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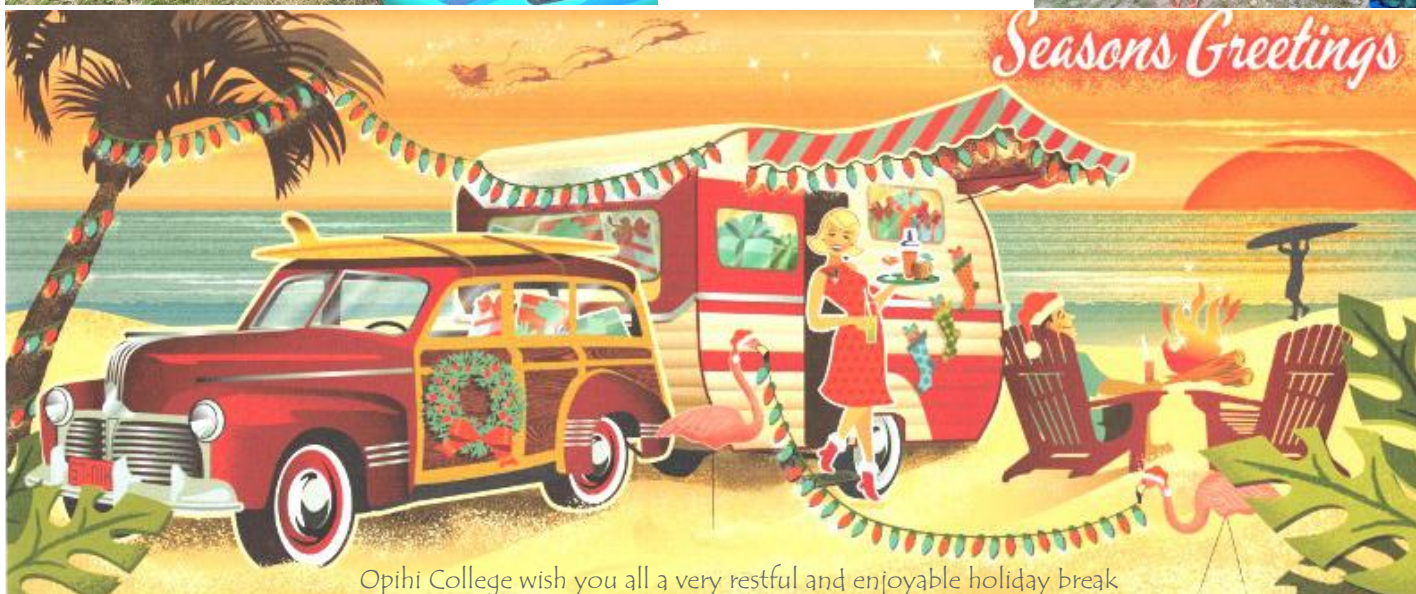
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RAINCLIFF CAMP 2022

Our Year 7 students have been enjoying their camp at Raincliff this week, with many interesting activities over the four days. They have particularly enjoyed using our brand new Paddle Boards and Kayaks! Opihi College would like to thank the Aotearoa Gaming Trust for their support with the purchase of these.

Thank you also to the helpers who made this camp possible - Miss Haines, Miss Manson, Miss Coskerie, Mrs Meechang, Mr Ireland, Mr Mattingly, Mr Smith, Mr Goodman, Miss Smith, Adrian Cater, Andrew Russell and all of the student helpers.



Opihi College wish you all a very restful and enjoyable holiday break

PROGRAMME FOR THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AT OPIHI COLLEGE

Thursday 8th December 2022

Please note that school lunches will not be provided on this day.
The canteen will now be open or students need to bring their own food on this day (if they do not wish to buy from the canteen).

- 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.



Opihi College students have been busy helping to make new planter boxes and paint the fence in the new Agricultural outdoor area this week. Good job!

OPIHI COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY

We look forward to celebrating your child / children's success with you and your whanau and friends when attending, or viewing on line, our Opihi College Awards Ceremony. The ceremony is to be held at **7.00pm on Thursday 8th December 2022** in our school assembly hall at Opihi College.

An e-mail will be sent out next week with the Live Stream link on it.

If you have booked for tickets to attend our Awards Ceremony, these will be handed out to junior students on Monday 5th December; and senior students will receive them on the morning of Thursday 8th December 2022.

FAREWELL

This year we are sadly farewelling four staff members:



Ms Griffiths

Ms Griffiths is retiring from teaching to work on a new venture. Ms Griffiths has taught mathematics at Opihi College since 2012. We thank Ms Griffiths for her very long and invaluable service at Opihi College. Good luck for your next adventure!

Miss Muirson

Miss Muirson is departing (again!) to move out of the district with her family. We thank her for her hard work teaching Science at Opihi College since 2015, and wish her all the very best!



Mrs Cowan

Mrs Cowan has completed her fixed term appointment for this year as part of our teaching team. She has been a wonderful help to our English Department. We thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her all the best for the future!

Ms Butler

Mrs Butler has also completed her fixed term appointment. Mrs Butler has been assisting teaching our Technology classes since 2020, and we will all miss her wonderful baking! We thank her for her passion in the technology area and wish her all the best for the future.



HEAD LICE

There has been a reported case of headlice at the school. Please check your child's hair.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2022

November	29 to 2 Dec	Year 7 camp <i>Raincliff</i>
December	5	High Ropes Course trip <i>Year 9/10 PE class, Christchurch</i>
	6	Hiking Trip at Lake Tekapo <i>Year 9/10 PE Class</i>
	8	Awards Ceremony <i>Last Day of School</i>



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

January	26	School office opens <i>Hours may vary—please check our facebook page for details</i>
	31	Course Confirmation <i>Year 9-13 by appointment</i>
February	1-2	Year 7 Orientation Days
	2	Orientation Day for New students Years 8-13
	3	Whole School starts
	6	Waitangi Day Statutory Holiday <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	8-10	Leadership Camp

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 1

Friday 3rd February to Thursday 6th April 2023.

Term 2

Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June 2023

Please note Opihi College will be closed on Monday April 24th, with statutory holiday ANZAC day on Tuesday April 25th 2023.

Term 3

Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September 2023

Term 4

Monday 9 October to 13 December 2023

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Opihi College are still 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.



CROSS COUNTRY RELAY

On Tuesday 22nd November, four of our Year 7/8 boys attended the Caroline Bay Relay. Benji Shields, Regan Dickson, Michael Shannon, and River Wadsworth each ran extremely well as they took home 5th place out of all Year 5-10 teams. Our boys showed wonderful sportsmanship and represented our Opihi College C.A.R.E values with pride.

Ka mau te wehi!



RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The 9/10 Rippa Rugby boys had a good day out at Caroline Bay as part of the junior tournament week. They won 2 games, lost 1 and drew 1. They also won the 4x30m relay race and scored some cool bucket hats. I commend the boys for representing Opihi College in such a positive manner. We're looking forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

Mr Gerber

SCIENCE ROADSHOW COMES TO TEMUKA

In November Opihi College hosted the Science Roadshow in our hall. The Science Roadshow was a fun, exciting and interactive learning experience of science for children. The Roadshow included live shows and hands-on exhibits that broaden students knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It strongly supports the Nature of Science strand and the Five Foundational Science Capabilities. There are six main themes for this years roadshow:

Astronomy - Te mātai arorangi, Ecology and the Environment - Te hauropi me te taiao, Gravity -Te tō-ā-papa, Heat -Te pōkākā, Human Lab - Te taiwhanga whakamātau āheinga tangata and Sound -Te oro.



Junior students from Opihi College, along with many other local primary schools who visited, experienced two live shows which are performed by the facilitators. The students

also had the opportunity to interact with the many exhibits and science experiments.

Thank you Mrs Robson for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Happy Holidays



SURF, ROPES AND FOREST

Our Year 9&10 'Surf, Ropes and Forest' PE class enjoyed a recent outing to Caroline Bay to learn how to surf.

Students will also be going on outings to the High Ropes course at the Adrenaline Forest in Christchurch and hiking at Lake Tekapo next month as part of this PE course.

Many thanks to Miss Haines, Mr Wilcox and Mr Ireland.



HOUSE ACTIVITY MORNING

In November our junior students enjoyed competing in a House Activity morning, with a Photo Race (where students visited locations around the school to complete challenges at each one), Big Ball Soccer, Charades and a Kahoot quiz.

Congratulations to the winners:
1st Rata

Thank you to Hazel Johnston for arranging this.



SCOTT BASE MINECRAFT EDUCATION

In Term 3, **'The 3rd Dimension'** Digital Technology students were offered an amazing opportunity to work on the interior design elements of the Minecraft Education version of the new Scott Base. Our students at Opihi College took on a lead role as a dedicated group of secondary students to complete the interior spaces that are modelled on the three buildings which will be built in Timaru over the next five years.



The exterior of the buildings had already been created by students from some of the other schools in our Kahui Ako. Our students at Opihi College detailed and rearranged internal spaces based on the scale of the building.

They used the architect's designs and worked out the scale and began to build the interior.

Each week the version the students had been working on was shared online with Wilj Dekkers (Project Manager at ImpactEd) so that he could check their progress and advise of any changes that needed to be made. The students worked on the project during their Digital Technology lessons and then in Term 4 during their lunchtimes and Wilj was able to review, advise and be impressed with their work.

There were times when they realised that the detail of the floor plans did not translate directly to the Minecraft platform but with Wilj only a phone call away the students were able to collectively make decisions and move forward to complete this outstanding authentic local project.

With the collaboration of the students at the other schools, they have built the equivalent of a nine thousand square metre building.



On Wednesday 23 November 2022, the students were invited to celebrate their achievements as Venture Timaru hosted 'An Evening Of Scott Base.' This was well attended at both the afternoon session which was open to representatives from all schools in the Timaru district and the evening session

which was ticket holders only. There were over 400 guests in the audience to hear about the redevelopment and what this means for the Timaru district. Guest speakers included the Mayor Nigel Bowen, Megan Nicholl, Simon Shelton from Antarctica New Zealand, Iain Miller from Leighs Construction Ltd, Dr Inga Smith University of Otago, and Wilj Dekkers from ImpactEd were all delighted with the work of Opihi College and some others across the Kahui Ako.

Minecraft:EE Scott Base will be turned into an educational resource used to teach students about the work that is carried out in Antarctica. Schools around the world will learn about New Zealand's place in Antarctica.

Whilst the students have been working on such a large project they have developed important skills such as collaboration and working within a team both in person and file management through cloud services. They have been given a taste of what it is like to work in Technology. The students have developed abilities including working in teams and effective communication. We are so proud of our ākongo, they have worked with diligence, dedication and through their lunchtimes to finish this project.

Not to be left out, some of our Year 7 and 8 students were also involved in the Minecraft:EE Scott Base project. As Wilj Dekkers alluded to when he spoke at the presentation, Minecraft does not feature the Adèle penguin. With this in mind, Wilj of ImpactED created a challenge for Year 7 and 8 students. Using a programme called Blockbench, their challenge was to create an Adèle penguin that would then be added to the Scott Base Minecraft Education programme with the student's name to be added to the list of credits. We were delighted to find out that the winning penguin design is the creation of one of our Year 7 students, Ava Christos Pow.



Huge congratulations Ava and to all of the team involved in such an amazing project.

Wilj Dekkers of ImpactED was interviewed for One News where he discussed the project and the Kahui Ako's involvement. Ava's penguin featured in the article where Wilj congratulated the Year 7 student from Opihi College.

If you would like to view the news story follow the link provided on our facebook page.



PB4L NEWS

There is an air of anticipation as Term Four draws to a close. The students at Opihi College are eager to learn which house has won the Term Four C.A.R.E Token Challenge.



At the end of Term Three, Aoraki were the lucky winners of the first-ever C.A.R.E Token Challenge and their rewards were well received. Jake, a Year 9 student stated that the rewards were awesome. The winning house had been rewarded with a Dominos pizza for whanau lunch, chips and a chocolate bar, and a movie on the last afternoon and was able to wear mufti clothes for the week. "The suspense is killing me, I want to know who is winning," exclaimed Tony. Damien a student from Opihi voiced his concerns that the same house might win again. The tokens will be counted Thursday 1st December and the winners will be announced soon after.



CONGRATULATIONS

Tumai Jones performed at a concert and won the Midland Masonic Music Scholarship which was amazing. Following that, Tumai along with Riley Cornelius performed his song for us all in assembly. The students and staff were amazed with both of their talent!! They were absolutely incredible!

Kyle Ferguson performed as part of the Temuka Pipe Band at the recent Christmas parade. Well done Kyle!



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dental service



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Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental clinics are closing from 20/12/22 to 30/01/23
- We have limited appointments available over the Holiday period 21/12/22 to 27/01/23.
- Please call 0800 846 983 or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.

LEARN AND PLAY GOLF AT TEMUKA GOLF CLUB FOR JUNIORS

THURSDAYS 3.45 AT COURSE DOMAIN AVENUE TEMUKA

OPEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE PLAYED GOLF OR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GO.

THERE WILL BE COACHING SESSIONS AND PLAYING ON THE COURSE CLUBS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED

PLEASE EMAIL temukagolf@outlook.co.nz or 0276368879



**TEMUKA TOOT
FOR TUCKER**

**Tuesday 6th December 2022
6pm-8pm**

SUPPORT THE FOOD BANKS

With the Temuka Emergency Services

Donations of non perishable goods for the Temuka Food Bank gratefully received.

Leave them by your letterbox or pop out when the vehicles come around your neighbourhood on the 6th.

Drop off point on the night is at the Fire Station - Or prior to the event into Temuka New World

Temuka Food Bank Ph or text - 027 501 3636
"Toot For Tucker" Contact—Hamish 021 234 9733

OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



PE Tops

White Blouses
White Shirts

All \$40



OPIHI COLLEGE VESTS



A full range of new Opihi College uniform is available in store and on line from The Warehouse.

The Opihi College office hold a range of pre-loved uniform items. Please pop in during office hours to view these items. Our range is constantly changing and it is recommended that you bring your child with you to try items on for size.



HATS
Caps, beanies
or bucket hats
All \$10



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.



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STATIONERY

Opihi College 2023 stationery lists are available on our website. Office Max are able to deliver stationery packs directly to families - please order via their website.

The school office sells a limited range of stationery. We have the following items available for purchase all year:

1B8 Exercise books	\$1.40
1E8 Exercise books	\$1.40
Clever Kiwi exercise books	\$3.00
School Diaries	\$4.00
Pens & Pencils	.50 c



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