



## Principal's Message



**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

The first term of 2016 was an outstanding start to the year for the students, staff and community of One Tree Hill College. There were various highlights, including outstanding NCEA results across all levels and six NZQA Scholarships. One of the most positive aspects of the rapid growth of the college is that the students are coming from families in our local area who have the trust and confidence in One Tree Hill College to provide a quality education for their children.

One Tree Hill College is flourishing and our students are competing at the highest level in so many academic, sporting, cultural and performing arts arenas. In Music, our students are excelling, with our boys and girls choirs competing this year in the New Zealand Big Sing Competition. In Performing arts, our students are busy preparing for Stage Challenge and as I write this, our senior Spanish students are preparing for a trip to learn more about the language they are studying, and our senior Technology students are about to fly to Silicon Valley in USA where they will be visiting places such as Google, Stanford and Berkeley Universities, Apple and Microsoft. What outstanding learning experiences!

This weekend, our senior girl's netball team play St Cuthbert's and Macleans College for a place in the Premier 1 netball competition for 2016 – this is the elite grade in Auckland. This has been a target for the netball programme at the college for the past 3 years and I know the team would welcome any extra support this Saturday at AMI stadium starting at 9am.

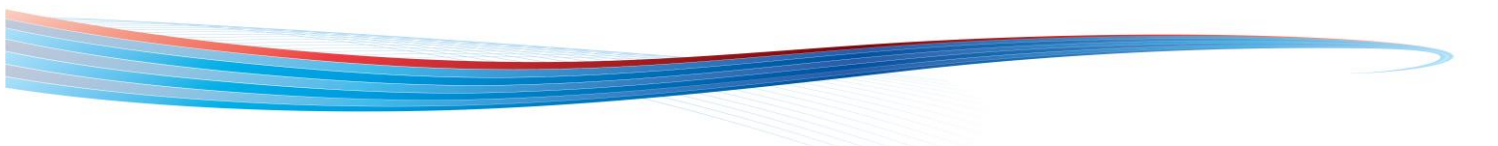
With the college at capacity, the enrolment zone for the college means families in and out of zone will need to be very aware of upcoming deadlines as we start enrolling students for 2017. There will be very limited places available for students who live out of zone – please refer to our website for the college's enrolment scheme. Our enrolment days will be Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 August, 8am to 8pm. Please check our website regularly for updates on dates and requirements, or contact the college reception on 579-5049. As always, I would welcome any interested members of our community who wish to take a tour of the college to contact me to arrange an opportunity for me to show you around One Tree Hill College.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

27 May – 2 June	Senior Assessment Week
3 June	Mid-term Break – no school for students
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday – no school for students
8 July	Last Day of Term 2



## School Trustee Elections

The 2016 Triennial Board of Trustee (BOT) Elections are being held in May and June this year. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our students learning. Information about the elections has been circulated by the Returning Officer, Mrs Heather Eustace to parent and caregivers. The timeline for the Board of Trustees Election process is as follows:



Close Main Roll	May 4
Call for Nominations	May 6
Close Supplementary Roll	May18
Close of Nominations	May 20
Post voting papers	May 25
Close of Voting 12 noon	June 3

## College Sport App

The days of scrambling to find the latest school sports draw or calling around to find out whether the latest event is still on are over. College Sport have introduced the College Sport app, free to download. To download the app, search *College Sport Auckland*. It is available on iPhone and Android phones. The app provides information about college sport competitions, draws and results.



## Punctuality to School

A reminder to all families that school starts at 8.45am every day. Students must report to the Attendance Officer if they are late to school. Every minute late, is a learning opportunity lost.

## Absence from School

Parents are asked to phone the Attendance Officer (579 5049 ext 846) first thing in the morning once they know their son/daughter will not be attending school that day. Please provide your son/daughter's full name, year level and reason for absence, along with a contact name and telephone number. After an absence, students must bring a note stating the number of days and the reason for the absence. This note must be signed by a parent or caregiver and be given to the whanau teacher even if there has already been phone contact.

## Leaving the School Grounds

Students must remain on the school grounds throughout the day, unless granted a pass from the Attendance Officer. This requires a note from home or written permission from a Whanau Leader.

## Sickness

A student who needs medical attention while at school should report to the School Nurse located in the Student Services Centre. Parents will be contacted by the School Nurse to collect sick students from school.

## School Donation and Subject Fees

Thank you to all families who have paid these. If you are unsure of your child's outstanding balance please contact the college for an updated statement. Please remember that the college counts on you paying these amounts to ensure it can provide the best learning opportunities and facilities for your children. It is appreciated if payments could be paid to the college reception as soon as possible. Payment of subject fees is compulsory. Should you wish to discuss any accounts matters please contact our Administration Manager, Mr Ron Eisig on extension 706 or email him directly at [reisig@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:reisig@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)

## Mobile Phones, Electronic Equipment and other Valuable Items

We would like to remind students and families that mobile phones, electronic equipment and other valuable items are bought to school at their own risk. Although the college has procedures to try and support the safety of all personal items, the ultimate responsibility lies with the owner. Please discourage your child bringing valuable items to school and to keep mobile phones secure at all times.

## Premier Sport this Weekend at One Tree Hill College

Come along and support our 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team play at 10am, followed by our 1<sup>st</sup> XV at 12noon. Good luck to all players representing the college this weekend.

