



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers



In the last two weeks we have welcomed back two former students who have had significant success. Firstly, our senior students had the privilege of having Dr Mark Kruse speak to them at senior assembly. Afterwards, he spoke with a selection of Year 12 and 13 science students.

Dr Kruse is a former student of the school having attended from 1978 to 1982. In his final year at the college, Dr Kruse was presented with the Proxime Accessit award. Dr Kruse went onto Auckland University and completed a Masters in Science (MSc) with honours in nuclear physics. After completing his Masters degree, Dr Kruse went to the United States and completed a PhD at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.



In 2001 Dr Kruse joined the staff of Duke University where he is currently Professor of Physics and a Bass Fellow. Duke University is ranked consistently in the top 25 universities in the world. Dr Kruse is a world leading scientist studying particle physics and in recent times has been studying the Higgs Boson – an atomic particle which was predicted to exist in the early 1960s but was not discovered until 4 July 2012 – sometimes referred to as the ‘God Particle’. Dr Kruse has had a significant academic career and was invited back by the University of Auckland on a distinguished visitor fellowship and recently gave a public lecture on “The State of Our Fundamental Understanding of the Universe”.

At the assembly, Dr Kruse was presented with a One Tree Hill College Golden Jubilee Award in recognition for the outstanding contribution he has made to society since leaving the college.



In addition to this, it was good to welcome back a more recent graduate, Kane Follows. Kane was a student at the school from 2011-2015 and was Deputy Head Boy. He was awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Hawaii in USA. Whilst back in New Zealand, Kane competed at the NZ Swimming Nationals – winning the 200m backstroke and being placed second in the 100m backstroke. These are outstanding achievements and we wish Kane well in his quest to represent NZ at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

I'd like to thank parents who attended our recent Parent/Teachers Interviews. We value your involvement in your child's schooling and cannot overemphasise the importance of home support in helping your child achieve their academic and personal goals. I received numerous comments on how happy and welcoming the atmosphere at One Tree Hill College is – it is clear our students are genuinely proud of their school.

Our biennial Careers Expo took place on Wednesday. At One Tree Hill College we are very fortunate to have an exceptional careers team who are experts at supporting and guiding our students into strong future pathways. The careers staff assembled in excess of 40 different tertiary and employment training providers to be available during the afternoon to discuss the many available options with students and families.

This week we have been enrolling students for 2019. As the college is at capacity, all enrolments will be governed under the college's enrolment scheme. This means that all out of zone applicants will go into a ballot. If you wish to enrol a child at the college for 2019, both in zone and out of zone, you must approach the college to organise a suitable day and time for an enrolment interview as soon as possible.

Kind regards

N Coughlan
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Year 9 Rotary Scholarships

Applications are invited from any students seeking enrolment in Year 9 at One Tree Hill College for 2019.

LEVEL A SCHOLARSHIPS have a value of \$1000 each and can be used for educational purposes for as long as the student is enrolled at One Tree Hill College.

LEVEL B SCHOLARSHIPS cover the cost of subject material fees to a maximum of \$100 during the first year of enrolment at One Tree Hill College.

Application forms can be obtained from our website or from the College reception and must be completed and returned by 4pm Friday 17 August 2018.

Year 9 Enrolments

All enrolments for 2019 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 be enrolled as soon as possible. Contact the reception to arrange a time for an interview.

Out of Zone Enrolments

All out of zone students must be enrolled by Wednesday 5 September 2018. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 12 September 2018. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.



All Year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to pay one fee of \$76.70 for all NCEA standards assessed in 2018. This amount is due by **4pm, Monday 27 August**. However, significant financial assistance is available for families who:

- ☐ receive a Work and Income or Study benefit;
- ☐ are eligible for a Community Services Card;
- ☐ have more than one child entering for NZQA qualifications this year.

By completing a very simple form, this reduces the NCEA fee to \$20 (or \$30 if paying for more than one child in the family). The forms are available from reception. These forms must be returned to the college reception by **Friday 17 August**. If you are unsure of your eligibility for NCEA financial assistance, please contact the college receptionist, Mrs Lisa Whiting, who will be only too happy to assist you with your enquiry.

Coming Events

13-17 August	Health Promotion Week
14 August	Flight Dance Showcase, 6pm
16 August	OTHC Got Talent Finale, 6pm
22 August	MATHEX, ASB Stadium
24 August	Penrose Rotary Gala Dinner, 6pm
31 August	Tanzania Quiz Night, 7pm
3-7 September	Winter Tournament Week
12 September	Maori Awards Evening, 6pm
25 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm
28 September	End of Term 3

Flight Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 14 August the Dance Department will be presenting its 'Flight Dance Showcase' which allows students to perform their NCEA dance assessments. Students will be required to choreograph or perform a routine for their assessment which is worth valuable NCEA credits. Family and friends are invited to attend from 6pm. Entry is by koha.

OTHC Got Talent

OTHC has amazing talent. Students have been invited to audition next week for the finale which will be held on Thursday 16 August in the auditorium from 6pm. Entry \$2.

Spoken Word

This Saturday, One Tree Hill College's Spoken Word team is competing in the semi-final for 'Word-The Front Line'. This is an inter-school poetry competition. It started with 50 schools competing, and has been narrowed down to only 14 schools from the Auckland area. The students from our school who will be performing their poems are Judi Barnard, Jess Mcknight, Elisheba Nand, Kery Nathan, and Juliette Leatua. The girls would really appreciate your support, so come to the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna on Saturday from 1-4pm. It is a gold coin donation event. If you need transport to get there, please see Mrs Mosteller or a teacher in the English Department.