

Opihi - on campus

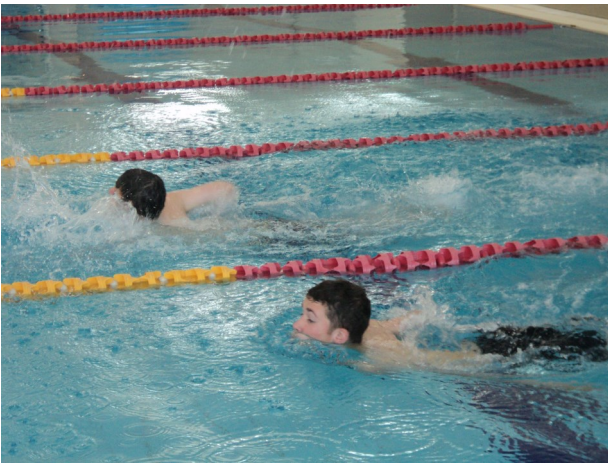


Community – Acceptance – Respect - Excellence

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congratulations to **Josh Welford** and **Ramahi King-Reeves** who participated in the Special Olympics on the 31st October at CBay.



Joshua won the 25 m flotation race and second in the combined relay. Ramahi won the 15m assisted swim.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November	10	NCEA Externals begin
	12	Paid Union Meeting — School Closed from 12.20pm
	12-14	Yr 10 Tramp—Mt Somers Walkway
	13	SCPSSA Skateboarding Yr 7 and 8
	18	Tri exchange- Opihi / Mackenzie / Waimate
	21	Temuka Sports Group Athletics
	28	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
December	2-5	Yr 7 Camp
	2	SCPS Athletics
	8	Activities Day Yr 7 -10
	9	Awards Ceremony 7pm
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

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.

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.



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora tatou

This week we have said farewell to many of our senior students as they start their study leave. To all senior students we trust that you will use your time wisely. A small number of students did not meet the requirements to be granted study leave and they are expected to continue to attend school to complete the work required. Some of the students on study leave have made arrangements to come in and meet with teachers for tutorials leading up to final assessments. To any Year 11 and 12 student who is going to be coming into school to study, for a tutorial or an exam please note that you are expected to be in school uniform.

Aoraki Sports Awards

On Friday 31 October it was my pleasure to attend the annual Aoraki Sports awards dinner. This ceremony recognises the achievements of the regions elite sports men and women. This year we had the following nominations:

Steven Cook, Student contribution to sport
Shawna Connell, Student contribution to sport
Lucy Stephens, Basketball
Tyla Smith, Inline Speed Skating

Steven won the mens award and received a trophy on the night. It is a great achievement for students to be nominated and we are very proud of all our nominees.

Sports and Cultural Awards

On Monday we hosted our own sports and cultural awards. It was wonderful to see so many students go across the stage to receive prizes and trophies to recognise their effort and achievement during the year. Congratulations to all the winners. Please note that the major awards will be presented at our awards night on Tuesday 9 December.

Piercings

Since starting at Opihi College nearly three years ago, there has been a commitment by the staff to ensure consistent standards of uniform. Recently I have met with a few students who have had facial piercings completed. I would like to remind parents and our community that our school uniform code states *Students may only wear one **plain** silver or gold stud earring per ear at their own risk. No other jewellery should be visible. Facial piercing, nose studs, tongue piercing and visible tattoos are not permitted'*

If students are to get piercings completed then this should be done during the holidays so that the studs do not need to be worn in school. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

PUM

On November 12 there is a Paid Union Meeting for teaching staff. The school will be open for instruction and there will be five shortened lessons concluding at 12.20pm. The canteen will be open for lunch orders. Students will be able to leave school to go home from 12.20. Supervision will be available. The school buses will run at the normal time after 3pm.

Senior options

The senior options have now been finalised and the timetable team is now working towards setting a timetable for 2015. As in any school the leadership team do have to make difficult decisions about which courses are able to run. Inevitably, some students will be disappointed as clashes occur. This is the same in all schools. At Opihi College we do endeavour to offer a wide range of courses and have invested in a number of on line programmes. When it comes to course selection, the teaching staff are very careful to ensure that the student option selection meets the needs of the individual and also provides the greatest opportunity for success. I encourage all parents and caregivers to make sure that they accompany their child for the course confirmation days on 28 and 29 January, 2015. If you are concerned about any options that are being made before then, please do speak to their Dean.

Bus survey

As part of the ongoing consideration of the Transport Entitlement Zone negotiation between Opihi College, Geraldine High School and Mountainview High School, the Board of Trustees will be participating in a survey which will be sent out with students. It is vital that we receive as many responses as possible for students and their families. We will send an e-text to inform parents when this survey is initiated. Please respond promptly so that we can have information to support our claims.

Awards Night

Once again we will be combining the senior and junior awards into one night on Tuesday 9 December. Following feedback received from last years event we will be changing the format slightly. We hope to see as many parents at the event as possible when we celebrate the achievements of our students. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this great event.

Ka Kite Ano

Mike Wright

OPIHI COLLEGE TERM DATES 2015

Monday	26 January	School office opens
Wednesday Thursday	28 January	Yr 11, 12, 13 Course Counselling
Friday	30 January	Year 7 & Yr 13 Peer Support
Monday	2 February	Whole school
Friday	6 February	Waitangi day School closed
Thursday	2 April	End of Term 1
Monday	20 April	Start of Term 2
Monday	27 April	ANZAC day School closed
Monday	1 June	Queens Birthday School closed
Friday	3 July	End of Term 2
Monday	20 July	Start of Term 3
Friday	25 Sept	End of Term 3
Monday	12 October	Start of Term 4
Monday	26 October	Labour Day School closed
Monday	7 December	End of Term 4

MATHEMATICS

In Ms Walker's class:

Whilst expanding our numeracy skills in the area of decimals, some students gained a huge benefit from working with the good old fashioned abacus. In this unit, students found that addition and subtraction of number problems involving decimals, all of a sudden with a visual aid became quite easy. A perfect example of kinaesthetic and visual learning styles in action.

Pictured are Jessica Furness and Andrew McHaffie working together to solve addition problems with the abacus.





FREE FREE FREE

National Oral Health Day

- November 7th 2014

Remember dental care is free until 18 years of age, whether you are at school, on a course, employed or looking for work.

Year 9 students: the dentist you selected in year 8 will contact you.

Year 10-13: if you don't have a family dentist, enrol by contacting a dental practice near you.

For more information call 0800 825 583 or visit the Canterbury District Health Board's website and search Community Dental Service, www.cdhb.health.nz



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SCHOOL HEALTH CLINICS

The Wednesday Health Clinic will continue each week until 3rd December, apart from Wednesday 12th November, when there will be no clinic.

Senior Students are welcome to attend clinic while on leave.

Some free health services during the school

holidays are:

- **Your own doctor:** Free for contraception and sexual health only
- **Youth Health Clinic:** Tuesday 2pm—4.30pm
18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru. No appointment needed
- **Family Planning:** 14 Butler Street, Timaru
Phone 684 3872
- **Arowhenua Health Clinic:** Phone 615 7452

Claire Neilson, Public Health Nurse



SUMMER ROLLER DISCO
FRIDAY 21st NOV 6-9 PM
SKATING RINK MARINE PARADE

PRICE \$5 per person includes skate hire
THEME Letter S
Costumes starting with the letter S
Prizes for best dressed & best decorated helmet
Don't forget a helmet & socks!

A cartoon character of a man with a large white beard, wearing a blue helmet with a propeller, blue shorts, and roller skates, is shown on the right side of the poster.



Attending a Polytech / University in 2015?

Students enrolled in a New Zealand Tertiary Institute for 2015 can use the Student Job Search website for **FREE**

Visit our website to start your job hunt this summer!

www.sjs.co.nz

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Rhodos, Azaleas, Boronias, Lilacs, Snowball trees, Calycanthus & Weigelas in flower looking fantastic plus Meconopsis lingholm 'Blue ice poppy' in flower.

Large selection of small specimen trees.

FANTASTIC SELECTION OF NEW PERENNIALS ARRIVING WEEKLY

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CRT cards are welcome

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Summer Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday
9.00am – 5.00pm Saturday & Sunday

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