



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been great seeing more and more students and teachers returning back onsite following periods of isolation – we are now back above 90% attendance. I again extend my best wishes to those in our community still isolating and commend our students who are engaging with their schoolwork remotely from home.

Students have been reminded at assemblies over the past week of the college's values and expectations. Two major areas of focus were being on time to school each morning and being prepared for learning with the right equipment and uniform. Any student who is late to school (school starts at 8:45am) will be required to remain behind at 1:40pm to complete supervised service (this will be 3pm for seniors who have period 5 classes). Supervised service will last for approximately 40 minutes and act to remind students of the need to be on time. Also, a reminder that ALL students must bring their laptop to school each day. Laptops are essential learning tools and must be fully charged each evening.

We are always impressed by the number of students who want to add value to our college, this year is no exception. We recently held the annual election for the Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees for 2022. The Returning Officer, Mrs Eustace, has declared Year 13 student Mary Abiad, the newly elected Student Trustee. This year the Board of Trustees have again invited the second placed candidate, Courtney Matthews, to attend the meetings in support of the Student Trustee.

Earlier this term parents and caregivers were able to view their child's Interim Report, which was available through the Parent Portal from Wednesday 16 March. The more detailed Progress Report for term 1 will be available through the Parent Portal on Wednesday 4 May. Both the Interim Report and the Term 1 Progress Report will be discussed with your child's teachers at Achievement Interviews (Parent-Teacher Interviews) on Thursday 12 May. This year the interviews will be done online, allowing parents and caregivers the opportunity to connect with their child's teachers through their devices. This is a critical opportunity for every student to be involved in three-way conversations involving their teacher, parents and themselves. It is imperative that all families commit to attending at some stage during the day, between 8am to 7pm. A guide to accessing reports through the Parent Portal will be included in the email out to parents and caregivers early next term.

I am sure you would have realised by now that the vast majority of our communication occurs via email. It is therefore important that we have the correct email addresses for all parents and caregivers. If your contact details change at any point during the year. Please inform the college reception.

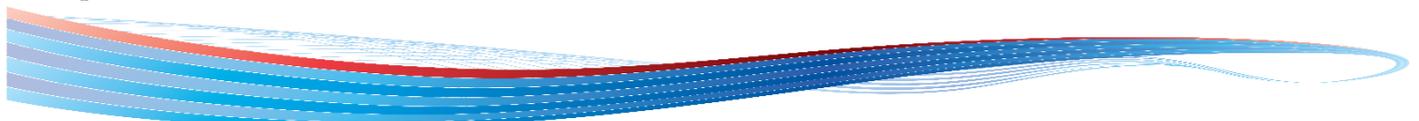
I would like to ask parents and caregivers to encourage their children to utilise the Homework Centre which is open in the Knowledge Centre this term from 1.40pm until 3:00pm, 4 days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Knowledge Centre will also be staffed and open throughout the upcoming holidays for students from 9.30am – 2.30pm: Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 April and Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 April. Students can utilise a quiet place to study and complete assessments – there are computers available. Students can attend in mufti and will need to sign in and out with the staff member on duty.

From the start of term 2 the Homework Centre will operate five days per week after school from 3.30pm-4.45pm for all students. We have a roster of former OTHC students, who are currently studying at university to assist students with their studies/homework. Students of all levels are invited and encouraged to attend.

Over the next 2 days we are holding our postponed 2021 Māori and Pasifika Awards. These are very special occasions which will honour the successes and achievements of students last year. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we are unable to invite families to attend, however both ceremonies will be filmed and distributed. My congratulations to all award winners – we are all very proud of your achievements.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan
Principal



ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

Recently, One Tree Hill College engaged Insight Plus, a Brisbane-based consultancy with considerable planning experience in both the educational and corporate sectors, to assist with the development of a three-year strategic plan for the school. Insight Plus has consulted to over 170 schools in Australasia with a focus on planning. In New Zealand, the firm has assisted a number of schools with the development of strategic plans. Two of the Directors of Insight Plus, Mark Vincent and Roger Moses CNZM, will lead the project.

In preparing the strategic plan, we will undertake a process to identify the school's strengths and weaknesses, the opportunities, challenges, and competitive pressures we face, along with those elements of our school that will contribute to our educational philosophy, our future growth and success. All parents and staff, and a cross-section of senior students, will be invited to respond to a survey. An online link to that survey will be provided in Term 2.

The consultation process is scheduled to begin In Term 2. Our intention is to have the plan ready to launch during Term 3, 2022.

Max Guptill
One Tree Hill College Board Chair



KAPA HAKA

Kia hiwa rā, kia hiwa rā, ngāruru te uira, riporipo te moana, rū ana te whenua e! Ko Te Whānau o Puakiekie e mihi, e karanga nei Te Whānau o Puakiekie is our college Kapa Haka.

We are coming together again for the 2022 year. If you are interested in knowing more and joining our rōpū. Please come to the Marae this week at interval. Everyone is welcome. More details will be presented at the hui.

Nā mātou te Whānau o Puakiekie

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, they must have a note signed by a parent/guardian. The note is to be taken to the Attendance Administrator who will issue an 'Out-of-School' pass.

If you need to sign your child out during the day for an emergency please be aware that the office staff may not be able to get your child straight away, while they will do everything they can to help, it may take a little while. If you anticipate needing to get your child urgently, it would be helpful to call ahead to the school. Please do not send your child a text message and expect them to be let out of class and leave the school grounds without following this process.

If a student becomes sick during the day **they must go to the nurse** and she will decide if a parent needs to be contacted to come and take the child home. Some students phone parents directly, asking to be collected - please direct your child to the nurse.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all students at One Tree Hill College, this is a friendly reminder that if you wish to remove a student from school during the day, we can only allow this, if you are the person nominated on your child's profile. Please do not be offended if we are unable to sign a student out because of incorrect details showing on their profile. Please ensure that all contact details and student information is correct. If you need to update this, please contact Mrs Ng Shiu on 579-5049 ext 709. Thank you for your co-operation.

COMING EVENTS

14 April End of Term 1

2 May Beginning of Term 2

12 May Achievement Interviews