



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

27 September 2018



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Wednesday 12 September we conducted our out of zone ballot for next year's Year 9 intake. Even more so than previous years, we were heavily oversubscribed, so unfortunately there have been many students who have missed out on places at One Tree Hill College in 2019. I welcome all students who have been successful in gaining places for next year and look forward to welcoming them and their families into the One Tree Hill College whanau.

Yesterday, twenty Year 11 and 12 leaders attended the iSport Leadership programme, hosted by Richie McCaw at the Manukau Events Centre. They were all treated to various inspirational speakers and time in workshops with other young leaders from around the upper North Island.

Last night we enjoyed celebrating our Pasifika student successes at our annual Pasifika Awards - what an incredible night of celebrations. It was wonderful seeing families engaging with the college and celebrating their children's success. As well as various awards being presented, we were also treated to student performances in media studies, spoken word, and music.



Tomorrow is the last day of term 3. It has been an extremely busy term and most students are looking forward to a well-deserved break. The holidays also provide us all with an opportunity to reflect and plan for times ahead. For our senior students this is a perfect time to think about their recent performance in examinations and assessments, and begin developing study and revision programmes to ensure success in the upcoming NZQA examinations which commence on Wednesday 7 November, so please encourage your child to utilise their time wisely over these school holidays. This is also the case for junior students who have their examinations on 15 and 16 November.

The election for Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees take place on Friday 28 September. This year we have been overwhelmed by the number of students who want to add value to our college. Ten excellent candidates ranging from Year 9 to 13 were nominated and they all want to continue the successful direction of One Tree Hill College. Good luck to all candidates.

Finally, a reminder that our annual Sports Awards will take place on Thursday 18 October at 6pm in the auditorium. We welcome parents and caregivers to attend this event to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students and teams this year.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable two week holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday 15 October.

Kind regards

N Coughlan
PRINCIPAL



SPORTS AWARDS – Thursday 18 October, 6pm

On Thursday 18 October we will be holding the 2018 Sports Awards at 6:00pm in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium. In preparation for the awards evening, we ask parents and caregivers to please email Mr Tukerangi (Sports Co-ordinator) with any representative (province, region, or country) sporting achievements their child has achieved in 2018. His email is wtukerangi@onetreehillcollege.school.nz. This feedback must be received by Wednesday 3 October. We welcome parents and caregivers to attend this event to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students and teams this year.

2018 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING - Thursday 1 November, 1:00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebrating student success

PASIFIKA AWARDS EVENING

Congratulations to all award winners for the hard work and dedication that they have applied to their studies this year. The Marilyn Wales Auditorium was full to capacity showing the strong support the College has from our local Pasifika community.

Our Prestige award winners were:

- Year 9 – Solomone Mahe & Foakautu'u 'Oto'ota
- Year 10 – Salu-Faith & Tiare Hirovana'a-Silva
- Year 11 – Iele Ieremia & Kealani Jacquemet
- Year 12 – Josephine Kuraia & Hailee Tamore
- Year 13 – Aisake Tafea & Douglas Hoskin

A special thank you to all the staff that helped organise and support this event. Your support is always valued.



HOLIDAY AND REVISION PROGRAMMES FOR SENIORS

A number of programmes and revision opportunities are being offered by staff for students doing NCEA during the school holidays. Senior students should already be aware of when these are occurring and what sessions they should be attending. Parents/caregivers are asked to discuss this with your child and contact the school with any questions you may have.

Thank you to the staff who are giving up their time to give extra support to our students.



TANZANIA - April 2020

It's not too late. There are still some places available. If interested please contact Mrs McKnight via email at cmcknight@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

COMING EVENTS

28 September	Student Trustee Voting
28 September	End of Term 3
15 October	Start of Term 4
18 October	Sports Awards, 6pm
22 October	Labour Day Holiday
26 October	Miro Mufti Day
30 October	Graduation Dinner
1 November	Senior Prizegiving
7 November	NZQA Exams start
6 December	Junior Prizegiving
	Last Day of Term 4

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are all very aware that the use of social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc can be an excellent form of communication with friends and family. However, when used incorrectly or irresponsibly, social media can also cause significant harm. This is why the government has introduced a new law called the 'Harmful Digital Communications Act'. We would like parents to remind their children about ensuring they use social media responsibly. All students enrolled at the college have signed a Cyber Safety Agreement which supports this stance. As a school we take this very seriously and in most cases will refer any such breaches to the Police. The key to remember is, "If I don't want this posted about me, then don't post it about someone else" – think before you post!