



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

31 July 2020



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you are aware, One Tree Hill College continues to go from strength to strength and is now the school of choice for most families living in our community. One of the key foundations for our success is the strong strategic planning completed by the Board of Trustees over the past 15 years. This planning has always been based upon the needs of our community, following extensive consultation processes which have gathered feedback from all our stakeholders. It will be a similar process this time as well. Over the next 3 months, you will be given the opportunity to provide us with your feedback about the direction of the college in various forums. I strongly encourage you to engage in this process.

On Tuesday evening we held a Pasifika Fono to listen to the voices of our Pasifika families. Of particular note were the many new families to our whānau this year who were so complimentary of the direction of the college. There was also a strong group of parents who are wanting to engage further with the Board of Trustees in developing the best outcomes possible for all Pasifika students. This is very exciting.

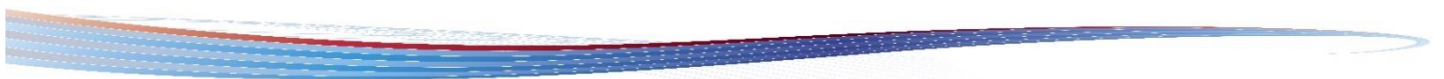
On Tuesday 4 August we will be holding a Māori Advisory Meeting in the Knowledge Centre at 6pm. The focus of this meeting is to look at how we can best support, and create successful outcomes, for our Māori students. These discussions will also feed into the Board's strategic planning process. I strongly encourage our Māori whānau to attend. A light meal and refreshments will be served.

Due to the lockdown disruptions earlier in the year, there are some senior students completing NCEA whose progress is not at the levels normally expected at this time of year. We have put strategies in place to support these students 'catch-up' on work missed. One of the most important strategies, is a special Senior Parent Teacher interview afternoon on Thursday 13 August from 1.30pm to 5:30pm. These interviews are only for families of senior students whose progress is not at expected levels and are therefore at risk of not achieving their NCEA. Families required to be involved in these interviews have already been emailed information about how to make bookings with their child's teachers. I wish to stress how critical attending these interviews will be for the success of their child this year. The focus of the afternoon will be the development of an individual learning plan for the remainder of the school year for each student to support them to gain their respective NCEA. If you have questions about this afternoon, please contact the reception.

To accommodate these interviews, I wish to advise that Year 10 – 13 students will be finishing school at the earlier time of 1.10pm on Thursday 13 August. No school buses will be operating at this earlier time. Please ensure that adequate arrangements are made for your child to get home safely. Year 9 students, along with Year 12 and 13 Drama students, will remain at school to attend a performance of Othello. They will finish school at 2:30pm. We have arranged for buses to collect Year 9 students at this time.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan
Principal



STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that for the remainder of the year, learning will commence at 8:45am every day, except Tuesday. On Tuesday, learning will commence at 9:15am. All students will go straight to their period 1 class at this time. Whanau time will now be at the end of period 1. I strongly encourage all students to arrive at school at least 5 minutes earlier than required to avoid being late. A copy of the new bell times is attached for your reference.

Students arriving to school late without a valid excuse will be issued with lunchtime supervised service. If lateness persists, then after school supervised services will be issued. This is how seriously we are taking student punctuality to school. We expect students to be able to manage themselves to avoid lateness.

ENROL NOW FOR 2021

Year 9 Rotary Scholarships

Applications are invited from any students seeking enrolment in Year 9 at One Tree Hill College for 2021.

LEVEL A SCHOLARSHIPS have a value of \$1000 each and can be used for educational purposes for as long as the student is enrolled at One Tree Hill College.

LEVEL B SCHOLARSHIPS cover the cost of subject material fees to a maximum of \$100 during the first year of enrolment at One Tree Hill College.

Application forms can be obtained from our website or from the College reception and must be completed and returned by 4pm Friday 21 August 2020.

Open Day

Thursday 6 August 2020

Guided tours will take place at: 9.00am, 10.00am, 4.00pm and 5.00pm
Meet in the College reception.

Year 9 Enrolments

All enrolments for 2021 will be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone.

In Zone Enrolments

All in zone students must be enrolled on our special enrolment days on Tuesday 11 or Wednesday 12 August 2020, 8am to 7pm.

Out of Zone Enrolments

All out of zone students must be enrolled on our special enrolment days on Tuesday 11 or Wednesday 12 August 2020, 8am to 7pm. The last day for out of zone enrolments is Wednesday 2 September 2020. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 9 September 2020. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

COMING EVENTS

4 August

Māori Advisory Meeting, 6pm

3-7 August

Cook Island Language Week

6 August

Open Day

10 August

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

11 August

PTA meeting, 6pm

11-12 August

2021 Enrolment Days, 8am to 7pm

13 August

Senior Parent Teacher Interviews
1:30pm to 5:30pm

20 August

OTHC Has Talent, 6pm

22 August

School Ball, Eden Park, 7pm

26 August

Mufti Day

28 August

Teacher Only Day

4 September

Father's Day Breakfast, 7:30am

7-11 September

Tongan Language Week

11-18 September

Assessment Week

14-18 September

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