



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we welcomed the Education Review Office to the college. The Education Review Office (ERO) is the public service department of New Zealand charged with reviewing and publicly reporting on the quality of education and care of students in all New Zealand schools. I am very proud to inform our community that ERO thoroughly enjoyed their time in the school and affirmed the high quality teaching and learning taking place, as well as the many successes of our students. I wish to share some of their initial feedback:



- Students have a strong sense of belonging and inclusion
- Students benefit from positive relationships with teachers
- Unrelenting belief that students can achieve their potential
- Purposeful and focussed learning
- Calm confidence exhibited by students
- Māori and Pasifika opportunities to strengthen and celebrate their own culture
- The senior leadership values student and teacher capabilities and potential
- Wide range of extra-curricular activities
- Established and sustained partnerships with the community to enhance outcomes for students

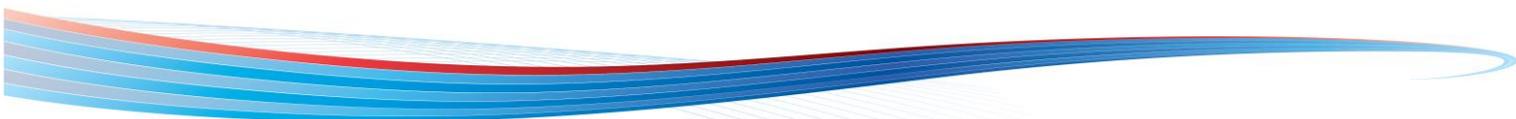
On another note, at the end of last term, we conducted our out of zone ballot for next year's Year 9 intake. Like previous years, we were significantly oversubscribed, so unfortunately there have been many families who have missed out on places at One Tree Hill College next year. I welcome all students and families who have been successful in gaining places for next year and look forward to welcoming them to the One Tree Hill College whānau in 2020.

On Friday 1 November we will be holding our most formal occasion of the college year, our Senior Prizegiving. This is when we honour all our students who have achieved at the highest possible level and acknowledge their performance throughout the year. All parents, families and guests are warmly invited to share this special event with us. We ask all guests to be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium no later than 12:45 pm for the commencement of the occasion at 1:00pm. Parents and Year 13 prize winners are invited to join the staff for afternoon tea after the ceremony.

Finally, it is 'crunch time' for our senior students with just over 3 school weeks until their NZQA exams in November. This is the time of the year that our seniors, in particular, must ensure that they are making the most of every opportunity being given to them. I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to engage in important conversations with their children around ensuring that they are fully aware of just how important the upcoming weeks are for their future. All senior students must be working as hard as possible to strive for higher things and achieve their NCEA.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



SPORTS AWARDS – Wednesday 23 October, 6pm

On Wednesday 23 October we will be holding our annual Sports Awards at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. This year we will welcome back former student and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, David Liti. David will talk about his experiences since he won his gold medal and his preparations for the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year. We welcome parents and caregivers to attend this event to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students and teams this year. Student must wear full school uniform.

2019 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING - Friday 1 November, 1:00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebrating student success.

Junior students finish school at 11:30am. All buses, except the 402, have been arranged to operate at this earlier time – they will not run at their usual time and seniors attending will be required to make their own transport arrangements home following the conclusion of prizegiving at approximately 3:15pm.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Mental health awareness will be a major focus at One Tree Hill College next week. The theme is *Explore your way to wellbeing – Whāia te ara hauora, Whītiora*. The focus of the week is to help our taura/students to explore their way to wellbeing by taking notice of the things that make them feel good – and do more of them! On Wednesday, New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, will address students at assembly and then on Friday, Miro whānau will lead a special mufti day to fundraise to support mental health awareness. We remind all students that talking to someone about their concerns or issues is always the best option.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 October	Sports Awards Evening, 6pm
25 October	Mufti Day – fundraising for Mental Health Awareness
28 October	Labour Day Holiday – no school
31 October	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
1 November	Senior Prize Giving, 1pm
8 November	NZQA External Examinations Begin
15 & 18 November	Junior Examinations
21 November	REP Graduation, 1pm
28 November	Teacher Only Day
5 December	Junior Prize Giving, 10am

Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

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