



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week I had the pleasure of watching our Filipino and Tongan groups perform at Polyfest. They were both outstanding. I would like to congratulate all the students involved for the way in which they represented their family, culture and school. Later this year, we will hold our One Tree Hill College Cultural Evening, which will showcase the many cultures here at the college. This is always a highlight of the school year, and one which our students, staff and families thoroughly enjoy.



On 7 March we welcomed all our Year 10 students and families to join us for our Year 10 Meet the Teacher Evening. The evening was a great chance for families to become more familiar with the college and meet their child's whānau teacher and other senior leaders. This event was well attended and the feedback has been very positive. I would like to thank all the families who were in attendance. Next Monday we will be holding a similar event for families of Year 11-13 students. I strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to attend this event.

As you are aware, this year we introduced Weekly Engagement Reports (WERs) across the school for all students from Year 9 to 13. The purpose of the WER is to provide weekly feedback to parents (and students) on the attitude and engagement/effort of their child in their classes for that week. The grade criteria are from 1-5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. Our expectations are that students who are engaged and working will sit at grade 3 with those working really well at grade 4 of the criteria. Grade 5 represents students who are going well above and beyond what is required. Grade 5s would be a rarity and something all students should aspire to achieve. Grade 2 indicates that a student's attitude and engagement is below expectation and Grade 1 is well below (very poor attitude and engagement). Please take the time to discuss the WER with your child each week. If your child is getting 1 or 2 grades, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to discuss further.

Finally, despite the weather looking more like summer (at last), our winter sports codes are getting up and running. Please encourage your child to get involved in a team, whether competitive or social, we have options for all students. A preview of some of our sports codes and coaches is on the next page.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) – WE NEED YOU HELP PLEASE!

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, a school-based group of volunteers with a mission to make the school a better place for our students. The OTHC PTA has contributed significantly over the years, working together with teachers to support the school, especially with fundraising and other community activities. We invite any parents/caregivers who wish to become a member of the PTA to email heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz. The PTA's first focus this year is to support the Rotary Club of Penrose with carparking at Warrior/Moana Pasifika games at Mt Smart Stadium to raise funds for student activities at OTHC. Your help makes a huge difference!!!

Premier Winter Sports Coaches 2023

One of the major reasons why our premier sports teams do so well at the highest levels of Auckland and NZ secondary school sport is because we recruit the best coaches to work with our very talented students. Here are just a few:



Basketball – Casyn Buchman is from Washburn University in Kansas, USA where she captained both the basketball and tennis teams. Casyn has a BSc, majoring in exercise science, and came to NZ to play as an American import for the Auckland Dream in the NZWNBL. Casyn will lead our girls programme this year. Our boys' basketball coach is Ollie Bryce. Ollie has coached Auckland representative basketball teams at every level including assistant coach with the Auckland Dream and Cook Islands Women at the Pasifika and Oceania Basketball Tournaments.



Football – Adam Thomas represented NZ at the London Olympics. Adam is a professional footballer who played for Galway United in Ireland in 2022 and has returned to NZ playing in the National League for Eastern Suburbs. Adam is being assisted by current All White, Francis de Vries who plays professionally in Sweden. Francis is also a qualified sports psychologist. Both coaches will be involved with coaching our Football Academy and OTHC football teams. Our girls programme will be led by Olivia Page, who represented NZ at the FIFA U17 World Cup and currently plays for the Eastern Suburbs women's team who won the NZ National Women's Football Championship last year.

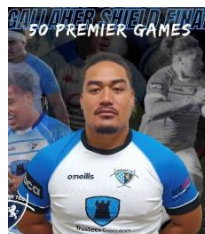


Hockey – Shane Mulcahy, our girls 1st XI coach, is an Auckland and NZ Masters representative, and has recently been selected once again to compete for NZ in a trans-Tasman series against Australia. Our boys 1st XI coach is Kieran Gainsford. Mr Gainsford plays hockey for the Grammar Windsor Hockey Club.



Netball – Ms Nicole Jensen joined the Sports Department as Sports Co-ordinator and Director of Netball in 2022. Ms Jensen made an immediate impact across our netball programme with her positive leadership style that brings out the best in players. Ms Jensen has represented Counties Manukau, as well as played at the Lois Muir Challenge and in the NPC. She was a NZSS trialist in her final year of college.

Rugby – Nale Taukolo joins long serving coach Max Guptill to coach our boys 1st XV this year. Mr Taukolo came through the Auckland Rugby Union academy programme, played for Tasman in the NPC and premier club rugby for GTEC and Kumeu. Walter Tugerangi will coach our girls 1st XV. Mr Tugerangi has played premier club rugby with the Manukau Rovers for many seasons and has extensive coaching experience across teams at OTHC.



Auckland Volleyball Championships



Our premier senior volleyball teams are currently competing at the Auckland Championships. The senior girls' team has progressed through to the championship playoffs, and as this newsletter is being written, is playing for a place in the finals. The boys' team has represented the college well and will be even stronger next year as the younger players gain vital experience.

Coming Events

20 March

Year 11-13 Meet the Teacher Evening, 6pm

27 March

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

31 March

Mufti Day – fundraising for those impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle

6 April

End of Term 1

24 April

Start of Term 2

25 April

ANZAC Day

11 May

Achievement Interviews 8am-7pm (Parent Teacher Day)

New Bathrooms

The Board of Trustees have gained building consent to construct a new bathroom facility for boys and girls. This facility will be located in Tawa whānau. Construction will commence during the term 2 holidays. Temporary bathrooms will be made available to students whilst construction is occurring. Students are asked to stay out of the construction zone and abide by all the signage and rules which will be in place.

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