

Opihi - on campus



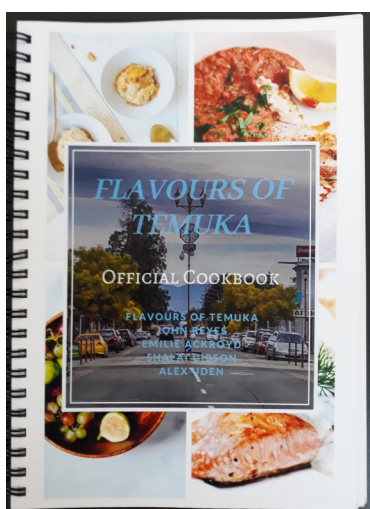
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Kete Pai make the YES Regional Finals



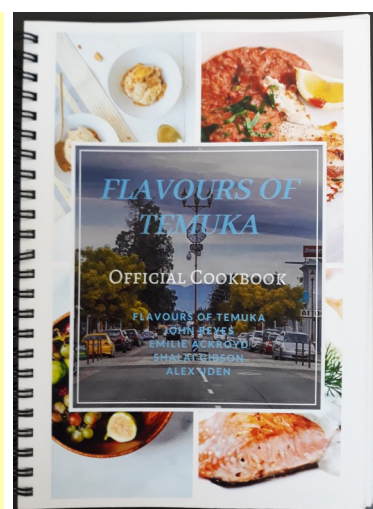
Well done to Kete Pai who represented Opihi College at the Young Enterprise Scheme South Canterbury and West Coast Regional Finals last week. Whilst the team did not win first place, they presented an excellent pitch and were commended by the judges for the quality of their presentation. They were also awarded with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for the perseverance their group has shown throughout the year, overcoming obstacles they have faced with getting their business up and running. *Well done!*



FLAVOURS OF TEMUKA

Opihi College Young Enterprise Scheme Business "Flavours of Temuka" are selling cookbooks featuring Wonderful recipes supplied by local cooks. These beautiful cookbooks are full colour and filled with yummy recipes and local scenery photos by Clare King Photography.

*For sale by order
at the Opihi College school office
\$25 each
Or Two for \$40*





From Across the Principal's Desk

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.

On-line Time

Earlier this year we published information from the Chief Censor, David Shanks and with summer coming and many children likely to spend more time on devices, I think it is timely to remind parents and caregivers of what he had to say:

"Young people can access virtually any content on their devices – anywhere, any time. As digital natives, they can and should make use of these opportunities for communication, education, and entertainment. But young people can also be negatively impacted by what they see. We know this from international studies, our own research, and from talking directly to parents and teenagers nationwide. Young people are looking for guidance – we know because they've told us so. We also know that parents and caregivers are concerned about what young people are viewing in movies, TV shows, games and websites."

- Share and talk about entertainment media with your teen
- Encourage them to think critically about what they view
- Talk about sensitive or complex issues
- Support your teen if they're distressed by something they've watched

You can't control everything young people see, but you can build their confidence by giving them tools to help deal with challenging media."

"Here's the thing. Your teenager is being influenced by the things they watch. The best person to help them with that is you, their parent or guardian."

– CHIEF CENSOR DAVID SHANKS

He waka eke noa. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

School, whanau and community are in this together so if we share our resources and skills we will achieve great things for our tamariki.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Tatou

It's almost scary the way this school term is passing so rapidly. Last week we farewelled our senior students. All students have begun their study leave. If your student is sitting external exams, we appreciate your support in helping them to maintain a study schedule.

NCEA Exams

NCEA Exams start this week. All students have been informed of the expectations during the exams. These expectations are set down by NZQA. We wish all students every success in their exams and believe their results will be a reflection upon the time and effort that they have put into their studies during the school year.

Shave for a Cure

Congratulations and respect to Mitchell Brookland and Mr Grace, who both participated in the "Shave for a Cure" that was run by our Year 13 students. A very worthy cause supported by our school. A huge thanks to all who donated to the cause.



Awards Ceremonies

Friday 6th December is the date of our annual Awards Ceremonies; our celebrations of student academic, sporting and cultural success. Students will attend school in the morning, with all students Year 7 to 13 students beginning school at the usual 8.45am. Later that morning we will be holding our "Day Prize-giving" where we will celebrate sports, cultural and some academic achievements. Students will be released to go home after that ceremony, then will return at 6.45pm for the evening Awards Ceremony.

Parents/family/whanau are welcomed to both events. The 'free' afternoon is in lieu of attending in the evening. All students are expected to attend the awards night unless the school receives a letter of



WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our October winners:

Kyal Dickson
Maddy Hammond
Georgia Hammond
Toni Holding
Raju Gadikoppula
Lily Bennett
Hannah Morrison



FAREWELL

This term we have farewelled Mr and Mrs Thompson who are leaving the district to begin their retirement. We thank them both for the huge contribution they have made to the school during their short time here - they have supported almost every sports team, managed the Youth Enterprise Scheme businesses, driven and organised the buses, helped out on camps and trips, and been wonderful Maths and Science teachers. We wish them all the best for the future!



CONGRATULATIONS



CHIEF SCOUT AWARD

Mitchell Brookland has recently completed his Chief Scout Award. To complete this award Mitchell has had to do a great variety of activities including attending leadership courses, organising and running a patrol camp. He helped at cubs and also completed many interest badges and unit nights to complete this award. During his time as a scout Mitchell has attended zone activity days and camps. This is a great achievement for Mitchell as along the way to achieving this award he has faced many challenges. A special presentation is planned where Mitchell will be presented with this award.



QUEENS GUIDE AWARD

Emily Bennett has gained her Queens Guide Award. This is the highest award in the Girl Guiding Movement. She had to complete many hours of community service, develop life and leadership skills through workshops and attending regular unit meetings. Emily will be attending a special presentation where the Governor General will present her with this outstanding award early next year.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2019

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| November | 8 | NZQA External Exams begin |
| | 12 | Temuka Sports Group Athletics Day |
| | 14 | Digi Trip to Fairlie Year 8 |
| | 20 | Digi Day at Opihi College - Year 8 students along with visitors from other schools |
| | 26-29 | Year 10 Camp Twizel |
| | 26 | BOT Meeting 6.30pm |
| December | 2-5 | Year 7 camp Raincliff |
| | 3 | SCPSS Athletics |
| | 6 | Awards Ceremonies: 11.30am Day Awards ceremony 7.00pm Evening Awards ceremony |

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020

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| January | 28 | Teacher Only Day School Office open |
| | 29 | Teacher Only Day |
| | 30 | Course Confirmation & Mentor Training |
| | 31 | Year 7 students begin with Mentor support |
| February | 3 | Year 7 students attend New Student induction (Years 8- 13) |
| | 4 | Whole school attend |
| | 5 | Mihi Whakatau |
| | 6 | Waitangi Day Statutory Holiday - School closed for instruction |

2020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Saturday 11 April - Sunday 26 April 2020
(includes Easter, Easter Tuesday and ANZAC Day)
Please note: Good Friday will be observed on Friday 10 April and ANZAC Day will be observed on Monday 27 April 2020.

Saturday 4 July - Sunday 19 July 2020.

Saturday 26 September - Sunday 11 October 2020



Do you love Japanese culture? Well you could have a chance to live it thanks to our sister city Eniwa in Japan!

We have an amazing opportunity for three secondary school students to go on a three week escorted Educational and Cultural Exchange to Eniwa, Japan in June 2020.

Applying is easy. You'll need a current valid passport and permission from your parents/guardians.

You can either write us a submission (150-200 words) or do a short video (1-2 minutes) on why you would be the best person to represent our district in Japan.

Approximate airfare cost for the student is \$3,000 + taxes and optional personal spending (\$250-500), but travel subsidies may be available. There will be no accommodation cost as students will be home-hosted with a Japanese family.

Applications close on 25 November 2019.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview once applications close.

Whilst a knowledge of Japanese language & culture is not a pre-requisite, an affinity with Japanese culture would be an advantage.

Following the exchange the students are expected to give a presentation of their experience at a Council meeting.

For further information please contact Alesia Cahill at Timaru District Council, alesia.cahill@timdc.govt.nz or 03 687 7620.

You can apply on-line at: Timaru.govt.nz/eniwaexchange

Or download the application form and email to alesia.cahill@timdc.govt.nz

ありがとうございました

[Thank you!]

MEASLES

Ministry of Health guidance re priority vaccination for MMR as of 12th 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"*

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](https://www.facebook.com/Temuka-Mini-Golf-mukaputt)

Driving Lessons from the YMCA



Whether you need a couple of 'tune up' lessons, or you've just got into the driver's seat, YMCA can help. Contact Julie at the Y on 03 688 3682 / 027 416 8307 / julie@ymcasc.org.nz or visit www.ymcasc.org.nz/driving-school/ We offer very competitively priced packages or one-off refresher lessons with qualified instructors to prepare you to confidently sit your Class 1 restricted or full driver's licence test.



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