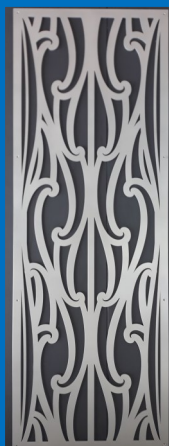


NEWS



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Issue 5

4th May 2023

PPTA INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The PPTA have advised Opihi College that, unless there is a resolution to their collective agreement negotiations, teaching staff will be continuing their industrial action in Term 2. The actions notified so far are as follows:

Detail of the actions

- * Continuing the relief ban from day one of term 2.
- * Starting a ban on meetings outside school hours (8:30-4:30 or equivalent for the individual school) from day one of Term 2.
- * A rolling one-day national strike in week three of term 2, with each region striking for a day as follows:
Tuesday 9 May - Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast, Canterbury Aoraki, Otago, Southland

Following this there will be days when staff will be refusing to teach student year groups, which will mean there will be days senior students will be rostered home. The following is the rostering home plan:

Week 2	Thursday 4th May	Year 11
Week 3	Tuesday 9th May	<i>Strike Day</i>
	Thursday 11th May	Year 13
Week 4	Tuesday 16th May	Year 9
	Wednesday 17th May	Year 10
Week 5	Thursday 25th May	Year 11
Week 6	Tuesday 30th May	Year 13
	Thursday 1st June	Year 12
Week 7	Tuesday 6th June	Year 10
	Thursday 8th June	Year 9

Opihi College expect that senior students will be able to continue their studies at home if /when they are when rostered away from school.

CONFERENCING

We will be holding our conferencing days on Tuesday 23rd May and Wednesday 24th May. Please note that **school will finish at 1.00pm on Tuesday 23rd May, and that there will not be any classes on Wednesday 24th May 2023.**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Chris from Special Olympics visited Opihi College to work with some of our students recently. They participated in an adapted sports programme in preparation for the upcoming Special Olympics competition to be held in Timaru.

Thanks Chris, and best of luck to all of our competitors!



KIWI COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered.

2023 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates and prizes awarded

Online competition for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students

Ask your teacher for details and entry form.



Kiwi Science Competition

Kiwi Maths Competition

Kiwi English Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

Register Now!
www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



Entries for the competition are due by May 11th at the student office.

WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome two new staff members this term:

Mrs Meghan McNally has recently arrived in Temuka from Australia and will be teaching Music at Opihi College.

Mr Steven Henderson has come to Opihi College from out of the district, and will be assisting to teach the Year 9 & 10 programme for the remainder of the year.

OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 11th May 2023



Next week is our annual Cross Country which is held on our school grounds. Students will come to school in house coloured sports clothes. They will need to bring a change of clothes and/or shoes just in case they get a bit muddy or wet. All students are expected to participate to the best of their ability.

11.45am – Year 11-13's Girls 3km. Boys 5km

12.45pm – Year 9 & 10s 3km

2.20pm – Year 7 & 8's 3km

Parents are more than welcome to come along and support if they wish. Times are approximate start times.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

May	8	Otago Open Day
	10	BOT Meeting 5.00pm
	11	Cross Country
	16	Aoraki Cross Country
	17	Year 11 Expo
	19	Pink Shirt Day Mufti Day
	23	Science Trip to Rocky Shore Year 7 & 8
	23	Conferencing Appointments 2.00pm onwards
	24	Conferencing Appointments 9.00am onwards
	26	Aoraki Swimming Ashburton
June	5	Kings Birthday Statutory Holiday
	11	Open Day 10am -2.00pm
	30	Opihi College Senior Ball Opihi College
	30	End of Term 2

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 2

Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June 2023

Term 3

Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September 2023

Term 4

Monday 9 October to 13 December 2023

SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER



Bulb orders have now arrived at the school office, and can be collected during school office hours.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kodi Kellas-Taylor** and **Coby Hines** for securing a seat on the South Canterbury Rugby's Youth Board. Kodi was voted as Chairperson!



Super proud of these boys - a big well done to you!

CAREERS AND GATEWAY

During Term 1 our careers lessons for Year 10 - 13 focused on their strengths, weaknesses, passions and then adding this information to our new profiling system, called My Mahi. Within these lessons, students explored the concepts of careers and jobs, what employers are looking for, what are qualifications and the value of volunteering. Their objective is to be self reflective and add their thoughts to their profile, thus allowing this to build over time. The students were lucky to have visits from the University of Otago, University of Canterbury, Auckland University, University of Lincoln and Otago Polytechnic. These visits are crucial to all students as they contain informative and thought provoking ideas, particularly with the diverse choices of subjects, different types of halls and applying for scholarships. We sent ten students to Clandeboye Kindergarten during this time too. Next term our focus is to be more practical and look at vocations and industries.



Our level 2 and 3 Gateway Students have been very busy preparing for their term 2 and 3 placements. All level 2 students gained their First Aid certificate, Health and Safety certificate and Fire Safety certificate. Whilst our level 3 students completed a more progressive and challenging Health and Safety course.

During our lessons the level 2 students completed their targeted CV unit standard and the level 3 students are preparing to interview as part of their final section of their unit standard. We have students starting their MITO course, one will be at the mechanical workshop at Fonterra, the other will be working at Bairds Motordrome. Another two students have begun a BCITO course and will be working with two local builders, Joyce Building and Hines Building. Other placements for next term consist of graphic design at Artikel and Swint, hospitality at SubWay and primary teaching at Winchester School. Two students will be completing a service IQ course with The Warehouse. I also took five students to Fonterra for a tour with the possibility of completing a ten week placement within lots of different departments.



Part of our role is to advise students and help them make the right decision and this term we have taken two students to Ara in Timaru. One is currently completing a full time mechanical and automotive course, whilst the other is still considering their options.



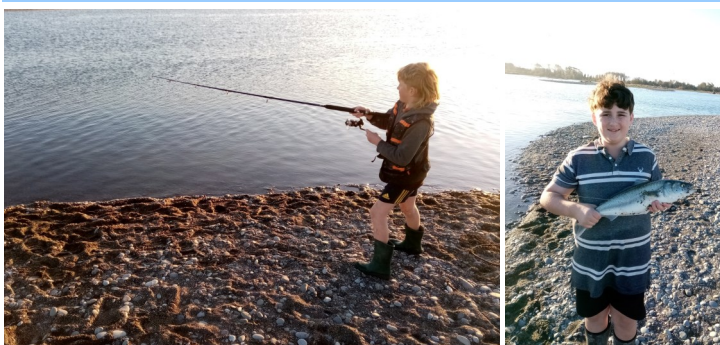
Towards the end of term we took our Year 12 students to Levels Raceway to participate in a RYDA course. This course is designed to inform students about the importance of safe driving and making the right choice.

We also have our career wise newsletter that we send to whanau of Year 11 - 13 every fortnight. This is full of local and national courses, advice and many job opportunities. We hope that you find this informative and helpful.

At Opihi College we are proud of the many different opportunities that are available and we continue to work hard to ensure all students are exposed to a wide range of vocations.

Mr Wilcox, Careers and Gateway

OPIHI COLLEGE FISHING



Four of our students went fishing at the Opihi River mouth on Thursday 27th of April. It was an action packed afternoon with everybody catching multiple kahawai on light tackle. We are hoping to have several more fishing trips this year to different locations to target a range of species.



Any Year 7-10 students who are interested need to see Mr Gerber.



PERIOD PRODUCTS

Opihi College are grateful for the support of the *Ikuu / Manaakitia te whare tangata* Period Products in schools initiative.

We would like to remind all students and their whanau that period products are available at Opihi College for all of our female students - free and always available! We have a dispenser outside our student office where you can help yourself as needed or talk to your health teacher.

Period products are a necessity, not a luxury.
Period.

Everyone deserves the right to feel comfortable at school, focus on learning and manage what is a normal part of life.

Period products are now available in your school if you need them.



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STOP BULLYING**

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