 56

Invalid Votes 0

I hereby declare Xavier Hitchen duly elected.

Signed

Mrs S Patrick  
Returning Officer



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## WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to 12th September draw winners:

Jayden Whitta  
Pyper-Lee Suddens  
Jess Marshall  
Geneva Hati  
John Reyes  
Olivia Andreassend  
Oliver Wells



## MEASLES

### Ministry of Health guidance re priority vaccination for MMR as of 12<sup>th</sup> September

Nationally:

Ensuring all children across New Zealand receive their vaccines on time at 15 months (12 months in Auckland) and at 4 years to maintain the national Childhood Immunisation Schedule.

Parents/guardians of any children aged to 14 years who do not have one documented case of MMR vaccine should contact their doctor. The MMR vaccine priority group in South Canterbury is 15 month and 4 years due to a shortage of vaccine in the country.

Adults in the 30-50 year age group are NOT part of the most vulnerable population affected by this measles outbreak and vaccination is not currently recommended.

Adults aged 50 years or older (born in New Zealand or overseas before 1969) are not recommended to receive MMR vaccination. They are considered to be immune to measles.

In some regions eg Auckland and Queenstown young people age 15-29yrs who do not have one documented dose of MMR MMR is free for under 50yr but please enquire about any additional charges.

It is important that we have high rates of immunisation to provide herd immunity to those in the community who cannot be vaccinated.

Contact your doctor if unsure  
Further helpful information re Measles on  
website: *Ministry of Health/ "Think Measles"*

## 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.



## WELCOME

We welcome two new students this week:

*Tahlia Murphy  
Keani Dorset*

In Term 4 we will be welcoming our principal Miss Johnson back to Opihi College. We have now appointed a new Deputy Principal, Mr Tony Robson from Ashburton College, who will join us on November 4th. We will have a whole school welcome for him before his official start date.

## FAREWELL

This term we are sadly farewelling several staff members:

### Mrs Verge

Mrs Verge is beginning her maternity leave this week as she awaits the arrival of her new baby. Mrs Verge has been one of our hardworking teachers of English at Opihi College for the last two and a half years. We wish her all the best and look forward to her return in 2021!



### Mrs Thompson

Sadly Mrs Thompson is leaving the region. Mrs Thompson has been teaching at our school for a short time, but she has made an valuable contribution to the school. She has been our acting Head of Mathematics, and the able leader of our Young Enterprise group who will miss her guidance. We will also miss her support on the sidelines of many sports. We thank her for embracing the life of the school during her time here, and wish her all the best of luck for the future!

### Mr Stone and Mr Cumming

Mr Stone and Mr Cumming have been wonderful this term as our Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal. Mr Stone is now departing to take the helm at another school, while Mr Cumming is taking a well earned break. We thank them both most sincerely for their valuable assistance over the last few months. Their combined experience and knowledge has been invaluable.

### Miss Forrester

Miss Forrester has been with us for seven weeks on a teaching practicum. She has developed sound relationships with our students and we wish her all the best for her teaching career.

## HEAD LICE

Please be advised that there has been a further reported case of head lice in the junior school. Please check your child's hair.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<b>October</b>	14	Start of Term 4
	16-18	Cycle Trip <i>Year 12 OED class</i>
	28	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday - school closed</i>
	29	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
<b>November</b>	1	Last Day for Seniors
	8	NZQA External Exams begin
	26-29	Year 10 Camp <i>Twizel</i>
<b>December</b>	2-5	Year 7 camp <i>Raincliff</i>
	6	Awards Ceremonies: <i>11.30am Day Awards ceremony 7.00pm Evening Awards ceremony</i>

## OPIHI COLLEGE DUATHLON RESULTS

*Opihi College, in conjunction with the SC Pacers, wish to thank all of their generous sponsors.*

### Results of Race 2

**Held Sunday 18th August 2019:**

#### Long course

Open Men	Tristan Johnston
Over 40 Men	Mathew Anderson
Over 40 Women	Shirley Rolston
Team	"Chaff the Dream" (Anthony Holland & Kevin McLaughlin)
Under 18 Men	Cody Crawshaw

#### Short Course

13 & Under Boys	Flynn Turnbull
13 & Under girls	Toia Sheed
Open Men	Jason Stevenson
Open Women	Anna Affleck
Over 40 Men	Duncan Turnbull
Over 40 Women	Robyn Arnold
Team	"Team Turner" (David Turner & Holly Turner)
Under 18 Men	Cameron Anderson

## 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)

## TEMUKA ATHLETICS CLUB

Our new season starts  
Monday 14 October 2019.  
Old and new members  
of all ages welcome.

**Venue:** Opihi College Sports Grounds  
(Guild Road)

**Time:** 6.15pm

**When:** Every Monday,  
School Terms Four & One

See Facebook or our website for registrations and  
further information  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/temukaathletics>

## TEMUKA SOFTBALL

Registrations for the coming 2019/20 softball and tee-  
ball season are now open.

These can be done online at [www.sporty.co.nz/tka](http://www.sporty.co.nz/tka)  
softball or alternatively you can register by heading to  
our club "Give it a go" day on Sunday 29th from 1pm -  
3pm at Buzan Square, Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka.

We have the following grades (subject to numbers):

Under 7 and Under 9 Teeball  
(Friday 4pm - 5.30pm) - \$35 for the season,

Under 11 and Under 14 Softball  
(Friday 4.45pm - 6.00pm) - \$45 for the season

Secondary Grade  
(Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm) - \$55 for the season

Senior competitive  
(Friday 6.15pm - 7.45pm) - \$55 for the season.

All enquiries to Elyse Gamblin on 027 424 8746  
Or [temukasoftball@outlook.com](mailto:temukasoftball@outlook.com)

## TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER SPORTS!

## TEMUKA TOUCH

Season Commences  
Wednesday 16 October 2019

Gunnion Square, Domain Avenue, Temuka

### GRADES

OPEN	MIXED	YOUTH	JUNIORS
		Year 9-13	Year 5-8

ENTRY FEES:	OPEN AND MIXED	\$50.00 PER TEAM
	YOUTH & JUNIORS	\$30 PER TEAM

Entry Forms available from Heather George,  
27 Princes Street Temuka – Phone 6158963

Entries Close: Friday 11 October 2019

## ATHLETICS

A FUN AND INTERACTIVE SPORT

COME AND TAKE PART IN AN

### INTRODUCTORY FUN DAY

WITH OUR

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019** on the  
**ATHLETICS ALL WEATHER TRACK  
FACILITY  
AORANGI PARK**

Two Sessions will be run on the day

Morning Session 10am to noon

Afternoon Session 1pm to 3pm

\$5.00 entry fee per child to cover expenses

**FIND OUT ABOUT THE FIVE ATHLETICS CLUBS IN OUR AREA!**

Register by emailing [midsouthsubcentre@xtra.co.nz](mailto:midsouthsubcentre@xtra.co.nz)

For further information telephone Mike Hende

027 576 7744

