

Opihi - on campus



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New pool and new records

On Monday 15th March we finally held our whole school swimming sports after having to be delayed due to Covid. While the day was a little bit cooler than expected, it did not deter the students from getting into the pool and setting new records. The Temuka pool upgrade meant that we could now offer 25m, 50m and 100m events, as well as our "fun events" in between. There were some close finishes in the competitive events and no doubt there were some very tired students at the end of the day.

A new "fun event" introduced this year was the handstand competition. This saw just under 100 students get into the pool and try their hand at being the longest handstander. That title went to Ben Cleverley and Miss Rachael Mortimer who both proved to have great lung capacity and balance. The day was finished with our usual competitive relay which was taken out by Opihi House. Followed by the lilo race, which was also won by Opihi House. After that, the Year 13 students challenged the staff to a lilo race. This was a tight contest that was won by the staff by a matter of centimetres!

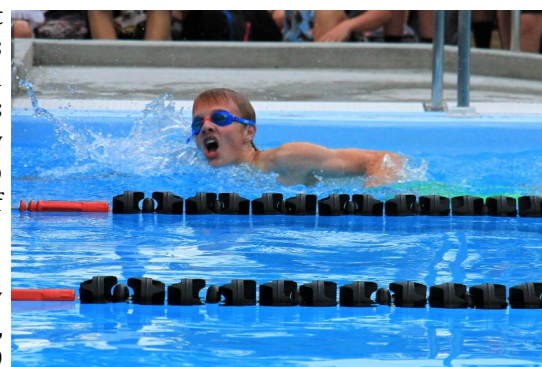
We will be entering those students that have qualified into the SC Primary Schools Swimming Sports on Wednesday 31st March for the Y7&8 students, followed by the Aoraki Swimming Sports on Thursday 20th May, for Year 9 and above.

Swimming Champions 2021

Year 7 & 8	Girls	Holly Ferguson
	Boys	Hayden Young
Year 9 & 10	Girls	Amber Cleverley
	Boys	Kade Sturgeon
Senior	Girls	Sophie Hall
	Boys	Ben Cleverley

House Points for Swimming

1 st	Opihi	446
2 nd	Aoraki	431
3 rd	Rata	346
4 th	Pacific	312





OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

Board of Trustees By-Election

Declaration of Parent Representative By-Election Results

After the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Tania Moir

Trish Smith

Signed

Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer



EASTER HOLIDAY

Please note that all schools are closed on Good Friday (Friday 2nd April), Easter Monday (Monday 5th April) and Easter Tuesday (Tuesday 6th April).

Easter Tuesday is a special holiday for all schools which usually falls in the school holidays.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We have received notice of the NZQA Teacher Only Days which the Ministry have set for us. These are for schools to work through the changes that are happening for NCEA.

Thursday 13th May 2021

Tuesday 10th August 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021

Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day:

Friday 4th June 2021

Can you please add these days to your calendar, as school will be closed for instruction on these days.

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Kolourcare photo order envelopes have been handed out to all students. Orders with payment are due back to the school office by Friday 9th April.

There has been a delay in receiving the sibling group photograph order envelopes, but these are hoped to be handed to all those involved by the end of this week.

Please note all payments are to be made to Kolourcare.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Brooke Thomas, Kyle Ferguson and Olivia Andreassend who travelled recently to the Hawkes Bay to compete in the 2021 New Zealand Pipe Band Championships. These students are members of the South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band, who was placed Third in Grade 4B! Well done to you all!

If you, or your child, is interested in learning to play the bagpipes or drums contact William McArthur at 027 693 9924 or message the South Canterbury Highland Pipeband Facebook page.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

April	2	Good Friday <i>Statutory Holiday—school closed for instruction</i>
	5	Easter Monday <i>Statutory Holiday—school closed for instruction</i>
	6	Easter Tuesday <i>School Holiday—school closed for instruction</i>
	7-9	OED Rock Climbing & Tramping Trip <i>Castle Hill & Craigieburn area</i>
	9	Mufti Day <i>St John fundraiser</i>
	9	Kolourcare Photo orders due
	12	Jed Parsons Music Workshop
	12	Rocky Shore Trip <i>Year 12 Biology trip</i>
	12-14	Geography Trip <i>Mount Cook</i>
	13	RYDA Road Safety <i>for Years 12 & 13</i>
	16	End of Term 1
May	3	Start of Term 2
	13	Teacher Only Day <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	18	Conferencing <i>Appointments available from 1.20pm until 8.00pm.</i>
	19	Conferencing <i>There will not be any classes on this day. Appointments available from 8.00am until 3.00pm</i>

2021 SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

Term 1

Monday 1st February to Friday 16 April 2021

Public Holidays: 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

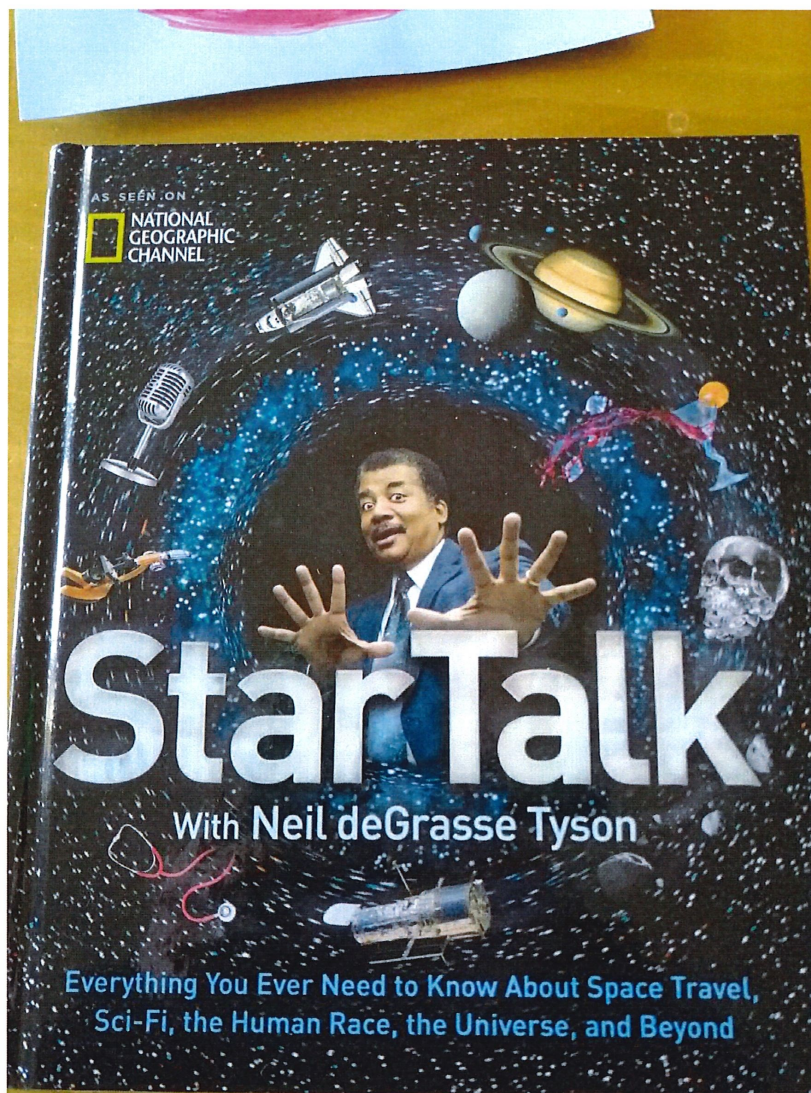


BIOLOGY TRIP

On Wednesday 17th March, seven Year 13 Biology students and I departed in the early hours of the morning for Portobello, Dunedin. We arrived at the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre a little later than planned, with students and teachers from Mackenzie College, Twizel, Roxburgh and Maniototo Area Schools already there identifying

species of crabs. We learnt about crab behaviour, anatomy and spent time down on the beach, before departing for Quarantine Island where we stayed in their historic lodge. For the next two days, students carried out real scientific research for an internal assessment. Despite some initial fears, they are all now professional crab handlers! Well done girls on a successful and fun trip.

Miss Smith



Have you heard of Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson's radio show "StarTalk"?

This illustrated book is a companion to the popular podcast and National Geographic Channel show.

It is an eye-opening journey for anyone curious about our universe, space, astronomy and the complexities of the cosmos.

For decades, beloved astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson has interpreted science with a combination of brainpower and charm that resonates with fans everywhere. This pioneering, provocative book brings together the best of *StarTalk*, his beloved podcast and television show devoted to solving the most confounding mysteries of Earth, space, and what it means to be human. Filled with brilliant sidebars, vivid

photography, and unforgettable quotes from Tyson and his brilliant cohort of science and entertainment luminaries, *StarTalk* will help answer all of your most pressing questions about our world—from how the brain works to the physics of comic book superheroes. Fun, smart, and laugh-out-loud funny, this book is the perfect guide to everything you ever wanted to know about the universe—and beyond. It is available at the Warehouse for \$25. You can also catch the radio show online <https://www.startalkradio.net/category/startalk-radio/> where all episodes are recorded. Listening to the episodes or reading the book would give curious learners answers to the questions that relate to astronomy, space and the universe.



VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Girls' Volleyball team recently competed in the South Island Satellite tournament in Christchurch. The girls won 4 games, and lost 3, placing them 2nd in their pool and 4th in their overall division. They represented Opihi College well and their energy and efforts throughout the week were appreciated. They refined their volleyball and communication skills to make them a stronger team, both on and off the court. When they were not on the court playing or refereeing, there were many local adventures to be had. These included lunch at Halswell Quarry, an early morning walk at Godley Head, beach expeditions and Port Hills lights lookout. It was a fun week and one to be proud of. Thank you to everyone who supported the team getting to the tournament.

Miss Haines



Big Science Competition



big science competition

Take the challenge

FREE ENTRY

17-28 MAY 2021
REGISTER NOW!

The Big Science Competition is an opportunity for students to test their science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. The Big Science Competition is a 50 minute, multiple choice test. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting). The Big Science Competition is an easy way to challenge students from Years 7 to 10 and track their performance. **This year, the Big Science Competition is 100% online and 100% free!**

Students can register for the Competition online at:

<https://australianscienceinnovations.force.com/portal/s/bsc-application-form>

Registration closes 12 May 2021. Students may sit the competition at any time between the dates of 17-28 May 2021.

Opihi College Senior Ball



21st May 2021



Opihi College's Ball is on the 21st of May! This year our theme is a 'Night in Greece'. We will keep you updated on prices, time and venue.

We would also appreciate if anyone has any paint laying around that is not needed and wants to donate it to the Ball Committee to help us out. That would be much appreciated.

The 2021 Ball Committee

BALL GOWNS FOR SALE

3x Beautiful full length Ball Gowns for sale:

1 Silver, 1x Emerald Green, 1x Electric Blue.

All reasonable prices. To fit sizes 12-14.

Welcome to come look and try on -
text to arrange a suitable day and time

0274123704 Heather.

LOST PROPERTY

A friendly reminder to clearly name your childrens belongings, if possible. We have a large amount of very good clothing in our lost property bin which we are unable to return to their rightful owners as it is all un-named!

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

Over the last week each of the year 7/8 Science classes have been getting a "taster" session of the EPro8 Equipment. The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 10,000 students from 800 schools from throughout New Zealand take part. Students take part in a series of competitions and events designed to promote science and engineering. Events are run for year 5-6, year 7-8 and year 9-10 age groups. Teams of four students will compete for the title of their regions EPro8 Challenge Champion.

Students have had a great time in class attempting to build and create with the equipment available, they also had an opportunity to practice using the online electronics simulator.

Students who are interested in competing need to register their interest with Mrs Robson. Teams of students will be assembled and these teams will compete in the Qualifying round which will take place at School.



Some of our junior Technology student's wonderful work



TEENAGE YEARS 12-18
TOOL BOX



Build a great family team and have fun along the way!

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Tuesdays, 25 May - 29 Jun 2021
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Address: 58 Gleniti Rd, Timaru

For more information contact
 Name: Wendy Geerling
 Email: wendy.gleniti@gmail.com
 Phone: 02102376585

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LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

Geraldine Adventure Race

Sunday 18th April 2021

Includes 3 and 6 hour options with trekking, biking, navigation, and mystery challenges.
Event centre is a 20 minute drive from Geraldine.

This event is a fundraiser for Geraldine High School. Expect rolling farmland, pockets of native bush, and awesome views over the Canterbury Plains.

Visit crazykeaevents.nz for more information, or find Crazy Kea Events on Facebook






OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS 2021

