

Opihi - on campus



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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.

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all of the students who competed in our annual Cross Country event, and congratulations to all of the winners. 'Thank you' to all who made this event possible, including the Ackroyd family for loaning hay bales for use on the course, the Aitken family for the use of their land for part of the course, and Mr Grace and Mr Mattingly for their organisation and preparation of the course.



OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Senior Girls	1st Hailey Larsen
	2nd Grace Bennett
	3rd Ryleigh Davis
Senior Boys	1st Lachlan Ackroyd
	2nd Regan Thomas
	3rd Logan Larsen
Intermediate Girls	1st Shian Coskerie
	2nd Lexi Kellas
	3rd Samantha McLellan
Intermediate Boys	1st Tyreece Taha
	2nd Kade Sturgeon
	3rd Kodi Kellas-Taylor
Junior Girls	1st Ashley Rhodes
	2nd Holley Ferguson
	3rd Gracie Johnson
Junior Boys	1st Harris Bagrie
	2nd Benji Shields
	3rd Hudson Swete

Congratulations to you all!

BOOK NOW FOR CONFERENCING



OPIHI COLLEGE

P O Box 175 Temuka 7948, New Zealand

5th May 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Community

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees announces that Tina Johnson has tendered her resignation as Principal of Opihi College. Tina faced a significant health event over the past recent holidays and has made the decision to resign to focus on her health and well-being.

The Board whilst disappointed to receive Tina's resignation, would like to sincerely thank her for the immense contributions she has made as Principal of Opihi College during the past 5 years. We wish her improved health and success in her future endeavours.

Tina said that "It has truly been a privilege to be the Principal of Opihi College over the past five years. Working with our students and staff has been extremely satisfying. Many years ago one of our ex-Prime Ministers said that he had the best job in the country leading New Zealand, I believe he was wrong – I have had the best job, leading Opihi College. I have loved the opportunities to experience our students' successes alongside them."

The Board will now begin the process of recruiting a new Principal and this will include engaging an education consultant to help with this process. We would also like to have input from parents/caregivers and students on key qualities and attributes you would want in the new Principal of our school. We will be reaching out to our extended school community shortly to obtain that input. The Board recognises that the appointment of a new Principal is one of the most important decisions that a Board of Trustees can make and we will do all we can to find the best Principal for Opihi College.

In the interim we are pleased to announce that when Tina finishes with us, Tony Robson our current Deputy Principal, serve as Acting Principal until a permanent appointment is made. We look forward to working with Tony.

We undertake to keep the school community updated on the recruitment process as we progress. We thank you for your continued support of the school and staff of Opihi College.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Robertson
Board Chair
On behalf of Opihi College Board of Trustees





PROPERTY PROJECTS AT OPIHI COLLEGE

A very exciting time at Opihi College, with our new building nearing completion and plans are underway for some other property projects here. A grant was received from the Ministry of Education for improvements which will be used for two projects to improve our sporting facilities. There are two phases of development, the first being to improve the gym lighting so that it will comply with new standards. This work has recently been completed. The second phase will be to re-develop our hard surfaces (ie tennis courts), and work is expected to begin shortly on the installation of an all-weather surface. We look forward to the use of these wonderful facilities here at Opihi College!

CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our recent winners:

Rexxa Albarico
Thea McNoe
Chloe Gould
James Bennett
Maddox Bennett
Well done!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

May	18	Conferencing <i>School will finish at 1.10pm on this day. Please note there will NOT be any lunches provided on this day.</i> Appointments available from 2.00pm until 8.00pm.
	19	Conferencing <i>There will not be any classes on this day. Appointments available from 8.00am until 3.00pm</i>
	20	Year 11 Pathways Expo
	21	Pink Shirt Day
	21	Senior Ball <i>To be held at Opihi College – Entry 7.30pm to 8.00pm Families welcome to view</i>
	24	Otago Polytechnic Open Day
	25	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
	27	Aoraki Cross Country
June	3&4	Year 13 Leadership Course
	4	Teacher Only Day <i>Please note: School will be closed for instruction</i>

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. Please note these dates:

Tuesday 10th August 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021

Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day:

Friday 4th June 2021

Please note the school will be closed for instruction on these days



CAREERS UPDATE

This term is busy with a few events lined up early this term:

We are taking a bus to the Careers Expo in Christchurch on Friday 14th May. This is for Year 12/13 students. This is an opportunity for students to talk face to face with a wide range of employers, industry, government departments, and training providers. Students will be given information before the event to help them make the most of their time there. They can go to www.careersexpo.org.nz and click on "Christchurch" to have a look at what is available.

We also have a Careers Expo in Timaru that the Year 11 cohort will be attending. This is a great opportunity for the Year 11 students to be thinking about what their future may look like. On Monday 24th May we have the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic Open Day. We will be travelling by bus with a couple of other Timaru Schools. Students will choose the sessions they want to attend.

On Thursday 27th May Roncalli College are hosting a "Youth in Health and Wellbeing" event. The Health & Wellbeing sector covers the likes of primary and secondary healthcare, social and community services, mental health, disability support, aged care and youth work. There will be representatives from workplaces across the sector attending and running activities so it will be a chance for students to network and ask questions about career opportunities and pathways.

See you in the next update!

Mrs Larkin, Careers Advisor

POTATOES FOR SALE

Direct from the farm!

10kg Agria \$10

20kg Agria \$15

Please call Ian on 027 434 4101

to pick up in Winchester



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ben Cleverley who has been selected to compete in the Aoraki Combined First 1V Rugby team. All the very best for your tournament!

FAREWELL

At the end of Term 1 Opihi College sadly farewelled three staff members:

Ms Paula Ellis has worked at Opihi College as our Hard Materials teacher, Dean of Pacific House and Bus Controller, and has now departed to begin a new career in the public sector.

Mathematics and Science teacher **Mr Michael Pattermore** has left the district.

Teacher Aide **Mrs Beks Honeybone** has resigned to spend more time with her family.

We thank them all most sincerely for their hard work during their time here -we will miss them all!

FIRE EMERGENCY
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VOLUNTEER WITH US
Tono mai hei kaitiāo

Come to our Open Day
Temuka Fire Station
Sunday 23 May 1-4pm



MONSTER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday 5th June 2021 @ 20 King St
(Beside Duncan Joinery)

This is a fundraising event to enable the Menzshed to fulfil its role within the Temuka Community.

We Invite Temuka Residents to join us.
Set up your own stall (20.00)
Arrange for us to sell items on your behalf.

Sausage sizzle,
Tea & Coffee – one dollar – serve yourself.
Tables & Chairs...sit & have a chat with Friends
Pleasant Music selection
Buskers & entertainers welcome

The Temuka Menzshed says "Thank You" for your support us in our first 6 months.

From Temuka, Timaru, Pleasant Point and beyond, we have been overwhelmed by the generous donations of tools, materials and machinery.

Families have bequeathed to us their Husbands or Dad's workshop, which have now become an honoured treasure in our shed, bringing lots of history and opportunities for others who will use, learn, and enjoy.

Our special thanks to the Temuka and Timaru Libraries, Duncan Joinery, Hammer Hardware, Temuka Post Shop, Rural Transport (others ???'??).
We have been greatly encouraged by their support.

Please contact us with any inquiries you may have.....and book in early for a stall!!!

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