

# NEWS



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## SISS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

*31st August - 1st September*



Our team had an amazing four days at tournament this week. They started with two wins against South Westland and Twizel Area Schools on Monday, which placed them in the top half of the C Grade competition. The rest of the tournament saw them come up against some very challenging teams like Queen Charlotte College and Catholic Cathedral College. But they never gave up and played with determination and grit placing 8th out of 16. They finished the four days with bruises, grazes, sore limbs and even one broken ankle.



Our team consisted of Samantha Donehue (Year 9) GK, Soraya Henwood (Year 9) GS, Amber Cleverley (Year 10) GA/GD, Hazel Johnston (Year 11) WD/WA, Lexi Kellas (Year 11) WD/GK/GD, Rihanna Pairama (Year 11) C/GS, Grace Bennett (Year 12), C/WA/WD/GD, Ryleigh Davis (Year 12) C/WA/GD, Sophie Hall (Year 13) GS/GA/WA. I am so proud of these

girls and it was my absolute pleasure to go and be part of tournament with them.

Thank you to Anna McNoe, Lee-ann Cleverley, Michelle Darby, Karina Henwood, Tania Donehue, Lynette Cunningham and Lois Holland for helping out and supporting our girls, it is much appreciated.

*Cindy Coskerie*





## LIFE SKILLS

On Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th August Year 12 students participated in a Life Skills Course run by The Learning Place. The aim of the course is to prepare students to move into adulthood with confidence. The course developed their skills to make informed decisions, solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, build healthy relationships, empathise with others, and cope with and manage their life in a healthy and productive way. The students worked tirelessly throughout the two days and came away with lots of new life skills and thinking.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

<b>September</b>	5-7	Geography Field Trip <i>Mt Cook</i>
	6	NCEA Information Evening <i>6pm in the Taumatakahu Block</i>
	13	Ski Trip <i>Mt Hutt</i>
	15	'Opihi Live' 6pm
	20-23	Senior Assessment Week
	21	BOT Meeting
	26	South Canterbury Anniversary Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i> <i>School will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
	30	End of Term 3
<b>October</b>	17	Start of Term 4
	24	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i> <i>School will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
<b>November</b>	2	Study Leave begins for Senior Students
	7	NZQA Examinations begin
	25	NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day



## STUDENT VS STAFF CHALLENGE

The senior students have been competing against the staff on a series of lunchtime challenges with much hilarity. Congratulations to the Staff team on their win in the Badminton challenge last week. Congratulations again to the Staff team on their win in the Pictionary challenge this week. Good luck to all for the Dodgeball challenge next week!



## NCEA INFORMATION SESSION

**6pm Tuesday 6th September**  
**Taumatakahu building**



If your child is going to be in Year 11-13 next year, we invite you to come along to an NCEA Information Session. We will go through what NCEA looks like and have a question and answer session. *All welcome.*

## 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.

## NETBALL RAFFLE RESULTS

The lucky winners were:

*Claire Barning*  
*Rachael Ashley*  
*Maurice Manson*

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser for the netball tournament.





# SELF DEFENCE COURSE



Recently our Y8 girls participated in a 1 1/2 day self defence course run by the Women's Self Defence Network – Wāhine Toa. Our students learnt ways of dealing with unsafe people and situations and threats to their safety, such as dealing with acquaintance and stranger attacks, being followed, and issues relating to cyber safety. The course reinforced the students ability to think confidently, speak strongly and use their physical skills when necessary. Thanks to the kaiako (Anna) for running a valuable and informative course for our girls. Thankyou also to Miss Manson for her organisation.



## Hands-On at Otago

Whai Wheako i Ōtākou

15-20 January 2023

Sciences  
Humanities

Business  
Health Sciences

Experience a week of university life on our Dunedin campus for students in Year 12 or 13 in 2023.

AskOtago 0800 80 80 98  
Email [hands-on@otago.ac.nz](mailto:hands-on@otago.ac.nz)

Register online at [otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago](https://otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago)  
Applications close Thursday 8 September 2022



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### KOTAHITANGA TRIP

Kotahitanga is our big buddy mentoring programme at Opihi. Last week we had a blast down in Oamaru! (Made possible thanks to the generous support from the Timaru District Council). Thank you to Miss Haines, Miss Smith and Mr Ireland for their organisation of this trip.



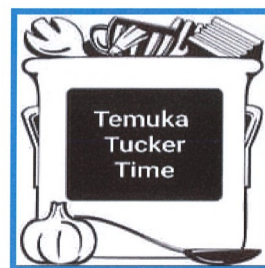
### BAND QUEST

Well done to all of the junior musicians who represented our school with Pride at the recent Bandquest competition in Christchurch:

*Jazmin Bool, Georgia Cater, Cassidy Crawshaw, Harli Hemara, Gracie Johnson, Alice Johnston, Hailey Thin and Freya Walsh.*

Mrs R would like to thank her students who have really inspired other students to take up music and join bands!

Thank You to Mrs Riabinkina and Mr Fleming for their assistance on this trip.



Free 'Potluck' meal

Every Thursday

(Starting 8th September 2022)

5pm till 7pm

At Temuka RSA

Creating a safe place to meet others

Everyone is welcome - families included

Gold coin donation appreciated but not expected

Run by volunteers from our community

Supporting Temuka