

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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## Parent / Whanau Conferencing



**Wednesday 23rd September 1:30 – 6pm**

Students and their families are invited to book conference times with your child's Whanau teacher between the hours of 1:30pm and 6pm on this day.

***Please note that school finishes at 12:30pm for everyone on this day***

- The focus of this conference is for current Year 10-12 students to confirm their subject choices for 2021. This is extremely important as it helps us to decide which subjects will run in 2021.
- Year 7-9 students and their families will be reviewing their goals that were set earlier in the year.
- There will be another opportunity for Year 7-9 families to meet with Whanau teachers and/or Deans later in Term 4 as well
- Please book on the [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz) website using the code ***bmate***
- Appointments are fifteen minutes each, it will be essential that families arrive on time
- Bookings will be unable to be made on the day
- Please contact the school office if you require any assistance
- Buses will run as usual and supervision will be provided for students who are not able to be picked up. Please let the school office know, by phoning 6157442 if your child requires supervision on this afternoon, so that arrangements can be made.



Last week, our Senior Outdoor Education class went on a wonderful trip to Craigieburn and Castle Hill. The weather was great despite the snow on the ground! Thankyou to Mr Grace, Miss Haines, Mr Smith and Mr Ireland for accompanying the group.





## From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Tatou

Welcome to our last newsletter of Term 3. I hope you are all looking forward to some extra family time during the upcoming break.

### Cell phones

In July we bought in our new cell phone procedures. Although it is far too soon to have any evidential data, over all the new procedures seem to be having a positive effect on learning in the classroom. We do still have a few students pushing boundaries, but it has been interesting to see other students stepping up to remind them of the "rules". Thank you to all staff, parents and students who are supporting us in this pathway.

### 2021 - Year 9 and 10

It is a norm in schools that we spend some time throughout the year planning for the following year. This week we have been investigating Year 9 and 10 programmes and the ways that we might improve behaviour and progress in our school. Having looked at a lot of options we feel we have come up with a good fit for our students and for our Board's vision: "The best for all learners". We have sent out an email to parents of our current Year 7, 8 and 9 students inviting you to a presentation on our curriculum proposal. We really hope you will attend one of the offered sessions to discuss the vision. We look forward to welcoming you, and your student/s at those sessions next Monday.

### Conferencing

A reminder that we will be holding conferencing on the afternoon/evening of **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** (next week). While these are open to any who would like to attend, our focus is on our current Year 10, 11 and 12 students. This is an opportunity to discuss 2021 course choices with teachers as parents need to sign off on the choices their students make. All other year levels, we will look to hold further conferencing for junior students next term.

### Teacher Only Day

We had to postpone a Teacher Only Day not long after we returned to school from COVID-19 Lockdown, as we felt it was important to be available to students to ensure they were well settled back into school routines. The need for the day of Professional Development still exists so the decision has been made to hold it on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** (the last day of Term 3) so this is a reminder that school will not be open next Friday.

There is a lot on over the next week which will keep us busy right to the end of term, but don't forget to make the most of the break.

E waka eke noa

We are all in this together.

Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson  
Principal



## TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please add to your calendar now:



Wed 23rd September      Parent Conferencing -  
School finishes 12.30pm  
Friday 25th September      Teacher Only Day  
Thursday 19th November      Teacher Only Day

## OPIHI COLLEGE SENIOR BALL

Due to COVID Level 2 restrictions, our Senior Ball was unable to be held on Friday 18th September as originally planned. Unfortunately, a suitable alternative date has not been able to be arranged at this time.

## CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our weekly draw winners:

Jacob Spivey  
Chloe Donaldson-Fitt  
Ashleigh Griffiths  
Elise Warnock  
Calan Meechang  
Dakota Henderson



## CONGRATULATIONS

Opihi College rugby player Madi Barclay has been selected to compete in the Town vs Country game, which is made up of rugby players from all the teams in the South Canterbury Secondary School Girls rugby competition. *Well done Madi!*

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020

<b>Sept</b>	22	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Opihi College
	23	<b>Parent Conferencing</b> <i>School finishes at 12.30pm</i>
	25	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
	25	End of Term 3
	28	South Canterbury Anniversary Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i>
<b>October</b>	11	Start of Term 4
	14 - 20	Practice Examinations
	23	Pink Shirt Day
	26	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday—School closed for instruction</i>
<b>Nov</b>	13	Senior students begin Study Leave
	16	NCEA External Examinations begin
	19	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Dec</b>	9	NCEA External Examinations finish
	11	End of Term 4



**5-9 October 2020**  
**Registrations Now Open**

Sign up your child today to experience a huge range sports & heaps of awesome activities!!!

Active Kids is a fun, safe and affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years.

When: 5-9 October 2020

Where: The Southern Trust Events Centre  
Morgans Road, Timaru

Full day (8.30-5) and half day (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.



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Full details and to register

[www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)



Contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751  
Limited Spaces available.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE**

Tuesday 29th September 2020  
or when sessions are at full capacity.



Series of Two tournaments—  
Same format 1st October 2020 at  
Gleniti Golf Club, Timaru

## Junior Golf Tournament Sept/Oct School Holidays

**Geraldine District Golf Club**  
**Orari Back Road - Geraldine**

**Thursday 8th October**

**18 Holes - 10am reporting, Tee-off 10:30am**  
**9 Holes - 11:30am reporting, Tee-off Midday**

**Event:**

18-Hole Stableford

9-Hole Stableford

9-Hole Ambrose Teams of 6 Have a Go at Golf  
(Teams must have one adult to supervise)

**Entry Fee:**

\$10 for 18-Holes | \$5 for 9-Holes

**A drink and food will be supplied after the game.**

**Everyone gets a prize!**

Contact Graham Keen  
Aorangi Golf Development Manager  
021 326-004 or [dm@aorangigolf.org.nz](mailto:dm@aorangigolf.org.nz)

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# OPIHI COLLEGE PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

Opihi College will be holding practice examinations from Wednesday 14th October until Tuesday 20th October, as per the schedule below.

**We would like to remind all students of the importance of these examinations as the marks could be used for derived grades should the End of Year NCEA Examinations be unable to be held.**

These exams will be held in the school hall and students will need to arrive to their exam 15 minutes before the start time. Students will be required to follow all NZQA rules with regard to the materials they are allowed to bring into the exam. These will be given to students next week.

**Normal classes will not run for Year 11 to 13 students for the week of practice examinations.** Students will be allowed to remain at home to study, or if they wish, we will provide a quiet study classroom for them during school hours. It is important that if they are at school they are independently studying. Their usual classroom teachers may not be available due to exam supervision.

	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Day 1 Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9-12	DIGI 101 (3Hrs)	HLT 201	MAT 301
			MUS 201	
	1-4	JPN 101	JPN 201	
Day 2 Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9-12	ENG 101		CHE 301
			ENG 201	ENG 301
	1-4			
Day 3 Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9-12	SCI 101		JPN 301
			BIO 201	BIO 301
	1-4			
Day 4 Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9-12	MAT 101		
		HLT 101	MAT 201	STAT 301
	1-4			
Day 5 Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9-12	SST 101	SST 201	CAL 301
		MUS 101	CHE 201	GEO 301
	1-4			

Morning 9-12

Afternoon 1-4



**IGNITE**  
THE SPARK WITHIN  
**TEMUKA**  
Theatre Holiday Programme  
For 8-18yrs  
Monday 28th September- Friday 3rd October  
Times: 9am-3pm  
Showing 4:30pm on the Friday

**FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK YOUR SPACE**  
Email: [aidan.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:aidan.theatre@gmail.com)

**FEES PER STUDENT**  
EARLY BIRD \$150.00 PAID BEFORE 11TH SEPTEMBER  
FULL FEE \$170.00

## Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

**Timaru Clinic—Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru.**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and pre-school children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please call 0800 846 983 or email [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz)