



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

21 March 2016



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

NZQA have now confirmed the 2015 NCEA results for all secondary schools across New Zealand. I am very excited to inform our community that our results are excellent:

NCEA Level 1 - 83%

NCEA Level 2 - 82%

NCEA Level 3 - 76%

In addition to these results, the percentage of students who were endorsed with either merit or excellence are also very high. In 2016, we have set our expectations even higher, with a target of 90% achievement for students completing NCEA.

One of the many reasons why our results have increased so dramatically, is because our students and families have developed a greater understanding of the NCEA qualification from having attended one of our NCEA Information Evenings. Our recent evening was very well attended and resources are available on our website to assist those who didn't attend.

Over the last three weeks the college has enjoyed a number of co-curricular activities which provide students with opportunities outside of the classroom. Our recent athletics and swimming sports were examples of such activities. This year our respective champions

were:

	Athletics Champions	Swimming Champions
Junior Boys	John Veikoso	Benjamin Whittington
Junior Girls	Zayde Sarah-Baldwin	Jessica McKnight
Intermediate Boys	Sake Tafea & Loni Nafe	Kevin Guo
Intermediate Girls	Rolex Ta'ala	Mika Kawamoto
Senior Boys	Tanire Mokoroa	Denis Pearse
Senior Girls	Anania Piri	Natasha Follows

Finally, at the end of last week, I was privileged to be able to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes our college so special. I was immensely proud of our Kapa Haka, Indian, Filipino and Tongan students who all performed so well at Polyfest.

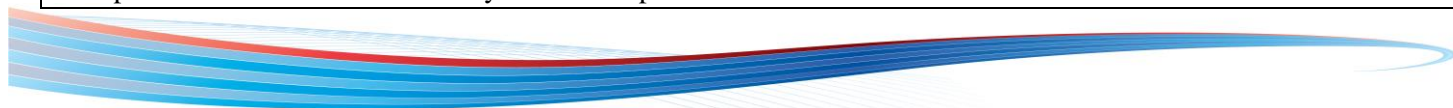
I wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable Easter.

Best Wishes,

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Principal

Upcoming Events

25 – 29 March	Easter Holiday (school returns Wednesday 30 March)
1 April	Red Puppy Mufti Day – \$2 donation
4 – 8 April	Summer Sports National Tournament Week
14 April	Parent Interview Day 8am – 7:15pm



KAMAR Parent and Student Portal

The KAMAR parent and student portal is now available at One Tree Hill College. This gives students, parents and caregivers the ability to access personal school information from any web browser.

Personal user names and passwords were emailed to primary caregivers – please contact the college if you did not receive this information. The portal gives access to the following functions:

- Daily Notices
- School events
- Checking personal details
- Student timetables
- Student results including NCEA and school assessments (from 1 March)
- Live student attendance
- Archived Progress Reports (from April 2016)

Healthy Food at One Tree Hill College

After consultation with staff and students the school café has reviewed and adjusted the food on sale to align with the Health and Nutrition Policy adopted by One Tree Hill College. The selection now includes:

- A greater variety of healthy seasonal food options;
- No longer selling sugar enriched and fizzy drinks;
- Encouraging the drinking of water by the sale of refillable drink bottles;
- Students able to pre-order and pre-pay their food.

ID Cards & School Diary

Student ID cards have arrived at One Tree Hill College and may be collected by students who have paid from Student Services Centre. A reminder that in 2016, the Student ID card will be required by all students wishing to borrow books from the library, print documents from the computers, and/or use the photocopiers. School Diaries have been issued to all students. Students who have yet to pay may do so at Student Services Centre at a cost of \$8 for the Student ID and \$5 for the Dairy.

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.

Here are some methods which may suit you best:

- Credit card – we are able to accept Visa or Mastercard for payment of your account
- Payments on line – these may be made directly to our bank a/c # 12-3023-0600686-00 – Please be sure to provide pupil's name as details so we can correctly identify the account being paid.
- Payments by instalment – should you wish to make weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly payments this can also be done on line, as above, or arranged by signing an “automatic bank payment authority”.
- Payments by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at our reception are also viable options.

Should you wish to discuss any accounts matter please contact our Administration Manager, Mr Ron Eisig on extension 706 or email him directly at reisig@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

Central Park Business Area and Ellerslie Township

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to use the Central Park area as a thoroughfare to and from Ellerslie, nor are they to loiter in Ellerslie. I would appreciate parents reiterating this message to all students to avoid trespass orders being issued.

Do you need Support to be the Best Parent you can be?

‘The Incredible Years’ is a proven parenting programme that give New Zealand families the confidence to succeed. It's for parents of children aged 3-8 years and involves weekly sessions for 14 weeks. Over the weeks, parents develop strategies to build positive relationships with their children and manage unwanted behaviours. These behaviours cause enormous family stress and parents can feel alone and helpless. To book please call 09 580 1284

