



AGRICULTURE AT OPIHI COLLEGE



AGRICULTURE FIELD TRIP

The Agriculture class enjoyed an outing to a farm neighbouring the school recently. Students were learning how to handle sheep and how to tail lambs. We are extremely grateful to Greg Uren and Rowdy Aitken for being so generous in letting our students be involved in their farming operation. Our students were so pleased to be able to work with both ewes and lambs and they were all experiencing tailing and how to do it safely and humanely.



The Agriculture class have also been busy helping to create their outdoor learning space by planting fruit trees this week. Grateful thanks to Turley Farms for their donation of apple trees for this area.

KIWI COMPETITIONS

Well Done to all of the students who participated in the Kiwi Maths, English and Science competitions recently.

Congratulations to:

Reid Brazendale	Achieved in English
Flame Brazendale	Achieved in English
Zach Brookland	Merit in Maths
Connor Gould	Achieved in Science
Alice Johnston	Achieved in English
Liliana Price-Burgess	Achieved in Maths Merit in Science Excellence in English
George Stratford	Achieved in Maths
Lachlan Stratford	Achieved in Maths
Ryan Williams	Merit in Maths Achieved in English
Jack Willis	Achieved in Maths

OPIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

After our recent election, the Board of Trustees has now met to form our new board. We would like to welcome:

Brendon Henwood	(Presiding Member)
Andrew Williams	(Deputy)
Trish Smith	
Tania Moir	
Toni Brazendale	
Vaughan Tarrant	
Adrian Cater	
Raquel Busson	(Staff Representative)
Jesiah Tinkler	(Student Representative)

At the board's next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 26th October 2022, the Board will be considering a proposal to change the Opihi College Board of Trustees constitution to 5 elected board members with Mid Term elections. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this meeting.

HOUSE TOKENS

This term has seen the introduction of our token reward system. When a student has shown our CARE values, they may receive a token from a staff member. The students then place their token into their house box. At the end of the term these tokens are counted and the winning house receives a reward. This term Aoraki house were the victors!

1st	Aoraki	535
2nd	Pacific	461
3rd	Opihi	422
4th	Rata	408

SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ava Christos-Pow who competed recently in the Year 7&8 South Canterbury Speech Competition. She represented our college with excellence and confidence at the South Canterbury Y7/8 speech competition. Her performance was ka rawe! (awesome).



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

September	30	End of Term 3
October	17	Start of Term 4
	24	Labour Day Statutory Holiday School will be closed for instruction on this day
	25 -26	OED camp to Castle Hill and Craigieburn
	26	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
	31	School photos
November	2	Study Leave begins for Senior Students
	7	NZQA Examinations begin
	11	Canterbury Anniversary Day Statutory Holiday School will be closed for instruction on this day
	17	Science Roadshow
	21	NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day
	25	NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day

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 as soon as possible.



Our Agriculture class mastering a lasso in class recently

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM



After consultation with students, staff and whanau the Opihi College Uniform Committee have reviewed our school uniform code. There were recommendations for some changes which the Board of Trustees have now approved. Some small updates have been made to our uniform policy, and an updated copy of the uniform code is included in this newsletter. These updates will take effect from Term 4 of this year.

A summary of these changes are:

- **Shoes:** Students can now wear leather and non leather plain black shoes with enclosed toes. Please note the whole shoe must be plain black.
- **Hair:** Students can now wear their hair out, except for Health and Safety reasons.
- **Taonga:** Students can now wear taonga outside clothing, except for Health and Safety reasons.
- **Earrings:** Students can now wear studs of any colour, but they must be studs.

Blazers -to come into effect January 2023

- Compulsory blazer to be worn by all Year 13 students
- Highly recommended blazer to be worn by all Year 11 and Year 12 students

From the end of this year, students will be able to purchase blazers or hire a blazer from Opihi College. Costs and details for purchasing and hiring blazers will be available next term.



OPIHI LIVE

Well done to all of the Opihi College musicians who performed at our 'Opihi Live' concert last week. It was full of rock and raw teenage energy!



A great day at Mt Hutt recently for our students on the annual Opihi College ski trip! Thank you to Miss Henderson, Mr Goodman and Mr Wilcox for accompanying them on this trip.



Our Year 10 Health Class enjoyed a visit to the Timaru Indoor Bowls Association to learn how to play indoor bowls recently.



Our Year 9/10 Turf Wars class enjoying our turf in the sun

Ophi College Uniform – School Regulations 2022

Junior Uniform (Years 7-10)

Tops

- Mid-blue polo shirt with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft-shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water-resistant jacket.

Bottoms

- Navy blue dress shorts (not cargo style)
- Inverted 2-pleat navy skirt
- Navy blue skort
- Long black dress trousers
- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt

Socks

- White or black turn over top ankle socks (not sports socks)
- Black stockings
- Black over the knee socks (**to be worn with kilt/skirt only and must look like tights, therefore not visible as socks**)
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop



Senior Uniform (Years 11-13)

Tops

- White straight hem, short sleeve, collar band, shirt
- White long sleeve, collar band shirt (must be tucked in)
- Dark Royal, V-necked, long sleeved jersey with school crest
- Dark Royal, V-necked, vest with school crest
- Black soft-shell jacket with crest; or any plain black water-resistant jacket
- School blazer and tie. *This is compulsory for Year 13 students; and highly recommended for Year 11 & 12 students.*

Bottoms

- Navy blue dress shorts (*not cargo style*)
- Inverted pleat skirt navy
- Long black dress trousers
- "Blue Watch" tartan kilt



Socks

- White or black turn over top ankle socks (*not sports socks*)
- Black stockings
- Black over the knee socks (**to be worn with kilt/skirt only and must look like tights, therefore not visible as socks**)
- School socks - dark grey with black, blue and white hoop

Uniform items are only available from SchoolTex online, The Warehouse Timaru or the College Office.

Other items - Junior and Senior

- All students to wear **black shoes of a plain design with enclosed toes**. They must be shoes, not boots. They must comply with Health and Safety requirements for protection of the foot in technology and science areas.
- Students are strongly advised to wear a plain black or navy-blue bucket hat or cap in warm weather. Both styles can be purchased from the school office.
- Plain navy blue or black beanies and scarves may be worn outside.
- PE uniform - Opihi College PE shirt with black shorts. A change of socks is to be worn with gym shoes. *(The P.E. shirts are only available to purchase through the school office.)*



Personal Presentation – School Regulations

These regulations apply to all students.

- Hair must be clean, tidy (out of eyes) and of a natural hair colour. Plain elastic hair ties must be in school/hair colours. (Blue, black, brown and white.) Facial hair must be tidy and well groomed – no beards.
- A Taonga or other item of religious or cultural significance may be worn. It is to be removed for health and safety reasons as required.
- Students may only wear plain stud earrings in their ears at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. No facial or tongue piercings. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Make-up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn with school uniform.

The school uniform is to be worn correctly and neatly at all times.

Gateway and Careers Term 3

During Term 3 Opihi has continued to provide many different and exciting career and gateway opportunities for all of our tamariki.

This term is important for our senior students who are looking to go to university or find employment. We have taken a number of senior students to open days at Otago University/Otago Polytechnic and University of Canterbury. We have assisted our students in scholarships, halls of residence

and course applications. Course delegates from Ara, Otago and Canterbury have come to Opihi to assist our students with their course selections. We are extremely proud of a number of our Year 12 students who have been successful in gaining apprenticeships or full time employment.



Year 11 at the South Canterbury Expo

Without their kindness and guidance our students would not be able to gain these valuable experiences.

Careers at Opihi have also been very busy this term. Our Year 11 - 13 had a visit from Jason at Go Tourism, who spoke about all the exciting vocational opportunities within the tourism sector. The students had the opportunity to use



Year 12 students at RYDA Course

VR headsets and experience some of the extreme tourism adventures on our own back door. Opihi held its first Inspiring the Future event for all Year 7-10 students. It was great to see all our students engaged and asking such

awesome questions to the 6 candidates on the stage. They guessed a multitude of jobs and were amazed when the candidates came back dressed in their normal work outfits. Year 9 - 13 students had a talk from Jeremy at BCITO. We took all of our Year 12 students to RYDA - responsible road citizens course at Levels Raceway. I was really impressed with the many demonstrations and workshops that help to teach our teenagers what responsible driving means. Presently, we have a number of Year 12 and 13 students participating in a defensive driving programme. Our Year 11 students participated in the South Canterbury Expo at the Aoraki Stadium in Timaru. This exciting event allowed our students to talk to a number of different industries and gauge a flavour of what their roles and responsibilities are.



Year 11 at the South Canterbury Expo

This is an incredible achievement and a huge thanks to our tamariki and kaiako for their ongoing support.

I look forward to organising a lot more opportunities in the near future.

Mr Wilcox
Careers Advisor



Year 7 - 10 experiencing 'Inspiring the Future'



Senior Students participating in the Defensive Driving Course



Jacob Spivey starting his full time position at Pak N Save

30 Year 9-10 students went a to a Junior Sector Day at ARA. Students have also been at forklift driving courses, ARA Taster Days of Sparky, Builder, Early Childhood, Senior Art and Design and Barista Dual Enrolment. Year 12 students took part on a Life Skills course and Year 13 students on a Health and Safety at work course.



Mitchell and Jamie wearing VR during the Go Tourism talk

GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO MT COOK



The Opihi College Geography students had a very informative trip to Mt Cook in September. Students took part in some very interesting education sessions with DOC staff at the Mt Cook visitor centre and at various locations around the park, learning about glacier formation and also the impacts of tourism on our national parks.

They undertook some day tramps to very scenic locations such as the Hooker Glacier and Red Tarns, and enjoyed a scenic flight to view Mt Cook and land on the Tasman Glacier in perfect conditions.

Thank you to our Geography teacher Mr Goodman for arranging this trip for our students.



Not Fast But Furious Brazier & BBQ

Made of recycled iron

Custom colours

Offers over \$100

Some of our Year 9 & 10 students have been busy creating businesses:

The "Not Fast but Furious Brazier and BBQ" company are selling bespoke iron BBQ's which can also be used as a brazier.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these handmade BBQ's please contact the school office.



REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

To report a student's absence parents are able to contact us by:

- Leaving an answerphone message on our Absence Line on 6157 442; or
- Sending a text to 027 317 7512

Please note that some of the numbers used by our computer system expire after a length of time, so in the event of a parent or caregiver replying to an old text notification the school may **not** receive the message.

We are required by the MOE to code all absences according to reason on our attendance records (eg. Holiday, Medical, Off site course, etc), so please remember to include a reason for your child's absence in your message so that we can be as accurate as possible.

Thank You

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

Priority for Community Dental Service appointments during the school break will be for immediate dental needs at the following clinics:

- Woolston Community Dental Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Christchurch
- Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch
- Timaru Community Dental Clinic, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru

To access these appointments, call our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 noting that priority is given to children with immediate dental needs. For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

TEMUKA GOLF CLUB TWILIGHT GOLF

We would like to welcome golfers of all ages and abilities to our Tuesday night social competition!

Season begins Tuesday 11th October 2022



ALL WELCOME!
You do not need to have a handicap or be a Temuka Golf Club member

9 hole competition – Stableford competition, and Lucky Draws for players without handicaps.

Tee off between 5 and 6pm – Play in your own group, or meet at 4.45pm and we will arrange a group for you. Competition will run every Tuesday night until March 2023. Enter at the clubhouse on the night.

Entry fee \$8 per person (includes complimentary snack in the clubhouse afterwards).



Any queries please phone:
Ian 022 676 3551
Robyn 021 073 4663
Sharyn 027 911 8680

Check the Temuka Golf Facebook page for updates



Harold has a new book!

Who ever heard of a stripey giraffe!

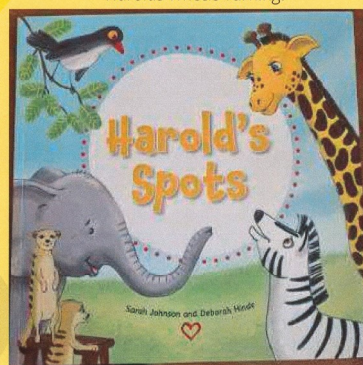
Harold has always had spots. Until Oxpecker decides to do something about them.

Will Harold still be Harold without his spots?

An uplifting story about learning to love the skin you are in - spots and all

\$20 per book

Profits from the sale of this book go to Life Education Trust Mid & South Canterbury, to keep Harold's Wheels Turning!



A great book for all ages!!

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LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold