

Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Opihi College hosted sports teams from Mackenzie College and Waimate High School for the Annual Triangular Tournament. Friendly netball, touch rugby and softball matches were played.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November	21	Temuka Sports Group Athletics
	27	Senior Returns Day
	28	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
December	2-5	Yr 7 Camp
	2	SCPS Athletics
	8	Activities Day Yr 7 –10
	9	Awards Ceremony 7pm
	11	Kilt fitting 4—6pm
January	26	School Office opens
	28/29	Yr 11, 12, 13 Course Counselling
	30	Year 7s and Yr 13 Peer Support
February	2	Whole school

Term Dates 2015

Term 1	January 30	April 2
Term 2	April 20	July 3
Term 3	July 20	September 25





From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia ora tatou

NCEA external assessments have been continuing and we have just one week left until we are finished for another year. A number of students have continued to attend school for tutorials and to complete internal assessments. It is wonderful that so many of our students receive the help and support from their teachers. This is one of the great attributes of Opihi College, where students have easy and ready access to their teachers to improve the learning and outcomes for the individual student.

For the junior school it has been business as normal. During the last two weeks there have been a number of activities set up for students. Again these are great opportunities for our community.

Educational opportunities

At this time of year many students are considering their options for their future. We know that some students do look to see what is available at other schools. In the last year a small number of students did start the school year at other schools and then returned to Opihi College. It is worth reminding those that are exploring other options of some of the feedback that has come from students who returned to Opihi College. The feedback includes:

My teachers know me here (Opihi College) and I am challenged.

I get the help and support from teachers that I need.

I feel safe here (at Opihi College)

Academically, students at Opihi College perform very well and we have been one of the top performing schools in the South Canterbury region.

It is also worth remembering for senior students, that there are many more leadership opportunities for students who want to extend themselves. For many of the Y13 who are looking to continue their studies, there are also significant financial benefits to attending at Opihi College with a number of our students leaving with scholarship awards worth thousands of dollars towards their future studies.

Girls self defence

Just over two weeks ago our Y8 girls participated in a self defence course for two days. The student feedback was very positive and it is good to see these young people gain in self confidence.

Armistice Day

Thank you to Lydia Kinvig and Tegan Roberts who did a fantastic job representing Opihi College by delivering a speech at the Armistice Day celebrations held in Temuka last week.

Tri Exchange

On Tuesday 18 November, Opihi College once again hosted Tri Exchange sports day. It was so good to see so many of our students participating. It is always a pleasure to host these events and have students from Mackenzie College and Waimate High School visit the school.

South Canterbury Skateboarding

During the last two weeks students have been participating in the South Canterbury Skateboards competition. Congratulations to Kiarn Prentice who was placed second in the skate board section and Thomas Wilson who was also second in the scooter section.

In a separate competition the previous weekend Kiarn Prentice was first in the 13 and under section of the Canterbury Regional Skateboard Competition and Neko Prentice was placed second in the 16 and under section of the same competition.

Y10 Tramp to Mt Somers

Despite a very windy and cold start, a group of Y10 students participated in a two day expedition in the Mount Somers region. For a number of students this was an opportunity to complete part of the expedition component for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. I met some of the students on their return on Friday night who then turned out for the softball game. Despite being tired they were very enthusiastic about their adventure.

Bus survey

In the last newsletter I indicated that there was to be a survey relating to the provision of the bus service. This has been delayed and a separate letter will be sent out as soon as this has been finalised. Please do take the time to complete the survey as it is important that this information is gathered to give a true reflection of our community.

Finally

With just over two weeks until the end of term we are looking forward to activities week and the

Congratulations to the following students for receiving C.A.R.E. awards



Shae Twaddle-Best	Bronze	Excellence
Emily Bennett	Bronze	Respect
Sam Brown	Bronze	Excellence
Maddison Mawhinney	Bronze	Excellence
Soriya Halkett	Bronze	Excellence
Jayda McNoe	Bronze	Community
Stevie Loudon	Silver	Excellence



MAKE-UP

For a small time frame students were allowed to have a mineral foundation. This however has now changed and we now expect that students to have **absolutely no make-up** worn when they are at school. Failure to follow this rule will result in consequence set by our school wide consequence system.

JEWELLERY

This is a reminder that a small stud in each ear is the only accepted jewellery for students to be wearing at school. We are starting to see students trying to wear more than this. Students must also ensure that all other piercings must NOT be visible to staff. Failure to fol-

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WORK WANTED

If you would like to employ a student during the school holidays we have a number of students seeking employment. Please contact Mrs Heenan through the school office - 6157442 ext 212.

KILT FITTING

Thursday 11 December

4-6pm

Opihi College Office



struggling financially to accommodate the wishes of students I encourage you to make contact with me to see if there is any help that we may be able to offer you.

Ka Kite Ano

Mike Wright

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your accounts or are paying by automatic payment. As the end of year is fast approaching we would appreciate all accounts to be finalised. As part of the sign out procedure for Seniors, fees must be paid and especially by those leaving and requiring a leaving certificate.

For internet banking please use the following account number: 01 0885 0039753 00



Feeling down or stressed?

Do you ever worry about your alcohol or drug use, or that of your mates? ADL is a free & mobile service offering support for young people aged 12-20 in the South Canterbury region, with Alcohol and Other Drug and/or Mental Health concerns. Please feel free to contact us for more information, or talk to your school Guidance Counsellor about us.

Contact: 684 5870 or 027 684 5870

Principal

South Canterbury Mountain Bike Club Youth Ride

- **Saturday 22 November**
 - Scenic Reserve, Timaru
 - Sign in at 10.30am, start time 11.00
 - Bring the kids along to this super fun 30min lap event on the skills development course the club is building
 - \$2 per person and every rider gets a chocolate fish
 - Adults welcome to walk/ride along the course with the kids
 - Event sign posted from both ends of the Scenic
- Thank You ☺

Lee King
COMMUNITY SPORT ADVISOR

MUSICAL HIRE INSTRUMENTS

A reminder that all Opihi College hire instruments need to be handed into the music department by Wednesday 26 November. We would like to have the instruments serviced ready for next year.

ACTIVITIES DAY

Monday 8 December 2014

Students have now chosen their activities and teachers are finalising their groups. Students will soon be issued a notice including details for the day and the cost of the activity.

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Please return any library books to the library by Friday 28 November 2014. Unreturned library books will be added to school accounts. Please check the dates below for holiday office hours, should you find any books after school is closed.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be closing for the year on Friday 28 November and re-opening again on Monday 2 February 2014.

Thank you for your support throughout the year, and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Senior Returns Day Thursday 27 November 2014

**All Seniors are to report
to the library at 9.00am**

Students with any college resources,
library books, uniforms etc
are to return them on this day

All student accounts need to be paid on

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

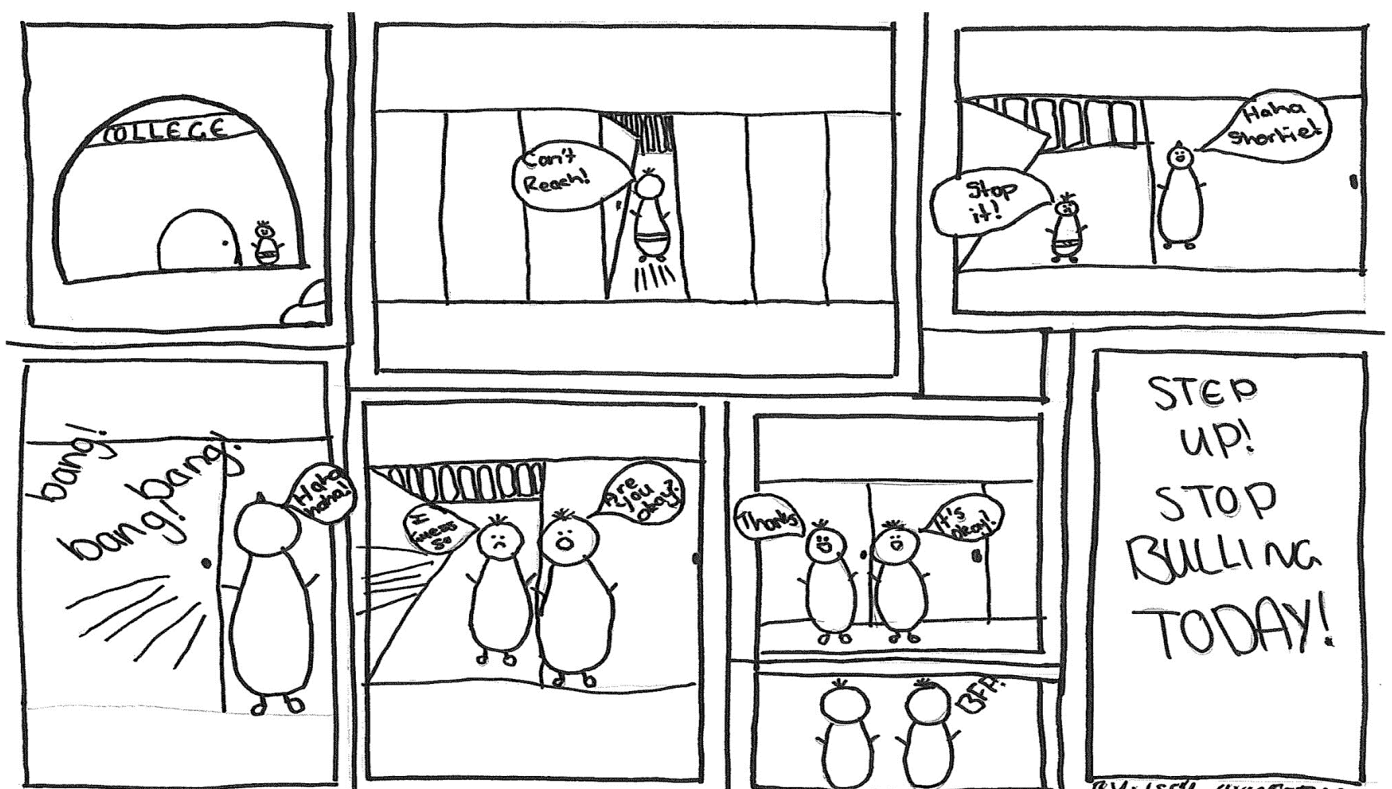
Congratulations to **Toni Wilson** who got 1st place in the Temuka Regions Lions International Peace Poster competition. The theme was Our World Our Future. Well done for showing the school value of Excellence Toni.

The College Office is open until

Friday 12 December 2014

For return of library books,
payment of accounts and any other
school related matters

Re-opening again on



NEW CRICKET WICKET

We would like to acknowledge and thank Fonterra for their very kind donation of \$5,000 that enabled us to lay down a new cricket wicket. This has enabled junior cricket to be played here on Saturday mornings.

Special thanks to Shane Gilkison, Marshall Stoddart and Adrian Cunningham for their involvement.



Fonterra Clandeboye \$2000 Scholarship

*Apply yourself.
Get all the education you
can, but then do something.
Don't just stand there—
make it happen!
Lee Iacocca*

Are you off to University next year?

Does working in the exciting progressive dairy industry appeal?
There are a wide range of employment opportunities within the industry, both within New Zealand and overseas.
If you intend to pursue a career which would lead you to work in the dairy industry, then we want to help!

The industry offers opportunities in:

- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Research, Development)
- Technology
- Engineering
- Finance
- Marketing
- Environmental
- Farming

Application forms available at your school

APPLY NOW!

Applications close Friday 15th December 2014

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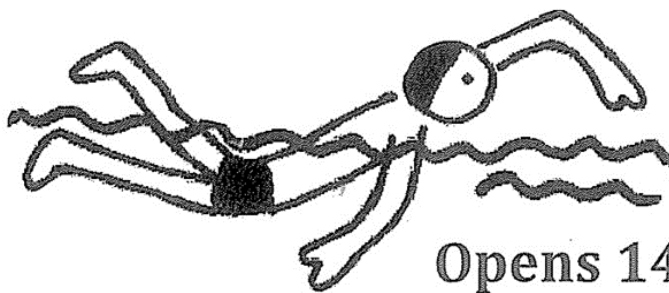
Get Office free
from your school.

Microsoft

In 2015 Opihi College will be providing Microsoft Office to every student free of charge.

This means the latest version of the full Office productivity suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, One-Note, and more available for offline and online use. As long as you're a student here and the program continues, you'll be able to use this software for free.

Install on up to 5 of your compatible PCs and Macs, tablets (including iPad!)
Use with OneDrive (or Dropbox or Google Drive#) for automatic device syncing
Gain valuable skills on the world's most popular productivity software



Temuka Pool

Opens 14th November 2014

ph: 6158205

Early bird swimming: Monday: Wednesday: Friday 6am-8am

Aqua Fitness: Monday: Wednesday: Fridays 10:30am (please note time change)

Lane Swimming: Daily (except Sunday) 11am – 1:30pm
Monday: Wednesday: Friday 5pm – 6pm

Swimming Club: Tuesdays and Thursday 5:30pm start



Pool Closes 5:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday

Public Daily: 12 noon (except Saturdays): 10am Saturdays

Paddling Pool: Open daily 11am – 6pm (except Sundays 12 noon)

Extended Hours from Mid December – open to 7pm



SPLASH FOR CASH

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER:

2:15PM

CBay is beginning Adult swimming lessons at Temuka

The programme caters for adults by providing lessons in an encouraging and social atmosphere.

All ability levels and backgrounds are catered for.

Enrolment forms are also available for collection at CBay, Temuka Pool or the Temuka Library / Service Centre.