

# Opihi - on campus



Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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## TEMUKA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thank you to the staff and students who created the marvellous Opihi College float at the weekend.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

|                 |       |                                  |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| <b>December</b> | 8     | Activities Day Yr 7 –10          |
|                 | 9     | <b>Awards Ceremony 7pm</b>       |
|                 | 11    | Kilt fitting 4—6pm               |
| <b>January</b>  | 26    | School Office opens              |
|                 | 28/29 | Yr 11, 12, 13 Course Counselling |
|                 | 30    | Year 7s and Yr 13 Peer Support   |
| <b>February</b> | 2     | Whole school                     |

## Term Dates 2015

|        |            |              |
|--------|------------|--------------|
| Term 1 | January 30 | April 2      |
| Term 2 | April 20   | July 3       |
| Term 3 | July 20    | September 25 |
| Term 4 | October 12 | December 7   |





### *From Across the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

The school year is almost at completion, but it feels like there is so much more to do! In the last few days we have been busy preparing for the final end of term activities which include Year 7 Camp, the Year 8 special programme to try out their Year 9 classes, Activities Day and the final Awards Ceremony. In the first part of the holidays it will not be unusual to see staff still hard at work. To all parents, students and teachers, I wish you a fantastic Christmas and hope you enjoy the break.

#### **Temuka Sports Group**

We have recently had the pleasure of hosting the Temuka Sports Group event for primary-aged students from the wider Temuka area. Students from age five upwards enjoyed a day of events on the Opihi College grounds. A special thanks should go to a number of our students who volunteered on the day to assist with the Sausage Sizzle, umpiring and marshaling students.

#### **Senior Returns Day**

The 27<sup>th</sup> of November saw the senior students returning to Opihi College to complete their leaver documentation and return school books and equipment. Most students have completed this process but some forms remain at the office for collection, please call in if you are unsure if you have completed this process or if you find more books or equipment which can be returned.

#### **Graduation Dinner**

On Friday last week we hosted the Graduation Dinner for our departing Year 13 students. The event was very well attended by staff, students, parents and whanau alike. During the evening we were able to reminisce over the development of these students through the last seven years of their education and to congratulate them on their achievements. Each of the Year 13 Graduates were presented with an Opihi College Alumni Badge by Mrs Staniford and Ms Queree as Mrs Heenan read a statement about their intended pathways for 2015. We wish them well for their futures.

#### **Christmas Parade**

Over the weekend Opihi College entered a massive float in the Temuka Christmas Parade. It was great to see the number of students who chose to represent Opihi College in their uniforms. From the crowd I could see the fantastic displays on the truck which were made by our students under the close tutelage of Mrs Lovatt and Miss Manson. A big thank you to all those involved, our float was awesome!

#### **Yearbook**

The school yearbook 'Te Umu Kaha 2014' has arrived at school. Copies are available at a cost of \$20 from the school office. There will also be copies available for purchase after the Awards Ceremony (cash only please).

#### **Awards Night**

I am looking forward to the Awards Evening where we can celebrate the successes of our amazing students. I would like to remind students that they should assemble at **6.40pm** as per instructions from the morning practice session. Parents should be seated in the hall for a **7pm** start to the ceremony. Year 13 students, please bring a plate for the supper in the Library after the ceremony.

#### **Finally**

As the end of the year comes around we will be saying farewell to a number of staff and students. On behalf of Opihi College, thank you to those students, teachers and families who have made a contribution to the life of the College. I wish you all well, and hope we will continue to hear from you in the future.

To those of you returning in 2015, have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Nga mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hau

Kate Staniford  
Deputy Principal





### SCHOOL CHOIR

Thanks to the school choir who went Christmas Carolling at Wallingford Home and First Learners this week.



### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

The school has a small supply of second hand uniform which can be viewed and purchased at the school office.

Also available from the school office:

Ties \$20

Sunhats \$10

Beanies \$10

Temuka Sports Socks \$10

### KILT FITTING

Thursday 11 December

4-6pm

Opihi College Office



### LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of school jerseys and pairs of sports shoes in the lost property box. Please check the box if you are missing any clothing.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014

*Compulsory attendance for all students*

**Years 7—10 students** to wear P.E. uniform to school so that school uniform can be clean and tidy for Awards Ceremony in the evening.

Period 1 & 2 = Sporting Activities

Period 3 & 4 = Awards Ceremony practice

**Senior Students (Year 11 –13)** to be at school at 11.00am for Awards Ceremony practice (wear tidy and acceptable mufti).

**School finishes 12.30 approximately—buses will run at usual times.**

(If your child requires supervision after 12.30pm, please notify the School Office).

### Awards Ceremony—commences at 7pm

Students to be in full school uniform by 6.40pm and assemble as practiced in the morning.

Year 13 students –please bring a plate for supper. Before the ceremony, deliver your plate to the Library and collect your blazers. Parents and family of Year 13 students are invited to join the students and staff for supper in the library at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.

### GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Thank you to all the employers that had Gateway Students this year. We appreciate the time and effort you put into working with the students. Your support of Opihi College is greatly appreciated.

Louise Heenan

Gateway Co-ordinator

### 2014 SCHOOL YEARBOOK / MAGAZINE

**\$20 per copy**

Available now from the School Office.

These are able to be purchased after the Awards Ceremony by cash or cheque only.



### What is the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme

ANZ has developed the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme with the New Zealand Olympic Committee to inspire and motivate New Zealand's youth, through the magic and celebration of the Olympic Games. Schools will be provided with resources and merchandise to provide opportunities, activities and incentives for students to live the Olympic Values.

In addition to the great resources schools can receive, ANZ has also tailored the programme so their staff can personally help schools earn credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre and also secure the chance to have an Olympic Ambassador visit the school.

ANZ staff will be encouraging people within their school communities to support their school and come to ANZ for their next home loan. For every home loan drawn down a school can earn credits to spend on items from the ANZ Awards Centre, items such as sports equipment or computers. As an example an eligible home loan drawn down by someone linked to your school to the value of \$50k or more will entitle the school to 800 credits. 800 credits equates to approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards centre.

You can find out more at [anzolympicschools.co.nz](http://anzolympicschools.co.nz)

### Christmas in Candyland

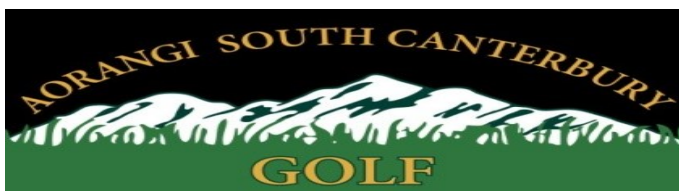
BronzBeat Studio of Dances' Annual Recital.

6<sup>th</sup> December in the Theatre Royal, Timaru.

Tickets \$15, available from the studio or through FaceBook.

Come along and join in the fun.

Bronwyn@bronzbeat.co.nz



### AORANGI S.C JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EAGLES GOLFING SOCIETY Present

### **The Junior Challenge Series of Tournaments** **Finals: January 2015 School Holidays.**

*All golfers under 19 are welcome to participate*

|          |                          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Friday   | 16 <sup>th</sup> January | Gleniti Golf Club              |
| Tuesday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> January | St Andrews Golf Club           |
| Thursday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January | Geraldine Golf Club            |
| 18 Hole  | Medal & Stableford       | Report 10.00am Tee Off 10.30am |
| 9 Hole   | Medal                    | Report 11.00am Tee Off 11.30am |
| 9 Hole   | Ambrose Teams            | Report 11.30am Tee Off Midday  |

Ambrose Teams must be accompanied by an adult.  
We welcome Non Handicapped and New Players to make up teams.

#### ENTRY FEE:

18 holes \$10.00 per player  
9 holes \$ 5.00 per player  
9 hole Ambrose \$5.00 per player

**PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH, A DRINK AND A HAT**

### **EVERYBODY WINS A PRIZE**

Entries will be accepted on the day.

Contact: Graham Keen

[gdm@aorangigolf.org.nz](mailto:gdm@aorangigolf.org.nz) or 021 326004



# YEAR 10 TRAMP

Mt Somers





## YEAR 9 POEMS

Year 9 Science students are learning about Ecology (living world strand) this term. They have done a fantastic job of working on Habitat posters for their chosen animal /plant. We looked at communities of organisms that live in a creek, leaf litter and lawn. They also designed their own imaginative animal with all the habitat and adaptation designs. After that we made clay models of small animals and wrote poems about them. Here are a few of the poems:

Frogs are slimy  
Frogs are Yuck!  
Frogs jump and live in muck

Frogs are tiny  
Frogs are loud  
Frogs can't be seen in a crowd!

Frogs have long tongues  
Frogs have big eyes  
Frogs are cool, they eat flies!

By Boo and Liam

My snowman is a rare creature  
From the land of pizza  
And it is found in the Pepperoni Suburb  
It likes to eat little pepper people  
And its favourite food is ice cream  
flavoured ice cream

By Nick Morris

**Spider (Alive)**  
Silk webs everywhere  
Piled high in the shed  
It has many babies  
Daring each other for the favourite  
Each one more important than the last  
Races to make the most poisonous bite begins

**Spider (Dead)**  
Super for a short time  
Pulled from her babies at young age  
It was viciously murdered  
Death drew it into the trap  
Everything is over now  
Repeating this cycle would be silly

By Hayley McLean 9N

Dragons are dangerous  
Run really fast  
And are really cool  
Goes a really long time without food  
On an island long ago  
Nice to family but not other animals

By Crystal

