



NEWSLETTER

25 October 2016



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week, led by Hinau Whanau, the college continued to support the Starship Foundation. This is one of many organisations that the students fundraise for each year. I am always so humbled by the way in which our students support these organisations and this year they look likely to raise in excess of \$2,000 for this great cause. Since we began fundraising for the Starship Foundation 5 years ago, we have now raised and donated over \$10,000. As a college we are very aware that many of our families will at some stage require the services of the Starship Hospital, so we all hope that by doing 'our bit' we are helping our own community too.

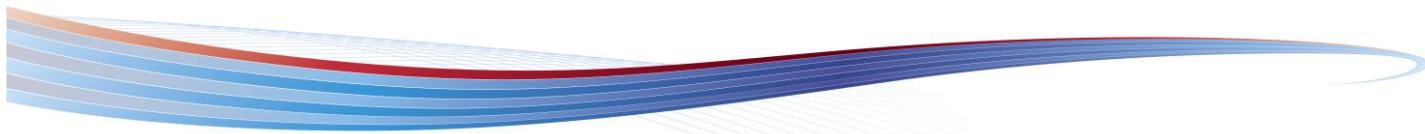
I am also pleased to welcome Year 12 student, Ishwanka Sharma, to her new role as the student elected Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. I am sure that Ishwanka will bring a lot to the role, and look forward to working with her for the next 12 months. We farewell Opeti E-Moala Aholelei from this role, and I extend warmest regards and thanks for his hard work in what can sometimes be a challenging responsibility.

Please remember that on Friday 4 November we will be holding our most formal event of the year – our annual Senior Prizegiving. This is when we honour and celebrate the many successes of our senior students in 2016. I would like to extend a very warm invitation to all parents and caregivers who wish to attend and join the celebrations. If you do wish to attend, you must be seated in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium by 12:45pm.

Finally, it is 'crunch time' for our senior students with just three 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 meeting assessment deadlines and 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. Students should be proactive in discussing additional revision opportunities with their teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers for support with regards their upcoming examinations or assessments.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan
Principal



Sports Awards

On Thursday 13 October we celebrated both the individual and team achievements of our students, managers and coaches. The guest speaker for the occasion was Olympic Kayaker, Caitlin Ryan who recently returned from Rio de Janeiro. Caitlin shared her insight and experiences into what it means to be an elite athlete competing at the highest level.

A very important part of the evening is the announcement of our supreme sportspeople for 2016. The 2016 Girls and Boys Dux Ludorum recipients were Anania Piri and Antonio

Vila respectively.
(photographed with Sports Director, Mr Faunt)



Flox Transforms Kowhai Commons

Flox is an aerosol and stencil artist with a fine art degree. She is one of New Zealand's best contemporary artists. Her trademark native birds, ferns and flowers have magically transformed one of the walls in Kowhai commons. All stencils have been intricately hand-cut for the mural. Over a two day period, students were able to watch Flox in action.

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. Should you wish to discuss any account matters please contact our Administration Manager, Mr Ron Eisig on extension 706 or email him directly at reisig@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

Upcoming Events

25-28 October	Whanau Touch
2 November	Graduation Ceremony
4 November	Senior Prizegiving, 1:00pm
8 November	Year 10 Freedom Day
10 November	NZQA Exams Commence
14-15 November	Year 9 Examinations
24 November	Waitomo Experience Begins
28-30 November	Tongariro Experience
1 December	Teacher Only Day
2-6 December	Prefect (2017) Camp
7 December	Junior Activity Day
9 December	Junior Prizegiving

Hinau Whanau & Starship Mufti-Day



Hinau whanau organised a week of activities concluding with a school wide mufti day, with Superheroes as the theme, on Friday 21 October. All proceeds collected during the week will be donated to the Starship Children's Health (Foundation). Proceeds have yet to be fully counted but indications are that they will be in excess of \$2,000.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Friday 4 November 12:45pm

Junior students finish school at 11:30am. Buses 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 3:00pm.

Senior Examinations



It has been a very busy start to term four with senior students focussed on their last few weeks of classes prior to the upcoming NCEA examinations which start on 10 November. All students should ensure that they make the most of every possible opportunity between now and when they finish classes in three weeks' time.

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Every morning a Lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest Gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a Lion or a Gazelle... when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

The main message is that all senior students must make every moment count leading up to the examinations. Please encourage your child to prepare a thorough study programme and that they make sacrifices to their usual daily events to ensure they commit to as much preparation as possible. If your child needs assistance to organise their study programme please ensure they see one of their teachers immediately.