

Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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OPIHI COLLEGE NETBALL



A super huge thank you to Millar Engineering Ltd, Temuka Night n Day, Tyre General Temuka, Temuka Hammer Hardware, Temuka Motorcycle Centre, Mid-Land Contracting and an anonymous Temuka business for sponsoring our new netball jackets and thermal warm up tops. We are so thankful for your generous contribution. The jackets will also be used by other students for tournaments and sporting events.



Music Workshop 2021

Students from Opihi College have recently attended a songwriting workshop lead by N.Z songwriters Matt Barus of the "Dukes" and Jed Parsons. Students from around South Canterbury schools joined together at Timaru Boys High on Tuesday and students also had school sessions with the two song writers on Wednesday. This has been great timing as the Smoke-free Rockquest is coming to Timaru on the 26th of June this year.



CAREERS

Our Senior students enjoyed the Whai Wheako ki ARA day recently, where they participated in taster courses in areas such as Cookery, Hairdressing, Beauty, ICT (learning to make your own phone app) and Automotive.



GEOGRAPHY

Our Senior Geography students have enjoyed an informative trip to Mt Cook this week. Thankyou to Mr Goodman and Mrs Bergamini for organising and accompanying the students on this trip.

AGRICULTURE



The Senior Agriculture Trip to Peel Forest Estate deer farm was extremely successful, due to the generosity of Mark Tapley. Students learnt a lot about the deer farming industry on this interesting visit. Thank you to Anna McNoe, Debbie Cuthbert and Mr Mills.



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 check-ups, 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. The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. 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 commndental@cdhb.health.nz

CONFERENCING

**Tuesday 18th May &
Wednesday 19th May 2021**

*Please note:
School is closed for instruction
on Wednesday 19th May 2021.
School will finish early at 1.10pm
on Tuesday 18th May 2021.*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday 18th May, and 8.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday 19th May.

- Code **b6nhb** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please note these interviews are with your child's **subject teachers** but could also be with the Whanau teacher or Dean. Parents and caregivers of Year 9/10 students may wish to book an appointment with the whanau teacher or Dean for a more holistic overview; or feel free to book with any subject teacher from this term or last term.
- Appointments are for **fifteen minutes each**, it will be essential families arrive on time.
- It is mandatory that students attend an interview, but they do not need to see all subject teachers. We recommend senior students meeting all teachers.
- Students are not required to wear uniform.
- Bookings will be unable to be made on the day.
- Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

We want to remind families that you do not have to wait for conferences to discuss any issues with subject teachers. You are more than welcome to contact teachers at any stage and arrange a meeting.

CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our recent winners:

Emily Price
Ronin Gray
Lyric Murray-Maaka
Anika Smith
Brooke Gosling
Lexi Kellas
Well done!



VAPING LEGISLATION

On 11 November 2020, changes took effect under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act that saw the existing prohibition on smoking at schools, kura, early learning services and kōhanga reo extended to include vaping. This means that by law Opihi College must be smoke free and vape free, both indoors and outdoors, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

April	16	End of Term 1
May	3	Start of Term 2
	4	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
	6-7	History Trip Year 12 & 13
	11	Opihi College Cross Country
	13	NZQA Teacher Only Day School closed for instruction
	18	Conferencing School will finish at 1.10pm on this day. Please note there will NOT be any lunches provided on this day. Appointments available from 2.00pm until 8.00pm.
	19	Conferencing There will not be any classes on this day. Appointments available from 8.00am until 3.00pm
	20	Year 11 Pathways Expo
	21	Pink Shirt Day
	21	Senior Ball To be held at Opihi College

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.

2021 SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

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

OPIHI COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



Massive Congratulations to our Volleyball team who finished Runner Up in the Final of the A grade in the Aoraki Competition. It was a hard fought game against Roncalli and what a great way to finish the season. They improved so much during the year and have also been fabulous ambassadors for our school. Big thanks to Miss Haines and Miss Smith for all their hardwork with coaching and managing.



CASTLE HILL PE TRIP

Year 11 PE Camp last week was amazing!! The kids had to go through Cave Stream, complete a 5 hour tramp through awesome scenery and then got to go rock climbing at Castle Hill today. Each night they also had to do two hours of school work! If anyone has not experienced the wonders that this region has to offer, you seriously should go and experience it. Thanks Mr Grace, Miss Henderson and Mr Ireland for accompanying us on this wonderful trip!



ATHLETICS

We would like to congratulate our team of athletes that competed at the SI Secondary Schools Athletics in the weekend: Hailey Larsen, Grace Bennett, Alexis Kellas, Jamie Hall, Logan Larsen, Regan Thomas, Ryan Sheriff-Wardell, Mitchell Perfect. We had a successful time in Christchurch and our students showed our CARE values exceptionally well. (Weatherwise we had all four seasons in one day but our students showed great resilience)

There was some great results with lots of Personal Bests and top 8 finishes in very challenging conditions:

- 1.) Hailey Larsen High Jump (placed 3rd)
High Jump new PB 1.55
- 2.) 4x100 Relay 49.38 (placed 4th)
 - 1) Logan Larsen
 - 2) Ryan Sherriff-Wardell
 - 3) Mitchell Perfect
 - 4) Jamie Hall
- 3.) Mitchell Perfect Triple Jump 11.42m (placed 7th)
and 5th U16 Long Jump

All of the students were fabulous ambassadors for our school and showed resilience and determination. Huge thanks to Mr Smith and Anna McNoe for giving up their time to take them.



SWIMMING

Congratulations to Holley, Neela, Kordiel, Hayden, Alex and Carter who represented Opihi College at the SCPS Swimming Sports recently. They swam so well and were an absolute pleasure to take away!

Thank you

Miss Henderson



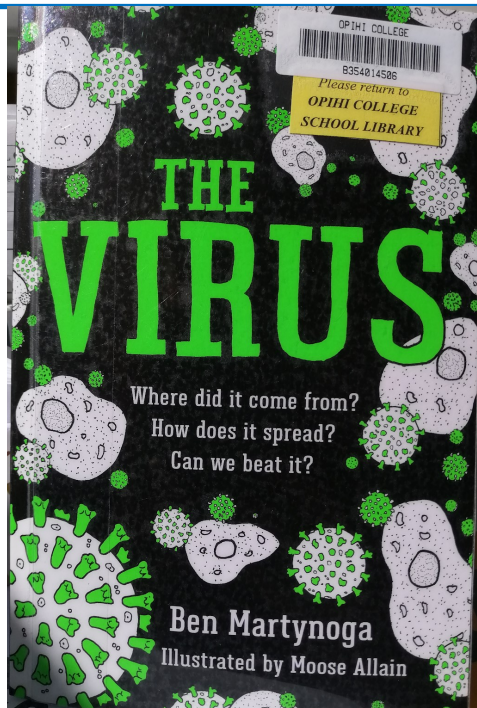


Rocky Shore Visit

On Monday the 29th and Tuesday the 30th of March, the Year 7/8 students had an opportunity to visit the Smithfield Rock Pools in Washdyke, Timaru. On Monday we were lucky to have picked a calm sunny day, on Tuesday we managed to avoid the rain and stayed dry! The students learnt a little about the local history, including the Mt. Horrible volcanic eruption which formed the rocks found on the beach. They also learnt about the environment found close to the shore and the habitats in the rock pools. All the students were interested and engaged as they explored the area and found all sorts of interesting and exciting living organisms. This experience is valuable to the learning we are currently doing in class. The teachers and students would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the parents who gave up their time to come along and help supervise the students, without your support we would not have been able to take the students on this trip. Also a big thank you to the South Canterbury Museum Facilitators (Keely Kroening and Ruth Gardiner) who arranged the trip and helped the students in their learning.



Have you seen this new addition to the Opihi College Library? This great non-fiction book is the essential guide to the science behind viruses and the COVID-19 pandemic. Join Science expert Dr. Ben Martynoga and illustrator Moose Allain on a fascinating, sometimes funny and occasionally scary journey.



Students who read this book will learn how viruses work, how some viruses actually help us, and how we can overcome - or at least learn to live alongside - those that do us harm.

This book is a great read for students with an interest in biology or those who seek a deeper understanding of the science behind viruses.

This book can be issued from Opihi College Library or purchased through the Scholastic Book Club.

Science Badge Award

This year in Science the Year 7/8 students have been given an optional homework challenge; to complete a Science Badge. This challenge is set over the course of the year, so students can complete tasks at their pace. Last week Keisha handed in her work and is the first student this year who has successfully gained an Astronomy Badge. Keisha also gets a certificate and two CARE cards. Well done Keisha!



SCIENCE AWARDS TRUST SCIENCE BADGES



see your Science Teacher for further information

SCIENCE BADGES

These are the Science Badges available for students to complete, please note this is not limited to Year 7/8 students. Year 9 and 10 students may also do these however there is a small cost to this program (\$6 per badge). There has been some new badges added this year which may interest our Year 9-10 students called "Explorer" and "Active Explorer". Please talk to your Science teacher for more information!

WANTED

The PE department would like to borrow some hay bales for use on the Opihi College Cross Country course. The Cross Country is due to be held at Opihi College on Tuesday 11th May. If you are able to help out with this, please contact the school office.



Timaru District
Thriving Together



Thriving Together Competition

Do you have ideas on how to make the Timaru District the best place to live in New Zealand?

We want to hear from you!

Entries
open from
**10 April - 10 May
2021**

We've drafted a Long Term Plan for the Timaru District that lays out some of the big challenges we're facing, and our ideas on how to solve them. Young people have an important role to play in helping us solve these problems – the future is YOUR future!

By sharing your views, you have the opportunity to learn something new, gain valuable research skills, help shape the future of our District and win some AWESOME prizes!!

The competition

- Head online to www.thrivingtogether.co.nz and read about the BIG 4 ISSUES facing the Timaru District
- Choose the issue that YOU think is the most important and answer these two questions:
 - Why do you think this issue is the most important?
 - How should the Timaru District Council help solve this issue?
- We know there are a lot of creative and talented young people in our District – so we invite you to submit your answers in any creative form – it could be an essay, a video, a song or even a piece of artwork! The only rule here is that your entry must be able to be delivered to Timaru District Council offices, or emailed to us
- Read the full competition terms and conditions, and download and complete an entry form at thrivingtogether.co.nz/competition
- Send your completed entry and entry form to thriving@timdc.govt.nz OR drop in to Council offices at 2 King George Place, Timaru
- The competition is open to 12-25 year olds who live in the Timaru District. Entries are open from 10th April 2021 and must be received by 5pm on 10th May 2021. Full T&Cs available to view at thrivingtogether.co.nz/competition

For more info, tips and T&Cs,

The prizes!

ALL entrants will receive a certificate acknowledging their entry, and your entry will be considered by Council when finalising the Long Term Plan for the District. This is something you can put on your CV or résumé – you've helped shape the future of our District!

FIRST PRIZE
\$1000 CASH
+ Morning tea with the Mayor, Nigel Bowen
+ Invitation to present your entry to the Council

SECOND PRIZE
\$250 CASH
+ Morning tea with the Mayor, Nigel Bowen
+ Invitation to present your entry to the Council
THIRD PRIZE
\$100 CASH
+ Morning tea with the Mayor, Nigel Bowen
+ Invitation to present your entry to the Council

visit thrivingtogether.co.nz/competition