



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

10 April 2019



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tomorrow is our Parent Teacher Interview Day at the college. It is always a wonderful opportunity for us to connect as a community. This is a critical opportunity for every student to be involved in three-way conversations involving their teacher, parents and of course, themselves. It is my expectation that every student is represented by a parent or caregiver tomorrow – the day is deliberately formatted to run from 8am to 7pm to ensure all families can attend, regardless of other commitments.

I hope you enjoy your opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and spend time focussing on the following questions:

- How is my child progressing?
- How are my child's attitudes to learning?
- What can my child do to enhance their learning?
- What can we, as a family, do to enhance my child's learning?
- What other opportunities are there for my child to enhance their learning?

It is also an opportunity to develop relationships with your child's teachers so that we can work together to provide as much support as possible for your child. Whilst at the college tomorrow, please ensure the college has your correct contact details, including email addresses so that we can keep in touch regularly.

Also tomorrow, some of our Prefects and Junior Leaders will be working out the front of the school constructing a War Memorial. This will be a permanent memorial to remember those that have served their country, and especially those that lost their life. To commemorate the establishment of this memorial, the One Tree Hill College Chorale (Esquire) have been invited by the Auckland War Memorial Museum to perform on Thursday 25 April at the ANZAC Day dawn parade. It was a privilege to perform at the service in 2017 and we are honoured that we have again been asked to take part in the service this year. It is a reflection of the high quality music programme at the college.

On Friday 29 March, Tawa whānau led our school-wide mufti day to raise funds for Totara Hospice. I am pleased to inform our community that the students and staff raised in excess of \$3,000 for this worthy cause. My congratulations to all involved.

At the start of next term, you will all receive information about the upcoming School Board of Trustees elections. These are important elections that will elect our college Board for the next 3 years. Nominations will open on 8 May 2019. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss the role of the Board, or ask any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me – I will be happy to meet with any potential candidates.

Finally, following their promotion into the prestigious 1A Auckland rugby competition in 2018, the 1st XV have a vital playoff game on Saturday 27 April against Tangaroa College to decide if they will remain in the 1A competition this year. The game will kick-off at 1pm and be played at Tangaroa College. The team would love your support, so please come wearing your One Tree Hill College branded clothing and be ready to make lots of noise cheering the team on.

I look forward to seeing you all at Parent/Teacher interviews tomorrow.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan  
Principal



## Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1:25pm

We will be finishing school on Friday 12 April at 1:25pm. We have arranged for buses (except 402) to collect students at this earlier time. Please ensure adequate arrangements are made for your child to get home safely. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and will see you back ready for term 2 at 8:45am, Monday 29 April.

## Mother/Daughter Breakfast – Friday 10 May

One Tree Hill College would like to invite all Mothers/female caregivers to join with their daughter on Friday 10 May to enjoy breakfast together in the college auditorium. There will be special presenters in attendance to inspire guests, as well as local MP, Denise Lee. The event begins at 7:00am and will conclude by 8:30am. The cost for this event is \$10 per adult and \$5 per student. This event is sure to sell out quickly, so please be in quick to avoid disappointment. Tickets go on sale at the start of next term from the SSC.

## Pasifika Fono – Tuesday 7 May

We invite all our Pasifika families to join the senior leadership and staff on Tuesday 7 May at 6pm to discuss their child's progress at the college, how families can support their child's learning, as well as have important discussions about how the college can best support our Pasifika community. We look forward to having these important conversations. Following the fono, we will all enjoy a shared meal together in the staffroom.

*\*\*\*Please note this is a change of date from that previously advertised.*

## 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 account matters please contact our Executive Officer, Mrs Lorraine Biggs on extension 706 or email her at [lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) or call into reception and speak with our receptionist Mrs Catherine Ross.

## Senior School Ball

On Saturday night Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed an evening at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the annual Senior School Ball. It was a brilliant night of dancing and fun. Students looked amazing and were excellent ambassadors for the college. Students who attended are now able to access the professional photos that were taken on the night – please see Ms Ryan and Mrs Neal for more details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11 April	Parent Interview Day 8am to 7pm
12 April	End of Term One, school finishes at 1:25pm
25 April	Chorale perform at Dawn Ceremony, Auckland War Memorial Museum
27 April	1 <sup>st</sup> XV playoff game, Tangaroa College, 1pm
29 April	Start of Term Two
7 May	Pasifika Fono, 6pm
22 May	Māori Whanau Hui, 6pm
27 May – 7 June	Senior Assessment Weeks
31 May	Mid-term Break
3 June	Queens Birthday