



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to thank parents and caregivers who attended our recent Parent/Teacher Interviews. We value your involvement in your child's learning and cannot overemphasise the importance of home support in helping your child achieve the best possible outcomes. I received numerous comments on the happy and welcoming atmosphere at One Tree Hill College, as well as the positive leadership of the Prefects.

NZQA have now confirmed all NCEA results for 2020. I am very proud to be able to inform our community that our results were once again outstanding, with over 91% and 83% of students achieving their NCEA Level 2 and 3 respectively. This, along with a very high percentage of students achieving merit and excellence endorsements in NCEA, continue to highlight the excellent teaching and learning taking place at One Tree Hill College.

I would like to congratulate the many students who achieved so highly. To succeed at these levels are outstanding achievements and we are all very proud of these students. We honoured 214 students at our annual Academic Excellence Assembly last week with 'Academic Excellence' awards and challenge all other students to emulate their success this year.

On Wednesday 24 March, we celebrated the many successes of our Māori students at One Tree Hill College at our 2020 Māori Achievement Awards evening. It was exciting to announce, to over 200 members of our whānau in attendance, our top Māori Achievers for 2020. Congratulations to the many award winners on their achievements. The special award recipients were:

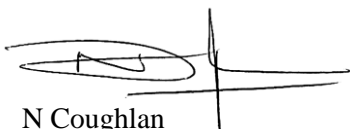
- Joseph Younger – *He Tohu Wātea*: overall academic success for a student learning Te Reo Māori at Level 3
- Felixia Hepi-Bernard - *He Taonga Manawhau*: perseverance of a Māori student
- Judi Barnard – *He Taonga Pūmau*: outstanding contribution, leadership, high achievement and commitment to Tikanga and Te Reo Māori

I would like to acknowledge all the hard work, time, and effort from the teachers, tutors, parents and students who make these achievements possible. As always, success like this occurs due to the support of everyone working together.

As you know, success in the classroom often correlates strongly with success in co-curricular activities, such as sport. Last week One Tree Hill College was represented in the following codes at national sports tournaments around the North Island – softball (boys and girls) in Auckland, volleyball (boys and girls) in Palmerston North and 3x3 basketball (boys and girls) in Auckland. I am proud to inform our community that we were placed 2nd in girls softball, as well as 2nd in girls 3x3 basketball. In addition to this, Year 13 student, Shahab Karimi, won gold at the Auckland Secondary Schools Wrestling Championship and Year 10 student, Ben Langley, finished third in both the long jump and high jump at the Auckland Secondary School Athletics Championship. I am always so impressed by the talent of our students.

Please remember that this weekend is Easter and that the college is closed from Friday 2 April (Good Friday) until Tuesday 6 April. Students are required back at school on Wednesday 7 April.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break - ngā mihi o te aranga kia koutou katoa



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Principal



Mufti Day – Thursday 1 April

On Thursday 1 April students are permitted to wear mufti to school. They do not need to wear their usual school uniform, but if they choose to, it must be as per our usual regulations. A mixture of mufti and uniform is not permitted. Clothing being worn must be appropriate (morphsuits are not permitted). Absolutely no bandanas, gang affiliated clothes or inappropriate branding/slogans are allowed - any such items will be confiscated immediately. Tawa whanau are leading this term's mufti day with the theme, 'Your Future Self - Where do you see yourself in the future? What is your career?', encouraging students to think about their future pathways. Although we are not collecting donations, students are welcome to donate at the SSC towards Tawa's charity organisation - Totara Hospice South Auckland, who provides specialist palliative care services to the greater South and South East Auckland region.

One Tree Hill College Values and Student Expectations

We pride ourselves on the way in which we uphold our school values and expectations. These are required to create the most positive environment possible for all students and staff.

We would like to remind students and parents/caregivers of the following:

- **Be on time to school** – students who are late will be required to complete lunchtime service to the school. If this occurs more than 3 times, the service will be completed after school.
- **Wear correct uniform** – the uniform code is attached. Students are reminded that only OTHC branded items are to be worn. Boys must be clean shaven - if not they will be required to shave at school. No facial piercings are permitted, including nose rings. Only 1 sleeper per ear is allowed. Any non-regulation items will be confiscated until the end of term, or returned, upon collection by parents/caregivers.
- **Mobile phones, headphones, and airbuds** – are not to be seen or used inside any building, otherwise they will be confiscated.
- **Appropriate language** – students are reminded to talk in a manner they would to their parents/caregivers.
- **Litter** – students are reminded to use the rubbish bins provided and recycle where possible.

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 579-5049.

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 showing 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 579-5049 extension 709.

Thank you for your co-operation.

EASTER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed from Friday 2 April (Good Friday) until Tuesday 6 April, inclusive. Students are required back at school on Wednesday 7 April.

Coming Events

1 April
Tawa Whānau Mufti Day

2 - 6 April
Easter Holiday

13 April
Class Photos

16 April
Last Day Term 1

3 May
First Day Term 2

8 May
School Ball
Venue: The Hilton

13 May
MOE Teacher Only Day