

# NEWS



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## NEW TURF READY!



*The waiting is over!*  
With COVID freight delays, then wild winter weather causing issues, the installation of our new All Weather Surface became a long project. We are so very pleased to announce that the new turf is now installed on one of our court areas and practices have begun for our local hockey teams. Thank you to all of those involved in the project, especially our property manager Bruce Mattingly, Johnny Mills and the team at MultiSport Surfaces.

## EPRO8 INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE



At the end of Term 2, three teams from Opihi College competed in the Year 7/8 EPro8 Inter School Challenge. All teams did an amazing job and worked extremely hard. It was down to the last five minutes to determine who would be getting through to the next round. Out of eleven teams competing "The humans" came 4th, while the "4 fantastic Penguins" and "Bob the Builders" came 6th place equal. This means that "The Humans" have made it through to the next round taking place in Ashburton this term! Thank you to Mrs Robson for organising this.



## SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

Well done to all of the Opihi College musicians who competed at the Smokefree Rockquest regional competition which was held in Timaru recently.



**Congratulations to the Year 8 all girl rock band Zenith** (Harli, Alice, Cassidy, Gracie and Jazmin) who have won a place in the online Regional Finals!

*Great work girls!*

## WELCOME

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

Bob Kopetchny

Hana Reihana

Elizabeth Ready



*We hope you enjoy your time here!*

## FAREWELL

At the end of last term we farewelled teacher Mrs Ualind Gray from Opihi College. Mr and Mrs Gray are moving to take up new positions in Australia. We would like to thank her for her dedicated work here at Opihi College, and wish her all the best for her new adventures in Australia!



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## School Board Elections

### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **FOUR** parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on **5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

Signed

Sharyn Patrick

Returning Officer



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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

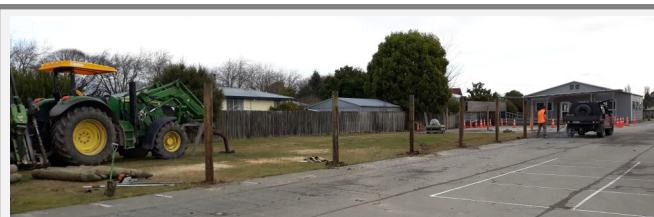
<b>July</b>	8	Last Day of Term 2
	25	First Day of Term 3
<b>August</b>	1-2	Tramp to Sharplin Falls <i>Outdoor Education class</i>
	1	Otago Open Day <i>Year 13 students, Dunedin</i>
	3	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
	4	RYDA Road Safety Workshop <i>Year 12 students Levels Raceway</i>
	5	Opihi College Senior Ball <i>Opihi College Assembly Hall All welcome to view 'Walk ins' 7.30pm to 8.00pm</i>
	9	Aoraki Maths Competition <i>Year 7 &amp; 8</i>
	10	Aoraki Maths Competition <i>Year 9 &amp; 10</i>
	19	'Attitude' Presentations
	22	Teacher Only Day <i>Please note there will be no classes on this day</i>
	24	Cantamath Competition

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*



## AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is a very popular subject which is offered to Year 9-13 students at Opihi College.

Construction of the new outdoor teaching space has begun, and this will include raised gardens, fruit trees, potting shed, tunnel house, a fencing demonstration area and storage shed.

Thank you to Fencing Contractor Mark Fitzgerald for his assistance to build the fence.



# The Sun Always Shines on Opihi College

We are very excited to inform you that Opihi College is in the middle of getting a 92kW Solar Power system installed. This system will have huge benefits for our school community and our planet. With this system, we are expecting to obtain over 50% of the school's energy consumption. This will not only allow the school to save money on our power bills, which we will be able to redirect straight into students learning, but it will also have huge environmental benefits as all the energy is produced without emissions. For example, each year we will avoid the need for 13 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> to be pumped into our atmosphere.

Beyond these obvious benefits, this system will also be used as a teaching tool with students learning about alternative energy sources first-hand. We are also aiming to track the energy produced with a display panel in reception to give us real-time data on how we are affecting our environment.



*Solar panels now installed on the roof of our Assembly Hall*

As you can imagine an installation like this is a huge investment for the school and your support will be greatly appreciated. Over the next few months, we are planning to run a number of fundraisers, starting with the Fix & Fogg Peanut Butter and Coupland's Pies order forms. The sheets have been given out during whanau time. If you need another sheet, there are spares available at the school office. These are due back by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022.



## **AGRICULTURE TRIP**

Our Agriculture students travelled to Coleridge Downs for some practical farming experience at the end of last term. Everyone enjoyed their day in this stunning part of the country.



Thank you Mr Mills, Mr Ireland and Mrs McNoe for arranging and escorting them on this trip.



## **Opihi College Year 7&8 'Orange' basketball team**

This team had a great season until we hit the quarterfinals where we lost in a close well contested game against South School.

The score was a 24 to 21 loss which unfortunately ended our season. Ryleigh and Iraia made a great job of coaching this team and the team played some excellent basketball on their way through the South Canterbury Junior basketball competition. They should be really proud of the basketball they played and they showed some true grit and determination to win so many games throughout the season.

*Mr Mills, Coach*



# Gateway and Careers

Opihi is extremely proud of the opportunities our students are receiving in relation to career choices and exposing our students to lots of different working environments.

During our senior careers sessions, which take place on a Wednesday period 5, we have had the fortune to be visited by a number of different speakers, who came to inspire the tamariki about career pathways and writing CV techniques. Sarah Bolland from Personnel Placements spent the afternoon looking at the purpose of a CV and exposing the students to different CV styles. This was invaluable and gave the students lots of important insights and information. Damon Odey, Jinny Vincent and Gideon Snow talked about the many different career pathways and the importance of grasping opportunities and to follow their passion. They also commented on how your career might change and go with the flow. Presently, all students are working on CV writing unit standards. We have lots of other speakers lined up for term 3 to carry on the great mahi.



*Elise Warnock at Maree Hynes*

Last term our students have been busy with their chosen gateway placements. We have been fortunate to have 20 students experience a wide range of different employment opportunities across our local area. I would like to say a huge thanks to: Temuka Sale Yards, Fonterra, Mark Stratford Building, Heartland Electrical, Midlands Contracting, Cactus Fire Restaurant, Maree Hynes, Shearers Quarters, Rata Kindie, Wilson Building, Breens Plumbing, Heartland Chips, Brent White Racing and Greg Building. Their support is invaluable and goes a long way to help guide students in their pathway. This term we have students going to Coles Farm, Riding for the Disabled, Temuka Primary and Pak n Save.

Last term we have taken students to hospitality, health and education Ara taster days. Nine students took part in a Cafe Barista Level 2 course at Ara. Gateway students passed their Fire/Safety level 2 certificate. Over the holidays one student took part in an Audio Engineering course in Christchurch and we have students who are a part of the Ara Dual Enrolment Scheme.



Our Year 12 and 13 leaders visited the GRIP Leadership day in Christchurch where they learned how to develop their leadership style through their own values and interests. This was a great opportunity for them to work within a collaborative environment and I hope that they can use these skills in any future endeavors.

Our aim as a Careers and Gateway Department is to offer the latest advice, prepare students for University entrance and employment and ensure all tamariki know the careers they could possibly select by knowing their skills, subject strengths, personal qualities, career values and interests.

My door is always open if you would like to ask any questions or just pop in for a chat.

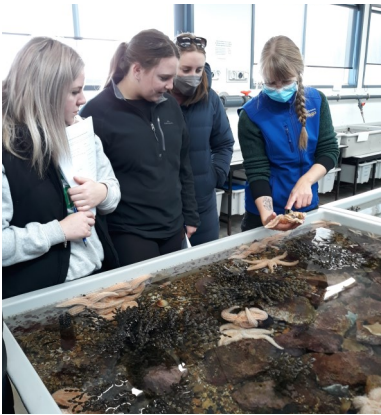
Nga mihi

*Stuart Wilcox*





# BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO PORTOBELLO



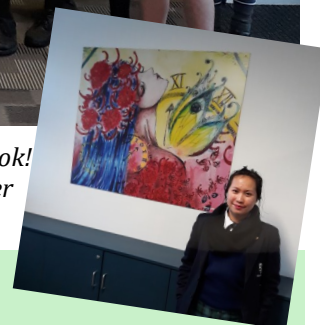
The Year 13 Biology class enjoyed a three day field trip to the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre in Portobello recently. During their visit the class worked on studies of half crabs for an NZQA internal assessment. Thank you so much to everyone who purchased potatoes for our trip fundraiser - your support is very much appreciated. Thank you to Miss Smith, and the Portobello Marine Centre for this interesting trip.








At the moment, we have some junior projects on display in our reception foyer. Stop in and have a look! Thank you to Opihi College senior art student Rexxa Albarico who has allowed us to display one of her original artworks in our reception area.





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### Whanau Awhina Plunket online Babysitting Course

Plunket Education in Schools' Babysitting Course is 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 enrol. 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 Whanau Awhina 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 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.

For more information contact Plunket on:  
PlunketLine 0800 933 922 or  
[plunket.org.nz](http://plunket.org.nz)

### POSH PLANTS NZ

I have a small business called Posh Plants NZ based in Timaru and make dried floral wreaths, bouquets, arrangements, as well as Dried Flower Buttonholes and Corsages.



If you are interested, please get back to me and we can discuss it further.

[www.Facebook.com/PoshPlantsNZ](https://www.Facebook.com/PoshPlantsNZ)







# OPIHI COLLEGE

## SOLAR PANEL FUNDRAISER

### Fix & Fogg Peanut Butter

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Whanau: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Peanut Butter Smooth 750g \$11	Peanut Butter Super Crunchy 750g \$11	Everything Butter 500g \$11	Total \$\$



All orders and money to be back to the school office by Wednesday 10th August.  
Pick up will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Payments may be made into the school account  
with surname and peanut butter as reference 01-0885-0039753-000



**All products from Couplands Bakery**

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**Pick up – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your support.**