



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is my pleasure to announce our Head Students for 2020. They are outstanding leaders who are heavily involved in many aspects of school life. My congratulations to these students and their families (pictured below). They are:

Head Girl – Jessica McKnight
Head Boy – Iele Ieremia

Deputy Head Girl – Tegan Amani
Deputy Head Boy – Jarret Ephraim Sanchez

On Thursday 13 February we invited all of our Year 9 students and families to join us for our annual Year 9 Information Evening. The evening was a great chance for families to become more familiar with the college and meet their child's whānau teacher and other senior leaders. This event was well attended and the feedback has been very positive. I would like to thank all the families who were in attendance.

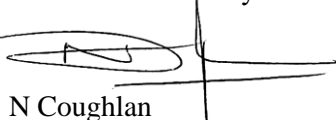
On Thursday 20 February 2020, we celebrated the many successes of our Māori students at One Tree Hill College at our 2019 Māori Achievement Awards evening. Past pupil and former Head Girl, Lafoai Luaitalo, was the guest speaker for the evening. Lafoai joined Meredith Connell Law in 2018 as a legal intern and became a Law Clerk in 2019 after completing her LLB/BA conjoint degree. Lafoai is now a Crown Prosecutor in the Auckland Courthouse. Her connection to the school and students was evident, giving an inspirational speech to our students about the journey that she has made, her next challenges, and how you can aspire, and ultimately achieve your goals. It was exciting to announce, to over 200 members of our whānau in attendance, our top Māori Achievers for 2019. Congratulations to the many award winners for your achievements in 2019. The special award recipients were:

- Braedyn Ngarimu Cooper - *He Taonga Manawhāu*: perseverance of a Māori student
- Kruze Rehu – *He Taonga Pūmau*: outstanding contribution, leadership, high achievement and commitment to Tikanga and Te Reo Māori
- Ariana Rusden – *He Tohu Wātea*: overall academic success for a student learning Te Reo Māori at Level 3

On Monday 2 March the annual One Tree Hill College Athletics Day will be held at Mt Smart Stadium. It is a day when we encourage our students to dress in their whānau colours (face and/or body paint is not permitted) and participate in a variety of track and field events. Please ensure your child has adequate protection from the sun and a drink (food and drinks are available for purchase at the stadium on the day). Students must be inside Mt Smart Stadium by 8:55am. If they are walking from the college, a safe walking route will be monitored by teachers along Rockfield Road, along Mt Smart Road and then into Maurice Road, then enter through Gate A.

As all students and staff are on the field all day involved in various activities, we cannot take any responsibility for valuable items such as mobile phones, wallets, etc. Please leave these at home. Due to health and safety reasons we unfortunately are not able to cater for parents or families wishing to attend this event. This is one of the only events throughout the year that parents and families are not able to attend and support their child. We apologise for having to make this decision, as our philosophy is usually the opposite.

Best wishes and may the best whānau win!



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Principal



Teacher Only Day – Friday 28 February

On Friday 28 February students will not be required to attend school. Staff will be undertaking a programme of professional learning and development followed by a PPTA Paid Union Meeting (PUM). Please ensure adequate supervision is provided for students at home.



Student Vehicles

Senior students must abide by the rules and expectations of the 'Rode Code' and the laws of NZ when driving vehicles to school. This is a privilege, and students must remember that they are to park in the streets surrounding the college and not on the school grounds. Again we remind all students that they are not to carry passengers unless they have a full licence and that the speed limit is adhered to at all times.

Pick Up and Drop Off

In the interest of student safety we would like to remind parents that they cannot drop off or pick up students on yellow lines or in bus bays, and that the speed limit within the school grounds is 5km/hr. Can I please ask parents who are dropping off, or picking up students to and from school each day, to arrange a suitable meeting point outside of the school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of all students at these very busy times of day, especially when buses are also operating inside the school grounds. There are many streets off Rockfield Road which would be much more convenient (and probably quicker) to drop off and collect your child each day.

Swimming Sports

On Friday 21 February we held our annual swimming sports - congratulations to our 2020 swimming champions:

Senior:	Boys - Ryan Khiev	Girls - Shana Matthews
Intermediate:	Boys - Joseph Whittington	Girls - Courtney Matthews
Junior:	Boys - Stephen Khiev	Girls - Milla Eckford

As well as the summer sports season being well underway, the Sports Department are currently beginning to organise winter teams. If your child wishes to take part in a winter sport, please ensure they are paying attention to the student notices and attending the appropriate meetings.



Coming Events

28 February

Teacher Only Day

2 March

Athletics Day (All Students)

Venue: Mt Smart Stadium

13 March

Year 9 Citizenship Trip

Venue: Maungakiekie

17 March

Cultural Evening, 6pm

Venue: Front of School

19-21 March

ASB Polyfest

Venue: Manukau Sports Bowl

27 March

Mufti Day led by Tawa Whānau

30 March – 3 April

Summer Tournament Week

4 April

Senior School Ball

9 April

Last Day of Term 1 – 12:25pm finish

28 April

First Day of Term 2

6 May

Parent Teacher Interviews