



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

In the last week, One Tree Hill College students have raised over \$3,000 for the Cancer Society, competed on live television in a rugby final at Eden Park, won the 1st XI boys football competition, and were awarded a silver medal in the New Zealand Big Sing Finale. These are all wonderful achievements and I extend my congratulations to all students and staff involved.

The good news certainly does not stop there. Last week we were informed that Year 13 student, Sheetal Ramrakha, had been awarded a scholarship to Yale University in USA valued at \$50,000. This is an incredible achievement and will be the fourth scholarship to an American University in the last two years for One Tree Hill College students.

The next three weeks are crucial for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. With examinations in under two weeks, all students must be well underway with their study programmes. Family support is critical during this period of time. I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to engage in important conversations with their children around ensuring that they are fully aware of just how important the upcoming weeks are for their future. Please ensure your child has a quiet place to study and that you are constantly keeping them focussed on their main priority – academic achievement. It is so important to remind our young people that small sacrifices now, will pay huge dividends in the future.

This week is when various North Island winter sports tournaments are held, and I wish all our teams the best of luck. We know many hours of preparation and training sessions have gone into getting your teams to this competitive point. A huge thank you to all the teachers who have given up time away from their own family to accompany our students away to tournaments this week.

Lastly, a reminder that our Teacher Only Day is this Friday and alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child to be a home on Friday 8 September.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan
Principal



Upcoming Events	
7 September	Student Trustee Nominations close, noon
8 September	Teacher Only Day
13 September	Maori Achievement Evening, 5:30pm
15-22 September	Senior Assessment Week
26 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm
29 September	Last Day of Term 3



Thank you 1st XV Supporters

On behalf of the players and management, the 1st XV team would like to thank all the One Tree Hill College supporters for their tremendous support that was shown to them, not only last Saturday at the 1st XV 1B rugby final at Eden Park, but throughout the season. The support received throughout the season from staff members, fellow students, parents, community, sponsors and the college's increasing number of ex-players was very humbling.

The final last Saturday was a fantastic occasion not only for rugby, but the college as a whole (being the first time in 40 years that the college has been represented on this stage, the last occasion being 1977).

The game itself was ours for the taking, but try as we did, we just couldn't get ahead and though we didn't get the victory, the game did show off the fighting quality of this 1st XV team by continually coming back time after time.

One of the lasting memories was standing on the field after the prize giving looking up at the stand and seeing the sea of One Tree Hill College supporters showing so much pride in their 1st XV rugby team.

Mr Langdon, 1st XV Manager



Student Trustee

Would you like the One Tree Hill College Board to have a student voice around the issues of education in your school and your community? Would you like to be that voice? Here is your opportunity! The OTHC Board is looking for a Student Trustee to contribute to the information that forms Board decisions and policies. Nomination forms for students to represent the students' interests are available from student services centre.

Big Sing Finale

The Big Sing is the national Secondary Schools' Choral Festival and the Finale is the culmination of months of rehearsing and planning for all involved. This year 273 choirs from 160 schools around the country entered. After regional competitions, 24 secondary school choirs were selected to perform at The 2017 Big Sing Finale at the Aotea Centre in Auckland. The One Tree Hill College Chorale was one of the 24 selected. The Big Sing Finale ran over 3 days. On the final day, the Big Sing Gala Concert took place. Each of the participating choirs presented one song from their repertoire and the announcement of prize winners was made at the end of the concert. The One Tree Hill College Chorale was awarded a silver medal – simply outstanding!

Year 9 Enrolments

All enrolments for 2018 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.

www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz

In Zone Enrolments

Please contact the college reception to make an appointment. It is important that in zone enrolments are processed as soon as possible to avoid students missing out on the college's transition and orientation programme.



TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 8 September

There will be no school for students on Friday 8 September to allow staff to undertake professional development. Please ensure there is adequate alternative supervision at home provided for your child on this day.