



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

E fa'atalofa atu i le mamalu ma le paia o matua uma o la tatou kolisi. O le vaiaso leni o la tatou Gagana Samoa. O le autu o le vaiaso - 'Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga'. ('Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity'). O se taimi muamua leni o le a aofia ai le Gagana Samoa ma le Aganu'u i totonu o mataupu o lo'o a'oa'o i le kolisi. O se avanoa taua tele ona o le Gagana Samoa o le gagana lona tolu lea o lo'o fa'ogaina i totonu o Niu Sila. O le vaiaso fo'i leni o le a amata ai ona fa'atino ai ni vaega ese'ese e amata ai le fa'amoemoe. O le avanoa lea o le a mafai ona fa'asoa mai le mamalu i matua fa'apea alo ma fanau a le kolisi. O le susuga ia Andrew Maea-Brown ma la outou au'auna o Geraint Tagaloa o loo ta'ita'ia le fa'amoemoe. O le fa'amoemoe maualuga ma le manuia o alo ma fanau a la tatou kolisi o lo'o i o outou a'ao ma sa matou taumafaiga fa'atauva'a. O le a manuia alo ma fanau pe a tatou galulue fa'atasi. Ia manuia le vaiaso o le gagana Samoa!

I am excited to welcome you to Samoan language week. The Samoan language is the third most spoken language in New Zealand and the Samoan culture adds so much to our One Tree Hill College community. Over the course of this week our Samoan leadership group, made up of students and staff, will be running various activities, events and challenges for us to learn and enhance our understanding of the Samoan language and culture. What is particularly special this year, is that this is the first year of One Tree Hill College teaching the Samoan language within our curriculum. This programme is being led by Mr Tagaloa and Mr Maea-

Brown. It is yet another way the college is listening to and working with our community to best meet the needs of our students.

Unfortunately, the PPTA industrial action resumes on Thursday 1 June, with all Year 12 students being rostered home. This is detailed on the following page. All other year levels must attend school as normal. All Year 12 students attending the Senior School Ball on Friday 2 June will be issued with their tickets tomorrow (Wednesday) at a special assembly. Students must be in attendance to receive their tickets.

The week before last we celebrated Pink Shirt Week. It was a tremendous week in which we focussed on working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. We all want to create a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background. We joined with our Kāhui Ako to work together to promote being upstanders, not bystanders. We are proud to have raised \$2,150 for Jazz Thornton's organisation, Voices of Hope. This was presented to the co-founder of Voices of Hope, Genevieve Mora by the students representing all our Kāhui Ako schools.

Finally, I wish all our Year 12 and 13 students attending the Senior School Ball on Friday an enjoyable evening.

Fa'afetai lava,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) – WE NEED YOU HELP PLEASE!

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, a school-based group of volunteers with a mission to make the school a better place for our students. The OTHC PTA has contributed significantly over the years, working together with teachers to support the school, especially with fundraising and other community activities. We invite any parents/caregivers who wish to become a member of the PTA to email [heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz). The PTA's first focus this year is to support the Rotary Club of Penrose with carparking at Warrior games at Mt Smart Stadium to raise funds for student activities at OTHC. Your help makes a huge difference!!!

### PPTA Industrial Action

Unless the industrial situation is resolved, PPTA have informed all secondary schools that their members will not be teaching certain year levels on particular days this term as noted below. This means on these days, the year level indicated are not to attend school:

- Thursday 1 June Year 12 rostered home
- Tuesday 6 June Year 10 rostered home
- Thursday 8 June Year 9 rostered home

### Drop-off & Collection of Students

For the safety of all students, parents are to drop-off and collect their child outside of the school grounds each day. We understand this is a minor inconvenience, but safety is always our priority. The gates will be closed between 8:30am to 9am; and 3pm to 3:30pm. Please arrange for a drop-off/pick-up point somewhere off Rockfield Road.



*Speak UP*  
**STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING**  
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA



### Coming Events

**1 June**

Year 12 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

**2 June**

Midterm Break - no school  
Senior School Ball

**5 June**

King's Birthday – no school

**6 June**

Year 10 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

**8 June**

Year 9 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

**12 June**

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

**13 June**

OTHC Open Day

**21-21 June**

OTHC Enrolment Days for 2024

**21 June**

Big Sing, Town Hall

**30 June**

End of term 2

**17 July**

Start of term 3  
OTHC Cultural Evening, 6pm

**Maungakiekie**

**Kāhui Ako**



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