

NEWS



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CONGRATULATIONS

Pictures from our Celebration Assembly, where awards were given for Bronze, Silver and Gold CARE Challenge, Coby Hines for completing his BCITO level qualification and a Science Badge to Sonakshi Sharma for Astronomy! Ka Pai!



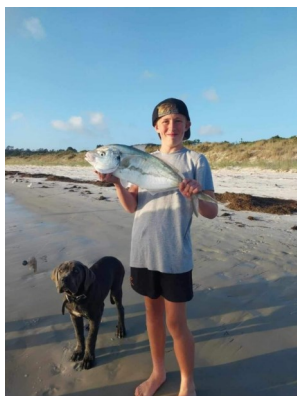
CONGRATULATIONS

Let me introduce you to Regan Dickson. Regan is one of our Year 9s and a star fisherman!

Entered through the Counties Manukau Fishing Club, Regan won several fishing awards during the holidays. These awards were calculated by a weight and points system. He was successful in winning Second Place (Secondary School Division) for the fishing club, Third for Snapper, Second for Trevally, Third All-Tackle for Trevally.

Regan has been fishing since he was a nipper, taught by his uncle and cousins, but the whole family is keen on fishing!

"I like fishing casually - but this event was really fun. I'd like to see more kids getting into competitive fishing, it would be great to grow the sport in New Zealand" - Regan Dickson.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

October	15	Applications close for Opihi College Out of Zone enrolment ballot
	18	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
	23	Labour Day <i>Statutory Holiday—School will be closed for instruction on this day</i>
	27	Last Day for Senior Students
	30	Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Week begins
November	6-30	NCEA Examinations
	23	Science Roadshow
	24	Accord Teacher Only Day
December	6-8	Year 7 camp <i>Raincliff</i>
	13	Awards Ceremony
	13	Last day of school

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Its that time of year again ...
Please return all clean Opihi College cups and trophies to the school office.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OPIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to Lachlan Cater who has been elected as our new Student Representative to the Opihi College Board of Trustees. We would like to thank Tama Stoakes for his hard work as our student representative this year.



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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.

Reminder: Applications closing soon!



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Board of Trustees Parent Representative Mid Term 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:

Adrian Cater

Vaughan Tarrant

Signed

Sharyn Patrick
Returning Officer



JAPANESE FIELD TRIP 2023

"Tadaima! We're home!"

Charlie Bryce-Gillett, Noah Drake, Toni Holding, Amelia Holland, Hazel Johnston, Tara Kereopa, Samantha McLellan, Tony Milne, Lyric Murray-Maaka, Lachlan Russell and teachers Kate Manson and Eric Lindblom travelled to Japan for a two week language study trip during the Term 3 holidays. After activating their Japan Rail Passes in Narita, they jumped on the Shinkansen (bullet train) and travelled across the country at 285kph to Kyoto. From Kyoto they made day trips to the temples and shrines in Kyoto and Nara; to the Peace Park in Hiroshima and a ferry ride to Miyajima Island; and to the huge Kaiyukan Aquarium and shopping in Osaka. They then travelled to a hot springs area on the Izu Peninsula and spent a few nights in a 100 year old Japanese inn. In Tokyo they visited many places like Asakusa, the Sky Tree, Akihabara, Harajuku and Shibuya. A day trip took them out to FujiQ Highland Amusement Park which is right next to Mt. Fuji. And they also spent a day at Nihon University Tsurugaoka High School with the students who had visited Opihi College in August this year. They had a lot of fun together catching up while making shiratama rice balls during a special home economics class. It was an amazing trip! Some new experiences for the students included navigating the Tokyo subway and Kyoto bus system, bullet trains, Japanese vending machines, karaoke, sleeping on a futon on tatami mats, computerised toilets and all of the very different, but mostly delicious food that they tried. Though it was only a short two weeks in Japan the students' lives were greatly enriched. They grew in maturity and self-confidence and improved their communication skills. We are very grateful to the Asia New Zealand Foundation and Nakashimoto Co Ltd, Trust Aoraki Ltd (Crown Hotel & Temuka Hotel), the Lions Club of Temuka, Pub Charity Ltd (Empire Hotel) and also the Temuka community who generously supported our many fundraising activities.

Arigatō gozaimashita!



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.



OPIHI COLLEGE PE TOPS

New stocks have now arrived!
All sizes are available for purchase at the school office. **\$45 each**



TEMUKA SWIMMING CLUB

Registrations are now open on our website Register for Temuka Swimming. In a country that spend so much time in and around water learning to swim is essential. We cater for all swimmers from those getting confident in the water to national-level swimmers. Lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Come along, meet new people and improve your skills.



Any questions please email temukaswimclub@gmail.com or see our facebook page.

TE WHATU ORA - WAITAHA CANTERBURY - COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES

Reminder to all rangatahi and their whanau that Year 9 to 18th Birthday "Free Dental" is available, book in with your dentist for your yearly check-up. Yearly dental check-ups are one of the best ways to prevent poor oral health and protect youthful smiles. If you can't remember what dentist you are enrolled with or have any questions, please contact the Adolescent Regional Coordinator 0800 825 583 / freedentalcare@cdhb.health.nz

Our Website has all the contracted dentists listed. www.cdhb.health.nz/teendental

GOLF COACHING FOR JUNIORS

Temuka Golf Club are looking to nurture kids 10-17 years who are interested in golf. It's not necessary to have own clubs, just heaps of enthusiasm. We have members who are keen to promote the game to interested kids. Coaching will be given - no previous experience necessary.

Costs to be confirmed.

Sessions will be held after school on a weekly basis - probably Friday's. Parents are expected to support with supervision by being at course during lessons.



All those interested must respond by 24th October - Parents are asked to email temukagolf@outlook.co.nz - stating the child's name, age, any previous golf experience, plus parents contact email and phone number.



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