



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend.

Last week at our annual Sports Prizegiving we celebrated the various sporting successes at the college this year. Like other areas of the college, this year's sporting achievements have been some of the best in our school's 62 year history. Our supreme sporting awards for 2017, Dux Ludorum, were awarded to Pelea Fruean and Joe Elisara. Both these students epitomise elite performance, determination and sportsmanship. Pelea represented New Zealand in boxing at the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas earlier this year, whilst Joe was selected in the Auckland under 18 rugby team and was the One Tree Hill College senior athletics champion in 2017. The teams of the year were the girls softball team who were runners-up at the New Zealand softball championship, and the boys 1st XV rugby team who finished second in the 1B competition and have qualified for a 1A playoff next year.



As previously advertised, on Thursday 2 November we will be holding our most formal event of the year – our annual Senior Prizegiving. It is when we honour and celebrate the many successes of our senior students in 2017. I would like to extend a very warm invitation to all parents and caregivers who wish to attend and join in the celebrations. If you do wish to attend, you must be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium by 12:45pm.

I would like to wish all our senior students well for their upcoming NCEA examinations. These examinations, which commence on Thursday 9 November, are critical to every student's success and their attendance is compulsory. Shortly Year 9 and 10 students will also begin preparing for their examinations, which are to be held over two days on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November. Please do everything you can to ensure your child gets as much opportunity as possible to prepare for their examinations and assessments.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at One Tree Hill College, I would like to wish our graduating Year 13 students all the very best for their future and chosen careers beyond our college. This year the Year 13 students have certainly been an outstanding group of young leaders and real assets to the college and I look forward to celebrating with them at their graduation dinner on Monday 6 November. We encourage our students to stay in contact with the College so we can continue to celebrate their achievements throughout their lives.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal

Coming Events

27 October	Mufti Day – fundraising for St John Ambulance
2 November	Senior Prizegiving, 12:45pm
6 November	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
7 November	Cyber Safety Evening, 6:30pm
9 November	NZQA Exams Begin
16-17 November	Junior Exams



2017
Technology Exhibition

Hinau COMMONS
26TH
OCTOBER
6:00pm to 7pm

Exhibiting work from Product Design, Carpentry,
Design & Visual Communications and Food & Technology
from years 9 to 13

ENTRY IS FREE
Please come along and enjoy an evening of
fantastic student work!

INVITATION
Please RSVP Lydia Crossman at
lcrossman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz
or phone 021-851-504

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CYBER SAFETY EVENING

The OTHC PTA is hosting a Cyber Safety Evening in the Knowledge Centre on Tuesday 7 November at 6.30pm. It is open to all Year 9 & 10 students, family and whanau. There will be a presentation by Community Constable Don Allan, highlighting the dangers of cyber bullying and promoting internet safety. With all the social media our teens have access to, there is inevitably the risk of them being exposed to scams and bullying. This talk aims to help them deal with these subjects, should they ever encounter them.

Please join us for an informal evening and the opportunity to meet the friends your children have made over the past year. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by 3 November with numbers to help with catering to natjones@outlook.co.nz

UPCOMING ADJUSTMENTS TO NORMAL SCHOOL BELL TIMES

As always during term 4, there are a number of adjustments made to the day to day school timetable. Please take careful note of the dates listed below to assist your planning to ensure adequate supervision is provided for your child.

Thursday 2 November	Senior Prizegiving	All students, except prize winners, finish at 11:30am
Thursday 30 November	Teacher Only Day	Senior NZQA exams continue as normal
Thursday 7 December	Junior Prizegiving	Year 9 & 10 finish at 11:30am – last day 2017

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 2 November 12:45pm

All students, except prize winners, finish school at 11:30am.

Buses have been arranged to operate at this earlier time – they will not run at their usual time and seniors attending will be required to make their own transport arrangements home following the conclusion of prizegiving at approximately 3:00pm.

All parents and families are welcome to attend.

MUFTI DAY – ST JOHN AMBULANCE

On Friday this week, led by Miro Whanau, the college will continue to support the St John Ambulance Service. This is one of many organisations that the students fundraise for each year. Students are allowed to wear suitable mufti clothing on Friday in exchange for donating \$2 to this worthy cause. Along with other fundraising events, Miro hope to raise over \$2,500 for St John Ambulance.