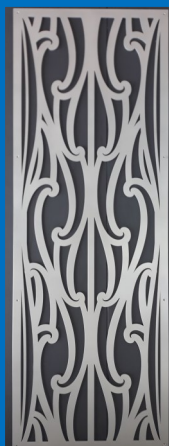


NEWS



Community - Acceptance - Respect - Excellence

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OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

Despite the nationwide lifeguard shortage causing reduced district pool hours, Opihi College were still able to hold our annual Swimming Sports competition. However, adjustments needed to be made to the format to accommodate a shorter booking time of only a couple of hours rather than a whole day.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in our Swimming Sports, a wonderful afternoon of competition was enjoyed by our swimmers and Thank You to all who helped organise this.

Several new records were set this year:

Yr 7&8 Girls 25m Breast Stroke	Ruth Brightwell
Yr 9&10 Boys 50m Freestyle	Hayden Young
Yr 9&10 Boys 50m Backstroke	Hayden Young
Yr 9&10 Boys 25m Backstroke	Hayden Young
Yr 9&10 Boys 25m Freestyle	Hayden Young

Congratulations to you both!

A full list of results is included in this newsletter.



OPIHI LIVE!

THURSDAY 23 MARCH
6PM

"The Good Boys" - Headline Act
Student Performances
Opihi College Music Room - Gold Coin Donation

PPTA STRIKE DAY

**Thursday
16th March 2023**

The PPTA (Secondary Teachers union) have informed us that they have scheduled a Strike Day on March 16th, if there is no progress with their Collective Agreement negotiations. Therefore **school will be closed on March 16th.**

We will keep you updated if there is any change to this.



Opihi College students and staff have been helping to advertise the upcoming Aoraki Multi Cultural Festival



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

March	6-8	Year 12-13 History Trip <i>Akaroa</i>
	6-7	Community Dental Service visit <i>Year 8 dental checks</i>
	8	Country High School Athletics
	13-14	Health and Safety Course <i>Level 3</i>
	15	Aoraki Athletics
	16	PPTA Strike Day
	20-21	Fire Safety Course <i>Gateway</i>
	21	Aoraki Girls Volleyball
	22	Attitude Presentations
	23	Opihi Live 6pm
	23	Aoraki Boys Volleyball
	23-25	Year 13 Biology Trip <i>Portobello</i>

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



OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

Board of Trustees By-Election 2023

Declaration of Results

After the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Tania Moir

Signed

Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer



INTRODUCING OUR OPIHI COLLEGE 2023 HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Aoraki
Opihi
Pacific
Rata

Raju Gadikoppula & Ryleigh Davis
Jordy Sherriff-Wardell & Riley Cornelius
Alexis Kellas & Kodi Kellas-Taylor
Hazel Johnston & Rihanna Pairama





NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

**Congratulations to all of the Opihi College students
who achieved NCEA Endorsements in 2022:**



NCEA Level 1 -
Endorsed with Excellence
Congratulations
Chloe Donaldson-Fitt & Hazel Johnston

NCEA Level 1 - Endorsed with Merit
Congratulations Coby Hines



NCEA Level 2 - Endorsed with Excellence
Congratulations
Amelia Holland & Grace Bennett

NCEA Level 3 - Endorsed with Excellence
Congratulations Calan Meechang



NCEA Level 3 - Endorsed with Merit
Congratulations Emily Wells

MUFTI DAY

THANK YOU to all of our Opihi College whanau for your very generous support of our Mufti Day - as well as raising almost \$800 in cash and vouchers, a huge number of items were donated towards Cyclone relief.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Opihi College we use the Positive Behaviour for Learning tool to help teach and reteach our school CARE values and to give our students those vital social emotional skills that will help them thrive and flourish at home, work and beyond.

We are excited to announce the launch of our Opihi College CARE Challenge for 2023. The school has three stages; Kākano/seedling - Year 7/ 8, Māhuri/young plant - Year 9/10 and Kōhure/mature plant - Year 11/13. The primary objective of this challenge is to 'help our students grow into well rounded individuals who are capable of setting goals and aiming high'. Students will have a range of different challenges to work towards. Some of these are: representing the school in cultural, sporting and creative events, demonstrating good citizenship, volunteering within our school and local community, academic awards, arriving at school on time, wearing the correct uniform, excellent pastoral record. For each challenge they achieve they will be awarded 1 or 2 points. By accumulating their points over the year or two years they will aspire to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Please ask your tamariki all about the CARE challenge and ask them which one they would like to achieve first. Contact their whānau teacher if they complete a challenge at home or in the community so they can earn points.

Gateway

This year Gateway started with individual interviews and conversations to help us learn about their passions and aspirations and guide their Gateway placements for Term 2. Level 2 students have taken part in a two day first aid course and have a two day health and safety course this week. They will also have a fire and safety course towards that end of the term. Level 3 students have a more advanced health and safety course in March. These courses are essential to help prepare all students for workplace experiences. Recently, two students have started the ignition MITO course and two other students are about to start their Gateway BCITO course. We are extremely proud that Opihi can offer these opportunities.



ROWING

Congratulations to Lachlan Stratford who competed recently at the NZ Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha. Lachlan has been busy practicing all summer, and he then achieved Personal Best times and qualified for the Semi-Finals.

Great work Lachlan!

Careers

The careers department has been exceptionally busy organising and planning an exciting year of opportunities, talks and experiences.

This year our Careers department has navigated itself to the library. This is a great space and all students are now able to access the many brochures, magazines and resources that will help them make decisions and create possible pathways. My office is also in the library and I am so pleased that students have been dropping in to ask questions.

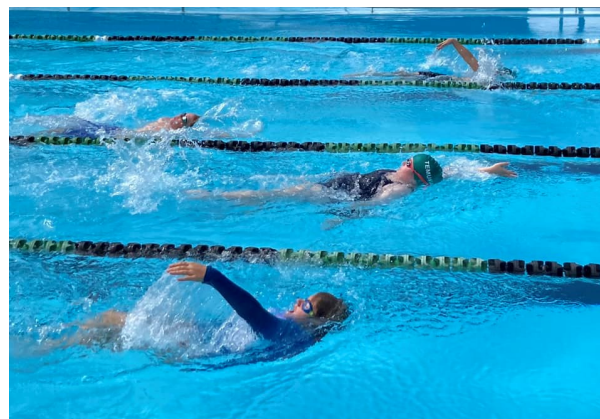
Every fortnight we send an Opihi Careers Hub newsletter to students and whanau from years 11-13. This newsletter is an interactive tool that contains links to courses, jobs and experiences within South Canterbury, Canterbury and at times nationally. It is exciting to know that we are able to keep students and whanau up to date and in the loop.

This year we have invested in a tool called **My Mahi** to help teach our careers unit. My Mahi contains many lessons that range from careers, personal finances, goals and organisation, learning and engagement, personal and social capability, relationships, sustainability and wellbeing. We are also using it to build their personal profiles, set goals, and create their CVs. We are really excited about this and we are looking forward to seeing how students work with teachers to help build relationships and share their strengths. Please ask your son/daughter all about My Mahi.

Presently, all students from year 10 - 13 receive a careers lesson every Wednesday period 5. This term we have talks from University of Canterbury, BCITO, Otago University, ARA/Te Pukenga, Otago Polytech and Auckland University. This will allow all students to be fully informed. Next term we'll be encouraging different industries to visit Opihi to inspire and inform our students.

OPIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Y 7 & 8 Boys 50m Freestyle	Ben Smith	Josh Leonard	Quin Casey
Y7& 8 Girls 50m Freestyle	Ruth Brightwell	Ruby-May White	
Y 9 10 Boys 50m Freestyle	Hayden Young	Ronin Gray	Jake Gould
Y 11 13 Girls 50m Freestyle	Amelia Holland	Grace Bennett	Lexi Kellas
Y 7 8 Boys 50m Breaststroke	George Stratford	Josh Leonard	Dean Joyce
Y 7 8 Girls 50m Breaststroke	Ruth Brightwell	Tessa Kopetschny	
Y 9 10 Boys 50m Breaststroke	Hayden Young	Ronin Gray	Connor Gould
Y 11 13 Girls 50m Breaststroke	Amelia Holland		
Y 7 8 Boys 50m Backstroke	Josh Leonard	Dean Joyce	
Y 7 8 Girls 50m Backstroke	Ruth Brightwell		
Y 9 10 Boys 50m Backstroke	Hayden Young		
Y 7 8 Boys Boys 25M Backstroke	Josh Leonard	Dean Joyce	
Y 9 10 Boys Boys 25M Backstroke	Hayden Young	Ronin Gray	Connor Gould
Y 7 8 Boys Boys 25M Breaststroke	George Stratford	Josh Leonard	Quin Casey
Y 9 10 Boys Boys 25M Breaststroke	Hayden Young	Ronin Gray	Connor Gould
Y 11 13 Boys Boys 25M Breaststroke	Riley Cornelius	Kodi Kellas-Taylor	Jordy Sherriff-Wardell
Y 7 8 Boys Boys 25M Freestyle	Josh Leonard	Ben Smith	George Stratford
Y 9 10 Boys Boys 25M Freestyle	Hayden Young	Jake Gould	Connor Gould
Y 11 13 Boys Boys 25M Freestyle	Kodi Kellas-Taylor	Riley Cornelius	Raju Gadikoppula
Y 7 8 Girls Girls 25M Backstroke	Ruth Brightwell		
Y 11 13 Girls Girls 25M Backstroke	Amelia Holland		
Y 7 8 Girls Girls 25M Breaststroke	Ruth Brightwell	Ruby-May White	Tessa Kopetschny
Y 11 13 Girls Girls 25M Breaststroke	Amelia Holland	Lexi Kellas	
Y 7 8 Girls Girls 25M Freestyle	Ruby-May White	Miya Coulston	Tessa Kopetschny
Y 11 13 Girls Girls 25M Freestyle	Amelia Holland	Lexi Kellas	Grace Bennett



OPIHI COLLEGE SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER

GardenPost



OPIHI COLLEGE

AUTUMN FUNDRAISER with SPRING BULBS
 Help us grow by beautifying your garden.
 All funds raised go towards the cost of our new solar panels.

Here is a great opportunity to purchase spring flowering bulbs and seeds to show your support. Bulbs are easy to plant, fun to grow and will reward you with gorgeous flowers year after year. We have some great choices here - why not try them all! Bulbs are supplied by GardenPost which source bulbs from New Zealand's & Holland's best growers. Your school will make a least 30% profit on all sales. A planting guide will be enclosed with each order.

Orders and payment must be returned to the school office by Friday 10th March. Payment can be made into our bank account with your child's name and BULB as the reference. Our bank account number is 01-0885-0039753-000. Delivery will be the end of March.

Bulb Fundraiser Order Form 2023

Name: _____

Year: _____ Whanau: _____

Bulb / Seed Type	Price	Number ordered	Total \$'s
7 Daffodils – Early Fragrant Mix Our most fragrant selection of scented daffodils and jonquils. Ideal to mass plant and naturalise or for pots on the terrace. H40cm	\$12.00		
5 Daffodils – “Earlicheer” A delightful and popular variety for picking. Bunches of highly scented, double flowers in a soft creamy yellow make this a favourite. Flowers for a long period early in the season. H40cm	\$10.00		
10 Tulips - Mixed Spectacular spring flowering bulbs with colourful and attractive cup shaped flowers. Top quality bulbs in a wide colour range will give an unsurpassable garden display. Height 40cm	\$11.00		
10 Freesias Fragrant Single & Double - Mixed For the true scent of spring try this mix of popular, fragrant Freesias. They will give a long lasting, dazzling display and have long stems for picking. H30cm. Protect from heavy frosts.	\$11.00		
10 Ranunculus – Rainbow Mix A profusion of fully double, ever so sweet flowers in a wide, vibrant colour range. Large clumps of these showy flowers are hard to beat. Ideal for borders or pots. H30-40cm	\$7.00		
7 Dutch Iris – Super Mix A selection of the world's most popular Iris. Showy flowers in the garden and long lasting when cut H60-90cm	\$9.00		
7 Sparaxis – Harlequin Mix Tri-coloured flowers in a whimsical rainbow mix of colours. Will make a bright and playful display in a sunny rockery or border. Easy and reliable plants that will multiply quickly. H25cm.	\$9.00		
10 Anemone – St Brigid Mix (Doubles) Double flowered, slightly ruffled blooms in a rainbow of colours float about 30cm above the ground on fern like foliage. Plant in full sun or semi shade.	\$8.00		
Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora - 20 seeds A vibrant and striking mix of early flowering Heirloom sweet peas. Lavender, pink, purple, white and red flowers all with that old-fashioned intoxicating fragrance. Climber to 2m	\$5.00		
GRAND TOTAL:			

GardenPost BULB FUNDRAISER



Daffodils – Earl Fragrant Mix



Anemone St Brigid (Doubles)



Daffodil - “Earlicheer”



Tulips - Mixed



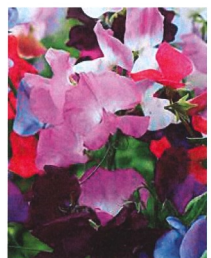
Freesias - Mix



Ranunculus – Rainbow Mix



Dutch Iris – Super Mix

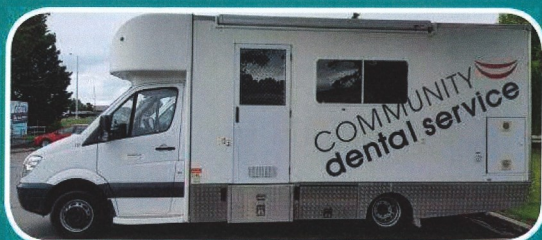


Sweet Pea – Early Multiflora



Sparaxis – Harlequin Mix

**Please return your orders
 to the school office
 by Friday 10th March 2023**



A dental van is visiting your school soon!

The Community Dental Service is visiting your school soon to check the teeth of your students and give them something to smile about.

You can help to make each visit a happy one by:



Using positive language and reinforcement for van visits and the service we provide



Releasing students from class when they are called to the van



Letting the Community Dental Service know about any events or needs of children during our visit

Dental Service
 will be visiting
 Opihi College
 from Monday
 6th March

Canterbury
 District Health Board
 Te Pori Hauora o Waiataha

COMMUNITY
 dental service

Free Dental Care for Children -
 including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
 Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.


Call centre: 0800 846 983
 Email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz

COMMUNITY
 dental service

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

FUNDRAISER FOR OPIHI COLLEGE STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO JAPAN

QUIZ NIGHT



VENUE: RSA Temuka
 TIME: Quiz starts at 7:30pm
 TICKETS: Contact Kate Manson 6157442
mansonk@opihicollege.school.nz
 or purchase tickets from Opihi College's office during school hours
 Supper provided – Raffles for sale – Auction at half time
Teams of (up to) 4 - \$15 per person

APRIL
 01
 2023

food shopping entertainment easter egg hunt free bouncy castle

**RAISING FUNDS FOR
 CYCLONE RELIEF**



**OPIHI COLLEGE
 EASTER FAIR**

**5pm-7pm
 March 31**



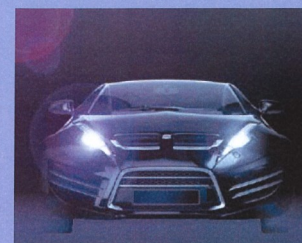
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SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023

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