

NEWS



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SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Opihi College rock band ZENITH!

This talented rock band comprising Harli Hemara (vocals), Jazmin Bool (guitar), Alice Johnston (drums), Cassidy Crawshaw (bass) and Gracie Johnson (keyboards) created a recorded entry after winning a place in the online regional smokefree Rockquest competition, and were awarded the *APRA Lyric Writers Award* for their original song "Does this matter"!

Well done Harli, Alice, Cassidy, Gracie and Jazmin!



Are you an enthusiastic parent/caregiver wanting to make a difference?

Opihi College is in the process of setting up a new Fundraising Committee, we are looking for people to join us in organising events to help pay for the new Solar Panels. If you are interested please come along to our meeting next Thursday 18th August at 3.30pm in the Admin Meeting room (In the school Office block).

If you would like more information please contact Shelly at robsons@opihicollege.school.nz



WELCOME

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

Kaya Thompson

Reef Thompson

We hope you enjoy your time here!



THANK YOU

This year, the Opihi College senior school ball was held on Friday 5th August. It was a great night and a huge success, so a big thank you to all those involved is a must. I hope all those who went had a good time! We wanted to make a special mention to Christiena and Paul Joyce from Temuka New World for donating us our drinks for the ball! We are super grateful for this donation, it made a lot of difference to the amount of money we could spend on other necessities for our school ball.



*Opihi College Ball
Committee*

DAFFODIL DAY

This year Daffodil Day is on **Friday August 26th**, and Opihi College is showing our support by holding a gold coin mufti day! Dress up in as much yellow as you can to show your support for those facing cancer, as all money raised will be going straight to the South Canterbury branch of the Cancer Society.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Opihi College is now accepting enrolments for 2023. Enrolment packs are available from our school office. It would be appreciated to receive completed enrolment forms for students wishing to attend Opihi College in 2023 at the school office by Monday 19th September 2022.

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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

August	19	'Attitude' Presentations
	22	Teacher Only Day <i>Please note there will be no classes on this day</i>
	24	Cantamath Competition
	26	Mufti Day <i>Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Society</i>
	29 -1 Sept	SISS Netball Tournament <i>Timaru</i>
September	5-7	Geography Field Trip <i>Mt Cook</i>
	13	Ski Trip <i>Mt Hutt</i>
	15	Opihi Live <i>6pm</i>
	19-23	Senior Assessment Week
	26	South Canterbury Anniversary Day <i>Statutory Holiday School will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
	30	End of Term 3



OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

Board of Trustees Triennial Election 2022

Declaration of Results

After the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Toni Brazendale
Brendon Henwood
Trish Smith
Andrew Williams**

Signed

Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer

RYDA Road Safety Education Workshop

On Thursday, 4th August our Year 12 students took part in the RYDA programme (Road Safety Education) at the Levels Raceway.

The RYDA programme was a highly engaging and memorable one-day workshop where our students understanding of road safety was enhanced. The workshop sessions were led by a team of trained facilitators including Police, driving instructors and other community sector specialists. The students took part in a number of different workshops where they learnt about car safety ratings and the different safety features in vehicles. One workshop was designed to give them the confidence to speak up if ever they were in a situation in a vehicle when they felt unsafe. They learnt to be aware of risks and hazards that could affect their driving and also about following distances and how long it takes a vehicle to stop.



Jamie and Jack testing their peripheral vision



Listening and learning from a paraplegic crash survivor

The workshop that had the most impact for our students was the one that was led by a young man who was a passenger in a road crash and because of that accident is now a paraplegic. The students were very engaged in this workshop and asked many questions of this young man to ascertain what had caused his life to change so dramatically in a matter of moments. He was very open and honest in his account of what led to the accident and how, if he had his time again would have spoken up and told his mate to slow down, he would have chosen not to get into that car after a big night out and just a few hours sleep.

Our hope is that through this very valuable course our students will learn to make the right choices when they are driving or even as a passenger in a car have the right strategies to speak up if they need to and that their road safety awareness has been heightened. An interesting statistic is the fact that the highest rate of road accidents is amongst Restricted Drivers.

Thank you to Mr Wilcox, Mr Ireland and Mrs Walsh for accompanying the Year 12 students to this workshop.



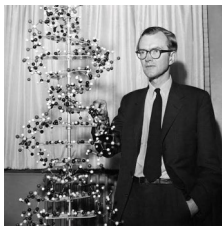
How emotions can affect our driving



Learning about Car Safety ratings and safety features

SCIENCE

Last week in 'Mad Scientist', Miss Smith's Year 9&10s were learning about kiwi scientist Maurice Wilkins, who played an important part in discovering the structure of DNA. Last week they extracted DNA from kiwi fruit. How cool!



The Year 7/8 students started their new unit last week called "Murder Mystery". They will be learning all about the skills needed to be a good forensic scientist! Special thanks to Miss Smith for taking the time to set the "Crime Scene" and planning/resourcing the unit!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As part of the Year 9 &10 'Defend Yourself' course, students have had the opportunity to try some beginner karate from Opihi College teacher, and black belt, Mr Eric Lindblom.



CAREERS

Our junior students participated in the "Inspiring the Future" event at Opihi College. Five visitors from different business backgrounds sat on the stage wearing mufti, and students asked careers based questions to try and ascertain the business/field these role models are in. A very interesting experience for our students!



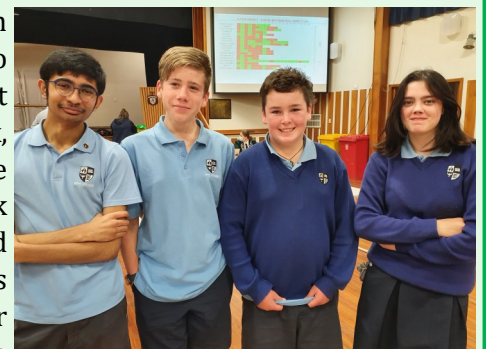
OPIHI COLLEGE AT AORAKI MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year Opihi College sent four teams to Aoraki Mathematics Competition at Timaru Boys. The selected students had a lunch time trial run where students that worked well moved through to the competition.

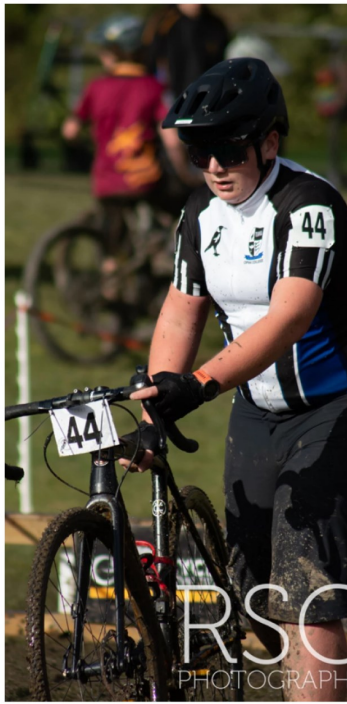
The competition involved more than twenty different schools with students from Ashburton down to Oamaru. The four teams that we sent showed great teamwork, communication and continued to strive for excellence. We would like to thank all the parents that brought and supported the students. The student's had a joyous time showing off their mathematical capacity. We can be proud of all students who participated.



Year 7 team -
George, Josh, Abigail & Sophie



Year 9 team -
Soham, Lachlan, Lachlan and Keisha-Mae.



CYCLING

South Island Secondary school cycling

Over the July school holidays year 8 student Zach Brookland participated in two South Island secondary schools cycling events, the first event road racing held in Christchurch. Zach took part in two events –in the first event, the individual time trial and road race he was placed 6th overall. The next event was cyclocross held in Timaru. Unfortunately Zach had a mechanical breakdown at the start of the race, but he managed to finish 9th. Zach enjoyed both events. Well done Zach!

BASKETBALL

Opihi College Orange Team

Another really strong basketball performance to finish the season off. This group of young ladies performed with excellence yet again rolling over the top of a strong St. Joseph's basketball team. The Opihi girls were outstanding both in defence and on attack with some great decisions being made to win this close and challenging game. The scores were all tied up with two minutes to play at 10 all! Then the girls put the foot down and put on three quick baskets to win this game convincingly.



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Reid Brazendale and Connor Bolt who made it into South Canterbury under 13 rep basketball teams.

BADMINTON

Aoraki Badminton

Four boys teams represented Opihi College on Thursday 11th August at the Aoraki Badminton



Competition held at Aorangi Stadium in Timaru. Students from Year 9 to 13 played. Many of the students played senior boys teams from teams around Timaru and as far away as St Kevins in Oamaru and Twizel Area School. The boys enjoyed the tournament with some very good games. To follow on from the competition and in preparation for the badminton festival at the end of term 4, we are running training and social badminton sessions on Tuesday lunchtimes for the rest of the year. Thanks Mr Goodman and Mr Ireland.



NETBALL

Aoraki Netball Tournament

Last weekend our tournament netball team travelled to Ashburton to play in the Aoraki Netball Tournament. The girls came up against some tough competition coming away with 3 losses and 1 win. They played to the best of their ability and represented our school well. Bring on SISS Tournament at the end of the month!

Thank you to Ms Coskerie for managing the team.



OPIHI COLLEGE SENIOR BALL

*Check our facebook page
for a full selection of photos*

