



One Tree Hill  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to our Football Director, Tim Payne, who was recently selected for the All Whites who played Canada in Spain. He was first selected for the All Whites as an 18 year old, and has earned his position back in the team after an outstanding season as captain of the Eastern Suburbs National League team. Our footballers at One Tree Hill College are very fortunate to be learning from one of our country's best.



I would also like to congratulate all the students who participated at Polyfest. This year the College entered nine cultural groups at the festival including Māori Kapa Haka, Cook Island, Tongan, Samoan, Korean, Filipino, Spanish, Fijian/Indian and Hawaiian groups. All groups performed with distinction and brought a great deal of pride upon themselves and the school.

Four groups in particular were singled out for special commendations. The Spanish group won the European Continent stage and the Hawaiian group won the America Continent stage award. In addition to this, the Cook Island group were not only placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, but also won 5 other awards, including Year 12 student Denis Tokorangi being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cook Island speech competition. Finally, Siesi Katoa won the Year 10 Tongan speech competition. A fantastic effort from these students, as well as all students in all groups.

I would like to acknowledge all the hard work, time and effort from the teachers, tutors, parents and students who make these achievements possible. As always success occurs due to the support of everyone working together.

As you know, success in the classroom often correlates strongly with success in co-curricular activities, like the Polyfest. Last week One Tree Hill College was represented in the following codes at national sports tournaments around the North Island: – baseball in Auckland, softball in Lower Hutt, and volleyball (boys and girls) in Palmerston North. I am proud to inform our community that we were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in baseball and softball respectively, as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in volleyball division two. I am always impressed by the talent of our students who compete so strongly on the national stage.

On Thursday this week you will receive, via email, a letter detailing information about our Parent/Teacher Day on Thursday 12 April. It is important that every family books times to meet with their child's teacher, using the on-line booking system, so that we are working together to enhance your child's learning at our college. If you do not receive this information, please contact the college immediately. Please remember bookings are made on a first come, first served basis.

We expect every child to attend the interview with their parent(s)/caregiver(s) in their full school uniform. At the interview you will be able to enquire about your child's learning, as well as receive feedback from their teachers. Your child's report, attendance record and other important documents will also be available at this time.

Please remember that this weekend is Easter and that the college is closed from Friday 30 March (Good Friday) until Tuesday 3 April. Students are required back at school on Wednesday 4 April. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break - Ngā mihi o te rā Aranga.

Kind regards

N Coughlan  
Principal



## Tawa Mufti Day

Thank you to Tawa Whānau for a wonderful day on Friday with food stalls and activities. All funds collected, including the gold coin donation for mufti day, will be donated to Hospice. Proceeds are still being collected, with a raffle being drawn on Thursday. Indications are, that over \$2,500 will have been donated towards this excellent service.



## Coming Events

26-29 March	Whānau Master Chef
28 March	Prefect Dinner
30 Mar – 3 April	Easter Weekend
12 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
13 April	End of Term One, school finishes at the earlier time of 1:30pm
30 April	Term Two commences

## Student Support & Counselling

Sometimes young people have concerns and worries which they don't always share with others. Below are just some of the many agencies that support young people, and the adults who care for them. We encourage students and parents/caregivers to contact these agencies as required. If there's anything concerning you in regard to the emotional wellbeing of your child, please also feel free to contact Mrs Newman (counsellor) in the Student Services Centre.

Some reliable and free websites, especially designed to help young people 12 – 19 years old with a variety of issues are:

**Youthline:** lots of different support options, phone, txt, email, online chatting, face to face. A range of quizzes to help you figure out what you're feeling and why, advice on how to help friends through tough times.

Go to: [youthline.co.nz](http://youthline.co.nz), free phone 0800 376 633, free txt 234

**The Lowdown:** information on anxiety and depression, relationships, identity, school life. Go to: [thelowdown.co.nz](http://thelowdown.co.nz)

**SPARX:** a fantasy game with skills you can use to manage stress, anxiety, depression. Users sign up to play, advice on how to apply the skills from the game to your own life. Go to [sparx.org.nz](http://sparx.org.nz), Freephone 0508 4 sparx

**Common Ground:** a good place for family and friends to learn about useful ways to support themselves and teenagers with mental health issues. Videos of families going through tough times, a space to share or ask an expert for advice.

Go to: [commonground.org.nz](http://commonground.org.nz)

**Aunty Dee:** advice on solving problems, list your problems, generate ideas and find solutions. Go to: [auntydee.co.nz](http://auntydee.co.nz)

**0800 Whats Up:** No problem is too big... or too small. For 5-18 year olds, call or web chat counselling.

Free phone 0800WhatsUp



Youthline works with young people,  
their families and those supporting young people.

**Need to talk?**

Contact us, we are here to help!



Free call  
0800 376 633



Free txt  
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Email  
[talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz)



GoChat  
Online chat

## School Donation and Subject Fees

Thank you to all families who have paid these. If you are unsure of your child's outstanding balance, please contact the College for an updated statement. Please remember that the College counts on you paying these amounts to ensure it can provide the best learning opportunities and facilities for your children. It is appreciated if payments could be paid to the College reception as soon as possible. Payment of subject fees is compulsory.

Here are some methods which may suit you best:

- ✓ Credit card – we are able to accept Visa or Mastercard for payment of your account
- ✓ Payments on line – these may be made directly to our bank a/c # 12-3023-0600686-00 – Please be sure to provide pupil's name as details so we can correctly identify the account being paid.
- ✓ Payments by instalment – should you wish to make weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly payments this can also be done on line, as above, or arranged by signing an "automatic bank payment authority".
- ✓ Payments by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at our reception are also viable options.

Should you wish to discuss any account matters please contact our Executive Officer, Mrs Lorraine Biggs on extension 706 or email her directly at [lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) or call into reception and speak with our friendly receptionist, Mrs Lisa Whiting.