

NEWS



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DODGE BALL



The Senior Students challenged the staff to a Dodgeball challenge this week. A great game ensued which was won by the staff team 3-0. **Congratulations!**



Some of our students enjoying their music lesson

CONGRATULATIONS

The Opihi College Board of Trustees wish to congratulate Miss Vicki Henderson on her appointment as the new Deputy Principal of Opihi College. Miss Henderson has been teaching at Opihi College since 2011, and has done a wonderful job in her many roles (including Head of Department, Senior Leader, Assistant Principal and Acting Deputy Principal). Miss Henderson has had a long association with Opihi College, as she was previously a student here, and is very committed and dedicated to our school and community.



KIWI COMPETITIONS

Last term, some students from Year 7 -10 put themselves forward to participate in the Kiwi Competitions for English, Mathematics and Science. These were online assessments run by the University of Canterbury. All of our students did very well, scoring either Participation, Achieved or Merit.

Congratulations to Liliana Price-Burgess who gained a MERIT in both the Y7 English and Mathematics Competition. That is a wonderful achievement!



CONGRATULATIONS

One of our students' Kiwa Tuhakaraina (16) has won one of the top awards - Overall Merit - at Blue Light Life Skills programme held at Burnham Military Camp Oct 18-22. Well Done!



THANK YOU

The Opihi College Board of Trustees would like to thank Mr Andrew Russell for his dedicated service to Opihi College over the last two years. Mr Russell has been a valuable member of our board of trustees, and has assisted on some of our school camps also. Unfortunately, due to a change in employment, Mr Russell is unable to continue as a member of our board. We thank him, and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

Jewellery Apprenticeship

The Ringmakers have an awesome opportunity for a school leaver to learn the art of jewellery making and earn a qualification. The ideal candidate will be artistic with passion and flair, be well presented, have a good work ethic and an interest in practical projects. Interested students should take their CV into The Ringmakers and have a chat to Brent.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

With the end of the school year fast approaching, settlement of all outstanding school accounts would be appreciated. Payment can be made at any time the school office is open, or on line. Please note: We do not have Eftpos facilities.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

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| November | 10 | Yr 9 & 10 Course Selection Meeting 7.00pm |
| November | 12 | Senior Students begin Study Leave |
| | 22 | NCEA External Examinations begin |
| | 24-26 | Year 9 & 10 PE Expedition |
| | 25 | NZQA Teacher Only Day |
| | 26 | Science Roadshow |
| | 30 | Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm |
| December | 7 | Year 7 camp |
| December | 13 | Awards Ceremony <i>Last Day of School</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 this date:

Thursday 25th November 2021

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

OPIHI COLLEGE CUPS & TROPHIES

We would appreciate return of all Opihi College cups and trophies to the school office as soon as possible.



OPIHI COLLEGE

P O Box 175 Temuka 7948, New Zealand

27th October 2020

OPIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Opihi College
PO Box 175
Temuka 7948

By 24th November 2020



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YEAR 9 and 10 COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2022



As many of you are aware, we run an innovative “choices” programme here at Opihi College for our Year 9 and 10 students. We believe that by giving students choice, it engages them in their learning, which increases academic progress and improves behaviour.

What does this mean for current Year 8 and 9 students?

On Monday 8th November we will hand out the 2022 Course Booklet. This will show all the topics that are running next year, along with a blurb about what is covered in that topic.

On Wednesday 10th November, we will have a community meeting to explain all about how the Year 9 & 10 programme runs and to also go through how to select the courses. This will be an optional meeting, but we really recommend all current Year 8 families to come to it so that they have a clear understanding before selecting.

In Week 6 and 7, we will then be having our 3 way conferences to select your child's choices for 2022. This conference, which takes place with the student, family and a member of the Senior Leadership Team, is vital in the success of this programme. It is where we make certain that the choices are the best fit for the student according to their academic needs and potential pathways.

How do I book a 3 way conference?

Via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz by using the code **4qhx6**.

Conferences are for 15 minutes each, however we do recommend booking a double slot if you are having trouble with the course selections. Appointments are available from Monday 22nd November until Friday 3rd December.

Temuka Wishing Tree

HELP EVERY CHILD RECEIVE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

MAKE CHRISTMAS A SPECIAL TIME FOR EVERY TEMUKA CHILD THIS YEAR.

DONATE TO THE WISHING TREE TO GIVE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY NEW TOYS, LEARNING AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT THIS CHRISTMAS

DEPOSIT MONEY TO THIS ACCOUNT:
02-0948-0307752-007

OR CONTACT TO DONATE TOYS AND EQUIPMENT

CALL OR MESSAGE TO NOMINATE A FAMILY TO RECEIVE A DONATION OR REQUEST FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY

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Multicultural Aoraki

C@7
COFFEE AT 7PM

Second Monday Every Month 7pm

03 687 7332
27 Sophia St. Timaru
info@MulticulturalAoraki.co.nz

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9am-2pm
Or by appointment

Come and join us. This is a great way to meet new people, practice conversational English, and get to know our community. Our venue changes depending on what activity we are doing so please contact us to find out where we are going to be.

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OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



OPIHI COLLEGE VESTS



An extra layer to help keep you warm on these chilly days!

SPECIAL PRICE
Only \$10 each

Available from the school office
During office hours.
Only while stocks last!



Opihi College have two styles of PE Tops available for purchase at the school office.

Currently we have stocks of both new and pre-loved PE tops. New PE Tops are \$40 (black with white piping style) or \$50 (black with white collar style). In the event of not having the size you prefer in stock, we can order for you.



OPIHI COLLEGE CAPS



*Opihi College caps are made from a cotton fabric.
One Size Fits All with an adjuster on the back.*

\$10

OPIHI COLLEGE SUNHATS



Bucket style sunhats made from sturdy cotton drill fabric. Two sizes available.

\$10

Opihi College also stock a limited range of pre-loved uniform items - these are available for viewing at any time the school office is open. We are able to sell your pre-loved uniform items for a small commission - please bring any items you wish to have sold on behalf in to the school office.