



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

16 March 2021



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Despite the challenges that we all have had to endure over the last few weeks, our focus has remained on quality teaching and learning to engage every student at One Tree Hill College. It is great to see many of our daily routines and co-curricular activities quickly re-establishing.

In the junior college, it was exciting to meet parents and caregivers of Year 9 students at the Year 9 Information Evening on Tuesday 23 February. During the evening, academic programmes, whānau organisation, pastoral care, BYOD, the KAMAR parent portal and co-curricular activities were all discussed. If there are any new, or existing, families who wish to know more about the operations of the college, please do not hesitate to contact the reception.

This meeting, along with others that are upcoming, emphasise the value that strong family support plays in achieving positive outcomes for students. The reality is, that the more that our families can work with us, the greater the likelihood of student success.

Which leads me to Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 18 March. At the end of last week parents/caregivers would have received an email detailing that the One Tree Hill College 2021 reporting cycle commences this term with an Interim Report, which are available now through the Parent Portal. This report is designed to provide parents and caregivers with an idea of how their child has settled into the school year. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their interim report with them. A guide to accessing this report was emailed out to parents and caregivers at the end of last week.

The sharing of quality learning information between learners, parents, whānau and the school is vitally important. Can I please ask that every family books times to meet their child's teachers, using the on-line booking system. If you would like some guidance through this process please refer to the information attached to this newsletter, or contact the school reception. Other supporting professionals (Counsellor, Nurses and Learning Support Co-ordinator) are available should you wish to book an appointment to speak to someone about any other topics. There are three blocks of time when teachers and staff are available on 18 March: 8.00am-11.25am, 2.00pm-4.25pm and 5.15pm-7.15pm. I would like to remind you that on 18 March there are no lessons, and students will be not be required at school, except for the interview times which students are expected to attend with their parents/caregivers in full school uniform.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our girls softball team who have just won the Auckland Secondary School Softball Championship. We reached the final by scoring 2 runs in the last innings to beat Westlake Girls High School 2-1. In the final we were down 0-4 to MAGS and scored 5 runs in our last at bat to win 5-4. It's an excellent result leading into the National Championships next week. I would also like to wish our volleyball, boys softball, and basketball teams well at their respective national tournaments next week too.



I hope to see you all on Thursday,

N Coughlan
Principal



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

To access these functions please:

1. Go to <http://www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz/>
2. At the top of the page select “Parent and Student Portal”, scroll to the bottom of this page and click on “KAMAR Student and Parent Portal”.
3. Enter your Portal Username and Password
4. Select the function you require

Coming Events

18 March

Parent Teacher Interviews
8am to 7:15pm

22-26 March

Summer Tournament Week

24 March

2020 Māori Achievement Awards
5:30pm to 8pm

25 March

Academic Excellence Awards

26 March

Year 10 – 13 Individual Photos

29 March

OTHC Athletics Day
Mt Smart Stadium

1 April

Mufti Day

2 - 6 April

Easter Holidays

13 April

Class Photos

16 April

Last Day Term 1

3 May

First Day Term 2

Mobile Phones



We acknowledge for many students, mobile phones are an integral part of their daily lives and for the majority, the most popular form of electronic communication and family organisation. However, as a school, we have observed over-reliance on the mobile phone for social connection, intrusion into young peoples' lives, and limiting a teachers' ability to effectively teach at times (due to inappropriate use, phones being lost, and miscommunication on social media). As a school, we believe that young people benefit from face-to-face interaction with peers and an environment that fosters understanding of each other through verbal communication.

It is the expectation of the school that phones and headphones/ear buds are not to be used or seen inside any school buildings (classrooms, corridors and all other indoor spaces) at any time during the day. 'Use' includes playing music, using the internet (including apps), texting, phone calls etc. Students who do not follow these expectations, will have their mobile phones confiscated and only returned when collected by their parent/caregiver.

Complaints

If for any reason you wish to make a complaint about any aspect of the College, please do so in writing to the Principal. All complaints will be followed up upon to seek the most positive outcome possible.

Breakfast Is Important

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, especially for children and adolescents. Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and in other activities, with better concentration, focus, problem-solving skills and eye-hand coordination. Whānau Leaders are also aware of the importance of breakfast and invite students in their whānau to enjoy breakfast in the whānau commons area every morning before school. A variety of breakfast items are available free of charge, including weetbix, toast, spreads and other items.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 18 March

8:00am to 7:15pm