

NEWS



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SCPS TENNIS

Well done to the Opihi College Junior Tennis team who represented our school with pride at the recent South Canterbury Primary Schools Tennis tournament held in Timaru recently: Michael Shannon, Jess Tubb, George Stratford, James Reihana and Dean Joyce. We had a fabulous day with some great tennis being played. James was the star of the day who managed to play 4 games and come away with 3 wins.

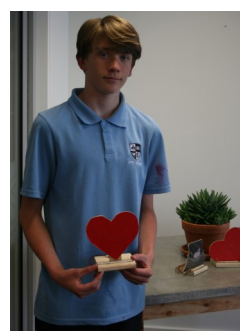
Thankyou to Miss Henderson for managing the team.



OPIHI LIVE

A great night of entertainment at the Music Department's recent 'Opihi Live' show which was held in the Music Room recently. 1.5 hours of music and dance all performed by our students! Well done to all of the students involved, and thankyou to Mrs McNally for her organisation of this event.

Videos of this event available on our facebook page



Our junior Technology students have been busy creating original lights in their technology course.

Well done!



WELCOME

Opihi College would like to welcome new students:

Karsten Eggleton
Jeremais Seijas
Ra Te Maiharoa
Liesel Van Heerden
Indy Wilkinson



We hope you enjoy your time here!

FAREWELL

We have recently farewelled two valued members of our Board of Trustees:

Tania Moir has been a dedicated parent representative on our Board of Trustees, and we would like to thank her for her support of our school over the last three years. Thank you Tania and all the best for your future endeavours.

Tama Stoakes has been our energetic student representative this year. We thank him for his hard work during his time assisting our board.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Its that time of year again ...

- Please return all clean Opihi College cups and trophies to the school office.
- Bring back all library books to the school library
- Settle all outstanding school accounts, especially for items such as stationery purchased from the school office.



POLICY REVIEW

At Opihi College the Board of Trustees regularly review our policies. This term we are reviewing the following policies:

1. Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
2. Religious Instruction
3. Health Education

All of these policies are open to review by the Board of Trustees and the School Community.

If you would like to review a policy, please view the policies on our website. If you would like to place feedback on the policy you may do so by completing a Review Form. These are available on our website or from the school office.

WANTED

The Science Department at Opihi College would love to receive any donations of plastic plant pots. If you have any spare, please drop these off to the school office.



HEAD LICE

Please be advised that we have had a reported case of Head Lice in the school. Please check your child's hair.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2023

October	30	Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Week begins
November	6-30	NCEA Examinations
	13	Year 9 & 10 Expo
	23	Science Roadshow
	24	Accord Teacher Only Day
	29	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
December	1	Year 13 Senior Dinner
	6-8	Year 7 camp Raincliff
	13	Awards Ceremony
	13	Last day of school



FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2024

January	24	Office opens for uniform sales and in zone enrolment queries
	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 students full day• Years 9-13 course confirmation by appointment
	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 students full day• Years 8-13 Orientation
	31	Whole School First Day
February	1	Mihi Whakatau
	6	Waitangi Day Statutory Holiday -School closed for instruction

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1

Mon 29 January to Friday 12 April 2024

Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July 2024

Term 3

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September 2024

Term 4

Starts Monday 14 October 2024

Year 9 & 10 Expo

Monday 13th November

5:00 – 5:30pm - for an explanation of how the Choices Programme works
5:30 – 6:00pm - for everyone

At Opihi College we believe that if students have more agency over their courses, they are more engaged in their learning. We have certainly seen this to be true since we introduced the Choices Programme 3 years ago.

This year we would like to run an Expo on Monday 13th November in the school hall. The first session from 5:00 – 5:30 will be the formal explanation as to how the Choices Programme works. We highly recommend this session for all families that are new to the programme.

The second session from 5:30 – 6:00pm is for **everyone** who will be in Year 9 or 10 next year. This is when the new course booklets will be given out. During this session, there will be displays out which will give you a visual of the courses that are on offer for 2024. The teachers will also be there, so you can talk to them individually about what courses are best for your child.

Following this evening, we then run course confirmation interviews with the whanau, child and school. These will happen in the following week. These interviews will be booked online and the booking code will be emailed to you.

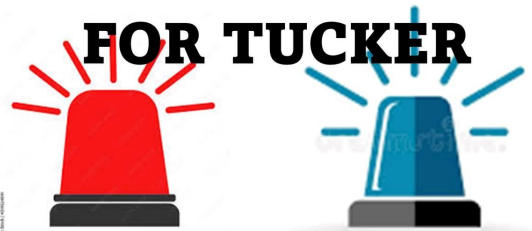
OPIHI COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY

We look forward to celebrating your child / children's success with you and your whanau and friends when attending, or viewing on line, our Opihi College Awards Ceremony. The ceremony is to be held at **7.00pm on Wednesday 13th December 2023** in our school assembly hall at Opihi College.

An e-mail will be sent out closer to the event with the Live Stream link on it.



TEMUKA TOOT FOR TUCKER



Thursday 23rd November 2023
6pm-8pm

SUPPORT THE FOOD BANKS

With the Temuka Emergency Services

Donations of non perishable goods for the Temuka Food Bank gratefully received.

Leave them by your letterbox or pop out when the vehicles come around your neighbourhood on the 23rd.

Drop off point on the night is at the Fire Station - Or prior to the event into Temuka New World

Temuka Food Bank Ph or text - 027 501 3636

"Toot For Tucker" Contact—Hamish 021 234 9733



OPIHI COLLEGE BLAZERS

BUY

New Blazers can be purchased at Opihi College
\$200 each.

Limited stocks of Pre-loved Blazers available



HIRE

A refundable deposit of \$75 is paid to the school prior to issuing a blazer. The monthly rental charge of \$5 per month is paid in advance. This can be paid by automatic payment on the 1st of each month or at the start of each term. The blazer is to be returned in good tidy condition having been dry cleaned and with the cleaning tags still attached. Blazers returned by 30 October in the condition described above will have a full refund of the \$75 deposit charges.

Opihi College Blazers are compulsory for Year 13 students; and highly recommended for Year 11 & 12 students.

Ties are highly recommended, and can be purchased from the Opihi College office: New Ties \$20. Pre-loved ties available also.



OPIHI COLLEGE PE TOPS

New stocks have now arrived!

All sizes are available for
purchase at the school office.

\$45 each



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