



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

25 March 2024



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week I have been privileged to be able to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes our college so special, as well as the amazing sporting talent of some of our students. I was immensely proud of our Māori Kapa Haka, Filipino and Tongan groups who performed at Polyfest. It was also super special to watch our Girls Softball team once again win the NZ Softball Championships. What a week for One Tree Hill College.

At One Tree Hill College we are proud of the way we always respect and celebrate diversity, race and religion. It is one of the major reasons that I am so proud to be a part of our One Tree Hill College whānau. All groups performed extremely well. Our Filipino cultural group gained 2nd place in the Asia continent category, as well as an award for best interpretation of the theme. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work, time and effort from the teachers, tutors, parents and students leading up to and on the day of Polyfest.

This week we have had 6 teams away at various national summer sports tournaments. I would like to congratulate all teams for their high levels of performance, but a special mention for our girls softball team who were successful in going 'back to back' defending their national title as New Zealand's best! My thanks to all the coaches, managers, teachers, parents and students for all their hard work and time making these results possible.

A reminder that the Homework Centre is open from 3:30pm to 4:45pm each school day in the Knowledge Centre for students from all levels who wish to study, research and complete homework tasks. I would like to ask parents and caregivers to encourage their children to utilise the Homework Centre. This year we have two former students who are currently studying at the University of Auckland who will be present each day to assist students.

Finally, our winter sports codes are now getting up and running. Please encourage your child to get involved, whether competitive or social, we have options for all students. Please email our Sports Director, Mr Brian Faunt, with any questions [bfaunt@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:bfaunt@onetreehillcollege.school.nz)

Please remember the school is closed for Easter from Friday 29 March (Good Friday) and re-opens on Wednesday 3 April. I wish you all a happy Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan  
Principal

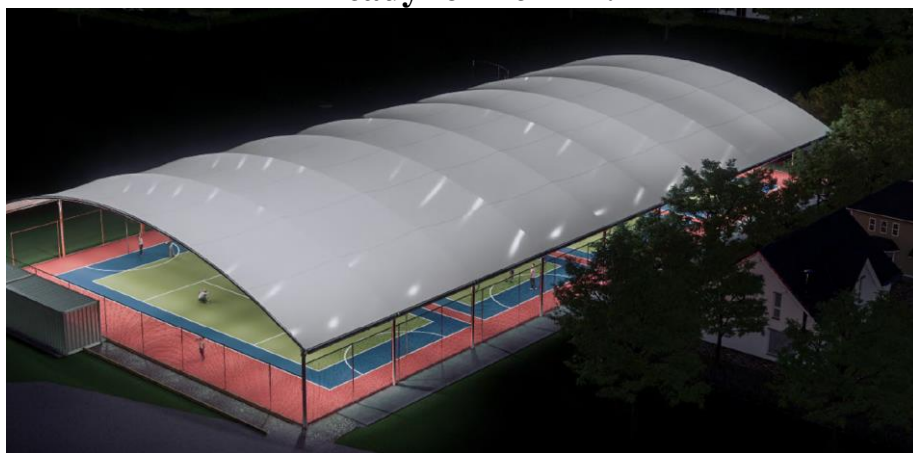


# New Zealand Softball Champions



## Congratulations!

### ARTIFICIAL TURF CANOPY Ready for Term 2!



### TAWA MUFTI DAY

Thank you to all the students and staff who gave so generously on our recent non-uniform day to support the Heart Foundation. Over \$1,700 was collected. A special thanks to Tawa Whānau for their leadership.



### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

PTA stands for parent Teacher Association, a school-based group of volunteers with a mission to make the school a better place for our students. The OTHC PTA has contributed significantly over the years, working together with teachers to support the school, especially with fundraising and other community activities. We invite any parents/caregivers who wish to become a member of the PTA to email [heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz). The PTA's first focus this year is to support the Rotary Club of Penrose with carparking at NZ Warriors and Moana Pasifika games at Mt Smart Stadium to raise funds for student activities at OTHC. Your help makes a huge difference!!!

### Coming Events

*29 March – 2 April*  
Easter Holidays  
School returns on Wednesday 3 April

*8 April*  
Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

*12 April*  
End of Term 1  
School finishes at the earlier time of 12:30pm

*12 April*  
School Ball, 7pm-11pm  
Ellerslie Events Centre

*29 April*  
Start of Term 2

*14 May*  
MOE Accord Teacher Only Day

*16 May*  
PPTA Paid Union Meeting  
School finishes at the earlier time of 12:00noon

*23 May*  
Achievement Interviews, 8am-7pm  
(Parent Teacher Day)