



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

11 May 2022



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would firstly like to acknowledge all the mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who do so much to support their children. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day on the weekend.

Last week we held one of our biggest school events of the year – the annual Year 9 Citizenship fieldtrip to Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill). It was an amazing day watching our students connect with our maunga (mountain) that has such historical significance for Māori, and the great chief, Kiwi Tamaki. It has also been a central focus of our school's crest for over 67 years. Students completed a range of activities exploring the significance of Maungakiekie to the people of Auckland, climbed to the summit, and visited the Stardome. This week all Year 9 students will complete the OTHC Citizenship course and will be presented with their 2022 Citizenship Badge to proudly wear on their uniform.



Year 9 and Year 10 Weekly Engagement Reports have commenced. Every Friday afternoon all Year 9 and Year 10 parents/caregivers will receive via email their child's Weekly Engagement Report which provides weekly feedback on engagement and attendance. We have received a lot of positive feedback about these new reports and the instant feedback it provides families.

A reminder that tomorrow we hold our Achievement Interviews (previously called parent/teacher interviews). It is important that every family books time to meet with their child's teachers using the on-line booking system, so that we are working together to enhance your child's learning at our college. These instructions have been emailed to families previously. The expectation is that every child will attend the interview with their parents/caregivers over the zoom platform. At the interview you will be able to enquire about your child's learning, as well as receive feedback from their teachers. It is still not too late to book!

As so many school events start to recommence post-covid lockdowns, it has been wonderful to welcome back the Rotary Club of Penrose to the college. They hold their weekly meetings in the Art Lobby every Tuesday at 8:30am. This week, five One Tree Hill College students spoke to Rotarians about their recent Outward Bound experiences. These experiences were supported financially by the Rotary Club of Penrose. If you wish to know more about Rotary, please feel free to attend a meeting and talk to us (I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Penrose since 2010).



Congratulations to the chess team who won both the team and individual events at their recent regional tournament. Neil Tapallas, Yaswanth Sirivuri, Aanav Prasad and Jonathon Hookings were the members of the team. A special congratulations to Jonathon, who won the individual championship as well. The chess club runs every Friday after school with chess coach, Wayne McDougall. Any new players are always most welcome to attend.

This week sees the commencement of winter sport. After 2 very disrupted seasons we look forward to seeing as many students participating as possible. Good luck to all out teams, especially our premier netball team who this week qualified for the Premier 1 grade (12 best teams in greater Auckland).

Finally, I would like to stress the importance of ensuring all students are wearing the correct school uniform. This will support them to stay healthy this winter. Please remind your child that there must be no visible t-shirts under their school shirts, and only correct One Tree Hill College jerseys and jackets are to be worn. If you require uniform items please visit our uniform supplier, *The Warehouse*, Sylvia Park. Scarfs are also available for purchase from the Student Services Centre.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



ACHIEVEMENT INTERVIEWS – 12 MAY

8am to 7pm

Bookings can still be made until 6pm tonight!

We ask that every family books times to meet their child's teachers using the on-line booking system.
Please contact the reception if you need assistance to make bookings.

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

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022



Mental Health Foundation
mauri tu, mauri ora OF NEW ZEALAND

New Initiative for Year 9 Students

**MA TE HURUHURU, KA RERE TE MANU
WITH FEATHERS, THE BIRD WILL SOAR!**

KA RERE means 'to soar'. The Ka Rere programme is a new initiative aimed at providing motivated Year Nine students with the opportunity to soar at OTHC in 2022.

This programme supports the development of critical thinking, research skills, problem solving, extension of students' written and verbal communication skills, as well as encouraging self-direction, leadership and team work skills through the exploration of both global and community issues.

Ka Rere will be focussed around the Future Problem Solving Global Issues and Litter Intelligence (Sustainable Coastlines) Programmes.

The Ka Rere programme commenced this week.



Coming Events

12 May
Achievement Interviews (online)
8am to 7pm

16 May
Bullying Free NZ Week

17 May
MOE Accord Teacher Only Day

20 May
Pink Mufti Day
(students to wear as much pink as possible with a gold coin donation)

27 May
Teacher Only Day

3-6 June
Mid-term Break Holiday

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE SUPPORT

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Tanya Newman newman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz for further support and information. There are also a number of external services available - please do not hesitate to contact them at any time:

- Youthline: 0800 376 633 or txt 027 4 youths
- Domestic Violence Centre: 09 303 3939
- Pasifika Health Services: 09 828 4307
- Parenting Place: 09 524 0025 or 0800 535 659 or www.theparentingplace.com
- Internet safety: netsafe.org.nz
- For immediate help call 111

Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker or see the nurse via the following link: <http://bit.ly/OTHCStudentServices>

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School Board elections are happening in September 2022. To find out more about becoming a school board member, go to: www.schoolboardelections.org.nz

