



NEWS



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PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

The Opihi College Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tony Robson as our new Principal. The vacancy at Opihi College attracted a strong field of applicants, and the Board wish to thank all applicants for their interest. Mr Robson has been employed as Deputy Principal at Opihi College since 2019, and has been our Acting Principal since the departure of Miss Johnson. Prior to that Mr Robson has worked at Ashburton College, Kaikoura High School and Te Karaka Area School. The Board would like to congratulate Mr Robson on his appointment, which will commence on Monday 4th October 2021.



OPIHI BASKETBALL SUCCESS!

On Friday 17th September Opihi College's Senior Boys and Girls basketball teams played in the final of the B grade competition. The boys played against Roncalli. It was a closely contested game that they eventually won 29-25. The top scorer was Logan Larsen. They wore their new tops and hoodies that were donated to the team by Joyce Building. The boys were meant to play at the South Island Secondary Schools tournament in Dunedin, but sadly lockdown put an end to that. Winning the Timaru Secondary Schools' B grade competition was a wonderful end to the season for them. The girls team lost to Craighead who proved too strong on the day. They gave it a good shot and were stoked to get 2nd in their grade. Huge thanks to the boys' coach Dave Taylor, and the girls' coach Abbie Ross - we have appreciated all the time and effort they have put into our teams this year. A big "Thank You" also to Ms Manson who has worked tirelessly all season to manage the basketball teams.

OPIHI COLLEGE CUPS AND TROPHIES

It's that time of year again - please clean and return all Opihi College cups and trophies to the school office ready for the end of year prizegiving. We would appreciate return of these by Friday 22nd October.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Due to the recent lockdown, the time frames for nominations for the board election for our new student representative to the board of trustees was extended until 12noon on Friday 24th September 2021. At the close of nominations, as the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies Amelia Holland was duly elected as our new student representative to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations Amelia!

A big THANK YOU to Emily Wells who has been our student representative for the past year - she has done a marvellous job of bringing student suggestions and queries to the Board of Trustees.

LOST PROPERTY

We would like to remind students, and their families, to please leave highly valuable items at home in case of accidental loss. Expensive cell phones, ear buds and jewellery are not required during the school day and best stored safely at home.

A friendly reminder to all whanau to clearly name all uniform items. Our lost property bin is filled with unclaimed Opihi College uniform items - we would love to return these to their rightful owners but they are not named or identifiable.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

October	1	<i>End of Term 3</i>
	18	<i>Start of Term 4</i>
	25	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday—School closed for instruction</i>
	26	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
	26-29	Practice Exam Week
November	12	Senior Students begin Study Leave
	22	<i>NCEA External Examinations begin</i>
	25	NZQA Teacher Only Day
December	13	Awards Ceremony

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 this date:

Thursday 25th November 2021

Please note the school will be closed for instruction on this day.

PROPERTY PROJECTS

Please be aware that access to Opihi College is not recommended over the coming school holidays due to the completion of several building projects:

- The Music Room upgrade continues with asbestos removal scheduled
- The old "Maths and Science block" is scheduled for demolition during October, with asbestos removal scheduled also.
- Groundworks are to be undertaken on the Richard Pearse Drive entranceway areas.

These projects are scheduled for completion from 4th to 15th October 2021.



The Agriculture class enjoyed a trip to the Aitken's property in Temuka this week to assist with tailing of lambs. Many thanks to the Aitken family for their kind assistance hosting the class.





The Agriculture class visited Coleridge Downs last week with Mr Mills and Mrs McNoe. They were able to complete an animal handling course during their visit, which included doing vaccinating, drenching, mouthing, dog handling and horse riding. The students involved had a great day and excelled at all tasks. They were a pleasure to take away showing some great character and the Coleridge Downs staff were so impressed with the quality of students we had. Kirsten, Guy and Henry were awesome tutors.

Temuka Athletics

Looking for a new challenge or just wanting to keep fit over the summer?
Come join the Temuka Athletics club (formed in 1894) in a great fun , family friendly environment either casually or competitively.

Season starts Monday 18th October 2021

Regular Friday night and Sunday interclubs competing against all the other local clubs over the summer

Training with qualified coaches available

Events : Running , Walking , Throwing and Jumping – Caters for all abilities and ages

Ages : from 5 years to senior adults

When : Monday nights (Term Four and One)

Time : 6.15pm start

Where : Opihi College sports ground (Guild Road entrance)

For further information and registration details :

www.sporty.co.nz/temukaathletics

Facebook : Temuka Athletics Club

Email : temu.athletics@gmail.com

Phone : Nicola 021 622 942

RUN
JUMP
THROW



Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

To Whom It May Concern,

Environmental Services N.Z Limited a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe Class A Licence: number RA16050012, Class B Licence number RB19030194) will be undertaking removal work of some Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from Opihi College – Block A.

This removal work will be conducted between the hours of 7:30am to 5.00 PM on 4/10/2021, and is expected to finish on 15/10/2021.

WorkSafe NZ was notified on 14/09/2021 that this licensed asbestos removal work is to be undertaken.

Opihi College management and board of trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of this project:

- Signs, barriers and/or temporary fencing will be installed.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing materials will not be broken, where possible.
- Plastic will be used to cover horizontal surfaces and surrounds.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved tip site
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be place for the duration of the work. If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately and corrective measures applied
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the work, and issue a clearance certificate.

The Ministry of Education website has further information about the management of asbestos and procedures to ensure the safety of all involved in or affected by the work, at the school and community. This can be found on: www.education.govt.nz/school/property/state-schools/fixing-issues/asbestos/

Additional information about asbestos removal and/or Asbestos Removal Licences can be found on WorkSafe NZ's website <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe> or by phoning 0800 030 040 (24 hours).

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel to contact either Environmental Services Limited on 03 3662417, or Robby Brown of Hawkins Ltd.

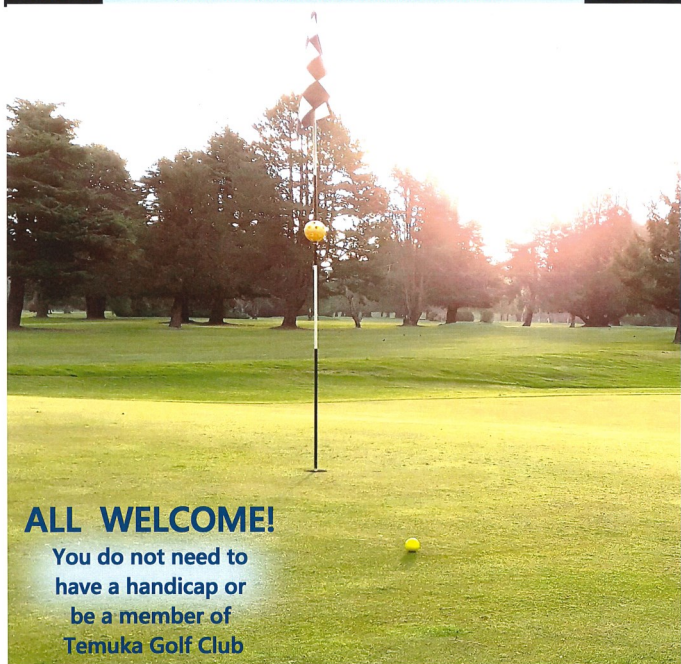
Signed Tony Robson (Acting School Principal)

TEMUKA GOLF CLUB TWILIGHT GOLF

We would like to welcome golfers of all ages and abilities
to our Tuesday night social competition!

Season begins Tuesday 5th October 2021

Competition held according to current COVID protocols –
full details of requirements available at clubhouse



ALL WELCOME!

You do not need to
have a handicap or
be a member of
Temuka Golf Club

9 hole competition -

Stableford competition, and Lucky Draws for players without handicaps.

Tee off between 5 and 6pm – Play in your own group,
or meet at 4.45pm and we will arrange a group for you.

Competition will run every Tuesday night until March - Enter at the clubhouse on the night.

Entry fee \$7.00 per person (includes complimentary snack in the clubhouse afterwards)

Any queries please phone: Ian 022 676 3551 or Sharyn 027 911 8680

Temuka Softball



give

T-Ball or Softball

to go



Register now with
Temuka Softball Club

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www.sporty.co.nz/tkasoftball



South Canterbury Softball Association : 2021-2022 Season Dates

	Pre Christmas	Post Christmas
T-ball & Junior Softball	Friday 22 October - Friday 10 December	Friday 4 February - Friday 11 March
Secondary Softball	Wednesday 27 October - Wednesday 8 December	Wednesday 9 February - Wednesday 16 March
Senior Softball	Friday 22 October - Friday 10 December	Friday 21 January - Friday 18 March
Slow Pitch Softball	Tuesday 26 October - Tuesday 7 December	Tuesday 25 January - Tuesday 15 March