



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) in Wellington where one of our own was being honoured - Tarewa Williams. Supported by his whānau, Tarewa was awarded a **National Excellence in Teaching Award**. Tarewa was selected by the NEiTA committee as a national recipient (1 of only 2 secondary school teachers in NZ selected). This is a wonderful achievement for Tarewa, One Tree Hill College and our community. Tarewa's award was presented by The Honourable Chris Hipkins MP, Minister of Education, at a special ceremony. On behalf of us all, I have extended our congratulations and best wishes to Tarewa. Tarewa has since featured on Newstalk ZB, TV3's breakfast television show and in various newspapers <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED1802/S00057/new-zealands-best-teachers-honoured-with-awards.htm>



On Friday, all Year 9 students ventured out of the college to attend a showing of Macbeth at the Pop-up Globe. This was a part of their Year 9 Citizenship Programme that was introduced to the college this year. It was a great day with lots of new experiences.



Another highly successful recent event at the college was the NCEA Information Evening. I would like to thank all those parents and students who attended – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. For all those parents who did not attend, please find a short summary of the presentation for your information attached to this email.

Over the last three weeks the college has enjoyed a number of co-curricular activities which allow students opportunities to display their talents outside of the classroom. Our recent Athletics Day was yet another example. Congratulations to Miro Whānau for winning the whānau competition and to the following Athletic Champions for 2018:

	Girls	Boys
Junior	Rayisa Pysarenko	Kairo Jacobs
Intermediate	Glory Laulala & Zayde Sarah-Baldwin	Josh Jones
Senior	Manaka Ishino	Felise Ah-Chong & Timote Piukala

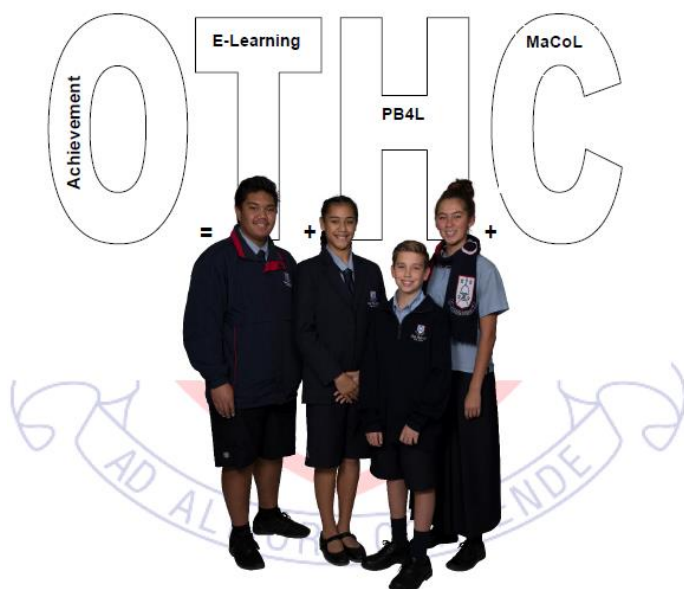
This week on Tuesday 13 March we will be holding our annual Cultural Evening commencing at 6pm. The evening will allow our nine cultural groups to perform prior to Polyfest which occurs later this week. This year we have had over 350 students busy practising for the last 5 weeks so that they can represent their culture and bring pride to their family and school. All families are welcome to join us on Tuesday to enjoy this celebration of some of the many cultures at One Tree Hill College. Please be aware that this event will commence promptly at 6pm.

Kind regards

N Coughlan
Principal



2018 Annual Targets



One Tree Hill College School-Wide Targets 2018

These targets give us a focus in particular areas that we have identified as keys to student success. These are:

1. Raising Student Achievement

We will use data, structures, and teaching strategies effectively to raise the achievement of all students. Strategies will be put in place to ensure continuing focus on increasing the achievement of Maori and Pasifika students, and students with special needs.

2. Increasing the Effective Use of E-Learning to Enhance Teaching and Learning

We will increase the use of ICT to enhance student engagement and academic achievement.

3. Embedding Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

We will focus on creating a learning culture of excellence to increase student engagement and achievement – “STRIVE@OTHC”

4. Embedding the Maungakiekie Community of Learning (MaCoL)

We will focus on embedding the MaCoL and strengthening links across schools to strengthen pedagogy and increase student achievement.

ID Cards & School Diary

Student ID cards have arrived and may be collected by students who have paid from the Student Services Centre. A reminder that in 2018, the Student ID card will be required by all students wishing to borrow books from the library, print documents from the computers, and/or use the photocopiers. School Diaries were issued to all junior students last week. Students who have yet to pay may do so at Student Services Centre at a cost of \$8.00 for the Student ID and \$5.00 for the Diary. Senior students are still required to have a diary – electronic versions are acceptable.

KAMAR Parent and Student Portal

The KAMAR parent and student portal is available to be accessed. This gives students, parents and caregivers the ability to access personal school information from any web browser.

Personal user names and passwords were emailed to primary caregivers – please contact the college if you did not receive this information. The portal gives access to the following functions:

- Daily notices
- School events
- Checking personal details
- Student timetables
- Student results including NCEA and school assessments
- Live student attendance
- Archived progress reports

To access these functions please:

1. Go to:
<http://www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz/>
2. At the top of the page select “Parent and Student Portal”, scroll to the bottom of this page and click on “KAMAR Student and Parent Portal”.
3. Enter your portal username and password
4. Select the function you require

Healthy Food at One Tree Hill College

Over the past 3 years, the college have worked with the café to review and adjust the food on sale to align with the Health and Nutrition Policy adopted One Tree Hill College. The selection for sale includes a variety of:

- healthy seasonal fruit options;
- healthy hot and cold food options;
- no or low sugar drinks;
- no energy or sports drinks;
- encouraging the drinking of water;

OTHC encourages healthy living and wise food and beverage choices in school. We ask that students and parents be mindful of what items are being brought into the school. No energy drinks will be tolerated. Healthy options are always the best options. We also ask students not to bring gum into the school.

Coming Events

13 March	Cultural Evening, 6pm
13 March	PTA Meeting, 6pm
14-17 March	ASB Polyfest, Manukau
19-23 March	Summer Tournament Week
23 March	Mutfi Day in support of Hospice
26-29 March	Whānau Master Chef
28 March	Prefect Dinner
30 Mar – 3 April	Easter Weekend
12 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
13 April	End of Term One, 1:30pm
30 April	Term Two commences