



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

6 September 2018



## Principal's Message

### Malo e lelei Parents and Caregivers



I would like to congratulate the students in Kowhai whānau who ran activities last week to lead the College in fundraising for the Cancer Society, culminating in a mufti day last Friday on Daffodil Day. Cancer is a disease which affects us all in some way and I am pleased to share with you that close to \$3,000 was raised for the Cancer Society. If you would like to donate further, please contact the College reception.

This week the College has enjoyed celebrating Tongan language week. It has been wonderful watching our Tongan students so proudly displaying their culture for everyone to enjoy.

Also this week, various winter sports tournaments are being held across the country. One Tree Hill College has had four teams competing – 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys and girls football, 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls hockey, and our premier netball team. All teams are competing well, with our 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys football progressing into the quarter finals and the premier netball into the top 8 playoffs. A huge thank you to all the teachers and coaches who have given up time away from their own family to accompany our students away to tournaments this week. I will keep you posted with further results as they come to hand.

The next two weeks are crucial for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. With examinations in just over a week, all students must be well underway with their study programmes. For all senior students, the week will prove critical to their NCEA success this year. Attendance at all examinations and assessments is compulsory – any absences will require a medical certificate. Family support is critical during this period of time. I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to engage in important conversation with their children around ensuring that they are fully aware of just how important the upcoming weeks are for their future. Please ensure your child has a quiet place to study distraction-free environment in which to work and that you are constantly keeping them focussed on their main priority – academic achievement. This includes limiting time spent on TV, mobile phones or social media. These small sacrifices now will pay huge dividends in the future.

A reminder that any families with unpaid subject fees need to ensure they are paid before the end of term 3 as they are now well overdue. If you need to discuss payment options, please phone Mrs Whiting at the school reception on 579 5049 otherwise we do expect these overdue balances to be cleared to allow us to continue offering the vast array of learning experiences your children enjoy at One Tree Hill College.

Lastly, a reminder that our Teacher Only Day is tomorrow (Friday 7 September) and alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan  
PRINCIPAL



## TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 7 September

There will be no school for students on Friday 7 September to allow staff to undertake professional development. Please ensure there is adequate alternative supervision at home provided for your child.

### WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT UPDATE

#### Premier Netball – Mt Maunganui

After comfortably going unbeaten through the first and second round, the team qualified for the top 8 of the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) tournament. Then, in two nail-biting games, we lost to New Zealand's top two teams – St Kentigern and Howick College. This has placed the team in a scenario in which they must win their game on the last day on the tournament versus Westlake or Hamilton Girls to qualify for the national tournament to be played in the school holidays in Timaru.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys Football - Papakura

The team continued their excellent form this season and were unbeaten through pool play with 4 wins and 1 draw, qualifying them as winners of their division. In the quarter final they played Rotorua Boys High School and lost 8-7 on penalties. They will now compete for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls Football – Western Springs

The team have competed well and have progressed into the middle section of the tournament in which they won their quarter final 2 - 0 versus Strathallen College. They will play their semi-final against Te Puke High School.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls Hockey – Taupo

The team have also competed well, and following an excellent win against Selwyn College, progressed into the playoffs for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> place. In the first of their last two games they will play Cambridge High School.



#### Coming Events

10 September	MCAT Practice Assessment
12 September	Maori Awards Evening, 6pm
14-21 September	Assessment Week
24 September	Sports Photos
26 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm
28 September	Student Trustee Voting
28 September	End of Term 3
15 October	Beginning of Term 4
18 October	Sports Awards, 6pm

#### Make a Difference - Become a Student Trustee

The One Tree Hill College Board of Trustees is looking for a Student Trustee to contribute to the information that forms board decisions and policies.

Nominations will close at noon on Friday 14 September 2018. The election will be conducted on Friday 28 September 2018.

**Pasifika Awards Evening – please note change of date to Wednesday 26 September**