

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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## MUSIC

Well done to Opihi College musician Reef Brazendale who performed an original song at the recent Masonic concert held in Timaru. Reef was presented with a Scholarship valued at \$500 after the concert! *Congratulations!*

## 'OPIHI LIVE'

**Thank you** to all who supported our musicians when they performed in the 'Opihi Live' concert held recently. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience live performance, the students raised \$165 for the Music Department. This will go towards costs to repair and maintain our musical instruments. The Music Department is always grateful for the donation of any unused, unwanted or spare musical instruments (especially recorders).



## BADMINTON

*The Opihi College Year 9 and 10 badminton teams enjoyed competing in the Aoraki Secondary Schools Badminton Festival held in Timaru recently. Grateful thanks to Mr Goodman for his organisation, and for Mr Ireland for his assistance transporting and supervising the teams.*

25<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **Ka Ora, Ka Ako (Healthy School Lunches Programme)**

The Government is currently introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch programme for all students.

*We wish to advise you that our school will be joining the free lunch programme for 2021.*

We know that all parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whanau to support their children and tamariki. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet and health needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

The lunches will be available for ALL of our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing lunch to every child means we do not need to single out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are NOT compulsory, and you are welcome to provide your child's own lunch if you wish to. **Our school canteen will continue to run, with food available to be purchased at break and lunch times.**

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. At this stage we have opted to join a group of schools who are working with the Ministry of Education to engage with a lunch provider. It is likely that lunches will be available from the start of 2021 but we will have more information on this once the provider has been selected by the Ministry and have met with our school.

The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated while it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement. This information will help the Ministry of Education and Government to decide whether to continue beyond 2021, and what an ongoing programme might look like. If the programme continues past 2021 we will then consider looking for a local provider for the lunches however, at the moment, the fastest way to ensure lunches in our school has been to support a Ministry of Education sourced provider.

You can find out more about the programme at:

[www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches](http://www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches)

Regards

Tina Johnson  
Principal



## 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.

## LIBRARY

It's that time of year again.....stocktake. Please can you check under beds in wardrobes for any Opihi College books. I need them back to do stocktake ASAP. Any overdue non returned books will be charged to your child's account and nobody needs that at Christmas!! If your child is unsure if they have books out they can come to the library to find out. *Many Thanks*



## REMINDER:

*A friendly reminder to all students to please: Return loan musical instruments to Mr Fleming, settle any outstanding accounts and arrange to collect your technology projects.*



*Year 7 Camp - Raincliff 2020*



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020

<b>Dec</b>	8	NCEA External Examinations finish
	8	Mufti Day <i>Riding for Disabled fundraiser</i>
	9	Awards Ceremonies <i>11.30am Day Awards ceremony 7.00pm Day Awards ceremony Please note: Ceremonies will be held at the Temuka Stadium in the Temuka Domain again this year.</i>
	10	Year 13 Leavers Dinner

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

<b>January</b>	25	<i>School Office opens</i>
<b>February</b>	1	Course Confirmation Years 9 to 13
	1-3	<i>Gateway Courses for Gateway students. Information for Gateway Students will be e-mailed out closer to the date.</i>
	2	Year 7 students begin Senior Mentor training <i>Day 1</i>
	3	Year 7 students only Senior Mentor training <i>Day 2</i>
	4	Whole school attend
	5	Mihi Whakatau
	6	Waitangi Day
	8	Waitangi Day observed <i>Opihi College will be closed for instruction on this day</i>

## 2021 SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

### Term 1

*Monday 1st February to Friday 16 April 2021*

Public Holidays: Waitangi Day (observed) Monday 8th February 2021. Easter - Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April, Easter Tuesday 6th April (a school holiday).  
School holiday Saturday 17th April to Sunday 2nd May (includes ANZAC Day 25th April).

### Term 2

*Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July 2021*

Public Holiday: Queen's Birthday 7th June 2021.  
School holiday Saturday 10th July to Sunday 25th July 2021.

### Term 3

*Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October 2021*

Public Holiday: South Canterbury Anniversary Day Monday 27th September 2021  
School holiday Saturday 2nd October to Sunday 17th October 2021.

### Term 4

*Monday 18th October to Thursday 16th December 2021*

Public Holidays: Labour Day 25th October 2021



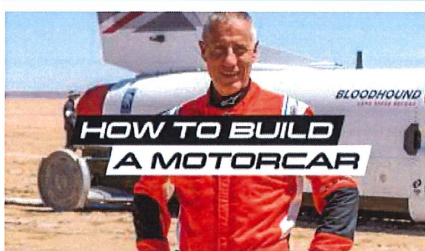
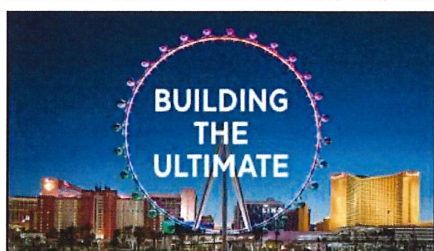
# OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Opihi College have two styles of PE Tops available for purchase at the school office. Currently we have stocks of both new and pre-loved PE tops. New PE Tops are \$40 (black with white piping style) or \$50 (black with white collar style). In the event of not having the size you prefer in stock, we can order for you.

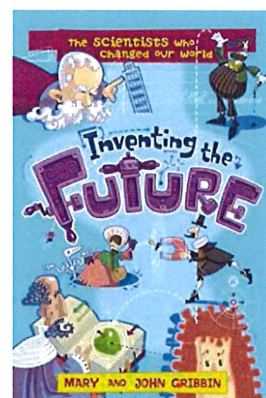
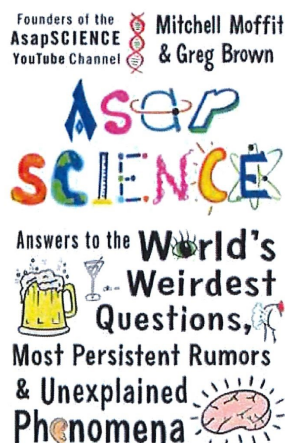
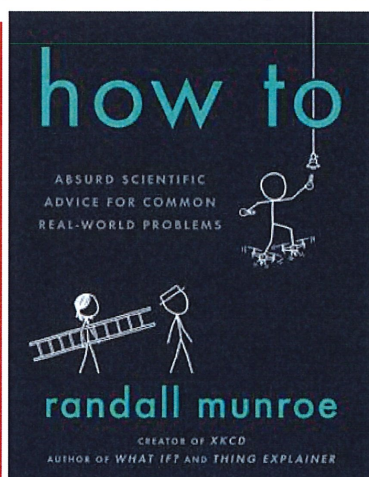
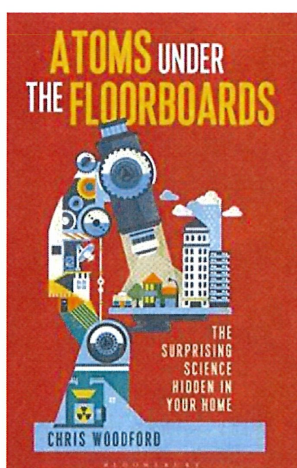
STEAM for Summer!

Many of the akonga at Opihi College show a natural curiosity towards Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. The Science department would like to encourage families and whanau to provide opportunities for their students to continue learning and exploring ideas, concepts and contexts while on summer holiday. There are many documentaries available for free on TVNZ on demand. Here are some of our favourites:



*Happy Holidays*

The local library also offers some excellent books, here are some of our favourites





# OPIHI COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY



## AND FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL



**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

***ALL students are to attend school on this day***

- Junior Students to arrive by 8.40am
- Senior Students to arrive at 10.25am
- **All students to wear correct and clean uniform** – Ensure you have the correct shoes (clean), no jewellery, clean shaven and no makeup.
- Students to try to collect all your books from your teachers and return library books
- If any student is not returning to Opihi College in 2021, they **MUST** complete a sign out form. These are to be collected from the office and signed by parents/caregivers.
- **Timetable for the morning:**
  - 8.45am Whanau
  - 9.05am Period 1 class
  - 10.05am Interval
  - 10.25am Whanau
  - 10.50am Leave for Temuka Stadium
  - 11.30am Formal Day Awards Ceremony
- All welcome to attend our Day Awards Ceremony at the Temuka Stadium (in the Temuka Domain).
- When the Formal Day Awards Ceremony has finished, all students will be released for the remainder of the day (from the Temuka Stadium).

### **Evening Awards Ceremony at Temuka Stadium**

- 6.45pm All students to meet outside Temuka Stadium
- 7.00pm Awards Ceremony starts
- Please wear correct and clean uniform. This is a FORMAL occasion.
- All parents, caregivers and whanau are welcome to attend our Evening Awards Ceremony



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



### **FAREWELL**

Mr Marsh and Mr Briones will be completing their fixed term contracts at Opihi College this month.

We would like to thank Mr Briones and Mr Marsh for their dedication and hard work this year, and for the skills and knowledge they have shared with our students. We would like to wish them all the very best for the future.



### **2021 STATIONERY LISTS**

Stationery lists are available on the Opihi College website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the school office. Please note that the school office carry a very limited range of stationery for purchase by students. (Items available are 1B8, 1E8 and Clever Kiwi exercise books only).

*A full range of stationery is available at OfficeMax MySchool at [officemax.co.nz](http://officemax.co.nz) or by phoning 0800 426 473. OfficeMax offer a price match guarantee and free delivery! (for orders over \$46 inc GST).*



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# OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



## OPIHI COLLEGE CAPS



*Opihi College caps are made from a cotton fabric.  
One Size Fits All with an adjuster on the back.*

**\$10**

## OPIHI COLLEGE SUNHATS



*Bucket style sunhats made from sturdy cotton drill fabric. Two sizes available.*

**\$10**

## OPIHI COLLEGE BEANIES



*Opihi College beanies are made from a warm navy polar fleece.*

**\$10**

## CLEVER KIWI EXERCISE BOOKS



- *Assignment Books*
- *Reading Workbooks*
- *All Purpose Books*

**\$3 each**

## Available at the school office for purchase:

New Opihi College kilts (from \$125)

New Opihi College PE tops (from \$40)

For senior students - New white shirts and blouses \$40,

New Opihi College ties \$20 and ex-rental Opihi College blazers \$100.

*A range of pre-loved Opihi College uniform items are also available.*