



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Success is something that we are very familiar with at One Tree Hill College. Usually student achievements are the focus of this newsletter, however this edition focuses on some staff and Board of Trustees successes.

Firstly, Deputy Board Chair, Max Guptill recently received a Community Award from the Rotary Club of Ellerslie Sunrise. Max received his award for his outstanding service and leadership to youth, not only through his position with Maungarei Community Christian Trust, but also being a member on the One Tree Hill College and Bailey Road Boards of Trustees. This award acknowledges his dedication and positive contribution to the youth of our community.

Also a member of the Board of Trustees, Dagmar Dyck, is a well-known painter and printmaker of Tongan German descent. Her work is on display in places such as Sky City, Auckland Hospital, Auckland Council, and One Tree Hill College. Dagmar's art is also a part of the collection held by NZ Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. On a recent visit to meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern presented her with a print by Dagmar Dyck titled *Homegrown* (shown).



Congratulations to you both for being recognised for your outstanding work in our community.



Furthermore, our football coach, Mr Tim Payne has again been selected for the New Zealand All Whites Football squad who are competing in an international tournament in India. Mr Payne has played 14 times for the All Whites and scored two goals, representing New Zealand at the London Olympic Games and competing in three age group World Cups - twice for the under 20s and once for the under 17s. He is an example of what our students at the top level of sport can achieved if they work hard, commit themselves, and are dedicated to succeed.

As you will be aware through the news media, Auckland has experienced a mumps outbreak and to prevent it's spread the Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) are carrying out a mumps/measles/rubella (MMR) vaccine catch-up programme in secondary schools. A project team from the ADHB has been assigned to the school and we will be providing some information about students to the project team. The release of this information is standard practice in school-based immunisation programmes. The information is treated by the project team as per normal health information – completely private and confidential and will only be used for the purpose of delivering the health service. Representatives from the project team spoke to students at our junior and senior assemblies last week. Parent consent forms have been distributed to students and copies are attached to this newsletter. This form has two sections. The first is an information section for you to read and keep. The second is the consent form which needs to be completed and returned to the school immediately. Immunisation dates have been set for Monday 11 June, Wednesday 13 June and Thursday 14 June 2018.

Kind regards

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PRINCIPAL

Midterm Break & Queen's Birthday Holiday

There is no school for students at One Tree Hill College on
Friday 1 June and Monday 4 June

Senior Assessment Weeks - 28 – 31 May and 5 – 8 June

These are weeks in which all senior students are scheduled to complete their course examinations and assessments which count towards their final NCEA grades. All senior students must attend school for the duration of their examinations and assessments. All senior students have received their examination and assessment timetable. Junior students will continue as per normal during this period. Please discuss with your child their timetable for the week and ensure they attend when required. I would also like to ask all families to help their children by providing them with a quiet place in the home in which they can study and be prepared for these important assessments. In so many cases these upcoming examinations and assessments will prove essential for your child to achieve their NCEA this year.

Education Review

The new Labour government has initiated an extensive review of education in New Zealand, and they are keen to hear the views of all stakeholders, including parents, students and community groups.

Two of the reviews most relevant to secondary schools are of NCEA and Tomorrow's Schools. Questions around NCEA include whether it adequately promotes 21st Century skills such as people skills, creativity, etc; and whether the high load of assessment is truly effective and conducive to students' learning and wellbeing. The Tomorrow's Schools review looks at the wider school system and, in particular, issues around the governance of schools (Boards of Trustees) and zoning. For more information about these reviews, follow the links below. Some provide an opportunity for you to give your opinion, which I encourage you to do. It is important that everyone's voice is heard:

Korero Matauranga: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/>

Tomorrow's Schools: <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/tsr/>

NCEA Review: <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/ncea-review/>

Central Park Business Area and Ellerslie Township

Students are reminded that they are NOT PERMITTED to use the Central Park area as a thoroughfare to and from Ellerslie, nor are they to loiter in Ellerslie. We would appreciate parents reiterating this message to all students for their own safety and to avoid trespass orders being issued.



Senior Ball 2018

"Great Gatsby"

Saturday 16 June

Our annual senior ball will be held this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Always one of the highlights of the school year, with over 250 students in attendance. The balance of all payments is to be paid by Tuesday 29 May. All usual behaviour expectations are expected from all attendees.

Coming Events

28 May - 8 June	Assessment Weeks
1 June	Mid-Term Break
4 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
11, 13 & 14 June	ADHB MMR Immunisation
14 June	Auckland Big Sing Competition
16 June	Senior School Ball
18-22 June	Whānau Wearable Arts
2 July	REP Graduation
6 July	End of Term Two
23 July	Beginning of Term Three