



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

26 October 2018



## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Caregivers



It has been a very busy start to term four with senior students focussed on their last few weeks of classes prior to the upcoming NCEA examinations which start on 7 November. Senior students must make every moment count leading up to the examinations. 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. All senior students must be working as hard as possible to strive for higher things and achieve their NCEA. Please encourage your child to prepare a thorough study programme and that they make sacrifices to their usual daily events to ensure they commit to as much preparation as possible.

Last week at our annual Sports Prizegiving we celebrated the various sporting successes at the college this year. Our supreme sporting awards for 2018, Dux Ludorum, were awarded to Pelea Fruean and Livai Filimaea. Both these students epitomise elite performance, determination and sportsmanship as New Zealand Representatives in boxing.

On Wednesday, we celebrated the many successes of our Māori students at One Tree Hill College at our annual Māori Academic Awards evening.

Please remember that on Thursday 1 November we will be holding our most formal event of the year – our annual Senior Prizegiving. This is when we honour and celebrate the many successes of our senior students in 2018. I would like to extend a very warm invitation to all parents and caregivers who wish to attend and join the celebrations. If you do wish to attend, you must be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium by 12:45pm.

Congratulations Jessica McKnight (Year 11) on having been selected as the Youth MP for Maungakiekie. Jessica has been selected by local MP, Denise Lee, to represent her and young people from our community. Jessica will participate in the Youth Parliament programme over a six-month tenure from March to August 2019, and attending the two-day Youth Parliament event in July 2019.

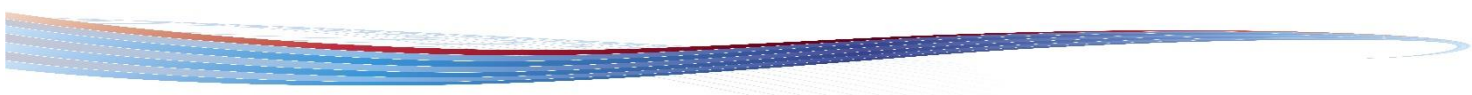


Congratulations also to Judi Barnard as the newly elected Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees. Judi will be supported by Piya Hentua in this very important role in 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Student Trustee, Bai Buliruarua and support person, Minoneti Fifita, for their dedication and the insight that they brought to the Board of Trustees throughout 2018.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at One Tree Hill College, I would like to wish our graduating Year 13 students all the very best for their future beyond our college. This year the Year 13 students have certainly been an outstanding group of young leaders and real assets to the college and I look forward to celebrating with them at their graduation dinner next week.

Kind regards

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## FUNDRAISING FOR ST JOHN AMBULANCE



**St John**

first to care

Congratulations to Miro whānau for leading our fundraising efforts for St John Ambulance service. Once again, over \$2,500 was raised for this very important service in our community.

In 2018, over \$12,500 has been fundraised by the college for charitable organisations in our community. These include the Hospice, Starship Hospital, Cancer Society, Auckland City Mission, Amnesty International, and St John Ambulance.



### SENIOR PRIZEGIVING – Thursday 1 November 12:45pm

Junior students finish school at 11:30am. All buses, except the 402, have been arranged to operate at this earlier time – they will not run at their usual time and seniors attending will be required to make their own transport arrangements home following the conclusion of prizegiving at approximately 3:15pm.

### PPTA PAID UNION MEETING

#### Wednesday 7 November – school finishes early for Junior students

On Wednesday 7 November, school will finish at 12:00pm for all junior students as the PPTA has called a meeting for teachers to attend. All buses, except the 402, have been arranged to operate at this earlier time and we ask all families to ensure there are arrangements made to take care of students when they arrive home. If there are no safe alternatives to care for your child, please contact the college reception. Senior students sitting NCEA exams continue as normal.

### MĀORI AWARDS EVENING

These awards recognise our high achieving Māori students from Year 9 to 13. The highest achieving Māori students for 2018 are:

Year 9 Serenity Clayton  
Year 10 Celina Rangi-Bartlett  
Year 11 Shante Gribble  
Year 12 Mystique Romana-Hiko  
Year 13 Ariana Guptill

Prestige awards:

#### *He Tohu Watea – Shahlin-Lee Wilson*

awarded to a student who is on our mentoring programme, who is striving for excellence and is tracking well at NCEA Level 2.

#### *He Tohu Manawanui – Opal Manuel*

awarded to a student who has faced adversity, but does not let this deter their attitude or them achieving at a high standard.

#### *He Taonga Pūmau – Ariana Guptill*

Awarded for outstanding contribution, leadership, high achievement and commitment to Tikanga and Te Reo Māori.



### Coming Events

30 October	Graduation Dinner
1 November	Senior Prizegiving 1pm
7 November	PPTA Paid Union Meeting
7 November	NZQA Exams commence
15-16 November	Year 9 & 10 Exams
22 November	REP Graduation, 12:30pm
3-4 December	Waitomo Trip, Year 9
3-5 December	Tongariro Trip, Year 10
6 December	Junior Prize Giving, 10am
	Last day for Junior Students