



## Principal's Message



### Malo e lelei Parents and Caregivers

This week the college has enjoyed celebrating Tongan language week. It has been wonderful watching our Tongan students so proudly displaying their culture for everyone to enjoy.

On Wednesday, we then celebrated the many successes of our Maori students at One Tree Hill College at our annual Maori Academic Awards evening. It was exciting to announce, to the over 200 members of our whanau in attendance, that our Maori student achievement in 2016 is tracking above 80% in both NCEA numeracy and literacy. I extend my congratulations to all award winners. This is the first of many events occurring in the course of the next two months to celebrate student achievement and success – there is certainly a lot to celebrate!



Whilst I focus upon One Tree Hill College successes, I congratulate our Premier Netball team who have won their way into a position to compete for the national title next year. In the past two years the team have won their grade at consecutive North Island tournaments. To give you an idea of just how good this team is, three of the six teams who will be at the national finals from the North Island, we have beaten this year.

This week we also celebrated the arrival of our first four students as part of the Oceania Football Education Centre at One Tree Hill College. I am sure Alex, Nigel, Pele and Viliami will enjoy their time studying at the college. They join us from Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga respectively.

I would like to inform our community that on Monday the Board of Trustees co-opted Dagmar Dyck to join the Board for the next three years. Dagmar hails from her mother's village of 'Utungake, Vava'u in Tonga and has a daughter in Year 9 attending the college. Dagmar is a local resident and currently teaches at Sylvia Park School. I would like to congratulate Dagmar on her appointment to the Board and all the governance expertise which she will add to the college.

Finally, I wish all our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students, who will be completing examinations and assessments next week, good luck. Attached to the electronic version of this newsletter are examination timetables and some study tips. As parents and caregivers, please do everything you can to ensure your child is prepared as possible for these very important assessments.

Best Wishes,

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Principal



### Upcoming Events

12-16 September	Senior Assessment Week and Year 10 Examinations
19 September	Sport Photographs
20 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6:00pm
23 September	End of Term 3
10 October	Beginning of Term 4

## ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE TEACHER BOUND FOR RIO

Social Sciences teacher Christine McKnight will be at the Rio 2016 Paralympic games as a tennis official. Mrs McKnight has been involved with tennis umpiring for 30 years and has appeared at major international tennis events including the Australian Open and Wimbledon. The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will be held from 7-18 September 2016. Around 4,350 athletes from more than 160 countries will travel to Rio to compete in 528 medal events (225 medals for women, 265 for men and 38 mixed medals) in 23 different sports across 20 venues. Good luck Mrs McKnight.



## ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE SUCCESS AT WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the students who competed in the National Secondary Schools - Auckland Division competition on Saturday 27 August. The weightlifting team has trained very hard, and this showed with some very good results. A special mention goes to Dean Par, who competed in his fourth NZSS competition and lifted a personal best in both the snatch (66kg) and clean & jerk (86kg) for a total of 152kg and was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Men's under 56kg class, qualifying for the New Zealand Nationals later this year. An Son completed in his first weightlifting competition and finished 1<sup>st</sup> in his weight and age group. Tiffany Gunn and Esther Prakash both competed in their second nationals finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in their weight and age groups. Ezael Maea-Brown finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age and weight class and also lifted a personal best. David Tatafu and Logan Parangi finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in their weight divisions. One Tree Hill College are very fortunate to have a great coaching team comprised of Commonwealth Games coach, Tina Ball, Daniel Ball and former One Tree Hill College students David Liti and Anthony Taylor. It is their combined drive and dedication, along with Mr Blincoe, that has been influential in the success of the One Tree Hill College weightlifting team.

## MAORI AWARDS EVENING

These awards recognise our high achieving Māori students from Year 9 to 13. The highest achieving Maori students for 2016 are:

Year 9	Leonie Renata-Green, Shante Gribble, Zayde Sarah-Baldwin
Year 10	Ariana Rusden, Jhaelci Reguerra
Year 11	Ariana Guptill, Beja Narbey
Year 12	Anahera Hunter, Luka Ferabend Nieuwenhuijsen
Year 13	River Jorgensen, Melissa Coop

Prestige awards winners (photographed above) are:

Tiwihou Cope - *He Tohu Watea* – awarded to a student who is on our mentoring programme, who is striving for excellence and is tracking well at NCEA Level 2.

Nicole Cullen - *He Tohu Manawanui* – awarded to a student who has faced adversity, but does not let this deter their attitude or them achieving at a high standard.

## SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK AND YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS

Next week all Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students will complete a variety of examinations and assessments. For senior students, these assessments will create significant opportunities to gain vital NCEA credits.

Year 10 students will sit their examinations on 14 & 15 September during normal timetable hours.

It is compulsory for all senior students to attend examinations and assessments as per their timetable. At other times, they are to study at home or in the designated study room at school.

It is important that all students utilise the weekend to study as much as possible.

## STUDENT TRUSTEE

Nominations for this position have closed with 7 nominations across all year levels being received. It is heartening to see that so many students feel they can add value to our college.

Regardless of the results, these nominees are all winners for being nominated for this very important role. Voting will take place on Monday 19 September.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the outgoing Student Trustee, Opeti E-Moala Aholelei, for his contribution to the Board over the past year.

## PPTA Paid Union Meeting – Friday 16 September: School finishes at 12:30pm

Secondary schools in our area will be holding a PUM meeting on Friday 16 September. Parents are asked to make arrangements to ensure there is adequate alternative supervision and transportation home for your child on this day - school will finish at 12:30pm. No buses will be running at this time.

## MAUNGAKIEKIE COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (MaCoL)

*What are Communities of Learning?*

CoLs are groups of schools that come together to raise achievement for children and young people by:

- Sharing expertise in teaching and learning
- Supporting each other
- Working together

*What are CoL achievement challenges?*

CoLs come together to discuss and analyse data and factors affecting achievement for students in their community. These form the basis of the achievement challenges that every community develops and agrees to work on over several years. The Maungakiekie CoL comprises One Tree Hill College, Eilerslie School, Bailey Road School, Sylvia Park School, Stanhope Road School and Panmure District School.