

NEWS



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MT SOMERS TRAMP

As part of the Year 9&10 PE programme, some of our students completed a three day tramping expedition around Mt Somers. Thank you to Mr Grace, Mr Grossman and Miss Haines for accompanying them on this expedition which was very informative.





AWARDS CEREMONY



This year we have had to change our Awards Ceremony format due to COVID restraints. We appreciate that this does not suit all families, especially those that usually attend the awards ceremony but we have to abide by the Government's guidelines.

Awards ceremony for 2021 is to be held **at school on Monday 13th December at 1pm for our students and staff only**. All students (Year 7 – 13) will be required to attend this as it is our way to celebrate the successes of our students.

Senior students will arrive at school in correct uniform at 12:40pm and will meet outside the Hall. Junior students would have been at school as usual all day in correct uniform. Lunches will be issued at 11:45am for all Year 7-10 students.

We are going to be live streaming the ceremony via **Zoom**. The link will be emailed to you on the day.

The Awards Ceremony will be recorded on zoom and we will endeavour to post it onto our Facebook page – **Opihi College Staff Notices** later in the day. This means that families will then be able to view it at a time that suits them.

Key dates for 2022

Tuesday 25th January –	Office opens (hours depending on staff training)
Tuesday 1st February –	Year 7 students only for the whole day
Wednesday 2nd February –	Year 7 students only for the whole day. New enrolments Y8-13
Thursday 3rd February –	WHOLE SCHOOL attending

Thank you very much for your ongoing support this year. We hope that you all have a wonderful break and you get to spend quality time with your family.

Nga mihi

Tony Robson
Principal

FAREWELL



Opihi College would like to thank and farewell some of our staff who are finishing at the end of this year:

Mr Russell Fleming

Sadly our wonderful Head of Music has accepted an offer to work as an itinerant music teacher. Mr Fleming has been our passionate music teacher for the last 7 years and has been the driving force behind our school bands and their inclusion in the Smokefree Rockquest and Bandquest national competitions. We thank him for being the inspiration to our many student musicians, and wish him all the best in his new venture.

Mrs Debbie Hauptfleisch

Mrs Hauptfleisch has been our hardworking Opihi Dean and teacher of Maths and Science for the last three years. We thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her new role at another school.

Ms Debbie Cuthbert

We farewell Debbie after a long career at Opihi College spanning many different roles and duties. Debbie has been most recently our Librarian and Sports Co-ordinator, but previously worked as a Teacher Aide in Kowhai House and as Attendance Officer starting in 2004. We thank Debbie for her many and varied contributions to Opihi College, and wish her all the best for when she leaves the District.

We would also like to thank and farewell staff who have completed their contracts with us this year:

Mrs Phoebe Van der Pol
Ms Kylie Anisy
Ms Aleisha Harper
Miss Cassie Kirkcaldie



All the best to you all!

CONGRATULATIONS

Opihi College would like to congratulate all of the students who have left school this year to enter employment. We have had many students begin roles in a variety of careers, including apprenticeships.

Well done to:

Mia Andreassend, Aidan Binney, Ben Cleverley, Jaxson Cullen, Bailey Donaldson-Fitt, Lyndon Bennett, Dylan Donehue, Kaitlin Johnson, Milly Keen, Jack Murray, Lilly McLellan, Tyler Plumridge, Cameron Price, Luke Smith, Luke A Smith, Cameron Stone, Natalie Stone and Brooke Thomas.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021

December	10	<i>Last Day School Canteen</i>
	13	<i>Awards Ceremony Last Day of School</i>
	14	<i>NCEA Examinations finish</i>

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

January	25	<i>Opihi College office opens Please check our facebook page for specific opening times (there are times the office will be closed for staff training sessions)</i>
February	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 students begin • Senior Course Confirmation
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 students attend • New enrolment orientation
	3	Whole school starts
	4	Mihi Whakatau
	7	Waitangi Day Statutory Holiday - School closed for instruction

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.

OPIHI COLLEGE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all Library Books to the
Opihi College
office as soon as
possible





YEAR 7 CAMP AT RAINCLIFF



Mr Fleming and the Junior Music Class practicing

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



PE Tops

**White Blouses
White Shirts**

All \$40



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!



TIES

\$20

\$20



HATS

Caps, beanies
or bucket hats

All \$10

A full range of new Opihi College uniform is available in store and on line from The Warehouse.

The Opihi College office hold a range of pre-loved uniform items. Please pop in during office hours to view these items. Our range is constantly changing and it is recommended that you bring your child with you to try items on for size.



Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays (closed between 25th December and 10th January). If your child requires dental care during the time we are closed contact your family dentist.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Hillmorton Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch – from Monday 10th January
- Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui – on 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th January
- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby - from Monday 10th January
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru – from Monday 10th January

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983

Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz



Got five minutes?

Your child's back to school class list is ready to go at myschool.co.nz

SHOP NOW

Whānau Āwhina Plunket online Babysitting Course

Plunket Education in Schools are delighted to announce their new online Babysitting Course available for teenagers all over Aotearoa.

This course is designed to give high school students the knowledge and skills to babysit children of all ages. It's written for first time babysitters; students don't need to have previous experience to enroll.

The course ideal for students aged 14 and above and takes around 2-3 hours to complete.

Students work through nine sequential modules and on completion of the course and the final quiz will receive a certificate certified by Whānau Āwhina Plunket to show employers that they have completed this course and are ready to babysit. As well as the certificate the students are sent a Babysitter's Manual that supports all the information they have learned in the online course.

During the course the following topics are covered:

- the role of the babysitter, including the expectations of the families you are working for
- ages and stages of children from birth to school age, their basic needs and their care
- professional behaviour including your presentation
- how to engage with children of different ages, including activities for each age group and behavioural information
- safety, including emergency situations, keeping yourself and the children safe, and basic first aid
- how to get a babysitting job.

This course is presented using videos, quizzes and activities which are fun as well as informative.

Click [here](#) for more information or to sign your teenager up.

