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CYCLING & CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS









CROSS COUNTRY

Last week, the Opihi College junior cross country team competed in the South Canterbury Primary Schools' Cross Country Event held at Waihi School, and the senior cross country team competed in the Aoraki Cross Country Event at Congratulations to Michael Shannon who Ashbury Park. finished 5th in his race, Grace Bennett who achieved a 9th place and Holley Ferguson a creditable 13th place. Well done to all of the students who represented our school with pride at these competitions! Thank you Mrs McNoe, Miss Henderson and Mr Ireland for managing the teams.



WELCOME

We would like to welcome students who have enrolled at Opihi College recently:

Miguel Silva Mikaela Hurst Dean Joyce Lucas Ngarewa Ruby Walsh George Thomas Uriah Ready Zion Fenton



We hope you enjoy your time here!



WORK STARTED ON NEW TURF

Opihi College are excited to announce that, after long freight delays due to COVID, the materials have finally arrived and work has begun to install a new all-weather surface on part of our court area! It is hoped this work will be completed in early July, when it will be available after school hours for community sports teams to use.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022		
June	24	Matariki Statutory Holiday Please note: School will be closed for instruction on this day
	29	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
July	1-3	40 Hour Famine World Vision fundraiser
	3-6	Biology Trip Portobello
	7	Year 7 Vision Testing
	8	Last Day of Term 2
July	25	First Day of Term 3
August	22	Teacher Only Day Please note there will be no classes on this day

Please note the Upcoming Teacher Only Day:
NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day
Monday 22nd August 2022
There will not be any classes on this day

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Mr Rowdy Aitken for the use of his farmland as part of our Cross Country course this year, and Vickie George and Allen Ackroyd for their loan of haybales for use as jumps in the race. It made the course much longer and more interesting for our students! *Thank you!*

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

It was such a fun morning, the students had a great time competing against each other and gaining points for the builds.

Three teams did extremely well:

1st place - Nathaniel Tubb, River Wadsworth, Ava Christos-Pow and Sophie Dennison

2nd place - Quintin Van Tongeren, Joshua Johnston, George Stratford and Ryan Williams

3rd place - Abigail Barning, Georgia Cater, Indigo Donaldson-Fitt and Courtney Tarrant.



The other three teams worked hard, but didn't quite get enough points to get through to the next round. The top two teams are now through to the semi-finals in Timaru, this takes place on the 5th of July from 5pm-8pm. These teams will compete against other Timaru schools to attempt to get through to the South Island Finals. Good Luck to you all, and thank you Mrs Robson for organising this competition.





OPIHI COLLEGE JAPANESE TRIVIA CHAMPIONS AGAIN!





1st Place for Opihi!

Last Friday, Year 9 & 10 students, Alyssa, Amelia, Toni, Samantha, Lachlan, Leith, Tony, Aiden, Brandon, Connor and Liam drove down to Dunedin to participate in the annual New Zealand Japanese Trivia Championships. They put in many extra hours of study learning bits of Japanese cultural trivia that might come up in the contest in the categories of: Japanese Sports/Festivals, Pop Culture, Geography/History, Food and Daily Life. It paid off because the team consisting of Alyssa, Amelia, Toni and Samantha brought home the 1st Place trophy for the Otago Region! Our other Year 10 team of Leith, Tony and Lachlan tied for 2nd Place. As well as those great results, the Opihi College Year 9 team of Connor, Aiden, Brandon and Liam won the Best Dressed award! *Yoku dekimashita* (Well done)! You've certainly set the bar high for next year's team. A big 'Thank you' also to Japanese Teacher Mr Eric Lindblom for managing the teams. It's been a very successful time for the students, with Opihi College winning this competition for the last four years running! Well Done!



The Opihi College Orange basketball team in action in one of their recent games.





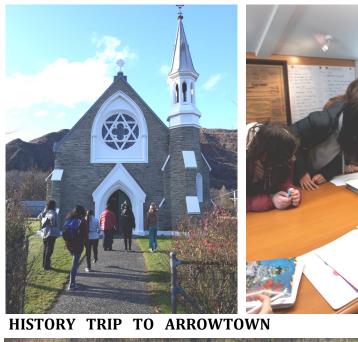
The senior students of Opihi College are busy preparing a day full of fun on Saturday 2nd July to show support for this year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000, and so far we have raised \$641! More information is yet to come about this day.





'Mates and Dates'

This term the YMCA South Canterbury have been delivering Mates and Dates, an ACC funded programme designed to help educate young people on the importance of healthy and happy relationships. Our Year 9 and 10 cohorts have participated in activities around understanding respect, consent, identifying unhealthy behaviour and where to get help and support for themselves and others. This programme supplements our current Sexuality unit of work at Opihi College.







The Senior History class had a very informative trip to Arrowtown recently. With the assistance of the Early Settlers Museum students were able to study the formation of Arrowtown and other gold mining towns, tour many interesting historical sites in Arrowtown and view the museum archives. The students were also able to have a try at gold panning, and congratulations to Aaliyah who was the only one of the group to find gold! Many thanks to Mr Goodman for his organisation of this trip.





Opihi Students Extend Their Japanese Studies at UC

Earlier in June, senior Japanese students Isobel Bennett, Charlie Bryce-Gillett, Noah Drake, Hazel Johnston, Tara Kereopa, Lyric Murray-Maaka and Riley-James Wilson traveled to Christchurch to participate in the Christchurch Secondary Schools' NCEA Japanese Workshop at the University of Canterbury. The students had the opportunity to experience a variety of workshops geared to help prepare them for their NCEA Achievement Standards. About 391 students from 15 high schools worked together with 40 high school teachers, university instructors and university students. It is the largest group of secondary and tertiary instructors in New Zealand cooperating together to extend our high school learners. Opihi College students worked in small groups with students from other schools and learned techniques and strategies which will aid them with their NCEA study. Lyric was a standout as she was recognized as the most enthusiastic learner in her working group. It was a very exciting, rewarding day!

Photo from the left: Tara, Bailey, Lyric, Noah, Riley, Isobel and Hazel



Available from the School Office - \$10 each

OPIHI COLLEGE 'LOCAL LEGENDS'

Here at Opihi College, we are celebrating and promoting the achievements of some of our ex-students (of both Opihi College and Temuka High School) as an inspiration to our current students. An initial set of posters has been created which we are displaying here at Opihi College.

We are currently seeking nominations of ex-students who have experienced success in a range of careers and life experiences. Nominees would be invited to complete a short on-line questionnaire.

If you, or someone you know would like to be nominated for the 'Local Legends' project at Opihi College please contact the school by emailing smithi@opihicollege.school.nz.





