



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

17 May 2019



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Friday, we held our inaugural Mother-Daughter breakfast. It was a wonderful morning and all those in attendance left with many new ideas and inspirational thoughts from guest speakers, Nicola Gaze from the Parenting Place, and Denise Lee, MP for Maungakiekie. Following the success of this event, we will be holding a Father-Son breakfast in September.

As has been detailed in previous newsletters, senior assessment weeks take place from Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June. There will be bell changes for the whole school during this time. In order to support students at all levels with their studies, the One Tree Hill College Homework Centre will continue to be open daily, with tutors to assist students with school work, homework, assessments, or their study programmes. Please encourage your child to make use of this valuable resource.

As we have all experienced this week, the cold and wet weather has certainly arrived and I would like to stress the importance of ensuring all students are wearing correct school uniform. This will support them to stay healthy this winter. Please remind your child that there must be no visible t-shirts under their school shirts, and only correct One Tree Hill College jerseys and jackets are to be worn. If you require uniform items please visit our uniform supplier, *The Warehouse*, Sylvia Park. Scarfs are also available for purchase from the Student Services Centre.

As you will have seen on TV and heard on radio, the 2019 triennial Board of Trustee elections are currently being held. Nominations to stand for election are currently being called for and must be received by noon on Friday 24 May 2019. All parents/caregivers should have received an information pack this week in the mail. If you have not received this, please contact the Returning Officer, Mrs Heather Eustace immediately (heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz). Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our students learning. A timeline of key dates is on the following page.

Finally, I wish to inform our community that I have been awarded a Ministry of Education sabbatical to allow me time to undertake further study and research. As well as participating in two international educational leadership conferences, I will also be spending time in all of our Maungakiekie Community of Learning schools, speaking to students, teachers and parents about how we can further strengthen our transition processes for new students beginning in Year 9. In my absence, Mr Barlow will be Acting Principal from Monday 10 June until Friday 30 August 2019. I know that you will offer him all the full support that you have offered me over my 10 years as Principal of One Tree Hill College.

Kind regards,

N Coughlan
Principal



Please read the information on the following page about the school being closed due to industrial action (strike) on Wednesday 29 May 2019

Māori Whānau Hui – Wednesday 22 May

We invite all our Māori whānau to join the senior leadership and staff on Wednesday 22 May at 6pm to discuss their child's progress at the college, how families can support their child's learning, as well as have important discussions about how the college can best support our Māori whānau. We look forward to having these important conversations. Following the hui, we will all enjoy a shared meal together. Please bring something to contribute to the meal.

Senior Assessment Weeks 27 – 30 May and 4 – 7 June

These are weeks in which all senior students are scheduled to complete their course examinations and assessments which count towards their final NCEA grades. All senior students must attend school for the duration of their examinations and assessments. All senior students have received their examination and assessment timetable. Junior students will continue as per normal during this period. Throughout this two week period, bell times will be different to normal, please refer to the attached document for more information.

Please discuss with your child their timetable for the week and ensure they attend when required. I would also like to ask all families to help their children by providing them with a quiet place in the home in which they can study and be prepared for these important assessments. In so many cases these upcoming examinations and assessments will prove essential for your child to achieve their NCEA this year.

School will be Closed due to Industrial Action – Wednesday 29 May

A message from Darryl Follows, Board Chair:

“The PPTA has advised the One Tree Hill College Board of Trustees that teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff and decided that we cannot provide for the normal teaching services during the strike, so the school will officially be closed for instruction on this day. Accordingly, it's important that you make appropriate alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on this day as no supervision can be provided. School buses will not be running on 29 May.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Mr Coughlan if you have any queries relating to this decision.

As you will understand the overall situation may change quickly should negotiations recommence and we will endeavour to inform parents and caregivers as promptly as possible of any developments.”

Midterm Break & Queen's Birthday Holiday

There is no school for students at One Tree Hill College on
Friday 31 May and Monday 3 June

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 May	Māori Whānau Hui, 6pm
27 May – 7 June	Senior Assessment Weeks
29 May	PPTA Teacher Strike – no school for students
31 May	Mid-term Break (no school)
3 June	Queen's Birthday (no school)
5 July	Last Day of Term 2



EVENT	DATE
Call for Nominations by	Friday 10th May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019