



One Tree Hill
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NEWSLETTER

11 March 2019



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we are now well into the first term, our focus has remained on quality teaching and learning to engage every student at One Tree Hill College. Our school-wide target in 2019 is for every NCEA student to achieve a minimum of 14 credits in each NCEA course. This is a target which students and staff have embraced, and there are many plans being developed across the college to achieve this goal.

In the junior college, it was exciting to meet parents and caregivers of Year 9 students at the Year 9 Information Evening on Thursday 14 February. During the evening, academic programmes, whānau organisation, pastoral care, BYOD, the KAMAR parent portal and co-curricular activities were all discussed.

This meeting, along with others that have been held, assist us in emphasising the value that strong family support plays in achieving positive outcomes for students. The reality is, that the more that our families can work with us, the greater the likelihood of student success.

On Thursday 14 February 2019, at very short notice, some of our classes had the opportunity to see and listen to Shaun Wallace, 'The Destroyer' from *The Chase* TV programme. Shaun was on route to the airport and offered us an hour of his time to work with some of our students. Students were impressed by his openness and the journey that he has travelled - from a young age Shaun wanted to be a Barrister and through hard work, determination, and the support of his family, Shaun graduated as a lawyer in 1984. The message that he gave our students was 'with hard work and a bit of talent, you can go wherever you want to go. Don't be afraid to dare to dream'.



As you know, success in the classroom often correlates strongly with success in co-curricular activities. It is my pleasure to inform our community that our senior girls softball team recently won the Auckland Secondary Schools Softball Tournament, and our boys and girls volleyball teams finished 5th and 10th respectively at their Auckland Championships. On behalf of our entire community, I extend our congratulations to all the players who proudly represented One Tree Hill College and wish them all well at the national tournament later this month.

Over the last three weeks the college has enjoyed a number of co-curricular activities which provide students with opportunities outside of the classroom. Our recent athletics and swimming sports were examples of such activities. This year our respective champions were:

	Athletics Champions	Swimming Champions
Junior Boys	Braveheart Upoko-Doyle	Samuel Baxter
Junior Girls	Courtney Matthews	Courtney Matthews
Intermediate Boys	Josh Jones	Felix Nicholls & Aaran Given
Intermediate Girls	Glory Laulala	Shana Matthews
Senior Boys	Tevita Manukeu	Kentaro Fukui
Senior Girls	Nicole Marurai	Jessica McKnight

Congratulations to Kōwhai Whānau for winning the Whānau Chant and Athletics Day.

This coming week is also a very important time at the college. With six cultural groups performing at Polyfest later next week, over 250 students have been very busy practicing for the last 4 weeks so that they can best represent their culture and bring pride to their family and school. To allow our school whānau to see how amazing our cultural groups are, this Tuesday 12 March at 6pm, One Tree Hill College will be holding its' annual Cultural Evening. All families are welcome to enjoy this celebration of some of the many cultures at One Tree Hill College.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to follow the college and our student successes on social media for all the latest updates:

Follow us on Instagram:
or our Facebook page:

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Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



One Tree Hill College Annual Target 2019

Every Student Will Achieve a Minimum of 14 Credits in Each NCEA Course

4 STRATEGIC AREAS:

QUALITY TEACHING

All students experience quality teaching and learning across the various aspects of the college.

This will be achieved by:

- All staff participating in target focussed Spirals of Inquiry.
- Learning pathways created for all students.
- The integration of culturally responsive pedagogy.
- Incorporation of innovative teaching tools and strategies.
- Development of leadership across the Maungakiekie Community of Learning.

MENTORING & SUPPORT

All students are mentored and supported to achieve their potential.

This will be achieved by:

- Focussed use of whānau time for individual mentoring.
- Professional Learning and Development programmes are utilised to grow the capacity of staff.
- Māori learners enjoying educational success as Māori.
- Pasifika learners enjoying educational success as Pasifika.
- Students who are at risk of not achieving are identified early and specific supports are put in place.

DATA TRACKING & ANALYSIS

All student academic progress is frequently tracked, analysed and reported to ensure all students are on course for success.

This will be achieved by:

- Frequent tracking of student achievement data by Whānau Teachers, Whānau Leaders and Curriculum Leaders.
- Analysis of student achievement for each course per term.
- Targeted reporting to students and parents.
- Regularly celebrating student academic progress and excellence.

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All students experience a positive learning environment and are participating, engaging & achieving.

This will be achieved by:

- Students participating and growing in a range of leadership opportunities.
- Ensuring all students are secure in their identities, languages and cultures.
- Restorative practices being utilised across the school.
- Students maximising their learning by attending all classes.
- Positive reinforcement of school values.
- There being a clear understanding of the Safe School Charter by all students.



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Central Park Business Area and Ellerslie Township

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to use the Central Park area as a thoroughfare to and from Ellerslie, nor are they to loiter in Ellerslie. I would appreciate parents reiterating this message to all students to avoid trespass orders being issued

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 11 April
8am to 7:15pm

Mobile Phones



As we know, these are now an integral part of adolescents' daily lives and is for the majority, the most popular form of electronic communication and family organisation. However, as a school, we have observed over-reliance on the mobile phone for social connection, intrusion into young peoples' lives, and teachers' ability to effectively teach at times (due to inappropriate use, phones being lost, and miscommunication on social media). As a school, we believe that young people benefit from face-to-face interaction with peers and an environment that fosters understanding each other through verbal communication. It is the expectation of the school that phones and headphones/ear buds are not to be used or seen inside any school buildings (classrooms, corridors and all other indoor spaces) at any time during the day. 'Use' includes playing music, using the internet (including apps), texting, phone calls etc. Any breach of these expectations will result in the confiscation of the student's mobile phone and/or headphones.

Healthy Food at One Tree Hill College

After consultation with staff and students the school café has reviewed and adjusted the food on sale to align with the Health and Nutrition Policy adopted by One Tree Hill College. The selection now includes:

- A greater variety of healthy seasonal food options;
- No longer selling sugar enriched and fizzy drinks;
- Encouraging the drinking of water;
- Students able to pre-order and pre-pay their food.

OTHC encourages healthy living and wise food and beverage choices. We ask that parents be mindful of what items are being brought into the school. We also ask students not to bring gum into the school.

KAMAR Parent and Student Portal

The KAMAR parent and student portal is available at One Tree Hill College. 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 (from 1 March)
- 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

Upcoming Events

12 March	Cultural Evening, 6pm
15-16 March	ASB Polyfest
29 March	Mufti Day
6 April	School Ball
11 April	Parent Interview Day 8am – 7:15pm
12 April	End of Term One
29 April	Start of Term Two