

NEWS



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SCHOOL RECORD BREAKING JUMP!



Nigel Broomhall's high jump record of 1.70m, that had been held since 1990, was broken at our school Athletics Day recently. Congratulations to Mitchell Perfect for his outstanding record breaking jump of 1.75m.



Introducing our 2022 House Captains:

Front: Iraia Hemara (Opihi)
& Kyal Dickson (Pacific)
Standing: Grace Bennett (Aoraki),
Hazel Johnston (Rata),
Bailee Bryce-Gillett (Rata)
Elise Warnock (Pacific)

OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS RESULTS:

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|-----|---------|-----|
| 1st | Aoraki | 621 |
| 2nd | Rata | 517 |
| 3rd | Opihi | 508 |
| 4th | Pacific | 447 |

Well done Aoraki!

From across the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, caregivers and whanau,

As we come to the end of the first term, I would like to thank all of the people involved with Opihi College for their ongoing understanding, support and attitude towards the many extras that the pandemic has brought. I'm extremely pleased to report that the student body has stepped up during this time and feel very proud of their professionalism around mask-wearing, caring for others and focusing on their work.



As restrictions are being relaxed we are slowly being able to return to normal school life, with many activities that had been restricted starting to reappear. One that is bringing me great pleasure is that Kapa Haka has returned to the school. Whaea Kimi is working with Waka Taua and it's pleasing to see how many of our students are attending with numbers continuing to grow.

Although athletics and swimming sports were significantly affected by the restriction both events were extremely successful with a great atmosphere. I would like to congratulate Mitchell Perfect on breaking the longstanding high jump record. Moving forward we are still dealing with Covid and some restrictions, and this will still affect how some subjects/activities are run in the coming months. As I emailed you recently we may have to look at rostering home some students, if staff absences increase. I apologise in advance if we have to make changes at short notice and we really do appreciate your help and understanding.

In the new term we expect to be able to open the fully refurbished music area and we are currently having the stage and the hall floor sanded and varnished. At the start of the term, two of the four temporary classrooms (Ako block) will be removed. The area of the old Science block is also due to be restored to grass in preparation for a new agricultural area installation.

During the last few years Opihi College has had a major facelift and we currently have one of the most modern facilities in the area. This combined with the amazing work that Bruce and his team do around the grounds we are very proud of our school and hope that our community feel the same way. As we have had restrictions on visitors during the pandemic you may not have had the chance to see all of the changes. With this in mind, I would like to invite you to come and take the time to walk around the school. We have an Open Day scheduled for the Sunday 22nd May (11am-1pm) that would be an ideal time to visit, however we are always happy to show people around at anytime but would appreciate you arranging this through reception.

Thank you to all of our families for keeping us informed of any positive COVID cases occurring, and for following the guidelines for isolating at home afterwards. As we go into the holidays we would appreciate your continued notifications of any positive results for our students. Please contact the school office to report, by either e-mailing office@opihicollege.school.nz or leaving a message on our school answerphone on 03 6157 442.

E waka eke noa - We are all in this together.
Nga Mihi

Tony Robson
Principal



CONFERENCING

**Tuesday 24th May &
Wednesday 25th May 2022**

*Please note:
School will finish early at 1.30pm
on Tuesday 24th May 2022.
School is closed for instruction
on Wednesday 25th May 2022.*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th May, and 8.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday 25th May.

- Code **kdmsk** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please note these interviews are with your child's **subject teachers** but could also be with the Whanau teacher or Dean. Parents and caregivers of Year 9/10 students may wish to book an appointment with the whanau teacher or Dean for a more holistic overview; or feel free to book with any subject teacher from this term or last term.
- 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.

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 2022

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| April | 14 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| May | 2 | Term 2 begins |
| | 4 | Biology Trip - Rocky Shore |
| | 11 | Opihi College Cross Country |
| | 16 | Accord Teacher Only Day <i>Please note: School is closed for instruction on this day.</i> |
| | 20 | Pink Shirt Day |
| | 22 | Opihi College Open Day 11.00am to 1.00pm |
| | 24 | Conferencing Appointments available between 2pm and 8pm <i>Please note: School will finish early at 1.30pm</i> |
| | 25 | Conferencing Appointments available between 8am and 3pm <i>Please note: School is closed for instruction on this day.</i> |

TERM DATES 2022

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July 2022
Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 Sept 2022
Term 4: Monday 17 October to December 9 2022

2022 Statutory Holidays:

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| Good Friday | Friday 15 April 2022 |
| Easter Monday | Monday 18 April 2022 |
| ANZAC Day | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Queens Birthday | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Matariki | Friday 24 June 2022 |
| Anniversary Day | Monday 26 September 2022 |
| Labour Day | Monday 24 October 2022 |

CARE CARD DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our recent winners:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Liliana Price-Burgess | Shaun Jones |
| Zach Brookland | Halle Welford |
| Keisha Timo-Farnsworth | Chylsea Martin |
| Charlotte Mattingly | Isobel Bennett |
| Ruby-May White | Noah Drake |



ACCORD TEACHER ONLY DAYS

NZQA have allocated every secondary school four Teacher Only Days during 2022 for development of the NCEA changes that are coming into effect soon. Our first one is **Monday 16th May**.
Please put this in your calendar as school will not be open for instruction on this day.

FAREWELL

This term we farewell Mrs Verge as she begins parental leave to welcome her new baby. We thank her for her hard work as Careers and Gateway Co-ordinator this term, and wish her all the very best!
Next term we will be welcoming Mr Stuart Wilcox to the staff. Mr Wilcox will be our new Careers and Gateway Co-ordinator and teacher of Physical Education.

NETSAFE LIVE PARENT SERIES

The Kahui Ako team in conjunction with Netsafe have been producing a series of short videos for parents. The first of these is now ready for parents to view:

Episode 1: Introduction to Netsafe, the Harmful Digital Communications Act and starting the conversations.
Link: <https://youtu.be/Ka55Uc-85VE>

REPORTING



A couple of weeks ago, all Year 7 & 8 students and Year 11-13 students received their settling in reports. This is a quick snapshot of how your child is performing at school so far this year. Written reports will be issued at various times during the year depending on year level. The table below gives you an indication of those reports. If at any stage of the year you would like to talk to your child's teacher or Dean, we strongly encourage you to get in touch with them via email and arrange a meeting. Please do not wait for reports or conferences to come out.

| | Year 7 & 8 | Year 9 & 10 | Year 11 - 13 |
|------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Term 1 | Settling in report | | Settling in report |
| During the year | Options – They do 3 semesters of options classes and will receive an option report at the end of each semester | Week 2 of each term – they will receive a report for their courses from the previous term | |
| Term 4 | End of Year full written report for year long subjects (Integrated, Maths, Science, PE/Health and Digital Technology) | Full written summary report | Full written report |



YEAR 9 & 10 "THRILLER" CLASS

One of our Year 9 and 10 English classes are doing a course called "Thriller". They are exploring creative writing and learning how to write a good thriller. On Tuesday they were lucky enough to have a zoom call with an English author Peter Scholes who is also a teacher. One of the questions asked by the students was "Where do you start when you are faced with a blank page?" Peter explained that he always thinks of the ending and works backwards from that. What great advice. It was an amazing experience for our students to be able to engage with a real author. *Thank you Mrs Medley!*

Stationery

The Opihi College office have a limited range of stationery available for purchase by students. The items we can supply are:

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1B8 exercise books | \$1.40 |
| 1E8 exercise books | \$1.40 |
| Clever Kiwi books | \$3.00 |

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EPRO8 CHALLENGE

It has been a fun two weeks visiting all of the Yr 7/8 science classes promoting the Epro8 competition. Here are a few snapshots I managed to get! The kids also managed to have a go at playing with our BRAND NEW electronics kit which some of the Yr 8 students worked hard to fundraise for last year. If any of the akonga missed out on this but would like to take part please send them to see Mrs Robson.



If you have a passion for Mathematics or Physics and would like to challenge yourself, this is for you! This competition is open to Year 11-13 students. There are badges, certificates and trophies to be won! There is a registration cost of \$12, to find out more information head over to <https://www.nzpmc.com> to read more about the registration process and the 2022 competition. Registration closes on 15th May.

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians – we need your help!

Some of our students will be taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge next term. It's an amazing programme designed to get young Kiwis excited about STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths. The programme pairs STEM professionals with teachers to deliver the challenge and we need more volunteers to help our kids design, build and launch water rockets!



Keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week for 6–8 weeks during Term 2, **either online or in their classroom if possible**. The Wonder Project team provides everything we need so you don't have to be a rocket scientist to guide our students on the Rocket Challenge. We are looking for passionate and committed professionals working in STEM fields who want to make a real difference – and inspire wonder in the minds of young people in their community.





Our Year 9 & 10 Citizenship Science class visited the Taumatakahu stream recently to look at biodiversity and overall quality and health of our local freshwater environment.



FUNDAY FRIDAYS

Our students have been enjoying outdoor games each Friday afternoon. "Thank You" to our wonderful Head Students for organising and running these wonderful activities for all of the students!



2022 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates and prizes awarded

Online competition for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students

Ask your teacher for details and entry form.



Kiwi Science Competition



Kiwi Maths Competition



Kiwi English Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

Register Now!
www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



2022 KIWI COMPETITION

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools in years 5 to 10. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance distributed by the school. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.50 per competition entered. Students can get a letter to take home from either their English/Maths/Science teachers.

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PB4L NEWS

Opihi College is a PB4L (positive behaviour for learning) school. We focus on developing and maintaining systems that promote positive learning and behaviour environments for our students. Our focus this term has been the re-establishment of our school's core values: Community, Acceptance, Respect and Excellence (C.A.R.E.) as these have significant meaning to our school. Our students have been learning about the values in different contexts around the school as they have developed new relationships with their peers and teachers.

The PB4L Committee is in the process of consultation to develop a new and improved rewards system which we hope to launch in Term Two. The new rewards system will see the students gaining tokens which will contribute towards a House reward for the House with the most tokens each term. Our C.A.R.E cards will end as Term One finishes. The students have until the end of term to gain the C.A.R.E cards needed for their badges.

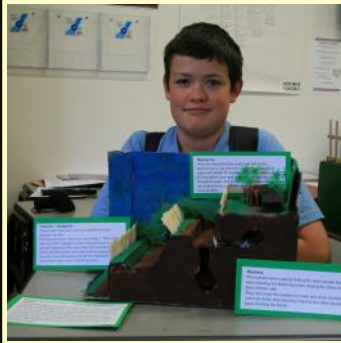
A class poster competition was held recently - below are some of the winning entries.



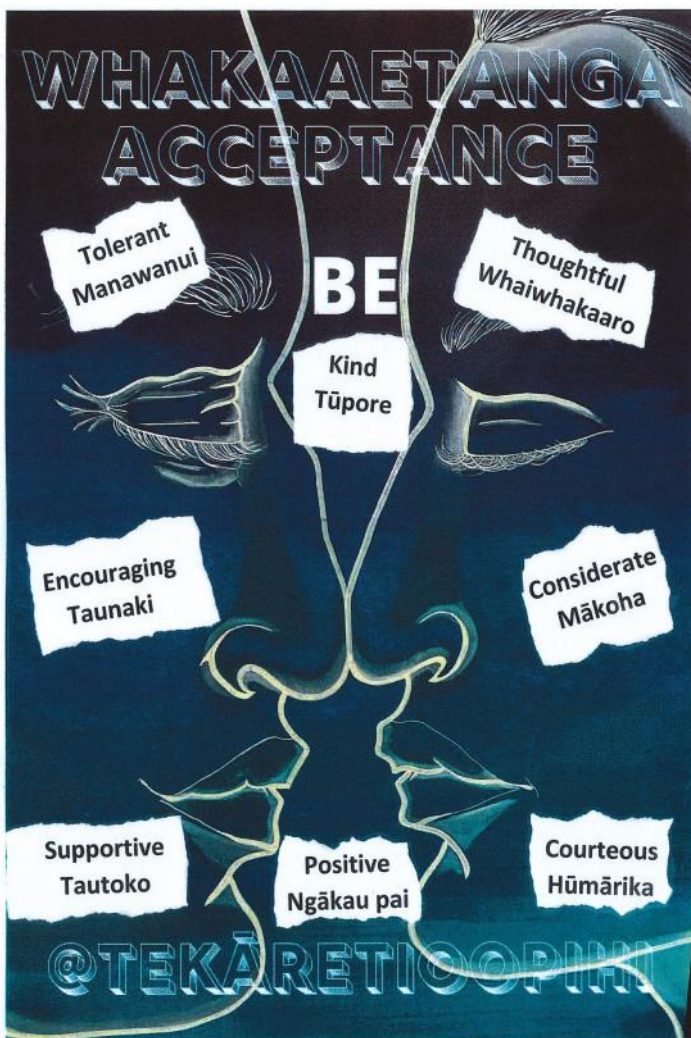
MUSIC

Musicians from the Alpine Energy Timaru Brass Band performed recently for our students to display the skills they have the opportunity to learn through music lessons held at Opihi College. *Thank you to the Temuka Rugby Club and Cancer Society for their loan of gazebos for use for our music lessons this term.*

SOCIAL STUDIES



Pictured are some of our students with the wonderful projects they have completed recently. This is part of the 'NZ in Conflict' course which links in with the new Histories Curriculum which is due to begin next year. (Left:) Jake Gould (Right:) Cody Wright and Oliver Wells



OPIHI COLLEGE CLASS POSTER COMPETITION
First place -Whanau class PYE



OPIHI COLLEGE ATHLETICS RESULTS

| Event | U12.5 | U14 | U16 | U19 |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | Boys | | | |
| 100 | Jayden L | Liam H | Jordy SW | Logan L |
| 200 | Jayden L | Riley C | Kahu T | Logan L |
| 400 | Michael S | Soham D | Cory A | Logan L |
| 800 | Michael S | Michael J | Jess F | Lachlan A |
| 1500 | Regan D | | Tyrrece T | Lachlan A |
| 3000 | Regan D | | Tyrrece T | Bailey M-S |
| LJ | Corin LJ | Corbett K | Kodi KT | Mitchell |
| TJ | Michael S | Tayne M | Kodi KT | Mitchell |
| HJ | Maddox L | Will LJ | Cullum S | Mitchell |
| SP | Aidan S | Riley C | Kahu T | Kyal |
| D | Alex S | Corbett K | Tyrrece T | Kyal |
| Jav | | Owen Bolt | Tyrrece T | Mitchell |
| Ball Throw | Regan L | | | |
| Overall | Michael S | TBC | Tyrrece | Mitchell |
| Track | TBC | TBC | Tyrrece | Logan |
| Field | TBC | Corbett K | Tyrrece / Kodi | Mitchell |
| Event | U12.5 | U14 | U16 | U19 |



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| Event | U12.5 | U14 | U16 | U19 |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Girls | | | | |
| 100 | Indigo DF | Jasmin B | Maisie | Grace |
| 200 | Navaeha H | Jasmin B | Maisie | Grace |
| 400 | Nevaeh B | Jasmin B | Jess W | Grace |
| 800 | Holley F | Jasmin B | Ella | Grace |
| 1500 | | | | Grace |
| 3000 | | | | |
| LJ | Taylor-Bell K | Jasmin B | Tahlia Murphy | Grace |
| TJ | Freya Walsh | Caitlyn K | Maisie | Tara kereopa |
| HJ | | Samantha D | Lexi | Ryleigh |
| SP | Anaya M | Ainsley R | Lexi | Ryleigh |
| D | Anaya M | Neela C | Amber | Ryleigh |
| Jav | | Neela C | Lexi | Ryleigh |
| Ball Throw | Taylor-Bell | | | |
| Overall | TBC | Jasmin B | Lexi / Maisie | Grace |
| Track | TBC | Jasmin B | Maisie | Grace |
| Field | TBC | Neela C | Lexi | Ryleigh |
| Event | U12.5 | U14 | U16 | U19 |



OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

We would like to congratulate all the swimmers who participated in Opihi College swimming sports 2022. Due to covid, there had to be some significant changes. However, the school's values of community and excellence shone through. Students encouraged and supported others to achieve their best, which resulted in a day of joy and excitement. There was a competitive element to the day with notable moments of success. The results are listed below that point out the Tournament champions.

Opihi College would like to thank the Temuka swimming pool staff that helped to make the day successful.

Tournament House Results

| | |
|-----|---------|
| 1st | Opihi |
| 2nd | Aoraki |
| 3rd | Rata |
| 4th | Pacific |



Tournament Champions

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Y 7/8 Boys Champion | Hayden Young |
| Y 7/8 Girls Champion | Holley Ferguson |
| Y 9/10 Boys Champion | Connor Gould & Jake Gould |
| Y 9/10 Girls Champion | Amber Cleverley |
| Y 11/13 Boys Champions | Jamie Hall |
| Y 11/13 Girls Champions | Sophie Hall |
| <i>Tournament Champion</i> | <i>Sophie Hall</i> |



Careers and Gateway Update

Recently our students in Year 10-13 had the opportunity to learn about the vast array of career options available within the NZ Police. We were visited by Youth Education Police Officer Deb Quested, Megan King from Christchurch, and Temuka Police Sergeant Lindsay and Constable Maley. They brought some amazing virtual reality technology which enabled students to take part in a variety of police scenarios. Twenty students opted in to the experience and even the staff could not resist trying out the virtual reality gear!

This term our seniors also attended presentations from the University of Otago, Otago Polytechnic and QRC Queenstown. Many were excited to find out about the awesome opportunities offered by the different tertiary institutions. Students need to keep an eye on the notices next term as there will be a trip down to Dunedin to check out the Otago Open Days, as well as other visits and information from tertiary providers.

Although Gateway work experience placements have been somewhat impacted by Covid, some students have already begun farming and building placements this term, and the majority of Gateway students have hands-on work experience set up for Term 2. We have been lucky to add some new hospitality businesses and an interior designer to our list of employers. Work experience is a fundamental aspect of the Gateway programme, and it's so exciting to see our students getting a taste of the careers which interest them.

Mrs Verge
Careers Advisor

