

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect – Excellence

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## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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.

**We are currently seeking new parent representatives for our board and would love to have you join us. This is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to be involved in the decisions that affect our school. Our board are very welcoming, and usually meet one evening a month with some occasional extra meetings.**

If you would like more information about becoming a part of our board of trustees, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information.

Kind Regards

Kylie Robertson

### **NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION**

The Opihi College Newsletter is published every fortnight on the Opihi College website. Paper copies will be printed ***only for those who request them***. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of this newsletter, please complete slip below and return to the school office.

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***I would like to receive Newsletters in paper form***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to the new school year and in particular welcome to the students, parents/ caregivers, whanau and staff who have joined Opihi College in 2021. I hope that the first day of school has gone well and that your students have returned to school with enthusiasm.

We were very happy to see so many Year 7 students and their families joining us this year. The transition from Primary school to a secondary environment introduces new challenges to our youngest students, and your on-going support with those changes makes the transition so much more comfortable for your students. Your support is vital to successful outcomes for your students.

We hope that everyone new to Opihi College has received all the information you have wanted. If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to contact our office staff who can point you in the direction of the information or people you need.

## NCEA

The first step I would like to take this year, in welcoming all of our returning students, is to congratulate those students who gained qualifications at NCEA level. 2020 was definitely a challenging year for our senior students, which the disruption that was caused by Covid19 throughout the year. It is with great pride in our students that I can say they did not let restrictions stand in the way of their education, with 94% of our students in Year 11 gaining Level One Literacy and 94% gaining Level One Numeracy. Congratulations to all of you!

Particular congratulations to the students who gained Merit and Excellence Endorsements across their NCEA qualifications in 2020.

**Merit Endorsements:** *Ashleigh Griffiths, Sophie Hall, Madeline Hammond, Charlie Te Haate, Brooke Thomas*

**Excellence Endorsements:** *Calan Meechang, Emily Wells, Georgia Hammond, Hailey Larsen, Emily Bennett, Issy Livingstone*

We are very proud of all of our students who have gained NCEA qualifications. We are particularly proud of those who have gained endorsements. Equally, our staff, who have guided students to these achievements, deserve acknowledgement for all of the extra time they have put into conferencing with students, assisting them in sourcing the additional resources they needed and putting pressure on them to always give their

best. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and committed staff who are willing to 'go the extra mile' for the benefit of our students. Thank you.

## Buildings

As I am sure you are aware, we have been through a long process of demolition and construction and this year we are finally going to be opening our new buildings. The official handover date is in April and closer to the time we will have more information for you about an opening ceremony. We are very excited that by Term 2 we should be actually using these wonderful new facilities!

## Free and Healthy School Lunches

Opihi College is one of the schools that the Ministry of Education has included in their new lunches programme. Libelle Group has been contracted to provide lunches to our students. These are free to every student – there is no eligibility criteria.

We are still working through the best ways to allocate lunches and I am sure that although we may face a few hiccups along the way, we will eventually have a streamlined process for students to access lunches in a timely manner. The menus for lunches will be posted on our facebook page and students are free to opt in or out. However, if your child has dietary requirements it is essential that we know about those well in advance so that Libelle Group can cater for their needs. So if your child is vegetarian, dairy free, gluten free or has any other intolerances please let us know immediately.

## Finally

I am sure that in 2021 we will go on to build on the successes of 2020. Research has proven over and over again that it is those students who get involved in what schools have to offer who will gain the most out of their education years. For this reason we expect all students to be involved in the wider school life, participating in either sporting or cultural activities (or both) during the year.

I expect to meet many parents, caregivers and whanau during the school year as we open the school for mentoring and course conferencing. I encourage you to stay involved with your child's education and to support their progress during the coming year.

He waka eke noa. Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. Nga mihi.

Tina Johnson  
Principal



## WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome our new Careers Advisor Mrs Jo Larkin to Opihi College. Mrs Larkin is a qualified teacher who has also worked in other employment sectors. She has a lot of experience and ideas to assist students on their entry into the workplace.



Mrs Larkin enjoys gardening, running, cycling, reading and spending time with her family. She is looking forward to assisting our students with their future career plans.

*Welcome Mrs Larkin!*

## INTRODUCING OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2021

### Opihi College Head Students

*Hailey Larsen  
Georgia Hammond*

### Opihi College Deputy Head Students

*Olivia Andreassend  
Baiden Halkett  
Nahia Crawshaw*

### Opihi College House Captains

House	House Captain	Deputy House Captain
Aoraki	Chylsea Martin	Calan Meechang
Pacific	Elise Warnock	Logan Larsen
Opihi	Sophie Hall	Iraia Hemara
Rata	Amelia Holland	Ashleigh Griffiths

## MASH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Kia Ora

We currently operate an Out of School Programme at Temuka Primary school and as we have now acquired a van we would like to open this programme up to families of Opihi College. Our service is available for 5 - 14 years old children in Years 7 & 8 (and sometimes Year 9) are most welcome. The Programme operates from the end of school until 6pm on school days and is \$17 per child per session. Parents can also access the OSCAR Subsidy which may make the session as little as \$1.07 per child. There is no extra charge for the van collection.



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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

February	5	Mihi Whakatau
	6	Waitangi Day
	8	Waitangi Day observed <i>Opihi College will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
	11-12	Gateway First Aid Course
	19	School Photos
	24	Athletics Sports
March	4	Swimming Sports <i>Postponement Date 5th March</i>
	17	Aoraki Athletics
	17-19	Year 13 Biology Trip <i>Portobello</i>
	19	Aoraki Swimming

## 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: Queens 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

## BEWARE

Due to current roadworks, heavy traffic (in particular

milk tankers and large trucks) are using a diversion route along Wilkin Street and Domain Avenue. This diversion will be in place until the end of February. Please take extra care when cycling, scootering and crossing roads in these areas.



# SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM 2021



**PRINCIPAL**  
**Miss Tina Johnson**

<b>Deputy Principal</b>	<b>Mr Robson</b>	<b>robsont@opihicollege.school.nz</b>
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	<b>Mrs Rose</b>	<b>roseb@opihicollege.school.nz</b>
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	<b>Ms Henderson</b>	<b>hendersonv@opihicollege.school.nz</b>

## **HOUSE DEANS**

Aoraki	Mr Grace	graces@opihicollege.school.nz
Rata	Miss Haines	hainsesa@opihicollege.school.nz
Opihi	Mrs Hauptfleisch	hauptfleisch@opihicollege.school.nz
Pacific	Mrs Ellis	ellis@opihicollege.school.nz

## **FACULTY HEADS**

Maths	Mr Smith	smithr@opihicollege.school.nz
Humanities	Mrs Blyth	blythr@opihicollege.school.nz
Science	Mrs Robson	robsons@opihicollege.school.nz
Arts and Languages	Mr Peters	peterse@opihicollege.school.nz
Technology	Mrs Rose	roseb@opihicollege.school.nz
PE / Health	Mr Grace	graces@opihicollege.school.nz
Learning Support	Mrs Gold	golda@opihicollege.school.nz
Gateway / Careers	Mrs Larkin	larkinj@opihicollege.school.nz
Year 7 & 8	Miss Manson	mansonk@opihicollege.school.nz
NZQA	Ms Henderson	hendersonv@opihicollege.school.nz
School Counsellor	Mr Sharp	sharpj@opihicollege.school.nz
Bus Controller	Ms Ellis	ellisp@opihicollege.school.nz

### Opihi College Whanau Groups

Aoraki	Stuart Grace	GE
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Junior	ACN	March Crocker
Junior	ASM	Jessica Smith
Senior	ASH	Ruard Smith

Opihi	Debbie Hauptfleisch	HF
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Junior	OBG	Natalie Bergamini
Junior	OFL	Russell Fleming
Senior	OPT	Eric Peters

Pacific	Paula Ellis	ES
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Junior	PGD	Simon Goodman
Junior	PPM	Michael Pattemore
Senior	PBH	Racheal Mortimer

Rata	Amanda Haines	HS
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Junior	RMS	David Mills
Junior	RLM	Eric Lindblom
Senior	RMN	Kate Manson

### **CELLPHONE POLICY**

Last year we implemented a change for students in regard to having cellphones at school. This will continue this year. The key points of our policy are:

- No cell phones are to be on the student while in the classroom.
- During class, cell phones are to be left in their bag, or placed in the cell phone holder, or given to the teacher to place in a locked drawer.
- If the students have a cell phone on them during class, we go onto a 3 strike system:

\* Strike 1 - cell phone will be removed for the remainder of the day. The phone may be collected by the student at the end of the day.

\* Strike 2 - cell phone will be removed for the remainder of the day. It is to be collected by a parent/caregiver from the office.

\* Strike 3 - cell phone will be removed until a meeting is held with a parent/caregiver and a plan is in place regarding cell phone at school.

### **Temuka Seido Karate**

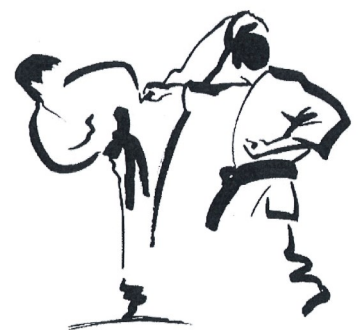
#### **Beginners' Class**

Starts: Tuesday, 16 February

When: Starts at 5.15pm (You can come earlier to warm-up.)

Course Length: 12 Weeks (every Tuesday)

Course Fee: \$30



## STUDENT DETAILS

We have issued all students with their details sheet. Can you please take the time to check this and write any updates on that sheet so we can alter your details on our system. Most of our communication is via email or phone, so it is important that those details are correct. If you have a home phone number listed that is no longer in operation, please delete it. If your child has a cell phone, they can list down that cell phone number on the details sheet too. Can these sheets be returned to their whanau teacher by Friday 12th February, regardless whether you had to make changes or not.

## YEAR 9 AND 10 CURRICULUM CHANGE

At the end of last year we introduced the changes that we are making to how the Year 9 and 10 part of the school operates. We are all very excited about this new initiative. If you wish to look at the courses that are on offer, go to our website and take a look at the Course Booklet.

<https://www.opihicollege.school.nz/curriculum/year-9-10-curriculum>

## REPORTING AND CONFERENCING

A separate information sheet will be emailed out to families outlining reporting and conferences for this year. Just a reminder that at any stage parents/caregivers are welcome to contact teachers via email and arrange a meeting. You do not need to wait until scheduled conferencing time.

## NEWSLETTERS

We issue a newsletter every two weeks. These are sent out electronically, though families can request a paper copy. The newsletters are also published on our school website. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter each fortnight, please return the slip on the front of this newsletter or contact the school office.

## PORTAL

You can access the portal via our school website – [www.opihicollege.school.nz](http://www.opihicollege.school.nz). The login section is at the bottom of the page. Students and parents have separate logins, as parents can view other information like financial sections that students cannot. All parents will be sent an email with their log in details. The portal is great for checking attendance, timetables, notices, academic results, school calendar and other important information.

## COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS

We understand that at times all parents/caregivers, or students, have questions for teachers. We ask that you please refrain from privately messaging teachers via messenger etc. Every teacher and support staff member has a school email address that you can use. These email addresses are listed on our school website.

## SCHOOL ACCESS

With the new construction work continuing this year, it means that we have a large portion of the school still cordoned off. The front office is still accessible from the western entrance on Richard Pearse Drive, however people can no longer access the whole school from this entrance. Therefore, students must enter and exit through the eastern most entrance point on Richard Pearse Drive. We have asked students that bike or scooter to walk their bikes and scooters down this driveway for safety reasons. When leaving school, students will go down the footpath (not across the grass) to the pedestrian crossing to cross the road (if needed).

***No students are allowed to enter or exit the school from the Guild Road gates.***

## THANK YOU

An anonymous benefactor has donated the cost of stationery for some of our students. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to him/her/them!

## 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.

## LUNCHES

We are happy to provide school lunches during 2021 for all students. The menus will be published prior to the week. These lunches are completely optional and you are more than welcome to continue providing your child/ren with their own packed lunch, or alternatively, our canteen is continuing to operate as well. Families will need to provide morning tea.

## LUNCH AND TRANSPORT PASSES

If your child wishes to go home for lunch, they need to fill in a lunch pass application form. These are available from the office and need to be completed each year.

Also, if your child wishes to bring a vehicle to school, they need to fill in a transport form. These are available from the office too.

## LATENESS

Every student must be at school by 8:40am when the bell for Whanau goes. This then gives them time to be in class which starts at 8:45am. If for any reason your child is late, they need to come to the office with a note and sign in.

## ABSENCES

If your child is absent for the day, please leave a message on our absence line as early as possible. A message can be left on the message line during out of hours times.

## APPOINTMENTS

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, a parent or caregiver must ring the office to notify them of that appointment, or send a signed note to school with your child. A text message via your child's phone is not acceptable, as we are unable to verify its authenticity.

## SICK BAY

If your child becomes unwell during the day, they are to come to the school office to be cared for in the sick bay. If necessary, the office staff will then contact parents/caregivers if required. Please remind your child to follow these procedures, rather than texting parents themselves or just leaving.

## UNIFORM

Please refer to our website for our uniform guidelines - [www.opihicollege.school.nz/our-school/uniform](http://www.opihicollege.school.nz/our-school/uniform). If your child for any reason is wearing the incorrect uniform, they are to present a signed note from a parent/caregiver to their Dean as soon as they arrive at school. Otherwise feel free to contact your child's Dean regarding any other uniform issues.

## BLUE LIGHT CAMP

Congratulations to Jesse Ferguson and Kyal Dickson who are attending the NZ Police Blue Light Camp in Burnham this week. During the week they will be developing their leadership skills, while fostering their interest for the defence forces. We can't wait to hear about the camp when you return.

### *Bell Times 2021*

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:30	Briefing	PB4L Briefing	Briefing	Deans Briefing	Briefing
8.45 – 9:05	Whanau	Whanau (Te Umu Kaha practice)	Whanau	Whanau then Assembly	Whanau
9:05-10:05	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1
10:05-11:05	P2	P2	P2	P2	P2
11:05-11:30	Lunch 1	Lunch 1	Lunch 1	Lunch 1	Lunch 1
11:30-12:30	P3	P3	P3	P3	P3
12:30-1:30	P4	P4	P4	P4	P4
1:30-2:10	Lunch 2	Lunch 2	Lunch 2	Lunch 2	Lunch 2
2:10-3:10	P5	P5	P5	P5	P5

These are the menus for the lunches that will be provided for the first two weeks of school at Opihi College:

LUNCH  
BY  
LIBELLE

Term 1, 2021

# KAURI WEEK

01/02-05/02

## MONDAY

### Beef Taco

Beef bites, lettuce, rainbow slaw, mayonnaise and tomato salsa in a wholemeal tortilla wrap.

**Snack:** Natural corn chips.



## TUESDAY

### Katsu Chicken Salad

A crispy chicken tender, lettuce, rainbow slaw, cucumber, mayonnaise and katsu sauce.

**Snack:** Original cassava chips.

## WEDNESDAY

### BCLT Sandwich

Bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, mayonnaise and tomato relish in between slices of Oatlicious bread.

**Snack:** Fresh apple slices.

## THURSDAY

### Ham and Salad Filled Roll

Ham, lettuce, grated carrot, cheddar cheese and mayonnaise in an Oatlicious long roll.

**Snack:** Kiwifruit.



## FRIDAY

### Chicken Satay Wrap

Shredded chicken, lettuce, grated carrot, cucumber, mayonnaise and mild no-nut satay sauce in a wholemeal wrap.

**Snack:** Fresh apple slices.

Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. If you need gluten free or vegetarian options please make your teacher aware. Meals are prepared in a non-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.

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# NIKAU WEEK

08/02-12/02

## MONDAY

### Crispy Chicken Salad

Shredded chicken, lettuce, grated carrot, cucumber, crispy noodles and mayonnaise.

**Snack:** Blueberry muffin.

## TUESDAY

### Falafel Wrap

Falafel, lettuce, grated carrot, cucumber and ranch dressing in a wholegrain wrap.

**Snack:** Fruit yoghurt.

## WEDNESDAY

### Pulled Pork Taco

Pulled pork, lettuce, grated carrot, cucumber, mayonnaise and korean BBQ sauce in a wholemeal tortilla wrap.

**Snack:** Fresh apple slices.

## THURSDAY

### Beef & Cheese Sandwich

Roast beef, cheddar cheese, lettuce and onion relish in between slices of Oatlicious bread.

**Snack:** Orange wedges.

## FRIDAY

### Coronation Chicken Roll

Shredded chicken, garden mix, grated carrot, cucumber and aioli in an Oatlicious long roll.

**Snack:** Kiwifruit.



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**YES –our wonderful canteen is still operating!  
You are still able to buy delicious morning teas and  
lunches at AJ's Hospitality at Opihi College!**

## AJ's HOSPITALITY CANTEEN MENU

Chicken Wraps \$4

B.L.T. Wraps \$4

Sausage Roll \$2.50

Mousetraps \$2.50

Lasagne Topper \$3

Meatball Sub \$3

Ham, Cheese & Pineapple Pita \$3

Southern Chicken Stick \$1

Savoury \$1

Noodles – Chicken or Beef \$3

Corn Chips \$1.50

Popcorn \$2    Yoghurt \$1

Slice \$2.50    Cake \$1

### *Ordered for lunch*

Fries \$2.50

Chicken Burger \$4

Chicken Panini \$5.50 (Cheese & Sweet Chilli)

FROZEN MOOSIES & JUICIES \$1.50



### *Drinks*

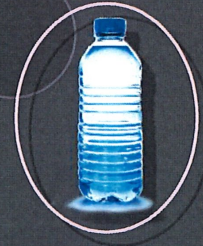
Bottle Water \$2.50

Cool Sips \$2

Up & Go \$2.50

Lipton Iced Tea \$4

Keri Juice \$4



# CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to all of our 2020 Award Winners*



## Congratulations to our top scholars of 2020

### **Dux of Opihi College Emily Bennett and Proxime Accessit Issy Livingstone.**

*The winner of the Comer Cup for Top Academic Scholar in Year 13 and 2020 Dux of Opihi College was Emily Bennett. Emily also won Endeavour Awards in Japanese, Merit Award in Calculus; Outstanding Attainment in Design & Visual Communication and Japanese, the Heartland Ricoh Award, The Johnson Trophy for Outstanding Attainment in Senior English and a Dowells Office Product Award, The Lovatt Trophy for Outstanding Attainment in Senior Art, the Millar Engineering Award and the Richard Pearse Family Trust Award for Excellence in Science.*

*Issy Livingstone was named as Proxime Accessit, the Runner up to the Dux, and was awarded the Burrough Family Cup. Issy also won a Merit Award in English, Outstanding Attainment in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry and Statistics; the Temuka Plumbing Award; the Fonterra Clandeboye Award for Excellence in Science, the NuLake Senior Mathematics Cup for Excellence in Senior Mathematics; the Johnson Trophy for Outstanding Attainment in Senior English and a Dowells Office Product Award; and the Pat Gillett Book Award.*

