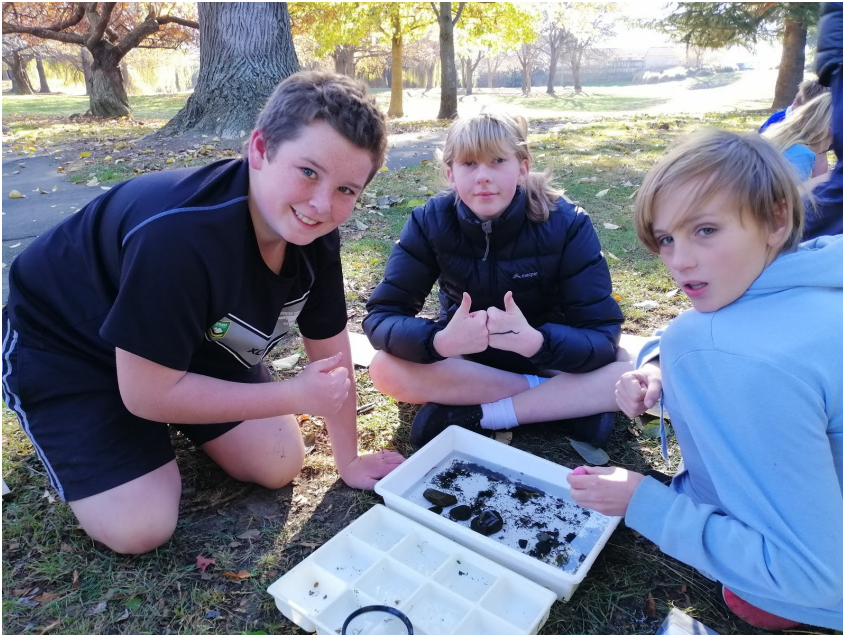


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The year 7/8 Science classes have been working on a unit called "Water Wai" which explores the science learning around water ecology and the importance of biodiversity to our local environments. All of the classes have now completed their visit to our local Taumatakahu Stream. While at the stream, Debbie Eddington from Environment Canterbury facilitated the students to investigate the invertebrates found from the stream. Students had the opportunity to separate organisms into smaller containers, classify them and count them. The data gathered from this visit is analysed back in the science classroom. Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered their time to come along and help supervise the students at the stream, without you we would not have been able to carry out this mini field trip! Also thank you to Debbie Eddington for taking time out of her busy schedule to help the students with their learning! The students had a great time and were all very engaged with the task!



Project Matauranga



Looking for something to watch? Check out Project Matauranga 8pm Monday on Māori TV. This is a science series that investigated Maori world views and methodologies within the science community. This series celebrates Maori innovation in the science sector, but also broadens the scope to explore the application and development of Maori-led projects in the business world.

Hosted by Victoria University's Putaiao Maori lecturer Dr Ocean Mercier, Project Matauranga is a credible, insightful and captivating show that takes the viewer into the world of Maori science and innovation. This series focuses on the people working at the coalface, getting out of the labs and lecture theatres, and into the field to see their work come to fruition. Field reporter Darcel Rickard also walks the viewer through the processes and talks to the kaimahi (workers) involved.

Year 9 and 10 students taking the "Shop till you drop" Sustainability unit recently had an opportunity to watch one of the episodes to learn about how an invasive insect species has come to our shores due to Climate change and how it is affecting our agricultural sector.

This TV series is a great opportunity for all students to see what opportunities there are at various universities around New Zealand and how taking Science can make a real difference to livelihoods. You can catch up on other episodes at:

<https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resources/2545-matauranga-maori-and-science>

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



CAREERS UPDATE

Congratulations to Ben Cleverley who has been offered an apprenticeship at Menzies Plumbing in Timaru! He started doing work experience at Menzies through the Gateway programme and with his keen interest in the plumbing trade he is now at Menzies working as an apprentice. *Well done, Ben.*

If your son/daughter is interested in going to Otago University or Otago Polytechnic, there is an information evening on Thursday 17th June, 7:00 –9:00 at the Landing Service Building, 2 George St, Timaru. They will be located in the Summit Room.

On Friday 25th June, we have Rural Health Care visiting. They will be working with our Year 9 and 10 students, giving them some hands-on experiences and talking about the opportunities available career wise in rural health care.

There are many "Taster" days coming up at ARA. These are days where students can spend a day at ARA and see what is available in an area of interest to them. For any students who have permission forms, could you please get them back to the office, spaces are limited.

Jo Larkin, Careers Advisor



We all have times when we need blank card and can't find them. Why not buy some Smile Cards from one of our Young Enterprise groups at Opihi College.

They have put together a selection of professionally made cards with young artists' artwork on them, from paint or photography to design. Alternatively, you can have a custom card where you can bring in your own artwork/photo and they will make it into a card for you.

Get some of their awesome cards now from the school office or by using the following email – fsmilecard@gmail.com

\$2 for an individual card

\$10 for a pack of 6

Custom cards \$15 for a pack of 10



PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

The Opihi College Board of Trustees have begun the Principal Appointment process, and have engaged an Educational Consultant to assist in the recruitment of a new Principal for our school. As part of that process; staff, students and their families will be consulted to collect information about the leadership and management skills, and other attributes, of potential candidates to ensure the most suitable applicant is appointed as the new Principal of Opihi College for 2022. A survey will be sent out in the first weeks of Term 3 to collect this information.

Regards

Opihi College Board of Trustees

CONGRATULATIONS

Sophie Hall and Hailey Larsen have been selected to represent South Canterbury in the Under 18 Netball team, where they will be playing in several tournaments. *Well done to you both and good luck!*

WELCOME

Opihi College welcomes Mr Ian Mann to the Technology Department this week. Mr Mann will be teaching our senior technology classes this year.

We hope you enjoy your time here!

BEWARE

Opihi College would like parents to be aware that there has been a notified case of head lice in the school.

Please check your child's hair.

NETBALL FUNDRAISER

The canteen will be closed on Friday 25th June 2021.



On this day, netballers will be selling pizza, pies, donuts and other goodies, outside the hall at interval and lunch.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

June	18	South Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country
	16	Yr 9/10 Social Studies Trip <i>International Antarctic Centre, Christchurch</i>
	25	Rural Health visit <i>Year 9 & 10</i>
	25	Food Stall at Opihi College <i>Netball fundraiser</i> Canteen closed today
	26	Smokefree Rockquest <i>Timaru</i>
	29	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>6.30pm at Opihi College</i>
July	2	Vision Testing <i>Year 7 students</i>
	9	End of Term 2
	26	Start of Term 3
August	8	Opihi College Open Day <i>All welcome to tour our school</i>
	10	NZQA Teacher Only Day <i>Please note: School will be closed for instruction</i>

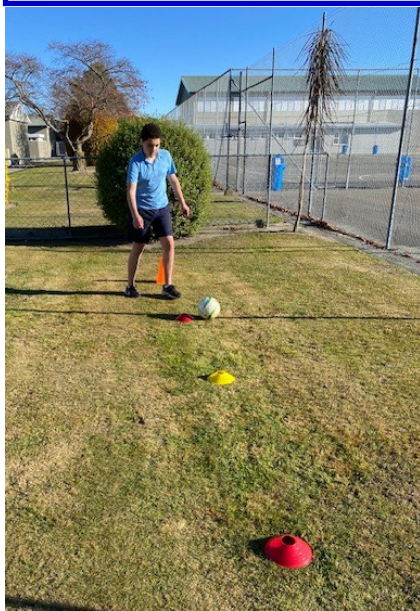
TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Upcoming 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

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



Our Kowhai House students enjoying practicing for the Special Olympics



OPEN DAY

8th

August

11am – 12.30pm

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OPIHI COLLEGE

Our new buildings are finished so we would like to invite our current and prospective families and all interested members of the community to our Open Day.

For more information about our school, visit our website or ring the office to make an appointment with the Principal.

Come and have a look for yourself on Sunday 8th August from 11:00am – 12:30pm



OPIHI COLLEGE SENIOR BALL

