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ROCKQUEST REGIONAL WINNERS!



Opihi College band "The Bigfoots" are celebrating being awarded First Place in the Aoraki regional competition of this year's Smokefree Rockquest. The band consists of Reef Brazendale (vocals & lead guitar), Liam Pelvin (vocals & bass guitar) and Luke Smith (drums). They have won music equipment valued at \$500 and the right to compete for a place in the national finals! Well done! As pictured above, they are now busy recording another two original songs as entry for the upcoming Rockquest national finals. *Congratulations and all the very best for the National Finals*!

OPIHI COLLEGE CANTEEN

Opihi College would like to thank and farewell Claire Taikato from the Hapi Puku who has operated our school canteen for the past two years. Claire and Sue and the team have provided delicious food for our students and staff with friendly service. We wish Claire and her family all the best for their move to the North Island!

We welcome Amy Stephens to Opihi College as our new canteen operator. Amy has a delicious array of new menu choices and is looking forward to meeting you all!





District Health Board Te Poarl Hauora ō Waltaha



Free Dental Care for Children including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include: Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth) Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth) Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- Year 8 students: all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Authorised by: Service Manager

Opihi College visit scheduled for



RAFFLE RESULTS Winner of Firewood raffle drawn this week *Kathy Walsh*

Congratulations to Kathy Walsh on winning the W.S.B fire wood raffle. The Young Enterprise Scheme group would like to thank everyone who supported this raffle.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our new students who have started at Opihi College since lockdown:

Jessica McLellan Amelia McLean Taylah Tindall Quinn Hawthorn Jaxon Anderson



Lilly McLellan Keanu Waihape Marissa Hawthorn Emily Rouse Aeris Drummond



So exciting to watch the progress on site every day for our new building ...

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020		
August	25	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Opihi College
	27	UC Open Day
	27	Warrior Princess course - Year 9 Girls
	28	Japanese Trivia Competition - Year 10 Japanese
Sept	3-4	Climbing Trip - Year 11/12
	7-9	Geography Trip
	10-11	Christchurch Tertiary Trip
	11	Aoraki Table Tennis
	18	Senior Ball *To be confirmed on 28th August 2020
	22	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Opihi College
	25	End of Term 3
October	11	Start of Term 4
Nov	13	Senior students begin Study Leave
	16	NCEA External Examinations begin
Dec	9	NCEA External Examinations finish
	11	End of Term 4

OPIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We would like to encourage any interested parents, caregivers or supporters of the school to consider joining the Opihi College Board of Trustees. We currently have a casual vacancy on our board of trustees. For more information please contact the school office or any of our board members.



Opihi College YES Quiz Night 2020

The Opihi College Lions Foundation Youth Enterprise Scheme group (YES) held a very successful quiz night Friday 24 July, where they raised over \$700 which will be used as seed funding for their developing businesses and to contribute towards their YES fees for the year. Each of the 5 firms were given a variety of topics to create quiz questions about, and in the end eight rounds were held, each containing 15 questions. Delicious snacks on the evening were donated by Sweet Creations.

A grateful thank you goes to the 41 members of the community who supported our Quiz evening. In the end the winners for the evening were "Two Bright Blokes", followed by "100% Homemade" and "I am Smarticus."



The load of firewood (donated by the Donehue Family) was won by David Holland, Joe Sharp received a \$50 Jolly Potter Voucher (donated by Temuka Real Estate). A \$20 Screaming Bean voucher was won by Madison Barclay.

The YES group would like to thank their generous quiz night donors: Temuka Real Estate, Sweet Creations, 100% Homemade, the Donehue Family and the Screaming Bean, without whom the night would not have been possible.





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CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Opihi College Chess team of Cameron Price, Kyle Morris, Lachlan Stratford, Riley-James Wilson, Noah Drake and Allysa Price travelled to Roncalli College for the regional chess tournament recently. The team played some excellent chess and represented Opihi College with pride. Thank you to Mr Pattemore for coaching and managing the team.









HEALTH TRIP

The Senior Health class put their interpersonal skills to the test when they were tasked with solving various puzzles and riddles to free themselves from the Escape Artists mysterious cabin and dark wizard rooms in Christchurch last week. They demonstrated excellent communication, negotiation and listening skills to free them in the fastest time possible. The skills demonstrated in the escape room provide evidence towards the students' interpersonal and health promotion assessments. They represented our Opihi community well and we are proud of their efforts.

Miss Haines

Pictured above: Olivia Andreassend, Hailey Larsen, Georgia Hammond and Baiden Halkett. Pictured below: Charlie Te Haate, Nahia Crawshaw, Kaitlin



Former students of Opihi College graduating from Victoria University of Wellington

2020 has turned out to be a challenging year for all of us. Due to lockdown we were unable to hold our usual graduation ceremonies in May. However, all those due to graduate at that time had their degrees conferred in absentia. Happily, we have been able to reschedule ceremonies and those who wish to will be able to walk across the stage in September.

It is with pleasure that we congratulate Nathan Ruthe who has graduated with a BA in Education. Well done Nathan!

AORAKI BOYS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



The Opihi College boys badminton teams had a wonderful day competing in the Aoraki Badminton tournament in Timaru recently. The squad of Lachlan Ackroyd, Jared Dickson, Upendhar Gadikoppula, Robbie Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Jack Joyce, Logan Larsen, Cameron Price, Cole Robertson, Guio Rosantina, and Jackson Steger represented our school. Thank you to Mr Goodman for coaching and managing the badminton teams.

Sadly, the girls Aoraki Badminton tournament has been postponed at this time due to COVID restrictions.

Pictured:

(Top) Jack Joyce, Robbie Johnson, Lachlan Ackroyd, Logan Larsen.

(Centre) Jackson Steger and Thomas Johnson

(Opposite) Cole Robertson









Please bring your own pen or pencil to record Dad's score. Clubs and balls will be sanitised before use. Contact Tracing Register available. Hand sanitizer available for use before and after play

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020

DAY!

Sunday

free

12km & 24km **Trail Run**

12km & 24km **Mountain Bike**

Solo & Family registrations available



Come and play on a slice of Canterbury's history!

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