



JUNIOR RUGBY AT OPIHI COLLEGE



On Wednesday 19th October Opihi College in conjunction with the South Canterbury Rugby Union were pleased to hold a Year 7&8 Rugby 10s Tournament here at Opihi College. A fantastic day was had, and Opihi College were proud to host this on our magnificent grounds. We had teams from surrounding South Canterbury schools visit including Mackenzie, Geraldine, Waimate, Pleasant Point, Gleniti, Bluestone, Timaru South, St Josephs Timaru and St Josephs Temuka.

Opihi College junior students Harper Davidson, Regan Dickson, Regan Larsen, Carter Henwood, Alex Smith, Sam Coskerie, Keisha Griffin, Anaya Mana, Benji Shields, Nevaeha Heather, Connor Bolt, George Casey, Josh Leonard and Chloe Gunderson represented our school with passion and pride in all of their games. Grateful thanks to the South Canterbury Rugby Union and our Sports Co-ordinator Anna McNoe for their organisation of this event, Opihi College ground staff Mr Mattingly and Mr Mills for their preparation of the grounds, Opihi College teacher Mr Wilcox who ably assisted with umpiring, and all of the enthusiastic spectators who came along to support the junior players.



FAREWELL

Last week we farewelled our Librarian Kim Humphrey who has left Opihi College to begin a position in another sector. We would like to thank Kim for all the contributions she has made to Opihi College over the last three years as Librarian this year, and as our Attendance Officer prior to that.

Best of luck in your new role Kim!



WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome the following new students to our school:

Esther Harrison

River Lang

Elizabeth Ready

Katara Joe

Kaya Thompson

Reef Thompson

Kati Tye

Lean Vinas

Cooper Wells

Jake Wells

Teawanui Thompson

We hope you all enjoy your time here!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

November	7	NZQA Examinations begin
	17	Science Roadshow
	18	School Photo orders due
	18	'Colossal Squid' Trip South Canterbury Museum
	21	NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day <i>Please note there will not be any classes on this day</i>
	22	Surfing trip Year 9/10 PE Class, Timaru
	23	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
	25	NZQA Accord Teacher Only Day <i>Please note there will not be any classes on this day</i>
	29 to 2 Dec	Year 7 camp Raincliff
	5	High Ropes Course trip Year 9/10 PE class, Christchurch

OPIHI COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY

We invite you to celebrate your child / children's success with us and your whanau and friends by attending our Opihi College Awards Ceremony. The ceremony is to be held at **7.00pm on Thursday 8th December 2022** and we are hoping to use our school assembly hall. In order for us to arrange the most suitable venue for this event, we would like an indication of the number of guests who would like to attend due to us having limited seating in the hall.

We will also be live streaming the Awards Ceremony.

If you would like to attend the Opihi College Awards Ceremony in person, please respond by e-mailing the school at office@opihicollege.school.nz, or phoning the school office on 03 6157 442, with the number of guests you expect to join you as soon as possible.

OPIHI COLLEGE CUPS AND TROPHIES

Could all Opihi College cups and trophies please be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

KOLOURCARE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo order envelopes have been handed out to all junior students. Order envelopes for senior students, and spare photo order envelopes, are available at the school office for senior students to collect.

If you wish to make an order please return the envelope with payment to the school office **by Friday 18th November**. We apologise for the short time frame for return, but we need to have the orders processed and returned ready to distribute before the end of the school year.

PPTA PAID UNION MEETING

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 30th November 2022**, there is to be a PPTA Paid Union Meeting which our teaching staff are eligible to attend.

We are aware of the implications for families of closing the school for an afternoon so soon after the two Ministry of Education mandated Teacher Only Days on Monday 21st November and on Friday 25th November, and thus have decided that **Opihi College will remain open on this day**. However, with the absence of some of our teaching staff, we may need to make some slight alterations to normal learning for our junior students on this afternoon. This will not affect the Year 7 students who are on camp that week.

OPIHI COLLEGE BLAZERS

From 2023, blazers will be compulsory for all Year 13 students and highly recommended for Years 11 and 12. As a means of reducing the expense of a school blazer, the school offers the opportunity to 'rent' a blazer from the end of January until approximately the end of October. The costs involved are to cover the cost of maintaining the blazers and are to be seen as a cost-effective way for families to have their student in the correct uniform for the year.

The conditions of rental are:

- A refundable deposit of \$75 is paid to the school prior to issuing a blazer.
- The monthly rental charge of \$5 per month is paid in advance. This can be paid by automatic payment on the 1st of each month or at the start of each term.
- The blazer is returned in good tidy condition having been dry cleaned and with the cleaning tags still attached.
- Blazers returned by 30th October in the condition described above will have a full refund of the \$75 deposit charged.

Senior students will be re-issued with their blazer for the Awards Evening and will be expected to return them to the school at the conclusion of the event that night.

For families who wish to purchase a new blazer, these will also be available from the school office at a cost of \$200. New blazers will be available when the office reopens in January 2023. We also have a limited supply of pre-loved blazers available for purchase at our school office.

From Tuesday October 25th, we will have a full range of sizes available for students to try on. We will only have the full set for a few weeks, so we encourage students to come and try one on before they go on study leave.

We would like to remind all senior students to come into the office to arrange either rental or purchase of a blazer as soon as possible, as the samples will need to be returned to the supplier soon.



Our Senior Outdoor Education class enjoyed a trip to Castle Hill where they enjoyed tramping, climbing and caving. Thank you Mr Grace, Mr Ireland and Mrs McNoe for assisting them on this trip.





INTERHOUSE NETBALL COMPETITION

Opihi took home the Netball cup in our inter-house competition, closely followed by Pacific.
A great afternoon of competitive fun!



ATHLETICS

The Aoraki Secondary Schools Athletics meet was held on Sunday 30th October in Timaru. What a fantastic event! I had the pleasure of watching two of our girls compete - Grace Bennett and Ryleigh Davis. The girls had a successful day in the heats. Ryleigh won her Javelin for the Under 19 girls, and Grace was 2nd in Under 19 Girls 100m, 2nd in the Long Jump, 3rd in the 200m and 4th in the Triple Jump. Congratulations to both girls! *Anna McNoe, Sports Co-ordinator*



Well done to Brody Cattermole who recently competed as a Co-driver in the World Rally Championships held in Auckland.



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Sincere thanks for supporting this endeavour. Please follow along on social media and spread the word amongst your community!

All the very best and happy shopping!



YEAR 13 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

Our Year 13 students farewelled the staff at the final assembly where they arranged quizzes and special awards with much hilarity. The Year 13 students also assisted with some re-decoration of the school.



AGRICULTURE

Opihi College Agriculture students have been busy planting fruit trees that have just arrived from Zelandia. Zelandia Christchurch have kindly donated two cherry trees, two pear trees, two apricot trees and two peach trees. These will be wonderful in the orchard along with the apple trees that have been donated by the Turley family.

A big **Thank You** for the community support in assisting us to put together a very good horticultural teaching area, a place where Opihi College students can work and learn from hands-on experiences.



BAY CITY BIG BAND

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN REHEARSAL

NOVEMBER 16th 2022

If you play saxophone, trumpet or trombone or Piano, Guitar, Bass or Drums and would like to experience playing with a jazz band come along!

Join us at the Alpine Energy Timaru Brass Band Rehearsal rooms, next to the courthouse on North street.

REHEARSAL RUNS FROM 7.00 until 8.30

Music will be supplied, just bring your instrument and enthusiasm. Parents and friends welcome to stay and listen.

*** More suited to those who have been learning for two years or more***

Call or Message Dean to book a spot 027 597 7675

PROGRAMME FOR THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AT OPIHI COLLEGE

Thursday 8th December

Please note that the canteen will not be open on this day and school lunches will not be provided, so students need to bring their own food.

8:45am - Year 7 – 10 students arrive in full school uniform and go to Whanau, then normal P1 class.

10:45am - Year 11 – 13 students arrive at school in full school uniform

11:00am - Guest Speaker, Jake Bailey, former Christchurch Boys High School Head Student

11:45am - Break

12:15pm - Whanau

12:30pm - Day Awards Assembly

1:30pm - Students released. Student Leadership Team to remain and meet with SLT.

Buses will run at normal time. If bus students wish to remain at school following the Day Awards Assembly, they are able to do so, and we will provide supervision for them in the Library.

6:50pm - All students seated in school hall for Awards Ceremony. Full school uniform required

7:00pm - Awards Ceremony starts.



Harold has a new book!
Who ever heard of a stripey giraffe!

Harold has always had spots.
Until Oxepecker 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!



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NOVEMBER 20th 2022, 11 AM
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**\$20 PER PERSON,
10 WARM UP BALLS
10 COMPETITION BALLS**

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th 2022 11 am
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