

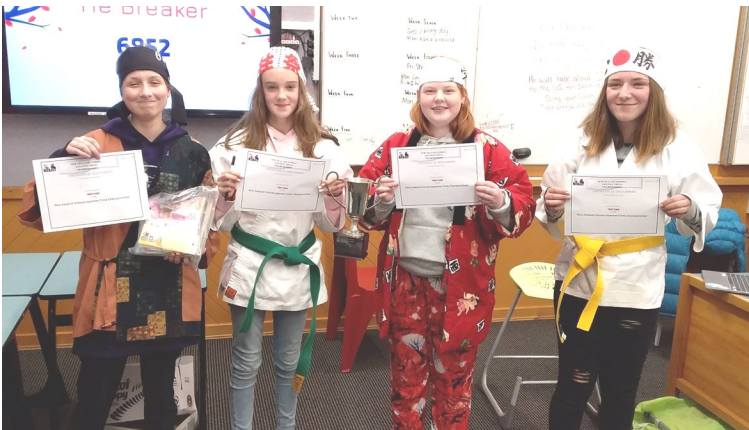
# Opihi - on campus



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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## OPIHI COLLEGE STUDENTS JAPANESE TRIVIA CHAMPIONS AGAIN!



Last week, Year 9 and 10 students Isobel, Samantha, Piper and Hazel competed in the Otago region of the NZ Japanese Trivia Competition in Dunedin and won the First Place Trophy! This is the third year in a row that Opihi College have won this trophy! Leith, Alyssa, Lily and Ollie also did very well in the competition.

*Congratulations to you all, and 'Thank You' to Japanese Teacher Mr Lindblom!*



# OPEN DAY

8<sup>th</sup>

August

11am - 12.30pm

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# *From across the Principal's desk...*



## **Taumatakahu Building**

We are extremely excited that our new buildings (Taumatakahu and Taiao) are going to be officially opened soon. The final finishing touches are being applied to the interior and exterior now and our whole school community are very eager to be moving in. Our original opening date had to be postponed due to delays because of the flooding. The only hold up now that we can foresee is the laying of the new driveway leading up to the building. This is due to happen next weekend, so we cross all our fingers that rain will not delay this.

There is going to be a **formal blessing and powhiri to open Taumatakahu on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am**. This ceremony is very important for us, as it is during this that we get to restore the mauri (life force) of the whare, which we had to put to rest when our last whare was demolished. All our students will partake in this formal ceremony and then we can begin the process of moving into our new spaces. The community is invited to this formal ceremony, however we understand that some of you may prefer coming to the Open Day instead.

On **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, from 11:00am – 12:30pm**, we are going to hold an **Open Day** for our current and prospective families, and for all interested members of the community. We understand the excitement from everyone about being able to see inside our new buildings, and we hope that by holding our Open Day on a weekend, it will enable more people the opportunity to come and view them.

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Once the new Taumatakahu and Taiao blocks are completed, the contractors then move onto the next development stage which is the renovation of the Music and staffroom block. When this is completed, we will have not only a new classroom for Music, but new practice rooms, complete with a soundproof stage area for our bands to practice on. These renovation works are due for completion before the start of 2022. In the meantime, Music will relocate into the prefab classrooms which we refer to as the Ako block. From the start of Term 3, the most eastern entrance off Richard Pearce Drive that the students currently use, will be blocked off while the renovations are being completed. This means that all students will go back to using the main entrance/driveway. The bike and scooter stands will be moved from their current location to be more accessible. We ask that students still follow the same rules of dismounting their bike or scooter as soon as they enter the gates and then walking them to the stands.

### **Staff Changes**

It is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to Mrs Natalie Bergamini at the end of Term 2, after being with us for 14 years. She will be greatly missed in the Year 7&8 area. We are currently in the process of appointing a new homeroom teacher and will let you know when this process has been finalised. Ms Krista Carnihan has extended her maternity leave by another year, so will return to us in Term 3, 2022. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Joe Grossman who has been teaching Mathematics and Science this term until we appointed a new teacher. At the beginning of next term, we are delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Gerber. Nicole Gerber will be teaching in the Mathematics and Science area. Ferdinand Gerber will be teaching Hard Materials and Digital Technology.

### **School Trips**

We have had numerous school outings over the past few weeks that you can read about in the rest of the newsletter. I want to say a big thank you to our students who have represented our school with pride, and to our staff and parent help who make these trips possible.

### **Year 9 and 10 Programme**

Last year, we made the decision to change how our Year 9 & 10 curriculum is delivered at Opihi College. Our “choice” model now means that our students have more student agency over their programme, which is increasing engagement and academic progress. This week, we had the opportunity to explain our programme to our current Year 8 families. If you missed this session and you would like the opportunity to learn about it, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with myself or Vicki Henderson.

### **Uniform**

I would like to remind families and students about our uniform guidelines. These have been published in past newsletters and are also available on our website. We are finding that students are continually wearing incorrect hoodies and ask for parental support to ensure that our students are dressed correctly.

*Tony Robson*  
Acting Principal



## FIGHT FOR THE WILD

**Fight for the Wild** takes viewers into the wild heart of Aotearoa and documents the desperate battle to protect it; it explores the notion of a Predator Free 2050 and asks whether this big, bold initiative is achievable and if so, how?

Every year an army of introduced predators devours the eggs and chicks of some 26 million native New Zealand birds, as well as countless insects, amphibians, reptiles and plants. We currently have more than 4000 natives on the threatened species list and many more vulnerable to predation – New Zealand's catalogue of shame.

But in 2016, the nation decided enough was enough. Predator Free 2050 was born — an eviction order served on the three most voracious predators — rats, stoats and possums. It's our most ambitious conservation effort ever and is to be enforced by hundreds of thousands of ordinary Kiwis.

In *Fight for the Wild* we walk with the kaitiaki, ecologists, inventors and community trappers desperately defending our taonga species. We follow the fortunes of kea, kiwi, kakariki and other native species and discover the fascinating initiatives underway as we come to their rescue. We examine the tough choices our nation needs to make as we navigate the challenges of protecting our wild-life. And among the hard decisions and desperate losses, we discover bold visions, hard won victories and hope. *Fight for the Wild* is a call to action for all New Zealanders. It tells how each of us holds a piece of a jigsaw, and how, if we all play our part, we might just see a wilderness saved and our Wild returned.

Year 9 and 10 students who are currently taking the "Saving Batman" unit may have an interest in watching the series, episodes air on TV1 Saturday 7.30pm, or on TVNZ On Demand.



## SCIENCE PROJECT

In Junior Science we place high value in the four main science skills as set out by the New Zealand Curriculum document. These are: Communicating in Science, Investigating in Science and Participating and Contributing in Science. For the past couple of months the Year 7/8 students have been learning about the skill of Participating and Contributing in Science. This has two main criteria: Showing Care for the Environment and Engaging in Social Issues. We have learnt this skill through the lens of our local waterways and how best to protect them. As part of this unit the students were given an end of topic assessment in the form of an action project. Students were tasked with carrying out an action of their choice that shows the skills we have been learning for our local community. One group of students decided to organise a beach clean up at Browns Beach, they advertised the event in our school community and planned the event for Sunday 13th 1.30pm. On the day, the group who attended worked for over two hours and collected three and a half black rubbish sacks of rubbish and recycling, an old TV, and a paddle!

Special mention goes to Jessica McLellan who brought four members of her whanau who got stuck right into helping. They did a phenomenal job and the area looks so much better for it. In the words of the Lorax "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot... nothing is going to get better... its not".

*So well done to everyone involved, you have represented our school well and shown the value of Community and Respect.*







### SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

Opihi College have three student bands competing in the Timaru Final of the Smokefree Rockquest:

1. Reef, Liam and Luke as "The Big Foots"
2. Jahmal, Destiney, Wyatt, Ethan, Julian and Riley as "Abu Sieve"
3. Bridie, Tahlia, Sophie, Tumai and Lachlan as "Francis/ Conrad".

The competition is to be held on Saturday night at 7pm in the Craighead Auditorium. All are welcome to go along to support our students.

*All the very best of luck to all of our musicians!*

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported our recent fundraisers:

**The Pink Shirt Day** mufti day raised \$280 for the Mental Health Foundation.

**The Wrap fundraiser** held by our basketball and netball teams raised \$780 for the basketball tournament, and \$650 for the netball tournament.

*Your support of our fundraisers is appreciated*

### FAREWELL

Opihi College would like to thank teacher Mrs Debbie Scott for her hard work in Kowhai House over the last five months. We would like to wish her all the very best for the future.

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

June	26	Smokefree Rockquest Timaru Final: 7pm Craighead Auditorium
	29	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm at Opihi College
	29	Community Dental Service Year 8 checks
July	2	Vision Testing Year 7 students
	7	Opening Ceremony for our new building 10.00am
	9	End of Term 2
	12-14	SISS Junior Netball Tournament Christchurch
	26	Start of Term 3
August	8	Opihi College Open Day All welcome to tour our school
	10	<b>NZQA Teacher Only Day</b> Please note: School will be closed for instruction

### 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.*



### JAPANESE NCEA DAY

Not a competition this time, but Year 11 and 12 students travelled up to the University of Canterbury for another successful Japanese NCEA Day last Thursday. Our students attended Japanese language sessions provided by UC professors and secondary Japanese teachers and enjoyed interaction with 370 other students from around the Canterbury region.

Yoku ganbarimashita!

*From the left - Lyric, Allysa, Bailee, Amelia, Emily, Calan, Bryett and Tara.*



## SECONDARY SCHOOLS SQUASH



### CONGRATULATIONS

Nic Edmond represented Opihi College at the Secondary Schools Squash Tournament held at the Timaru Squash Club recently. Nic was undefeated in the Festival section. *Well done!*

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS CYCLING



On Tuesday 15 June two Year 7 students Zach Brookland and Hayden Young attend the Aoraki secondary school cycling championship at Levels Racetrack Timaru. There were 13 schools participating. In the first event for the day, the individual time trial for Year 7 & 8 boys, Zach finished in 3rd place and Hayden in 8th place. The next event was the road race, and Hayden came 7th in this event. Unfortunately Zach had an accident before the start of this event so was unable to start. Zach and Hayden really enjoyed the day. *Well done to you both, and thank you to Mrs Brookland and Mr Grace for their assistance.*







## EPRO8 CHALLENGE

Over the past four weeks we have had six teams of four students completing the EPro8 Within School Qualifying Challenge, one of these teams was successful in making it through to the next round. Team "TLMS Power" travelled to Timaru after school on Wednesday 16 June, where they had 2.5 hours to complete as many challenges as possible to gain points. They were competing against eleven other teams from the Timaru district. The teams all had a choice as to what challenges they completed, TLMS power first chose to build a netball hoop that had to fit certain measurements. They gained 50 points for their first build, they did a great job on this and it was extremely sturdy. They then moved on to building an artwork stand and a box to protect the artwork, they had a go at using the electronics equipment to build a door to the box which



would set off an alarm. In this challenge they gained the majority of their points. They then finished the night off by building a structure for an automatic paint brush. In total they gained 250 points for their efforts. The team who placed 1st gained 410 points. There were five teams who drew second place with 330 points, these teams then had to go

to a sudden-death round to distinguish 2nd and 3rd place. The competition was extremely strong, overall TLMS Power came in 9th place. They worked well as a team and they each enjoyed the experience. The EPro8 challenge is an excellent opportunity for students to be creative and solve a problem. They use skills in Science, Technology and Mathematics as well as their soft skills such as Communication and Participation. In term four of this year the Year 7 students will be given the opportunity to gain some experience in using the EPro8 equipment in preparation for the competition next year.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

On Wednesday 16th June the "Cold World" Social Studies students visited the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch. With guidance from the centre staff they explored the exhibits, watched a couple of films and experienced Antarctica in 4D. The students are currently working towards producing a poster to show the importance of Antarctica, why students are concerned and what we can do to help reduce climate change.



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](mailto:fsmilecard@gmail.com)

\$2 for an individual card.

\$10 for a pack of 6

Custom cards \$15 for a pack of 10





# STREET SMART

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Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country, and help them to become a safer and more aware driver on our roads.

Offering a practical hands-on learning experience, Street Smart is a one-day event providing young drivers and their parents/caregivers the opportunity to undertake supervised driving practice.

There is a focus on developing good decision-making strategies for safe driving, including assessing themselves, reading the road environment, resisting peer pressure, managing or eliminating distractions and planning ahead.

Street Smart takes place in safe, controlled, off-the-road environments, under the watchful eye of qualified coaches plus the parent/caregiver. This provides the parent the opportunity to also assess themselves, in order to be a better coach and mentor to their teen.

Coming to Timaru's, Levels raceway on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July,  
and to register for Street Smart,  
Visit: [www.streetsmart.nz](http://www.streetsmart.nz)



With Helen Stevens

**Saturday, June 26th**

**7pm**

**DONATIONS  
ON THE  
NIGHT FOR  
HELEN**

**Temuka RSA**

**130 King St, Temuka**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



Fundraiser for local kitten rescue

PUSSN BOOTS and friends Temuka 027 333 7465

**Temuka RSA**

**130 King St, Temuka**

**Wednesday, June 30th**

**From 7.30 pm**

**EVERYONE**

**WELCOME**

Get your team of 4 together  
for a fun night of socialising,  
raffles & prizes

\$5 per person, 4 people per team = \$20



**Canterbury**  
District Health Board  
Te Pori Hauora o Waitaha

**COMMUNITY**  
dental service

**Free Dental Care for Children -**  
including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**  
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:  
Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)  
Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)  
Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)  
Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre** as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz)

**Opihi College Visit - Tuesday 29th June 2021**