



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Recently I have been privileged to be able to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes our college so special. I was immensely proud of our Māori Kapa Haka, Indian, Filipino, Spanish, Korean, Samoan, and Cook Island groups who all performed so well at our cultural evening. Six of these cultural groups then performed at Polyfest, with approximately 200 students involved. Unfortunately, due to the tragic events which occurred in Christchurch, the Saturday at Polyfest and the subsequent Pasifika Festival were cancelled. This meant our Cook Island group were not able to perform. Despite not being able to perform, I would like to congratulate the group and tutors for their tremendous commitment. They will hold a special performance on Saturday 30 March at 4pm in the college gymnasium for their family and friends.



A week on from the tragic events in Christchurch, a memorial service, led by our students, was held in the auditorium. The national 2 minute silence at 1:32pm was observed. This memorial was open to all students and staff

who wished to attend. Prayers in Māori and Arabic, reflections and tributes, a waiata by senior Māori students supported by prefects, and a call to prayer were all part of the very emotional ceremony. Following the memorial service, all students assembled at the front of the school to observe a minute's silence followed by a full school haka. This can be viewed on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Te Kotahitanga



Together as one

I would like to stress that at One Tree Hill College we are proud of the way we always respect and celebrate diversity, race and religion. This will always continue to be the case. It is one of the major reasons that I am so proud to be a part of our One Tree Hill College whānau.

I would like to ask parents and caregivers to encourage their children to utilise the homework centre which is open from 3:30pm until 4:45pm, 4 days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This term we have 5 former OTHC students, who are currently studying at the University of Auckland and AUT, rostered on different days to assist students with their studies. Students of all levels are invited and encouraged to attend.

On Saturday 6 April, One Tree Hill College will hold its annual Senior Ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This will be a great night for our Year 12 and 13 students to celebrate together. All students are reminded that they must be at school on Friday 5 April to collect their tickets.

Finally, this week we have had 4 teams away at various national summer sports tournaments. I would like to congratulate all teams for their high levels of performance. Our girls softball team finished 2nd in NZ, as too did our boys baseball team. In volleyball, both teams did very well, with our girls finishing 8th in division 3 and our boys finishing 16th in division 1.



Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



Parent Interview Day Thursday 11 April, 8am to 7pm

Information should have been received on how to make a booking with teachers for parents and caregivers to meet with them to discuss their students' progress at the college.

We expect every child to attend the interview with their parents and caregivers in their full school uniform.

At the interview parents and caregivers will be able to enquire about their child's learning, as well as receive feedback from their 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?

Student progress reports, attendance record and other important documents will also be available at this time.

If you do not have appointment times booked with your child's teachers, please still attend at some stage during the day and your child's teachers will arrange to meet with you between other interviews on their schedule.



Upcoming Events

1 April	Board Meeting, 6pm
2 April	Māori Whānau Hui, 5:30pm
6 April	School Ball
11 April	Parent Interviews 8am – 7:15pm
12 April	End of Term 1
<i>School finishes at</i> <i>1:30pm</i>	
29 April	Start of Term 2
1 May	Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6pm
27 May	Senior Assessment Fortnight Begins
31 May	Teacher Only Day
3 June	Queen's Birthday

SIGN IN

Leaving School during the Day

SIGN OUT

The process of allowing students to leave school during the day is detailed below:

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, they must have a note signed by a parent/guardian. The note is to be taken to the Attendance Administrator who will issue and 'Out of School' pass.

If you need to sign your child out during the day for an emergency please be aware that the office staff may not be able to get your child straight away, while they will do everything they can to help, it may take a little while.

If you anticipate needing to get your child out urgently, it would be helpful to call ahead to the school on DDI 280 0481.

Please do not send your child a text message and expect them to be let out of class and leave the school grounds without following this process.

If a student becomes sick during the day **they must go to the nurse** and she will decide if a parent needs to be contacted to come and take the child home. Some students decide for themselves that they need to go home sick and phone parents directly, asking to be collected. Please direct your child to the nurse.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all students at One Tree Hill College, this is a friendly reminder that if you wish to remove a student from school during the day, we can only allow this, if you are the person nominated on your child's profile.

Please do not be offended if we are unable to sign a student out because of incorrect details shown on their profile.

Please ensure that all contact details and student information is correct. If you need to update this, please contact Mrs Helen Ng Shiu on 09 579 5049 extension 709.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 or call into reception and speak with our receptionist Mrs Catherine Ross.

Changes to School Bus routes 065 & 067



Auckland Transport have advised that some changes to the stop sequence of school bus routes 065 & 067 have been made. Please refer to the 2019 Bus Timetable attached or by visiting the Auckland Transport website: <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/timetables/school-timetables/one-tree-hill-college/>