



NEWS



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EPRO8 SEMI FINALS SUCCESS

Last week Opihi College Team TIMMAH went to Ashburton to compete in the EPro8 semi-finals. The competition was tight and the boys came 2nd equal with four other teams, this meant that in order to work out which teams went through they had to go to a tie breaker. Mrs Robson is so excited to announce that the boys managed to get through to the Canterbury Grand Finals to be held in Christchurch!!



Well done George, Chase, Michael and James of Team TIMMAH and best of luck for the Grand Finals!

TACKLE 10'S RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Last week Opihi College was the venue for the Year 7-8 Tackle 10's Rugby Tournament! All of the teams had a great time with loads of parents coming to support them. Windy day but bright and clear.

Opihi was represented by:

River Lang, Billy Shields, Josh Leonard, Solomon Lomano, Connor Bolt, James Reihana, George Stratford, Ben Smith, Lockie Tarrant, Zyran Makiri, Zian Tatuava, Anaya Mana.

George Stratford said, "It was fun and something new - also I wasn't too bad, I really enjoyed it." Kodi and Coby are the Opihi College representatives of the South Canterbury Rugby youth board (SC Rugby Noticeboard), and were very supportive on the day.

Huge thank you to Mikey P for coaching our students! Also to our wonderful grounds man Bruce Mattingly, the grounds were awesome and a big thank you to Anna McNoe - we couldn't have done it without you!



FAREWELL

On Friday we sadly farewelled Mr Jonathan Boon. Mr Boon has been a wonderful maths teacher at Opihi College for the past two years, and is now leaving the district. We would like to thank him and wish him all the very best for the future.



MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Please note that we have noticed a significant increase in families wanting the office to deliver a variety of after school messages to students during the course of the day. Please be aware that your instructions to your families for this type of thing should be sorted at home before school commences for the day. We understand that there are occasions where emergencies arise throughout the course of the day, under these circumstances we are only too happy to get messages to your children. We appreciate your co-operation with these matters.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

August	16	Ski trip to Mt Hutt
	17	Tsurugaoka HS visitors depart
	23	NCEA Information Evening 6.00pm Opihi College Hall
	25	Mufti Day Daffodil Day fundraiser
	28-30	Geography Field Trip Mt Cook
	30	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
September	8	University of Canterbury Open Day
	11-15	Senior Assessment Week
	19	School trip to Japan
	22	End of Term 3

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September 2023

Term 4 - Monday 9 October to 13 December 2023

NEW

JUST ARRIVED AT
THE WAREHOUSE



OPIHI COLLEGE SWEATSHIRTS

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\$67 - \$72 EACH

The new Opihi College sweatshirts are now available for purchase from The Warehouse! These are an addition to our current uniform range, and an alternative choice for those colder days. We have some samples here at the office if you would like to come in and have a close look at them. Opihi College sweatshirts are available in all sizes from The Warehouse, either in Timaru or online, and are priced at \$67 for the smaller sizes and \$72 for the larger sizes.

Our school is proudly supporting the Cancer Society this



Daffodil Day

Kelī te tautoko whakahi
to mātou kura Te Kāhui
Matepukupuku i tēnei
Rā Daffodil

Find out more at
daffodilday.org.nz



OPIHI COLLEGE BLAZERS

The new Opihi College blazers have now arrived!

Opihi College blazers are compulsory for Year 13 students, and highly recommended for Year 11 & 12 students.

New blazers are available for purchase at \$200 each, or can be rented from the school. There is also a selection of pre-loved and ex-rental blazers available. Please call into the school office to view.



BASKETBALL

The basketball season is officially over for all teams. Big thanks to all coaches, managers and supporters - without you, all our teams would not happen. Players - We hope you all had a fun season and be sure to thank your coach, supporters and managers. Please remember to return all clean uniform to the office or Miss Manson as soon as possible.



A big Thank You to Miss Manson for her management of all of the basketball teams this season, and to all of the coaches and managers. Well done on a great job!



Some of our junior brass musicians practising at Opihi College

AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture class had an interesting lesson last week when Jeff from Temuka Motorcycles brought a side-by-side Polaris ranger in for them to work on in the classroom! A big thank you to him for providing the students with some real life farming equipment.



Some of our Agriculture students have been gaining some great on-farm work experiences recently. Pictured is Ella Ferguson assisting in the calf rearing unit.



Congratulations to Aoraki on winning the Opihi College Netball Cup for 2023. Thank you to the organisers of this fun lunchtime competition for our students!

NCEA INFORMATION EVENING

*Wednesday 23rd August 6pm
Opihi College Hall*

Come along to find out all about NCEA and get all your questions answered. Subject specific teachers will also be there to inform you about their subjects and answer any questions that you may have. This evening is open to all students who will be in Year 11-13 in 2024 and will be especially important to those students who are currently in Year 10.

Senior course selection will open on Monday 28th August, followed by conferencing to select courses. *You will receive an email this week with the relevant details.*





TSURUGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

The school group visiting Opihi College from Tsurugaoka High School Japan have been enjoying their time here. They have been spending time with our students in some classes, and have had interesting weekend visits to Lake Tekapo and Oamaru.



BADMINTON

On Thursday the Aoraki Secondary School Boys Badminton championship was held at Southern Trust Event Centre in Timaru. We entered three teams of boys in the championship. They played singles and doubles, and had a fantastic day of games. Jordy Sherriff-Wardell said "I won three games out of five and it was good". Thank you to our bus driver Phil, Mr Goodman for coaching and Sport South Canterbury for organising this event.

