

Opihi - on campus



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Kete Pai make the YES Regional Finals



Congratulations to the team from Kete Pai (Megan Calder-Weavers, Geneva Haiti, Mya Stratford, Jamie Callaghan, Xavier Hitchen and Stevie Loudon) who have been selected to compete at the Young Enterprise Scheme Regional Finals in Timaru on 30 October. Kete Pai have created a selection of Wellness Kits which are available for sale online through the Storbie website <https://kete-pai.mystorbie.com/shop> or via @Kete.Pai on Instagram. They have scored highly on a number of Young Enterprise (YES) business challenges throughout the year, so now get the opportunity to compete against other schools at a regional level. They will present their product and business story before a panel of judges and invited guests. The winner of the regional competition gets the opportunity to compete in the YES National Final in Wellington in December.

We wish Kete Pai all the best!



OPIHI COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball season has begun and games will be played for the next six weeks at the Southern Trust Events Centre in Timaru. Opihi College has two teams entered in the competition this year:

Senior Boys

The Senior Boys team are competing in Division 2 this season. They have had a great start with an impressive 3-0 win over Roncalli College with some great interplay and serving. Player of the Match went to Kyal Dickson for his awesome serving.

This years squad are:

Ben Cleverley (captain), Zac Campbell, Kyal Dickson, Nic Edmond, Hamish Fikken, Xavier Hitchen, Caleb Kellas-Taylor and Jayden Kellas-Taylor.



Opihi College volleyball captains Geneva Hati & Ben Cleverley

Senior Girls

Our Senior Girls team will be competing in Division 1 this season after successfully winning Division 2 last year. They have made a statement with their debut game in Division 1 and earned a resilient win against Timaru Girls High School A taking out the game 3 sets to 2. Our girls dominated the first two sets, Girls High won the third and fourth, setting up a tense fifth set, but our girls held their nerve to take out the game. Player of the Match went to Kaia Macpherson for an awesome debut in a tough game against last years finalists.

This years squad are:

Geneva Hati (captain), Kayla Bagrie, Madison Barclay, Shania Cochrane, Nahia Crawshaw, Bailee Ellery, Sophie Hall, Geneva Hati, Hailey Larsen, Kaia Macpherson, Anika Smith.

All welcome to come along and support our teams - check our facebook page for the draw.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Year 12 Outdoor Education class enjoyed a three day Mountainbike tour last week. The group cycled from Temuka to Lake Opuha (66km) where they camped. The next day they all cycled from Lake Opuha to the Orari Gorge campsite (55km), and on the final day to Clandeboye and back to Temuka (45km). A great effort! Thank you so much to Mr Grace for accompanying them on this trip, and to Miss Sutherland who travelled to meet the group each evening.

JUNIOR SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Year 7 and 8 Swimming lessons will be held at the Temuka Domain pool every morning of the week 18th to 22nd November. A letter has been sent home to parents about this.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Chloe Kerslake for her selection in the Under 14 Southern United Girls Football team. The team is made up of players from South Canterbury to Southland, and her team will travel to Wellington for tournament. Well done Chloe!

TEMUKA SWIMMING CLUB

Registrations are now open!

We cater for all abilities from children not yet confident under the water through to those competing at National level. Everyone over 6 years of age on the 31st October 2019 is welcome.

More information and registrations on <https://www.sporty.co.nz/temukaswim/Joining-1> Regis-
trations-1 or find us on Facebook.

WELCOME

We welcome new students this term:

*Kade Sturgeon
Tyson Richardson
Kiwa Tuhakaraina
Jamaine Etti*

SCHOOL DONATIONS SCHEME

The 2019 Government Budget included a new policy that will provide decile 1-7 state and state integrated schools the option to opt in to receive \$150 per student, per year, as long as they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations.

We are pleased to announce that Opihi College will be opting into this scheme, making education a lot more affordable for our families. There will still be certain things that will need to be paid for eg sports teams, take home products, special trips etc. Attached to this newsletter is a guide from the Ministry of Education covering the rules about what can be charged. For more detailed breakdowns please visit

<http://education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our End of Term winners:

Brooke Thomas
Milly Fenton
John Reyes
Matthew Owen



\$50 Voucher winner - Charlotte Coles

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Opihi College cups and trophies
Please return all cleaned cups and trophies to the school office.



Phone calls and messages

Please be aware that the school office is an extremely busy working environment. Often there are multiple students and visitors requesting assistance and, especially when there is only one staff member present, this means we are unable to always answer every incoming call. However, messages can be left on our answerphone which we clear regularly.

The office often receive requests to deliver non-essential messages to students during class - please be aware that at some times of the day, in particular in the afternoons, it can be difficult to leave the office to deliver messages. We endeavor to assist, but on some occasions it is not possible to do so particularly when the message is received at short notice. Thank you for your understanding.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October	28	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday - school closed</i>
	29	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
	30	SCPSS Mountainbiking
November	1	Last Day for Seniors <i>1.30pm finish & Year 13 Graduation Dinner</i>
	7	Industry Day <i>Years 9 & 10</i>
	8	NZQA External Exams begin
	12	Temuka Sports Group Athletics Day
	14	Digi Trip to Fairlie <i>Year 8</i>
	20	Digi Day at Opihi College <i>- Year 8 students along with visitors from other schools</i>
	26-29	Year 10 Camp <i>Twizel</i>
	26	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
December	2-5	Year 7 camp <i>Raincliff</i>
	3	SCPSS Athletics
	6	Awards Ceremonies: <i>11.30am Day Awards ceremony 7.00pm Evening Awards ceremony</i>

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

DAFFODIL DAY APPEAL

Thank You for your support of the Opihi

College mufti day held last

term. Opihi College has received a letter of thanks from the Cancer Society for the \$300 donation which was made with the proceeds.



FREE HEARING TESTS

How's your hearing? Even young people can lose hearing through noise exposure, heredity and some medical conditions. If you feel you are not hearing well, have your hearing checked before starting tertiary education or entering the work force. I provide FREE (MOH funded) hearing tests and advice for people 16 years and over.

*Heather Talbott, Life Unlimited Hearing Therapy.
Call 0800 008 011 for an appointment in Timaru.*

What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations

- 1 If your child attends a **decile 1 to 7 school or kura**, the school board of trustees **needs to decide whether it should opt in or not** to the Government's new school donations scheme.
- 2 The Government will pay your school or kura \$150 per student per year if the school board agrees to opt in to the scheme **AND** to not ask you for any donations (gifts/koha), except for overnight camps.
- 3 You can ask to attend the board meeting where they will discuss whether to opt in or not.

School/kura donations schemes

- 1 **If your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme:**
 - » The board of trustees cannot ask you to make a donation **unless** it is for an overnight **school/kura camp** – and then you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp if it is part of the school's core learning programme (curriculum).
 - » You cannot be asked to make either a general or specific donation e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track.
- 2 **If your school/kura doesn't opt in to the donations scheme:**
 - » They will not receive additional funding, so they can ask you to make a donation.
 - » You can be asked to make either a general or specific donation (e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track). Donations are voluntary, and so you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp or field trip if it is part of the core learning programme (curriculum).



Information for all parents/caregivers/whānau whether your school/kura is in the donations scheme or not

- » Your school or kura cannot charge you for anything involved in the core learning programme (curriculum), including "subject fees."
- » Your school or kura can ask you to pay for goods they provide that are optional (for example pens, lunches) but it is up to you whether you buy them from the school/kura or elsewhere.
- » If the school or kura has a uniform, you need to provide your child with one but you can choose to buy it from the school/kura or, if available, to buy a new or second hand uniform elsewhere.
- » You should not be pressured to buy goods or services from a school or kura **but if you agree to buy a good or service, you must pay for it.**
- » If your child is involved in weekend sports teams or after hours cultural activities (extra-curricular activities), these are optional. If you choose for your child to participate, you may be asked to cover the costs of these activities.
- » You can make a voluntary donation to your school or kura at any time and if you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

State integrated schools/kura attendance dues

- » State integrated schools, and kura that are state integrated, have the same core learning programme as other schools and kura (the New Zealand Curriculum) but also their own special character (usually a philosophical or religious belief).
- » You must pay attendance dues to the proprietor of a state integrated school or kura to cover the cost of property-related matters – they are compulsory.
- » Attendance dues cannot be increased without the approval of the Minister of Education.




Donations are voluntary, no matter who asks for them.


You never have to make a donation to your school or kura but you can give any size donation any time if you want to. If your school or kura decides to opt in to the donations scheme, it cannot ask you for any donations except for overnight camps.


If you have questions regarding payments contact your board of trustees or your local Ministry office. You can also email any questions to school.donations@education.govt.nz

What you can expect if your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme





Schools/kura that are not in the donations scheme may ask parents for a donation for any purpose.

Key:  If my school has opted into the donations scheme, I can be asked for a donation but I don't have to pay.

 If my school has opted into the donations scheme, I cannot be asked for a donation and I don't have to pay.






 I must pay for this if I agree to buy it.

Enrolment

Item	Item category	
Application fee	Other	
Enrolment fee	Other	
Out-of-zone ballot fee	Other	
Bond	Other	







Fees for enrolment are unlawful. As enrolment is free, there can be no charge for anything associated with the enrolment process.

Camps, Trips & Outside Education





Item	Item category	
Overnight camp as part of specific course (Example – Year 12 Outdoor Education)	Curriculum	
Overnight camp as part of general education programme (curriculum) (Examples – Year 9 orientation camp, Year 7 EOTC camp)	Curriculum	
Field trip as part of specific course	Curriculum	
Trip/visit as part of general curriculum	Curriculum	
Charge/fee for an optional event (example – weekend ski trip, extra-curricula)	Goods & Services	

It is reasonable for families and whānau to be asked to contribute towards the costs of accommodation, food and travel to and from an overnight camp. Such a request is for a donation. Families and whānau can choose to pay the donation in full, in part or not at all.










ICT

Item	Item category	
Access to school/kura network	Curriculum	
Use of school/kura hardware	Curriculum	
Requiring students/rangatahi to provide devices such as tablets, smartphones, netbooks, laptops, Chrome Books (BYOD)	Curriculum	
Requiring students/rangatahi to provide software or pay for software licenses	Curriculum	
Requiring students/rangatahi to provide calculators	Curriculum	
Purchase of non-compulsory hardware or software	Goods & Services	

Music

Item	Item category	
Tuition – course-related	Curriculum	
Tuition – optional outside of general education programme (extra-curricula)	Goods & Services	
Instrument hire – course delivery	Curriculum	
Instrument hire – optional (extracurricular)	Goods & Services	

Programmes & Courses



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English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Curriculum	
Reading recovery and Learning Support	Curriculum	
High school “subject fees”	Curriculum	
Specialist units (examples – Montessori, Arrowsmith, Te Reo, Samoan Language)	Curriculum	
Supplementary programmes (examples – Mathematics, Education Perfect)	Curriculum	
STAR courses	Curriculum	
Tertiary-level courses offered as part of the school programme	Curriculum	
Tertiary course (dual enrolment at tertiary institution)	Goods & Services	
Gifted Education programmes	Goods & Services	

Out-of-school extra programmes like one-day schools are considered a good/service. It should be made clear that participation is voluntary, and incurs a charge.

State-integrated Schools/Kura



Item	Item category	
Attendance dues – these are compulsory	Other	

Course Materials




Item	Item category	
Materials used as part of delivering core learning programme (curriculum)	Curriculum	
Take-home component where parents have agreed to purchase (examples – letterbox, item of clothing)	Goods & Services	

Food eaten as part of a food technology class is part of the core learning programme (curriculum) – this is because students need to taste the food they prepare to ensure it is fit for consumption (sensory evaluation).


Swimming

Item	Item category	
Swimming as part of general curriculum (at school/kura or off-site)	Curriculum	
Swimming as voluntary activity (lunch time or after hours)	Goods & Services	

Optional Activities







Item	Item category	
Visiting drama or music groups (non-curriculum)	Goods & Services	
Weekend sports teams	Goods & Services	
After-hours/lunchtime culture or sports activities	Goods & Services	

School and Kura Uniforms

Item	Item category	
School/kura uniform from a school/kura uniform shop	Goods & Services	

Schools and kura are not expected to make profits from school uniforms – they should recover only their costs.

Resources & Stationery

Item	Item category	
Textbooks	Curriculum	
Workbooks (compulsory)	Curriculum	
Workbooks (optional, when parents have agreed to purchase)	Goods & Services	
Photocopying/printing as part of core education programme (curriculum use)	Curriculum	
Photocopying/printing (personal and not needed for core programme learning, extra-curricula use)	Goods & Services	
Stationery (if parents decide to buy from school/kura stationery shop)	Goods & Services	

Schools and kura are not expected to make profits from school stationery – they should recover only their costs.

Operational Costs

Item	Item category	
Heating, lighting and water	Operational	
Soap, hand sanitiser, tissues	Operational	

Boards cannot ask families and whānau for contributions to operational costs – these costs should be covered by the school's operational funding, which is paid by the Ministry of Education.

School/Kura Publications

Item	Item category	
School/kura magazines are optional to buy	Goods & Services	

School/Kura Events

Item	Item category	
School/kura Ball	Goods & Services	

Students can attend this type of event if they buy a ticket. Students should not be stopped from accessing optional activities because their families/whānau have not paid for other items. For example schools/kura should not require families/whānau to pay for sports costs or a donation towards the school camp before they can buy a ticket to the school ball.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Friday 6th December is the date of our annual Awards Ceremonies; our celebrations of student academic, sporting and cultural success which are being held at the Temuka Community Stadium (in the Temuka Domain).

Students, Years 7 to 13, will attend school in the morning at the usual 8.45am. At 11.30am we will be holding our "Day Awards Ceremony" at the Temuka Community Stadium where we will celebrate sports, cultural and some academic achievements. Students will be released from the stadium to go home after that ceremony, at approximately 12.30pm, and then will return to the stadium at 6.45pm for the 'Evening Awards Ceremony'. Any bus students can return to school and will be supervised until 3.10pm when buses will run as usual.

Parents/family/whanau are invited to both events:

Day Awards Ceremony at 11.30am

Evening Awards Ceremony at 7.00pm

The 'free' afternoon is in lieu of attending in the evening. All students are expected to attend the 'Evening Awards Ceremony' unless the school receives a letter of explanation from the parent/caregiver prior to the event. Students who do not attend will be regarded as truant and will be expected to make up the time missed. Students attend in full uniform.

Term 3

Relax Kids Classes

Relax Kids SC Classes
Creating Calm, Confident Kids
Fun and Creative Relaxation Classes for Positive Wellbeing

Sat 2nd-30th November (5 weeks)

Little Stars
My World 3-5 Yrs 12.45pm-1.25pm

Magical Adventures
Meet the Genius Genie 5-8 Yrs 2pm-3pm

Relaxkidssc@gmail.com



Creating calm confident children



THE TEMUKA MINI GOLF COURSE IS BEING REVAMPED!

MUKA PUTT

Mini Golf Course

Opening Labour Weekend 2019
Hours 9.30am - 4.30pm
Open every weekend over summer
Open every day of the school holidays
Real Fruit Ice-creams available on site



Come on down and have a look – you will find us in the Temuka Domain (next to the swimming pool)

Or look us up on facebook
Temuka Mini Golf-mukaputt



TEMUKA GOLF CLUB TWILIGHT GOLF



All welcome to play!

Tuesday evenings - October to March
Temuka Golf Club, Domain Avenue, Temuka
Tee off between 5.00pm and 6.00pm

Enter at the clubhouse on the night
Entry fee \$6.00 per person
includes complimentary snack in the clubhouse afterwards

Competitive 9 hole competition

Stableford with prizes - Tee off between 5 and 6pm.
Make your own group, or meet at 4.45pm and we will arrange a group.
All welcome – you don't need to be a member of Temuka Golf Club or have a handicap.

Great News! All players with a NZ Handicap will be eligible for the NZ Golf "Make Time Play 9" promotion. Every 9 hole card entered over the summer will give you an entry in the "Make Time Play 9" competition where golfers are randomly drawn to win a variety of prizes such as a new Cobra Driver, weekend getaways, LOVE Golf apparel and the chance to win a trip to Queenstown to play in the NZ Open at Millbrook Resort, and the grand prize of a trip to The 149th Open Championship at Royal St George's Golf Club!

For the month of November only there will also be Social Golf

No scores just fun!
Play a 6 hole team ambrose at 6.00pm with friends, or come on down after work and just play a few holes. Afterwards come into the clubhouse for a snack and lucky spot prizes.

The perfect time for beginner golfers of any age to have a try at golf!
We can loan you clubs for the night and give you a few tips to help get you started. (If you would like to borrow gear please phone to book in advance so that we can have it ready when you arrive. Just bring your sports shoes).

Any queries:
Phone Ian 022 676 3551
or Sharyn 027 911 8680

