

Opihi - on campus



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OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY 2020

A rather unusual year for cross country where change was anticipated, but not to this degree. The old course has been retired and a new one was being planned. A sudden Covid event and subsequent Lockdown resulted in no new course for 2020. Instead, we used the school grounds and course that we have been developing for the Duathlons which we have been hosting.

The Year 9 and 10 year groups ran first on Tuesday afternoon. The weather was awesome, and conditions were perfect. The boys race was dominated by Jack Joyce who started fast and continued at a great pace for all three of his laps completing the course in little over 14 minutes, nearly a minute and a half in front of Logan Larsen and Lachlan Ackroyd. In the girls race Grace Bennett held on to first place after stiff competition from Bailee Ellery, whilst Emma Anso ran well to a third position.



On Wednesday the seniors ran. The boys with 5 laps to run started first and produced a well balanced race with Thomas Johnson narrowly beating Cole Robertson, by a chest length at the line. Bailey McDonald-Solway cruised in for third place. Just like the boys race the seniors girls saw a photo finish with Hailey Larsen, narrowly holding off Madison Barclay, whilst a very surprised Issy Livingstone took third place honours.

Friday was a cold morning for running but a great crowd of parents and supporters, signed in to school and saw Connor McKenzie win the boys race from Mu Robertson, who held off Harris Bagrie in third position. The girls race was equally as exciting with Ashley Rhodes winning over Shian Coskerie and Ella Swete.

Although, not on the same day as in previous years, the students made the event and ran well. (A full list of results is included in this newsletter). Thank you to the Ackroyd family for loaning us hay bales to use during the races, and thank you to all the supporters who visited the school to cheer our students on. Next year we hope to move to a new course with the whole school running at the same time as in the past. But you never know.....

REMINDER:

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2020

Please note: School will be closed for instruction on this day



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, caregivers and whanau,

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. Staff and students who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you have not already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

What is changing is we can now look forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. We are also planning increased numbers of field trips and other excursions.

We are excited that local sports are starting again, and look forward to seeing you supporting your students at competitions.

Staying home if sick

We are aware that the vast majority of children and young people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not have COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include new onset or worsening of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

These symptoms are similar to a range of other illnesses, like influenza. Having them does not mean a person has COVID-19, but we should all remain vigilant. Shortness of breath can also indicate pneumonia, and requires urgent medical attention.

We realise that children with asthma, hay fever, allergies, ear infections or other acute or chronic conditions may have similar symptoms.

Any child who may be contagious should stay home; however, before a child is sent home, we will have a conversation with you to determine whether there is another explanation for your child's symptoms that may mean that they do not pose a risk to others and do not need to go home.

We are relieved to be moving into Level 1, and we are aware that it has taken the support of all of the people of New Zealand to make that happen. Do not minimise the part that all of you in our community played in that.

E waka eke noa
We are all in this together.

Nga Mihi

Tina Johnson
Principal



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 23rd June 2020

*Please note that school is closed
for instruction on this day*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 10am and 8pm on this day:

- Code **ssmkk** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please note these interviews are with your child's **subject teachers** (rather than mentor teachers)
- Appointments are for **ten minutes each**, it will be essential families arrive on time
- It is mandatory that students attend an interview, but they do not need to see all subject teachers. We recommend senior students meeting all teachers.
- Students are not required to wear uniform
- Bookings will be unable to be made on the day
- Please contact the school office if you require any assistance

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020

June	10 -12	Life Education Visit
	16	Aoraki Cycling
	23	Conferencing 10am - 8pm <i>School closed for instruction on this day</i>
	24-26	Mountainbiking Tour <i>OED class</i>
	24	Aoraki Basketball - Junior Boys
	25	Aoraki Basketball - Junior Girls
	30	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>6.30pm</i>
July	2	'Opihi Live' End of Term concert
	3	End of Term 2
		Start of Term 3

LOST PROPERTY

A friendly reminder to clearly name your child's uniform (especially jackets and jerseys) - it is much easier to return misplaced items to students when they are clearly identified.



The Year 7 Technology Class have been busy upcycling old jeans into bags. As you can see, the bags look great! Thank you very much to all who donated jeans for this.





OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Place	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Int Boys	Int Girls	Senior Boys	Senior Girls
1	Connor McKenzie	Ashley Rhodes	Jack Joyce	Grace Bennett	Thomas Johnson	Hailey Larsen
2	Mu Robertson	Shian Coskerie	Logan Larsen	Bailee Ellery	Cole Robertson	Madison Barclay
3	Harris Bagrie	Ella Swete	Lachlan Ackroyd	Emma Anso	Bailey McDonald-Solway	Issy Livingstone
4	Zhye Butcher	Antonella Henderson	Julian Kaan	Jessica West	Hamish Fikken	Emily Wells
5	Kash Kelly	Sophie Bool	Jesse Ferguson	Ryleigh Davis	Jared Dickson	Georgia Hammond
6	Dakota Henderson	Destiney Donnelly	Regan Thomas	Lexi Kellas	Ben Cleverley	Sophie Hall



HOUSE RESULTS

House	JB	JG	IB	IG	SB	SG	Total
Aoraki	75	61	39	121	42	76	414
Opihi	65	76	42	25	4	53	265
Rata	31	62	19	25	40	74	251
Pacific	41	33	50	45	23	42	234

WEEKLY CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our June winners:

Mia Andreassend

Kyle Morris

Oliver Wells

Leith Meechang



SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

An agreement has been reached between all South Canterbury schools that Open Days will not be held this year. Opihi College would like to welcome any families who are considering enrolling their students to contact the school office to arrange a meeting and tour with the Principal.

We will still be having our annual **"Showcase"** during Term 3. This is an awesome chance for families to come in and experience what our school has to offer and what our students have been working on. More details about this event will come out in the term.

TE ARA TIKA

This week the Te Ara Tika group worked together as a team to prepare a hangi meal on the school grounds. The group really enjoyed eating this after an early start to the day! This activity was part of the Te Ara Tika programme where senior students, whilst achieving NCEA credits, also learn workplace skills (such as teamwork and co-operation) in a practical environment. Thanks to Mr Sharp and Mr Grace for their organization, and to Main Street Butchery Temuka for their support.



COUPLANDS HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

"Thank You!" to all who supported this fundraiser, and to Miss Coskerie for her organization.

The funds raised will be used to go towards the purchase of a new school barbeque.



OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



OPIHI COLLEGE

WHITE SHIRTS FOR SENIORS



Opihi College have a stock of an alternative white shirt for senior students. These shirts are made from a thicker, higher quality fabric. Available in short or long sleeve.

\$40

OPIHI COLLEGE

WHITE BLOUSES FOR SENIORS



Opihi College have a stock of an alternative white blouse for senior students. These shirts are made from a thicker, higher quality fabric. Available in short or long sleeve.

\$40

OPIHI COLLEGE TIES



Opihi College ties are only compulsory if wearing the Opihi College blazer. Blazers are able to be worn by senior students only.

\$20

OPIHI COLLEGE EX-RENTAL BLAZERS



Opihi College have a supply of ex-rental blazers. Assorted sizes available while stocks last. Blazers are only able to be worn by senior students.

\$100