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From across the Principal's desk...



Welcome to Term 3!

This is always my favourite term, as the weather gets better and the days get longer. Our new buildings are working fantastically, and we have received lots of positive feedback from students, staff and outside visitors about how awesome these learning spaces are. During this term, the Board of Trustees will be going through the process of appointing a new Principal and we will let you know more information when we have it.

Open Day

We are very excited to have our Open Day this Sunday from 11am – 12:30pm. This is a time when the community, existing families and new families are welcome to come and have a look around our school. With the opening of Taumatakahu happening at the end of last term, we know that lots of you are eager to come along and see what it all looks like. Teachers will also be there to talk about the programmes that we offer at Opihi College.

Senior Practice Exams

During Week 9 of this term, 20th – 24th September, all Year 11-13 students will be sitting their practice NCEA exams. This means that senior students will be on study leave during this week and will come to school to sit their exams. Practical sessions will also be offered for those that are doing practical based subjects. An exam timetable will be published closer to the time. There will be rooms available at school for students to study in, should they wish to remain at school. These practice exams are vital, as they provide us with derived grades should we ever need them, and they also provide students with experience of sitting exams.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 13th August

Reminder that NZQA changed our Teacher Only Day to Friday 13th August. This is where all Canterbury teachers work collaboratively on the new NCEA changes that are coming into effect soon. We will be closed for instruction on this day.

Mufti Day

Thank you so much to those families who supported the mufti day last week. We are happy to announce that we raised \$295.00 which has already gone to Starship Hospital.

Uniform

Attached in this newsletter are our uniform guidelines. Please be aware that students are not allowed to wear alternative hoodies to school. Our guidelines for tops: black softshell jacket or plain black jacket, a blazer, or a woollen blue jersey or vest. We appreciate your support in making sure that our students are wearing the correct uniform with pride.

Lateness

Lateness is increasing in the mornings. A gentle reminder please that all students need to be at school at 8:40am when the bell rings.

Conferences and NCEA Information Sessions

As you will see later in the newsletter, our conferences are on Tuesday 24th August from 10am until 8pm. School will be closed for instruction on this day to allow all teachers to meet with families. Please book timeslots with the teachers that you need to see. Also during this day, Miss Henderson will be running two NCEA Information Sessions. Anyone is welcome to come along to these, but we highly encourage all current Year 10 students and families to attend. This is the time where you get to learn about NCEA and ask any questions that you have. You do not need to book for these NCEA sessions, just turn up to Kahu Toru.

Pleasant Point Exchange Year 7 & 8's

On Friday 20th August, a selection of Year 7 & 8 students will go across to Pleasant Point Primary School, to play them in a variety of winter sports. This is the first time an exchange with Pleasant Point has happened. A notice will be coming home in the next few days to those students who are interested in playing.

Tony Robson

Acting Principal



Come join us
at our Free
Community

POP-UPS

Come join the YMCA Sport & Recreation team each week during the school term for some **FREE** fun. Try out our famous bubble football - cornhole - badminton - giant Jenga and lots more... **Karawhiua - Give it a go**

Where & When?


Every Monday - Gunion Square, Temuka
Every Wednesday - Waimate Events Centre, Waimate
Fridays - Alternating between Anzac Square & Marchwiell Park (check out our Facebook)
From 3:00pm - 5:00pm each day.

If it's wet look out for updates on our Facebook page [@YMCASouthandMidCanterbury](https://www.facebook.com/YMCASouthandMidCanterbury/) or call our YMCA team:

Phone: 688 3682 or email jacob@ymcasc.org.nz for more information



YMCA South and Mid Canterbury



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Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are being distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Further nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 20th August 2021 and may be accompanied by candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during the hours the office is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the office notice board.

The poll closes at noon on September 22nd 2021.

Signed

S Patrick
Returning Officer

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CONFERRNCING

Tuesday 24th August 2021

*Please note:
School is closed for instruction
on Tuesday 24th August 2021.*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 10.00am and 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th August:

- Code **bh8ct** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please book with the teachers that you would like to discuss your child's progress with. You may wish to see current Term 3 teachers and / or Term 2 teachers
- 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.

From 10 - 10.45am and then again at 7.15 - 8.00pm on the day of Conferencing, there will be NCEA Information sessions being run by Miss Henderson in Kahu Toru. We would recommend all current Year 10 students and their families attend one of these sessions as students will be selecting subjects for 2022 in early September.

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.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

August	8	Opihi College Open Day <i>All welcome to tour our school 11am—12.30pm</i>
	10	Aoraki Badminton - Boys <i>Aorangi stadium</i>
	12	Aoraki Badminton - Girls <i>Aorangi stadium</i>
	13	NZQA Teacher Only Day <i>Please note: School will be closed for instruction</i>
	18	Ski Trip <i>Mt Hutt</i>
	20	Junior Sports Exchange <i>Pleasant Point Primary School Year 7&8 players</i>
	24	Parent Conferences <i>Appointments available 10am—8pm Please note: There will not be any classes held on this day</i>
	30 - 2nd Sept	SISS Tournament Week: <i>Netball Tournament Basketball Tournament</i>
	31	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>6.30pm</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:

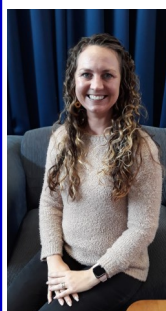
Friday 13th August 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021

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

WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome two new teachers this term -Mr and Mrs Gerber have relocated to Temuka from Orewa College in Auckland. Mr Ferdinand Gerber is our new Technology teacher, and will be teaching Hard Materials and Digital Technology. Mrs Nicole Gerber is our new Maths and Science teacher.



We hope they enjoy their time here!

CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our recent winners:

Lachlan Stratford
Sam Coskerie
Samantha Donehue
Charlie Te Haate
Allysa Price



Winner of \$50 Warehouse Voucher: Regan Murdoch
Well done to you all!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ainslie Russell who has been selected for the Under 13 South Canterbury Basketball team.
Congratulations and good luck for your games!

ROCKQUEST 2021

Opihi College has been described as a "hot bed" of Rock Music talent by a local radio D.J. ! This year we were proud to send three bands into battle in the 2021 Timaru Smokefree RockQuest at Craighead Diocesan School.

The Bands:

Junior

"Abu Sieve"

Destiney Donnelly -vocals, Riley Cornelius -Guitar, Wyatt Bird -Guitar, Jahmal Loffley -Bass, Ethan Webb -Drums
"Temuka Panic"

Bridie Williams -Vocals, Sophie Bool -Drums, Tahlia Murphy -Bass, Tumai Jones -Guitar.

Senior

"The Bigfoots"

Luke Smith -Drums, Liam Pelvin -Bass/Guitar/Vocals, Reef Brazendale -Vocals/ Guitar/ Bass.

The Big Night

Juniors

Our junior bands were amazing. They played a set of two original songs, written in class time, without a hitch and received excellent feedback from the judges. I am looking forward to seeing these musicians as they mature in the next few years. These students have the guts needed to stand up and play well in front of hundreds of people. We are very proud of them here at Opihi College.

Seniors

The Big Roller Coaster!

Last year the Bigfoots were placed in the top twenty bands in New Zealand after winning the Timaru final. That's twenty out of 500 bands across the country. So the band was quietly confident leading up to this year's event in Timaru. In a shock decision, the new judges failed to place the Bigfoots. No one is really quite sure why, as the Bigfoots performed at their usual high standard and won the award for the best song of the competition. Anyway, that happened...

Shortly after the competition in Timaru, the Bigfoots were encouraged by the Rock Quest management team to submit what is called a "second chance" video to the competition. This was judged by a panel of top entertainers and music industry high flyers. You can view this on

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1akgckZbxME&ab_channel=THEBIGFOOTS

We were all amazed to learn on Friday last week that the boys had been selected in the TOP TWENTY in New Zealand AGAIN!!! Tension grew even higher on Monday morning when the Bigfoots were asked for permission forms to be returned that day before the final top 6 were selected!

Sadly, on Monday at 7.00pm the Opihi Band found that they had not made the top 6 in New Zealand, BUT, had been highly commended. This means they were very close to making the National Final in September. As I said, this SFRQ has been a real Rollercoaster!

We here at Opihi College would like to acknowledge the hours of rehearsal and songwriting time put in by Luke, Liam and Reef, and the tireless effort and support of the band's families over the last two years.

Russell Fleming
Music HOF



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Kia ora, my name is Hannah, and I am a registered nurse working in the public health service. I work with schools, early childhood centres and whānau within the Temuka community.



Some of the services public health nursing can provide are:

- * Making regular visits to schools and/or homes to educate and advise on children's health where needed, parenting support, working alongside whānau, referrals to other health professionals/community agencies, B4 School checks, supporting health promotion in schools, education in schools, health clinics

Referrals can include:

- * Allergies, co-ordination/motor skills, eating/nutrition, hearing or vision concerns, hygiene, immunisation and communicable diseases, puberty information, skin conditions (headlice, eczema), significant behavioural concerns, grief and loss, speech and language and other physical/mental health concerns.

Anyone can access this free and confidential service. Regular student clinics are held at Opihi College -these are usually each Monday lunchtime in the school sickbay. All students are welcome, no appointment required. Please feel free to contact me via your child's school, or email pubhealth@scdhb.health.nz or phone (03) 6872320.

REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAY Friday 13th August
School will be closed for instruction on this day



PRIMARY YEARS 5-11
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, 10 Aug - 14 Sept
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Address: 58 Gleniti Rd, Timaru

For more information contact Wendy Geerling
Email: wendy.gleniti@gmail.com
Phone: 02102376585
Cost: \$25 pp
(subsidised by Thriving Neighbourhoods Trust)

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Opihi College Uniform – School Regulations

Junior Uniform (Years 7-10)

Tops

- Mid-blue polo shirt with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft-shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water-resistant jacket.



Bottoms

- Navy blue dress shorts (not cargo style)
- Inverted 2-pleat navy skirt
- Navy blue skort
- Long black dress trousers
- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt



Socks

- White or black turn over top ankle socks (not sports socks)
- Black stockings
- Black over the knee socks (to be worn with kilt/skirt only and must look like tights, therefore not visible as socks)
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop



Senior Uniform (Years 11-13)

Tops

- White straight hem, short sleeve, collar band, shirt
- White long sleeve, collar band shirt (must be tucked in)
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft-shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water-resistant jacket
- School blazer and tie



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Uniform items are only available from SchoolTex online, The Warehouse Timaru or the College Office.

Other items - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear black, leather or leather look, shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes. Shoes must be able to be polished, not suede or canvas. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are strongly advised to wear a plain black or navy-blue bucket hat or cap in warm weather. Both styles can be purchased from the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies and scarves may be worn outside during Term 2 & 3.
- PE uniform - Opihi College PE shirt with black shorts (mid-thigh maximum length and no cycle type shorts). A change of socks is to be worn with gym shoes. On cold days a black tracksuit or a plain coloured sweatshirt in your house colour and black track pants can be worn. *(The P.E. shirts are only available to purchase through the school office.)*



Personal Presentation – School Regulations

These regulations apply to all students.

- Hair must be clean, tidy (out of eyes) and tied up if longer than shoulder length. No extremes including changing hair to unnatural colours. Boys must be clean-shaven. Plain elastic hair ties must be in school/hair colours. (Blue, black, brown and white.)
- A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn inside clothing. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required.
- Students may only wear plain silver or gold stud earrings in their ears at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with school uniform.

The school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly at all times.