

# NEWS



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## WELCOME TO OPIHI COLLEGE FOR 2023



### Introducing our Opihi College 2023 Head Students

Amelia Holland, Jordyn Morris & Grace Bennett

Opihi College would like to welcome two new staff members to our school this year:



**Ms Emily Wingham** will be teaching in our Science Department. Ms Wingham has moved to the district from Christchurch.

**Ms Cath Gilson** has been appointed as our new Librarian.

Ms Gilson is a very experienced Librarian who has come to us from the Timaru District Library.



*Welcome to you both—we hope you enjoy your time here!*

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Opihi College are proud to congratulate all of their 2022 Award Winners:*

**Calan Meechang** was awarded the Comer Cup for top academic scholar in Year 13 and Dux of Opihi College. He also won the Jack Robinson Cup for Industry in the Senior School, Outstanding Attainment in English and a Dowell's Office Product Award, Outstanding Attainment in Mathematics with Calculus and a Millar Engineering Award, Outstanding Attainment in Mathematics with Statistics and Science; The NuLake Mathematics Cup for Excellence in Senior Mathematics; the Senior Science Trophy for Outstanding Attainment in Senior Sciences and the Temuka Plumbing Award.



**Emily Wells** was awarded the Burrough Family Cup for Proxime Accessit, Runner up to the Dux. She also won the Walker Family Trophy Exemplar for the student who embodies the best of what is required in a well rounded Opihi College Leaver; The Temuka School Centenary Cup for Contribution to the School.

***Well done to all of our award winners!***

# OPIHI COLLEGE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## PRINCIPAL Mr Tony Robson



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Assistant Principal	Mrs Rose	<a href="mailto:roseb@opihicollege.school.nz">roseb@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Assistant Principal	Mr Grace	<a href="mailto:graces@opihicollege.school.nz">graces@opihicollege.school.nz</a>

### HOUSE DEANS

Aoraki	Mr Boon	<a href="mailto:boonj@opihicollege.school.nz">boonj@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Rata	Mr Wilcox	<a href="mailto:wilcoxs@opihicollege.school.nz">wilcoxs@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Opihi	Ms Busson	<a href="mailto:bussonr@opihicollege.school.nz">bussonr@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Pacific	Mr Gerber	<a href="mailto:gerberf@opihicollege.school.nz">gerberf@opihicollege.school.nz</a>

### FACULTY HEADS

Art & Technology	Mr Peters	<a href="mailto:peterse@opihicollege.school.nz">peterse@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
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PE / Health	Miss Haines	<a href="mailto:hainess@opihicollege.school.nz">hainess@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Science	Miss Smith	<a href="mailto:smithj@opihicollege.school.nz">smithj@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Humanities	Ms Rachael Mortimer	<a href="mailto:mortimerr@opihicollege.school.nz">mortimerr@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
Year 7 & 8	Miss Manson	<a href="mailto:mansonk@opihicollege.school.nz">mansonk@opihicollege.school.nz</a>

Bus Controller	TBC	
NZQA Nominee	Ms Henderson	<a href="mailto:hendersonv@opihicollege.school.nz">hendersonv@opihicollege.school.nz</a>
School Counsellor	Mr Sharp	<a href="mailto:sharpj@opihicollege.school.nz">sharpj@opihicollege.school.nz</a>



## Opihi College Whanau Groups 2023

Aoraki Mr Jonathan Boon BN

7/8 AWM Miss Emily Wingham  
9/10 AMO Ms Rachael Mortimer  
Senior AMY Mrs Denise Medley

Opihi Miss Raquel Busson BR

7/8 ORA Mrs Tatiana Riabinkina  
9/10 OPT Mr Eric Peters  
Senior OHS Miss Amanda Haines

Pacific Mr Ferdinand Gerber GF

7/8 PYE Mrs Kimi Yeferni  
9/10 PGD Mr Simon Goodman  
Senior PLM Mr Eric Lindblom

Rata Mr Stuart Wilcox WX

7/8 RGN Mrs Nicole Gerber  
9/10 RMS Mr David Mills  
Senior RMN Miss Kate Manson

### Pastoral

Each student at Opihi College is placed into one of our four houses – Aoraki, Pacific, Opihi and Rata. Their Whanau teacher (listed at the bottom of their timetable) is your first port of call if you need assistance with anything. Our teachers' emails can be found on our school website, or in this newsletter. If you need further assistance, please contact your child's Dean:

Aoraki – Mr Boon Pacific – Mr Gerber  
Opihi – Miss Busson Rata – Mr Wilcox



**OPIHI COLLEGE**

P O Box 175 Temuka 7948, New Zealand

### School Board Elections

#### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of ONE parent representative to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on **30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

Signed

Sharyn Patrick

Returning Officer

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

<b>February</b>	6	Waitangi Day <b>Statutory Holiday</b> <i>School closed for instruction</i>
	7	Mihi Whakatau
	8-10	Leadership Camp
	13-14	Gateway First Aid course
	15	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
	21	School Photos
	24	Biology Trip - Rocky Shore <i>Level 2 Biology</i>
	27-28	Gateway Health and Safety Course
<b>March</b>	1	Canterbury University visit Opihi College
	2	Opihi College Athletics
	3	<i>Opihi College Athletics postponement date</i>

## TERM DATES FOR 2023

### Term 1

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Term 2

Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June 2023

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

### Term 3

Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September 2023

### Term 4

Monday 9 October to 13 December 2023

## PPTA Industrial Action

As you may be aware the PPTA (main secondary school teachers union) are currently involved in industrial action. This may affect the schools day to day running with either strike days, or our ability to cover some classes due to an internal relief ban. We will keep you updated of any developments.



**WELCOME  
BACK TO SCHOOL**

## Contact Details

It is very important that your contact details are kept accurate and up to date. All caregivers of current students have this week received a login to go into our KAMAR portal (our Student Management System). Please log into this portal and check that all your details are correct with particular emphasis on phone numbers and email addresses.

This week we have also sent home a paper copy of the details we hold on file for your child/ren and would appreciate you checking these, making any alterations if necessary. If you haven't been able to get onto the Portal, or in the instance that nothing has changed, please sign and return to signal you have checked it.

In the case of us having any emergency within the school we want to be sure that we can contact any close contacts quickly and to do this we need you to make sure we hold the most up to date and correct information.

## School Lunches

We are happy to provide school lunches during 2023 for all students. Libelle is our provider and the menus will be published prior to the week. These lunches are completely optional and you are more than welcome to continue providing your child/ren with their own packed lunch, or alternatively, our canteen is continuing to operate as well. Families will need to provide morning tea.

## Newsletters

We issue a newsletter which are sent out electronically, though families can request a paper copy by contacting the office. The newsletters are also published on our school website.

## Bell Times 2023

8.45 -9.00	Whanau
9.05 -10.00	Period 1
10.05 -11.00	Period 2
11.00 -11.10	Whanau Lunch
11.10 -11.35	Interval
11.40 -12.35	Period 3
12.40 -1.35	Period 4
1.35-2.10	Lunch
2.15 -3.10	Period 5

## Stationery

The Opihi College office have a limited range of stationery available for purchase by students.

The items we can supply are:

1B8 exercise books	\$1.40
1E8 exercise books	\$1.40
Clever Kiwi books	\$3.00
Student Diary	\$4.00
Pencils	.50c
Pens	.50c

## Lunch and Transport Passes

If your child wishes to go home for lunch, they need to fill in a lunch pass application form. These are available from the office and need to be completed each year.

Also, if your child wishes to bring a vehicle to school, they need to fill in a transport form. These are available from the office too.

## Lateness

Every student must be at school by 8:40am when the bell for Whanau goes. This then gives them time to be in class which starts at 8:45am. If for any reason your child is late, they need to come to the office with a note and sign in.

## Absences

If your child is absent for the day, please leave a message on our absence line on 6157 442 as early as possible. A message can be left on the message line during out of hours times. Alternatively a text can be sent to our school cell phone on 027 317 7512.

## Appointments

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, a parent or caregiver must ring the office to notify them of that appointment, or send a signed note to school with your child. A text message via your child's phone is not acceptable, as we are unable to verify its authenticity.

## Sick Bay

If your child becomes unwell during the day, they are to come to the school office to be cared for in the sick bay. If necessary, the office staff will then contact parents/caregivers if required. Please remind your child to follow these procedures, rather than texting parents themselves or just leaving.

## Uniform

Please refer to our website for our uniform guidelines - [www.opihicollege.school.nz/our-school/uniform](http://www.opihicollege.school.nz/our-school/uniform). If your child for any reason is wearing the incorrect uniform, they are to present a signed note from a parent/caregiver to their Dean as soon as they arrive at school. Otherwise feel free to contact your child's Dean regarding any other uniform issues.

## Portal

You can access the portal via our school website - [www.opihicollege.school.nz](http://www.opihicollege.school.nz). The login section is at the bottom of the page. Students and parents have separate logins, as parents can view other information like financial sections that students cannot. All parents will be sent an email with their log in details. These login details remain the same each year. The portal is great for checking attendance, timetables, notices, academic results, school calendar and other important information.

## Wanted:

**Board Games** and any **fiction or fact books** (newer than 2018 and in good condition please). If you have any that you would like to donate for use in our school library please deliver to the school office.

*Thank you!*



*Our school canteen re-opens on Friday 3rd February 2023*

## AJ's HOSPITALITY CANTEEN MENU

Chicken Wraps \$4  
Ham Wraps \$3.50  
Sausage Roll \$3  
Cheese Rolls 2 for \$2.50  
Garlic Bread \$2  
Meatball Sub \$3.50  
Pies \$3

Southern Chicken Stick \$1  
Savoury \$1  
Noodles – Chicken or Beef \$3  
Chips \$2  
Lollie Cake \$1  
Slice \$3  
Cake \$1.50



### **Ordered for lunch**

Hot chips \$3    Frankfurters \$3.50    Wedges \$3.50

Toastie \$3.50 – Ham/cheese/pineapple or Ham/cheese/onion

3 Chicken Sticks & Chips \$5

FROZEN MOOSIES & JUICIES \$2

VANILLA ICE-CREAM TUB \$2

### **Drinks**

Bottle Water \$2  
Juice in a Bag \$2.50  
Up & Go \$2.50  
Lipton Iced Tea \$4  
Keri Juice \$4





# OPIHI COLLEGE UNIFORM

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



**PE Tops**

**White Blouses  
White Shirts**

**All \$40**



## OPIHI COLLEGE VESTS



*An extra layer to help keep you warm on these chilly days!*

**SPECIAL PRICE  
Only \$10 each**

Available from the school office  
During office hours.  
Only while stocks last!



**TIES**

**\$20**

**\$20**

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.



**OPIHI COLLEGE  
CAPS \$11  
SUNHATS \$10  
BEANIES \$10**

