

NEWS



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GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO MT COOK



Opihi College senior geography students enjoyed a very informative field trip to Mt Cook to study glaciers, national parks and the effects of tourism

recently. The group were treated to wonderful weather, interesting talks and demonstrations with DOC Ranger Matt, scenic walks around the national park and the opportunity to fly onto the Tasman Glacier. Thank you to Matt from DOC; and to Mr Goodman for organising this amazing trip for our students!



DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you for your support of our recent mufti day fundraiser for Daffodil Day.

Opihi College students raised \$338 for the Cancer Society.

Well done!



NEW

JUST ARRIVED AT THE WAREHOUSE



OPIHI COLLEGE SWEATSHIRTS

587 - 572 EACH



OPIHI COLLEGE

Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 7920, New Zealand

ENROLMENT AT OPIHI COLLEGE FOR 2024

The board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Opihi College for next year. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Application for enrolment can be made online (please visit the Opihi College website) or by completing hard copy forms available at our school office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **15 October 2023**. This includes students applying to be treated as in-zone students under transition provisions. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that **5** places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held **24 October 2023**.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.



From Tuesday 12th September to Friday 15th September, we are holding our practice exam/assessment week for our Year 11-13 students. These assessments are very important as it is what we use for derived grades should a student miss their end of year exam. During this week it is also the time for students to complete large practical based assessments as well.

SENIORS FINISH DATE

Senior students will finish on Friday 27th October (end of Week 3). NCEA exams run from Monday 6th November to Thursday 30th November and are run on school site.

The next round of the Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA's) are scheduled to take place during the week of 30th October – 3rd November. All Year 10 students who do not have Literacy and Numeracy have been entered into these CAA's. There are 3 assessments – Numeracy worth 10 credits, Reading worth 5 credits and Writing worth 5 credits.

In order for students to gain an NCEA qualification, they must have 10 Numeracy and 10 Literacy credits. The CAA's is one way to gain these credits. The other way is through approved standards in 2024 and 2025 only. If a student does not pass the CAA, they will be allowed to attempt it as many times as they wish. We are hoping that in 2024, NZQA will set 3 CAA assessment opportunities but we are still waiting for that confirmation.

All current Year 10-12 students who are returning next year should have made their course selections for 2024 by now. Following that, we set the subjects into "lines" and we will get back to students if they need to reselect because their choices clash. If you have any concerns with course selection, please get in contact with your child's Dean.

September	11-15	Senior Assessment Week
	19	School trip to Japan
	22	House Activities Day & Cultural Competition
	22	End of Term 3
October	9	Start of Term 4
	18	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
	23	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday</i> <i>School will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
	27	Last Day for Senior Students
	30	Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Week
November	6-30	NCEA Examinations
	23	Science Roadshow
December	6-8	Year 7 camp <i>Raincliff</i>
	13	Awards Ceremony
	13	Last day of school

Congratulations to Chloe Gunderson, Anaya Mana and Keisha Griffin who competed in the U14 Kotiro tournament held in Invercargill recently.
Well done!



*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.



OPIHI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Opihi College is currently now accepting and welcoming In-Zone Enrolments for 2024.

Please go to our website

<https://www.opihicollege.school.nz/our-school/enrolments>

and follow the steps to complete the application. You will receive an email acknowledgement when your submission has gone through successfully. Please call our office if you have any issues at all, our office staff will be only too happy to assist and help you through this process if there are any issues. If for some reason, you do not have access to complete an on-line enrolment application, we do have paper copies available that can be collected from the Opihi College Office. We would appreciate all enrolments being in by the end of Term 3 so that we can commence class planning and class placements.

Opihi College Enrolment Zone

Important: Before you commence the enrolment of your child, please check our Enrolment Home Zones that are on the Enrolment front page of our website. There is a full list of all Streets/Roads that are included in our Enrolment Home Zone that was implemented earlier this year.

Ballot for Out of Zone enrolments

For students who do not reside within our enrolment zone, application will need to be made for our upcoming ballot. There will be one ballot in 2023 for available spaces for out of zone students to enrol at Opihi College in 2024.

Out of Zone enrolments for siblings of current students

Please note younger siblings of current students who do not reside within our enrolment zone will need to apply to enrol in our ballot. The enrolment of siblings of current and former students is provided for in the second and third priority groups of out of zone students. Proof of a sibling relationship may be requested by the board.

RELIEF TEACHERS

Opihi College are always keen to welcome new relief teachers to our team. If you or someone you know is a registered teacher would like to join our team please contact Mr Grace or Mrs Rose.



TENNIS

HAVE-A-GO DAY

TEMUKA UNITED TENNIS CLUB



20 SEPTEMBER 2023
4-5PM
OPIHI COLLEGE

Due to our tennis courts getting an upgrade (new turf going down!) we will be holding lessons/games for the first half of the season at the Opihi College Tennis courts.

To register, scan the QR code below, or go to the online google form: <https://forms.gle/vvsqvzxiCDhB5Xa6> or by registering at the Have-a-go day. Lessons will begin on October 11th.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT CLASSES

25 September - make a small junk journal

26 September - make a Christmas decoration

27 September - make a flower brooch/hairclip

2 October - make a small junk journal

3 October- make a bookmark with Crafty Chook

4 October - make a Christmas decoration

2 sessions per day 10am-11.30am and 2pm-3.30 pm
\$15 per session per child
569 Milford Clandeboye Road, Temuka
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with Tracey on 0273015307
suitable for age 10 upwards or dependant on capability
crafts involve use of craft tools.

