

Opihi - on campus



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Opihi Band to headline at Canterbury Bandquest Finals

Opihi College Rockers "The Bigfoots" have been invited to perform at the 2020 Rock Shop Bandquest as a Guest band for three nights in Christchurch on the 9th, 10th and 11th of November this year. Every year a group is chosen from previous winners or finalists from the senior Smokefree Rockquest to play in the top slot of the evening in the junior Bandquest event.

Reef Brazendale, Luke Smith and Liam Pelvin are Opihi College's answer to Nirvana. They are a loud, fast and punchy three piece band with plenty of hooks and memorable melodies. They recently rated in the top twenty of NZ bands and were one of only two bands from the South Island to make it to the finals selection round.

The Bigfoots are a hard working group. They regularly travel to towns around the South Island seeking venues to play in. This will be their first truly professional show with a capacity crowd expected at all three nights of the Canterbury finals.



'ECO SCRUB' SELECTED FOR YES FINALS



Congratulations to the Opihi College Young Enterprise Scheme company 'Eco Scrub' who have been selected for the South Canterbury and West Coast YES Regional Finals to be held in Timaru.

'Eco Scrub' manufacture and sell Confetti Soap, and is operated by Baiden Halkett, Hailey Larsen, Kate Cooper and Madeline Hammond.

All are welcome to come along to the Ceremony:

5.30pm to 7.00pm

Tuesday 27th October 2020

ARA Timaru gymnasium

(32 Arthur Street, Timaru)

If you are intending to attend please register on:

<https://www.scchamber.org.nz/events-training/events/south-canterbury-and-west-coast-yes-regional-finals/>



OPIHI COLLEGE

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13th October 2020

OPIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Opihi College
PO Box 175
Temuka 7948

By 10th November 2020

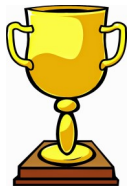


TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Please add to your calendar now:



Thursday 19th November - Teacher Only Day



OPIHI COLLEGE CUPS AND TROPHIES

It's that time of year again - please return all Opihi College cups and trophies to the school office ready for the end of year prizegiving.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Thank you to both of our wonderful candidates (Calan Meechang and Emily Wells) for standing as candidates in the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees election. Emily Wells has been duly elected as our new student representative - Congratulations Emily!

A big THANK YOU to Xavier Hitchen who has been our student representative for the past year - he has done a marvellous job of bringing student suggestions and queries to the Board of Trustees.



REMINDER:

A reminder to all senior technology students to please arrange to take your projects home before commencing study leave on November 13th.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020

Oct	23	Pink Shirt Day
	26	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday—School closed for instruction</i>
	27	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>Opihi College 6.30pm</i>
Nov	13	Senior students begin Study Leave
	16	NCEA External Examinations begin
	16	Aoraki Junior Sports week
	19	Teacher Only Day
Dec	8	NCEA External Examinations finish
	9	Prizegiving
	10	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
	11	End of Term 4

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more. Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, families, whanau and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills, experiences and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. We currently have casual vacancies on our Board. If you're interested in becoming a part of the Opihi College Board of Trustees, please contact the school office for more information.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Our junior students have been busy making craft projects using recycled materials such as drink cans and wire.

Displaying their handmade projects are:

(left) Corbett Kennedy and Zhye Butcher and (right) Kash Kelly.



NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

SENIORS LAST DAY is Friday 13th November.

Senior students will then go on exam leave as their NCEA exams begin on Monday 16th November. Attached below is the NCEA Exam timetable. This is also available online.

Good luck and keep up with the studies!

2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 16 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Chinese	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tue 17 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	Drama
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Classical Studies
	2.00 pm		Drama	Samoan	Statistics
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	Economics
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	English			Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science German Chinese	English
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
WEEKEND					
Mon 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori Art History	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 1 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Media Studies
Wed 2 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance		Physics	
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Art History
Fri 4 Dec	9.30 am	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 7 Dec	9.30 am	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 8 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Samoan Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori Latin	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
Wed 9 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
EXAMS END					

YEAR 9&10 CURRICULUM CHANGE

We are very excited to announce changes to the way that Year 9 & 10 will be taught at Opihi College from next year. After doing lots of research, visiting schools and consulting with our staff, students and families, the feedback has come back overwhelmingly in favour of changing to the model that we have proposed.

Our Vision behind the “Choices Model”

* We believe that by giving students choice, it will engage them in their learning, which will increase academic progress and improve behaviour.

It is really difficult to explain on paper what this new model is going to look like. We had an opportunity at the end of last term to share it with families and we thank all of those that could make it on the day.

If your child is going to be in Y9 or Y10 at Opihi College in 2021, we require you and your child to come along to a **Year 9/10 Choices Meeting on Monday 16th November**, so that we get to present to you exactly what this is going to look like. Exact times will be confirmed next week. During this session, we will also **hand out the Course Booklets** so that as a family, you can begin looking at what topics your child may like to choose next year. If you attended the Community Consultation sessions, you do not need to attend the Y9/10 Choices Meeting, unless you wish to. We will get the course booklet to your child. If you cannot make it to any of these meetings, please make an alternative time with the school office. We feel it is super important that all families understand the choices that their child has, the process of making choices and why we have chosen to make this change.

Later in November, we will have Course Selection. This is where the choices are confirmed between student, family and school. We will advertise this next week too.

PINK SHIRT DAY

In conjunction with Pink Shirt Day, the Bryan and Bobby website have produced some helpful tips for parents and families. Below is a link on bullying for parents/caregivers:

<https://bryanandbobby.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/10/ConfidentKids.pdf>



WELCOME

We would like to welcome Mr Briones to Opihi College.

Mr Briones is teaching Digital Technology while Miss Carnihan is on leave. Mr Briones has recently moved to Temuka from

Auckland, where he taught for several years. Prior to that, Mr Briones worked in Israel for seven years in software development. Mr Briones trained as a teacher as he wished “to inspire his own children into technology innovation”.

Mr Briones was born in South America, and can speak Spanish and Hebrew fluently. Coming from the Andes he loves the mountains and was excited to have the opportunity to come and live in the South Island. He hopes to visit Mt Cook soon!

We hope Mr Briones enjoys his time here!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Reminder that the Ministry of Education have directed us to have a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 19th November, to work on the changes to NCEA that they are proposing. School will be closed for instruction for this day for ALL students.

HEAD STUDENTS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS 2021

Traditionally, we have always announced our Head Students for the following year at the end of year awards ceremony. This year we plan to do exactly the same, however we would also like to announce our other positions of student responsibility, which is the House Captains.

Head Students can be applied for by any student that will be Year 13 in 2021. House Captains can be applied for by any student that will be Y11-13 in 2021. They will need to complete a written application, present an oral speech (to the whole school or their house) and may need to go through an interview.

Applications for these positions will be available from the office on Tuesday 27th October.



THANK YOU TEMUKA NEW WORLD!

This week, Tim Maxwell from Temuka New World kindly brought in a generous donation of a large amount of New World little garden seed pots, a box of gardening gloves, a box of gardening equipment, bags of potting mix and even a garden for the students at Kowhai House.

Opihi College are very grateful for their support, and the students are keen to try their hand at gardening!

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday 20th October, Ashley Rhodes, Ella Swete, Shian Coskerie and Harris Bagrie participated in the South Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country at Waihi School. We were stoked that this event was able to go ahead after being postponed twice before due to Covid. They all ran very well against some very high calibre students. From large fields, Ashley Rhodes was placed 5th in the Year 7 Girls event, Harris Bagrie 19th in the Year 7 Boys event, Shian Coskerie 19th in the Year 8 Girls event and Ella Swete 25th in the Year 8 Girls event. Well done!

Thank you to Mr Grace for managing this team.



OPIHI COLLEGE NETBALL



This week, Opihi College senior students competed for the Senior Netball Cup. A great contest which was eventually won by Pacific. Congratulations Pacific!



OPIHI COLLEGE 7'S RUGBY



The Opihi College Rugby 7's team played in the South Island Secondary Schools Under 15 Boys rugby tournament held at Alpine Energy Stadium in Timaru recently.

The Opihi College Rugby 7's team for 2020:

Back Row: Eremasi Loilagi, Jack Joyce, Lachlan Ackroyd, Ryan Sherriff-Wardell, Kodi Kellas-Taylor, Jesse Ferguson, Logan Larsen and Mitchell Perfect. Front Row: Jamie Hall and Regan Thomas.

The team played some exceptional rugby in hot dry conditions, and displayed some wonderful teamwork. The team won two matches, drew one and lost two matches. A big 'Thank You' to Mr Perfect for his coaching expertise, and Mr Goodman for organising the team.

OPIHI COLLEGE 10'S RUGBY



On Wednesday 21st October, the Year 7 and 8 rugby team competed at the Alpine Energy stadium.

The Opihi College Year 7 & 8 rugby team: Back Row: Riley Cornelius, Jake Armishaw, Taylah Tindall, Tama Stoakes, Owen Bolt and Kade Sturgeon. Front Row: George Thomas, Tayne Morris, Mu Robertson, Ella Swete, Shian Coskerie and Lachlan Cater. Absent: Keisha Griffin

The team played some good solid rugby, especially with some new players welcomed into the team. They had a good win over Gleniti and a very close game with Waihi School.

RUGBY



Congratulations to the Temuka Under 14½ Rugby team who won the South Canterbury competition after an exciting final against Timaru Boys High School Leopards! Temuka won the game 39-31.

Well done to the following Opihi College students who are members of this team:

Nick Dynes, Jesse Ferguson, Masi Loilagi, Cullum Savage, Lachlan Ackroyd, Mitchell Perfect, Jamaine Etti, Jamie Hall, Logan Larsen, Ryan Sherriff-Wardell, Ethan Bolt, Regan Thomas, Kodi Kellas-Taylor and Robbie Johnson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY RUGBY

Congratulations to Cole Robertson and Ben Cleverley who were both selected for the Under 18 Country squad for the Town vs Country day tournament recently. The team had an exciting match, scoring a penalty try at full time to win the game!

Congratulations to Regan Thomas, Ryan Sherriff-Wardell, Cullum Savage, Eremasi Loilagi, Jesse Ferguson, Jamie Hall, Logan Larsen, Mitchell Perfect, Ethan Bolt and Jamaine Etti who were all selected to play in the Under 14½ Country squad for the Town vs Country day tournament. The team worked hard and combined well, but were unable to come away with a win on the day.

Congratulations to Aidan Reid who was selected for the Under 16 Town squad. Congratulations to Kyal Dickson who was selected for the Under 16 Country squad.

Congratulations to Ben Cleverley who has been selected for the South Canterbury Secondary School RugbyX squad. Rugby X is an academy style training group aimed at the up skilling of local rugby players wanting to take their game to the next level.



SITUATIONS VACANT

Waipopo Orchard and MA Orchard are hiring now!

Jobs available for students, and their families, at apple orchards at Waipopo and Seadown. There are a variety of jobs available, both holiday work and short term contracts, and transport may be available. Workers are required for thinning of apple trees, picking of apples, and pack-house duties, starting from November 2020.

If you are interested please contact Waipopo Orchard or Stafford Personnel.



OPIHI COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Basketball 2020

Another basketball season is over!

Opihi College was well represented with 3 teams playing this year in the Timaru competition. A huge thanks to everyone (parents and teachers) who coached/assisted/supported the teams (especially David Taylor, Jayden Kellas-Taylor and Abbie Ross). Without these people, the teams would simply not exist. They give up a lot of their time to look after our teams and I really hope all the students and parents concerned have taken the time to thank them for all they do.

Also, thanks must go to the students who have made us proud this year; with their commitment and positive attitudes shining through on many occasions. They wear their Opihi singlets with pride, no matter what comes their way.

Final thanks go to the supporters who came to watch the games throughout the season. I know the kids loved having you there on the side-lines.

Well done everyone 😊

Miss Manson



TEMUKA GOLF CLUB TWILIGHT GOLF

We would like to welcome golfers of all ages and abilities to our Tuesday night social competition!



Season begins Tuesday 13th October 2020



ALL WELCOME!

You do not need to have a handicap or be a member of Temuka Golf Club

9 hole competition -

Stableford competition, and Lucky Draws for players without handicaps.

Tee off between 5 and 6pm - Play in your own group, or meet at 4.45pm and we will arrange a group for you.

Competition will run every Tuesday night until March - Enter at the clubhouse on the night.

Entry fee \$7.00 per person (includes complimentary snack in the clubhouse afterwards)

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

SUMMER DAYS AT MUKA PUTT

OPENING DAY
LABOUR WEEKEND AND EVERY WEEKEND
AFTER 11AM TO 4:30PM

XMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
TUESDAY TO SUNDAY 9:30AM TO 4:30PM THEN WEEKENDS UNTIL EASTER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EVERYDAY

CLOSED FOR THE WINTER.
GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR AROUND. WORK DO'S, TEAM BUILDING, SCHOOL OUTINGS, CHRISTMAS PARTIES, BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

PHONE ANDRINA 027 376 6881
TEMUKA DOMAIN, TEMUKA



PARENTS CENTRE
Where parenting is everything!

Babysitting Course

A course that teaches young adults all the different aspects, and expectations when looking for babysitting employment, and while working.

When: Sat 31st October
9am-4pm

Where: 38 Stafford St.

Cost: \$50



The course will cover

- Ages and stages
- Employee/Employer expectations
- Nappy folding and changing
- Safety of children and babysitter
- Baby bathing
- Child and infant CPR
- Pay rates
- On completion of this course participants receive both a Pro-med attendance first aid certificate, along with a Timaru Parents Centre course certificate.

For more info: Michaela 0273900004
timaruparentscentre@gmail.com

SOUTH CANTERBURY Drama League 2021 starts with a Broadway Melody...

AUDITION

A song and dance compilation show featuring a cast of all ages (8 and up as at 1 Jan, 2021)

A song and dance compilation show featuring classic and new favourites from Broadway musicals.

Short, intensive rehearsal period during Jan, 2021.

Broadway Melody

On Stage 10-13 Feb, 2021.

AUDITIONS 14/15 NOVEMBER, 2020

AT THE PLAYHOUSE

DIRECTOR: ELLA THOMAS
Choreographers: Stevie Gallagher & Katrina Mehrtens

email broadway_melody@yahoo.com for an audition pack and more information