



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is with great pleasure that I am able to share with you a fortnight of successes for students at One Tree Hill College.

Firstly, this week we celebrated student academic success by presenting merit and excellence certificates at senior assembly. These awards acknowledged Year 11, 12 and 13 students who had achieved more than 15 endorsed credits already this year. These are outstanding achievements, with one Year 11 student already having achieved in excess of 50 merit and excellence credits this year. The summary of these awards are as follows:

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| • 15 or more merit or excellence credits | 139 students |
| • 30 or more merit or excellence credits | 27 students |
| • 45 or more merit or excellence credits | 5 students |
| • 50 or more merit or excellence credits | 1 student |

In music, the One Tree Hill College Men's Chorale and Girls' Choir competed in the Auckland regional 'Big Sing' competition on 14 June. I am very pleased to report that the Girls' Choir received a certificate of commendation for the first time and the Men's Chorale received the Te Tohu Manu Waiata for the best performance of a work using Maori text for their performance of Silent Night in Te Reo Maori. In addition to this they received the highest possible grade of distinction for their overall performance. The Men's Chorale are now in contention for the national Big Sing final in Dunedin later this year. I would like to congratulate Mr Maskell, Mrs Rhodes, Ms Seto and Mr Gray who have worked so hard to get these groups performing at such a high level.



As we approach the end of term two I would like to thank all those families who have paid their subject fees. While it is our expectation that subject fees are paid by the end of term one we do understand that this may not be possible in all cases and in this situation we strongly encourage families to set up a regular automatic payment to alleviate financial pressure.

If your child has any outstanding subject fees they be coming home with a student fee statement next week for your information. We would appreciate your payment in full before the end of term 2.

If you do have outstanding subject fees which are not paid by the end of this term, 8 July 2016, we will be contacting you early next term to discuss payment arrangements and how we may assist you. Alternatively you may wish to contact Mrs Whiting on 579 5049 , ext 818 who will be very happy to help with any questions you may have.

I would like to congratulate our 1st XV rugby, 1st XI football and premier netball team who all won their respective games last weekend and wish all teams well for tomorrow.

Finally, I wish the group of students going to Silicon Valley, USA on 6 July very safe and enjoyable travels.

Best Wishes,

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Principal

Upcoming Events

30 June	Stage Challenge
1 July	Miro Mufti Day
4 July	REP Graduation
6 July	Silicon Valley Trip Departs
7 July	Whanau Haka
8 July	End of Term 2
25 July	Beginning of Term 3
30 July	School Ball

AUCKLAND COUNCIL MINI GREEN JAM



Green Jam is a one-day youth sustainability forum which aims to provide young people with opportunities to learn about issues that matter to them, and ways to work together for a sustainable future. Following the forum, students got together to host five regional events across Auckland (mini green jams) to address local community needs. One Tree Hill College hosted one of the regional events, the Environmental Mini Green Jam, on the evening of Thursday 9 June. During the evening, a large number of Auckland secondary schools sent representatives to share environmental best practice around sustainability. One Tree Hill College is a beacon school in the Auckland region for environmental best practice.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - Waiheke Island Expedition

On Thursday 16 June, 26 Bronze Award students undertook their first practice overnight tramping expedition around Waiheke Island. The weather was fantastic and the students showed great character negotiating the ups and downs to Te Wharau Bay. Students learnt how to put up tents and cook using gas cookers before toasting marshmallows over the fire.



On Friday morning everyone packed up and tramped to Oneroa Beach for a refreshing swim and hearty BBQ. The next challenge will be the qualifying expedition on Waiheke Island in August 2016.



MIRO WEEK FUNDRAISER - Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July



Miro is taking on the challenge of raising funds for St John Ambulance. Next week there will be numerous activities including the 'Hole in One' challenge, Nespresso coffees, the 'CPR' challenge, miso soup, muffins and much more.



Miro whanau will also be selling boxes of plasters that will be great in your home (\$5 for 50 plasters), and reusable shopping bags (\$7 each) supported by School Aid Limited. These will be sold all week – so please send your child along with some money to support a great cause. On Friday 1 July, a mufti day will take place, so wear your green garments. Mufti day is \$2 per student.



CAREERS CORNER

Canterbury University are having an open day on Thursday 4 July. There will be accommodation tours, introductory lectures and a chance to visit the labs, libraries and sports facilities. For more information please visit the Careers Centre.

YOOBEE School of Design are having an open day on Saturday 2 July from 10am - 2pm. Workshops are available on Graphic Design, Photoshop, Animation, Web Development and Filmmaking. Spaces are limited and you will need to register with dane.anderson@acgedu.com or ring 968 3728 or 0800 66 55 44

Year 12 & 13 students interested in Engineering are invited to the upcoming information evenings at Auckland University. They are being held on Tuesday 2 August and Wednesday 10 August and run from 6-8pm. These evenings are about the Bachelor of Engineering degree, career prospects, accommodation options and financial support options, such as the kick start scholarships open to first year engineering students. You must register for these evenings, so if you are keen please visit the Careers Centre for more information.

Does a Career in Agriculture interest in you? These July school holidays Taratahi are offering Taster Courses for hands on experience in farm life. You will spend time in the dairy shed, in the woolshed in the classroom and be meeting tutors and students. There is a fee of \$100 for the 5 days, living onsite. For many information please visit the Careers Centre.

