



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti. Welcome to Niuean Language week and the beginning of term 4.

The 2022 triennial School Board Elections have recently taken place across New Zealand. The Returning Officer for One Tree Hill College has declared Alison Felton, David Grant, Max Guptill, Mark Leadbetter and Stan Whata as the successfully elected candidates. The elected Board of Trustees will govern the college for the next three years. I would like to thank all the parents, caregivers and members of the community who stood for election.

To our outgoing Board members – Derek Anderson, Rob McKnight and Edmond Fehoko – on behalf of the One Tree Hill College community, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your outstanding governance. Your input has been invaluable to the development of the college.

The Returning Officer has also declared Year 12 student, Courtney Matthews as the newly elected Student Trustee. The Board of Trustees have again invited the second placed candidate, Fatemeh Karimi, to attend the meetings in support of the Student Trustee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Student Trustee, Mary Abiad for her work this year. Highly respected senior teacher, Ms Ann Crawford has been re-elected unopposed as the Staff Trustee.

With the lifting of all restrictions under the Covid-19 Traffic Light Framework, we are once again able to enjoy and celebrate our various student focussed events, the first of which was our annual Pasifika Awards. It was an incredible night of celebrations – seeing families engaging with the college and celebrating their children's success. All prestige award winners are listed on the following page.

On Tuesday 1 November we will be holding our most formal occasion of the college year, our Senior Prizegiving. This is when we honour all our students who have achieved at the highest possible level and acknowledge their performance throughout the year. All parents, families and guests are warmly invited to share this special event with us. We ask all guests to be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium no later than 12:45 pm for the commencement of the ceremony at 1:00pm. Parents and Year 13 prize winners are invited to join the staff for afternoon tea after the ceremony.

On Wednesday 14 September, we conducted our out of zone ballot for next year's Year 9 intake. Like previous years, we were significantly oversubscribed, so unfortunately there have been many families who have missed out on places at One Tree Hill College next year. I welcome all students and families who have been successful in gaining places for next year and look forward to welcoming them to the One Tree Hill College whānau in 2023.

Recently, there have been numerous events at which One Tree Hill College students have excelled. Our e-sports team was placed third in the NZ Championships at SkyCity, our chess team competed strongly at the NZ Championships in Christchurch, and our EPro8 Science teams also did very well in their respective championships. Well done.

Finally, it is 'crunch time' for our senior students with just over 6 school days until their NZQA exams commence on Monday 7 November 2022. This is the time of the year, that our seniors in particular, must ensure that they are making the most of every opportunity being given to them. I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to engage in important conversations with their children around ensuring that they are fully aware of just how important the upcoming days are for their future. All senior students must be working as hard as possible to strive for higher things and achieve their NCEA (refer to the attached schedule for NZQA exams).

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal

LABOUR DAY – MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

There will be no school for students on Monday 24 October.

2022 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING – Tuesday 1 November, 1:00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebrating student success.

Junior students finish school at 11:30am. All buses have been arranged to operate at this earlier time – they will not run at their usual time and seniors attending will be required to make their own transport arrangements home following the conclusion of prizegiving at approximately 3:15pm.



MUFTI DAY – Friday 21 October

Students are asked to give a gold coin donation for mufti day in support of 'Gumboot Friday'. Funds raised will be donated to the Mike King 'I am Hope' programme to help fund free and timely counselling for young people. Students are reminded to wear suitable and appropriate clothing.

YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDY SKILL SEMINAR

Last week students, parents and caregivers would have received information relating to the in-school seminar being held on Tuesday 25 October 2022 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Registrations are being accepted for this seminar. Please indicate your interest through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/BB3tAwp5m3>

PASIFIKA AWARDS

Congratulations to all award winners for the hard work and dedication that they have applied to their studies this year. Prestige award winners were:

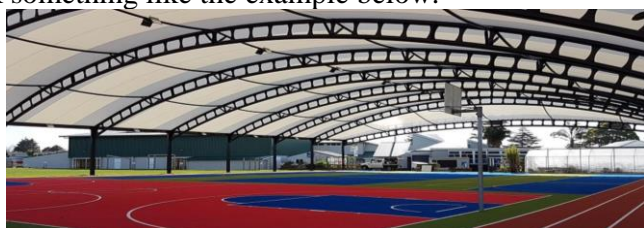
Year 9	Mikaylah Tagaloa & Tiare Nooroa
Year 10	Meadow Thompson & Arise Maliepo
Year 11	Jordyn Short & Ilaizac Sauafea
Year 12	Mosese Taufahema & Caitlyn Taumata
Year 13	Marcy Timoteo & Zunaid Dean

A special thank you to all the staff who arranged this wonderful event.

PROPERTY UPDATES

It is our pleasure to inform our community that our new Student Services Centre is almost complete. This has been a significant construction project which has doubled the student support spaces at the college. At One Tree Hill College, student wellbeing is of paramount importance and investment into their hauora is critical to their overall success. Our Student Services Centre provides students with access to a range of counsellors, learning support teachers, as well as a Health Centre with registered nurses, doctor, social worker and physiotherapist.

Recently, we have been successful with a funding application to Auckland Council to construct a roof over the new artificial turf. This will create a large all-weather facility which will allow students to be dry in winter and sun-safe in summer. This will be constructed in term 3 next year, adding further to the excellent facilities available to our students and community. It will look something like the example below:



In term 1 next year, a new male and female toilet facility will be constructed at the college. This will not only increase the number of toilets available for student use, but also provide external access for after hours use.

COMING EVENTS

21 October

Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation

24 October

Public Holiday - Labour Day

31 October

Year 13 Graduation and Leavers Dinner

1 November

Senior Prize Giving 1pm

25 November

MOE Accord Teacher Only Day

2 December

Teacher Only Day

6 December

Junior Prize Giving

NZQA NCEA EXAMINATIONS

Senior students NZQA examinations begin for Year 11, 12 and 13 students on Monday 7 November. All senior students must attend their respective examinations as per the timetable attached. Senior students must attend their examinations in full school uniform. Senior students coming onsite for examinations must go directly to their allocated examination room and wait outside until they are allowed to enter. At the conclusion of their examination, students must go straight home. For safety reasons, students cannot remain onsite. Senior students attending organised tutorials must follow the same instructions.