



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

28 June 2022



Principal's Message

Mānawatia a Matariki - Happy Māori New Year



It has been wonderful celebrating Pride Week and Matariki over the last 2 weeks. There have been numerous student and staff led activities for everyone to enjoy.

Last week, our Matariki celebrations included a student, staff and whānau hike up Maungakiekie to view Matariki and watch the sunrise. It was an incredibly special moment for all of us in attendance.



I would like to begin by thanking the many parents and caregivers who responded to our recent survey. The high response rate and valuable feedback will certainly help the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team shape the future of our school. Some of the areas of the college that came through as real strengths were:

- Students' pride in their school
- Students feeling safe while at school
- Quality of teaching staff
- Courtesy and cheerfulness of the support staff
- Strength of leadership of the Senior Leadership Team
- Flow of information between the College and home
- Reporting on student progress
- Clear definition and communication of the College's expectations
- Focus on academic achievement
- Student diversity is respected
- Pastoral care/student welfare programmes
- Facilities and environment
- Speed of response to concerns
- Opportunities for students to develop leadership skills
- The range of co-curricular activities offered
- A disciplined, structured school environment

In future newsletters I will share more feedback from the consultation and strategic planning process.

Last week Peka Totara and Esquire (our girls and boys choir) sang at the annual Big Sing competition held at the Auckland Town Hall. They were amazing and received some of the loudest applause from the large crowd in attendance. A special thanks to our music teachers Mr Maskell, Mrs Rhodes, Ms Seto and Mr Gray who support our students in developing their considerable singing talents.

We have been successful with our application for up to \$500 from EcoMatters' Love Neighbourhood assistance supported by the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board. The grant will be used to plant rongoa plants around the marae which we intend using in our Te Reo Māori teaching programme and also to buy more fruit trees to plant behind the college cafe.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support with having to adjust the end of the school day. This has especially impacted junior students and families. The plan for next term is to return to a normal 5 period day for all students, however this may change depending on the situation. We will inform our community about arrangements for next term at the end of the holidays.

2023 YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

All enrolments for 2023 will be governed under an enrolment scheme. Please refer to our website for more details and a map of the One Tree Hill College zone.

In Zone Enrolments:

All in zone students must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation and attend an interview on our special enrolment days on Wednesday 29 or Thursday 30 June 2022, 8am to 7pm. No appointments are required. All students must be with their parents/guardians and bring proof of ID (passport or birth certificate), latest school report and original proof of address (utility bill - power, water, rates are the only accepted proof of address).

Out of Zone Enrolments:

All out of zone students for 2023 must apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all required supplementary documentation. No interview is required at this stage. The last day for out of zone online enrolments is Wednesday 7 September 2022. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 14 September 2022. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'.



Coming Events

29-30 June
Enrolment Days for 2023

8 July
End of Term 2

25 July
Beginning of Term 3

28 July
Cultural Evening, 6pm - *rescheduled*

29 July
Cultural Mufti Day - *gold coin donation*

THE GOODSPACE SURVEY

One Tree Hill College continuously seeks way of improving the wellbeing of our students. Since wellbeing has many facets, improving students' wellbeing in schools requires a whole-school approach and takes into account the emotional, physical, social and societal needs.

We see wellbeing in schools as an essential function as adolescence is a critical period in the development of long-term attitudes towards personal wellbeing and lifestyle choices. The social and emotional skills, knowledge and behaviours that young people learn in the classroom help them build resilience and set the pattern for how they will manage their physical and mental health throughout their lives.

The school has an established wellbeing programme for Year 13 students. This year, One Tree Hill College is working with a wellbeing team from GoodSpace Schools Ltd to create a more integrated, personalised response to the wellbeing needs of our school. This includes a completion of a wellbeing survey for all Year 13 students. As a result of the survey, all students with identified needs will be provided a personal care plan based on their responses with students of higher needs prioritised. The care plan may include referrals to validated self-help tools, signposting to local NGOs, peer group sessions, individual sessions with the team at the Wellness Centre and for some students, a coordinated response including family members may be put in place.

Although we are currently starting with Year 13 students, we aim to extend this programme to other year groups across the senior school in a phased manner. This is part of our school's ongoing commitment to supporting the overall well-being of our students, which in turn enhances their learning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact student services via email ssc@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE SUPPORT

Please do not hesitate to contact:
Ms Tanya Newman
tnewman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz
for further support and information.

There are also a number of external services available.

Students can book to speak to a counsellor, social worker or see the nurse via the following link:
<http://bit.ly/OTHCStudentServices>

LUMINO DENTAL SERVICE

Lumino the Dentists mobile unit is scheduled to come to One Tree Hill College in term 3, 2022. The Lumino Dentist School Smiles Programme is fully funded by the Ministry of Health. It offers free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental clean for students. If you'd like Lumino to see your child during their upcoming visit, please complete the online enrolment form via the link in the attached information.