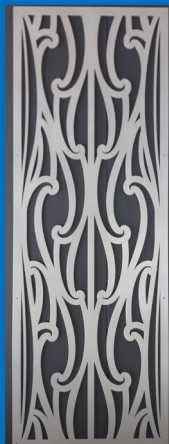


NEWS



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19th May 2023

RECORDS FALL AT OPIHI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all of the competitors in our Cross Country competition held at Opihi College last week. We had an interesting course held across our sports fields and through neighbouring farm land. Thank you to Rowdy Aitken for his generous use of his land to hold this annual event. An exciting day of racing was enjoyed with two new records set! Congratulations to **Ronin Gray who set a new record of 14.06** for the 3km Year 9/10 Boys grade; and to **Gracie Johnson who set a new record of 18.24** for the 3km Year 9/10 Girls grade. Thank you to all of the supporters who came to cheer our students on, and to the organisers.

Year 7/8 Boys

1st Michael Shannon
2nd Ben Smith 3rd Miguel Silva

Year 7/8 Girls

1st Navaeah Butcher
2nd Thalia Griffin 3rd McKayla McKibbin

Year 9/10 Boys

1st Ronin Gray - *Record 14.06*
2nd Tayne Morris 3rd Regan Dickson

Year 9/10 Girls

1st Gracie Johnson - *Record 18.24*
2nd Neela Came 3rd Harriet Baxter

Senior Boys

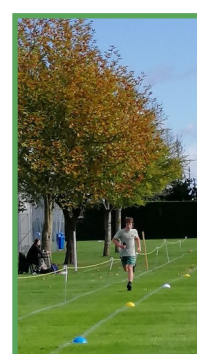
1st Riley Cornelius
2nd Leith Meechang 3rd Raju Gadikoppula

Senior Girls

1st Grace Bennett 2nd Ella Ferguson

AORAKI CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the Opihi College cross country team who competed at the Aoraki Cross Country competition this week. Congratulations to Ronin Gray who was placed 5th in his grade.



CONFERENCING

**Tuesday 23rd May &
Wednesday 24th May 2023**

*School will finish at 1.35pm
on Tuesday 23rd May 2023.
School is closed for instruction
on Wednesday 24th May 2023.*

Students and their families are invited to book parent teacher interview appointments between the hours of 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday 23rd May, and 8.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday 24th May.

- Code **txfq9** on the schoolinterviews.co.nz website
- Please note these interviews are with your child's **subject teachers** but could also be with the Whanau teacher or Dean. Parents and caregivers of Year 9/10 students may wish to book an appointment with the whanau teacher or Dean for a more holistic overview; or feel free to book with any subject teacher from this term or last term.
- Appointments are for **fifteen minutes each**, it will be essential families arrive on time.
- It is mandatory that students attend an interview, but they do not need to see all subject teachers. We recommend senior students meeting all teachers.
- Students are not required to wear uniform.
- Bookings will be unable to be made on the day.
- Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.
- School buses will run at normal times and bus students are welcome to stay on Tuesday and be supervised until their bus arrives.

We want to remind families that you do not have to wait for conferences to discuss any issues with subject teachers. You are more than welcome to contact teachers at any stage and arrange a meeting.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

May	19	Pink Shirt Day Mufti Day
	23 & 25	Rocky Shore Science trips Year 7 & 8
	23	Conferencing Appointments 2.00pm onwards Please note: School will finish at 1.35pm on this day
	24	Conferencing Appointments 9.00am onwards Please note: There will not be any classes on this day
	26	Aoraki Swimming Ashburton
June	2	Teacher Only Day School will be closed for instruction on this day
June	5	Kings Birthday Statutory Holiday
	11	Open Day 10am -12.00pm
	30	Opihi College Senior Ball Opihi College
	30	End of Term 2

PPTA INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Please note the following dates for Industrial Action by our Teaching PPTA members, unless there is a resolution to their collective agreement negotiations.

Year Level rostering home
during the remainder of May and June:

Year 9: Thursday 8th June
Year 10: Tuesday 6th June
Year 11: Thursday 25th May
Year 12: Thursday 1st June
Year 13: Tuesday 30th May

We hope that particularly our senior students will continue their studies while at home.



become a FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kid



Calling all young athletes! If you are aged 14 to 17 years and have some football experience, your team or club can enter for their chance to become a FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kid. Tell us in 100 words or less why you think your team or club should win the action.

For full details of the experience and prizes, see T&Cs on the website.



1. Scan the QR Code
2. Or visit the link below
<https://www.rebelenergy.co.nz/competition/ball-kid>
3. Enter to WIN






TEACHER ONLY DAY

Most primary and secondary school teaching staff throughout South Canterbury are joining together on **Friday 2nd June** for Professional Development so therefore, school is closed for instruction on this day.

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

Awards throughout the year

We have various awards that are given out to our Year 9 & 10's at the end of each term, and our Year 7 & 8's at the end of each semester. The Year 7 & 8's complete six 'option' classes during the year, so we have broken the year into "semesters" for them and they do two classes a semester. They are due to begin their new semester on Monday 22nd May.

The awards that are given out are "Outstanding Attainment", "Merit" or "Endeavour".

Outstanding Attainment – is awarded to the student who achieves the highest academic grade in that class, if it is an above average grade.

Merit – is awarded to the student who achieves second highest academic score in that class.

Endeavour – is awarded to the student/s who have worked consistently inside (and outside) of class. There is only a certain percentage of students from a class that can be awarded Endeavour.

Bike Safety

On Thursday in assembly we were joined by Bob Katene from the Temuka Police. He talked to the students about bike safety and some of the concerns that they have.

One concern which he talked about was students not wearing a helmet. It is law that if anyone is riding a bike, they wear a helmet. He said that he will now notify the local police to say that he has given everyone a warning, and if they see people not wearing helmets they are to issue a caution notice, followed by a fine.

The second concern is around how some students are riding their bikes. Bikes need to be ridden on the left hand side of the road and with both wheels on the ground. It is about keeping our community safe. That includes our cyclists and also the motorists who are driving past at the same time.

If your child cycles to school, it would be great if you could reinforce this same message.

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PINK SHIRT DAY





OPIHI COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Well done to the Year 7&8 Orange Boys team who had a good win this week. Score was 18 to 8 in quarterfinals, and they all played extremely well. The team was short with only five players, but passed the ball well amongst each other and scored at crucial times.

Mr Mills, Coach



ILLNESS

Our community is currently experiencing higher levels of illness, including COVID infections.

A friendly reminder that we comply with current guidelines which advise that if your child tests positive for COVID they must self isolate for seven days. Your Household Contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, they need to begin 7 days of isolation as someone with COVID-19. Household contacts of COVID patients, and asymptomatic may attend school as long as they have a negative COVID test each day. If you require, COVID test kits are available free of charge from the Temuka District Library. We appreciate your assistance with preventing the spread of illness.

OPIHI COLLEGE PORTAL

Unfortunately there have been some issues with our computer system recently and some families have been unable to access the portal. If you are experiencing issues with logging into our portal, please contact the school office.

HEADLICE

Please note we have had a reported case of headlice at Opihi College. Please check your child's hair.



Take a fresh look...

Open day

Sunday

11 June

10am - 12pm



OPIHI COLLEGE







