



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

22 February 2018



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have received the NZQA Scholarship results and it is my pleasure to inform our community that Rocielli Fernando was awarded two scholarships in Music and Media Studies. A scholarship is the highest qualification obtainable by a secondary school student, and again proves the quality learning environment available to students attending One Tree Hill College.

On Thursday 15 February we invited all our Year 9 students and families to join us for our annual Year 9 Information Evening. The evening was a great chance for families to become more familiar with the college and meet their child's whānau teacher and other senior leaders. This event was well attended and the feedback has been very positive. I would like to thank all the families who were in attendance.

On Friday 16 February we held our annual swimming sports and I extend my congratulations to our 2018 swimming champions:

Senior Boys – Kentaro Fukui (12HBG)

Intermediate Boys – Felix Nicholls (10KAP)

Junior Boys – Joseph Whittington (9HML)

Senior Girls – Renee Macmillan (12MSH)

Intermediate Girls – Shana Matthews (10MLE)

Junior Girls – Melia Cotton (10KAP)

This evening, Thursday 22 February at 6pm, all our families from our community are invited to come to this short presentation to explain the complexities of our national qualification system, NCEA. It is a qualification which is often badly misunderstood and can be very confusing on the surface to most parents, when in fact, with good explanations is actually very simple and easy to comprehend. We encourage families of students at all levels to attend, not just those in Year 11, 12 and 13. In our opinion all families from Year 1 upwards should be attending and learning about the qualification which will hold the key to success for all our children. The Senior Leadership Team will be present to meet with families and answer any questions you may have. It should be finished by 7pm and kids are welcome if baby-sitting is an issue.

On Wednesday 28 February, we will be holding our Athletics Day, returning to Mt Smart Stadium for the event. It is a day when we encourage our students to dress in their whānau colours (face and/or body paint is not permitted) and participate as much as they can in a variety of track and field events. Please ensure your child has adequate protection from the sun and a drink (food and drinks are available for purchase through on site caterers on the day). Students must be at Mt Smart Stadium by 9am. If they are walking from the college, a safe walking route will be monitored by teachers along Great South Road. As all students and staff are on the field all day involved in various activities, we cannot take any responsibility for valuable items such as mobile phones, etc. Please leave these at home, or encourage your child to keep them on their person throughout the day. We unfortunately are not able to cater for parents or families wishing to attend this event. This is one of the only events throughout the year that parents and families are not able to attend and support their child. We apologise for having to make this decision, as our philosophy is usually the opposite. There will be more information coming out to families about this event early next week.

Best wishes and may the best whānau win!

N Coughlan
Principal



SCHOOL DONATION AND SUBJECT FEES

Thank you to all families who have paid these. If you are unsure of your child's outstanding balance, please contact the college for an updated statement. Please remember that the college counts on you paying these amounts to ensure it can provide the best learning opportunities and facilities for your children. It is appreciated if payments could be paid to the college reception as soon as possible. Payment of subject fees is compulsory and must be paid before students can partake in other co-curricular events; the payment of the school donation is voluntary.

Here are some methods which may suit you best:

- Credit card – we are able to accept credit cards for payment of your account
- Payments on line – these may be made directly to our bank a/c # 12-3023-0600686-00 Please be sure to provide pupil's name as details so we can correctly identify the account being paid.
- Payments by instalment – should you wish to make weekly/fortnightly/monthly payments this can also be done on line, as above, or arranged by signing an automatic bank payment authority.
- Payments by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at our reception are also viable options.

Should you wish to discuss any accounts matter please contact our Executive Officer, Mrs Lorraine Biggs on DDI – 09 280 0480 or email her directly at lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

COMING EVENTS

22 February
NCEA Information Evening, 6:00pm
Venue: Auditorium

28 February
Athletics Day (All Students)
Venue: Mt Smart Stadium

7-8 March
Year 9 Vision Testing

12 March
Class & ID Photo Catch-up

13 March
Cultural Evening, 6:00pm
Venue: Kowhai Whānau Area

14-17 March
ASB Polyfest
Venue: Manukau Sports Bowl

26-29 March
Whānau Master Chef

UNIFORM

A reminder that students should all be wearing the correct school uniform and substitute items are not allowed. All boys must be clean shaven. Please also remind your child that apart from one small sleeper or stud per ear, no other jewellery is permitted.

PICK UPS/DROP OFFS

In the interests of student safety, we would like to remind parents that they cannot drop off or pick up students on yellow lines or in bus bays, and that the speed limit within the school grounds is 5 km/hr. We ask parents and caregivers to arrange to drop off or pick up students at a pre-arranged point outside of the school grounds to avoid traffic jams. For student safety, the gate between the front and back carpark will be closed between 3pm and 4pm. Extra care is required at all times due to the presence of contractors and extra vehicles around the school.

STUDENT CARS

Senior students must abide by the rules and expectations when driving vehicles to school. This is a privilege and we ask that the paper work available from the Student Services Centre, together with a copy of their driver's licence, is returned to the school as soon as possible. Students must remember that they are to park in the streets surrounding the college and not on the school grounds. Again we remind all students that they are not to carry passengers unless they have a full licence and that the speed limit is adhered to at all times.

BREAKFAST IS IMPORTANT

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, especially for children and adolescents. Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and in other activities, with better concentration, focus, problem-solving skills and eye-hand coordination.

Whānau Leaders are also aware of the importance of breakfast and invite students in their whānau to enjoy breakfast in the whānau commons area every morning before school. A variety of breakfast items are available free of charge, including weetbix, toast, spreads and other items.



BELL TIMES 2018



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	8.20 – 9.15 Staff PLD & Scholarship Classes			
8.55 – 9.55 Period 1	9.20 – 10.20 Period 1	8.55 – 9.55 Period 1	8.55 – 9.55 Period 1	8.55 – 9.55 Period 1
9.55 – 10.55 Period 2	10.20 – 11.20 Period 2	9.55 – 10.55 Period 2	9.55 – 10.55 Period 2	9.55 – 10.55 Period 2
Interval 10:55 – 11.25	Interval 11.20 – 11.50	Interval 10:55 – 11.25	Interval 10:55 – 11.25	Interval 10:55 – 11.25
11.25 – 12.25 Period 3	11.50 – 12.50 Period 3	11.25 – 12.25 Period 3	11.25 – 12.25 Period 3	11.25 – 12.25 Period 3
12.25 – 1.25 Period 4	12.50 – 1.50 Period 4	12.25 – 1.25 Period 4	12.25 – 1.25 Period 4	12.25 – 1.25 Period 4
Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.10	Lunchtime 1.50 – 2.35	Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.10	Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.10	Lunchtime 1.25 – 2.10
Whānau Time 2.10 – 2.35		Junior Assembly 2.10 – 2.35	Senior Assembly 2.10 – 2.35	Whānau Assembly 2.10 – 2.35
2.35 – 3.25 Period 5	2.35 – 3.25 Period 5	2.35 – 3.25 Period 5	2.35 – 3.25 Period 5	2.35 – 3.25 Period 5
			3.30 – 4.30 Scholarship Classes	