



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of saying farewell to our Boys Chorale who are now at the Big Sing Finale in Dunedin. Their commitment in the pursuit of excellence is an outstanding example to all students. Although we can't all be there to support them in person, there is an opportunity to watch the boys sing via live video streaming at www.nzcf.org.nz Their performance times are:

- 1:30pm, Friday 26 August
- 11:00am, Saturday 27 August
- 6:30pm, Saturday 27 August



In other news, I am proud to announce that One Tree Hill College is now the Oceania Education Football Centre. This means that the best footballers from the Oceania region will now complete their education at the college whilst continuing to train in the pursuit of professional football careers. Please find attached to the electronic version of this newsletter more information about this exciting new partnership.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students in Kowhai whanau who have been running activities all week to fundraise for the Cancer Society, culminating in a Daffodil Day mufti day today, Friday 26 August. Cancer is a disease which affects us all in some way. If you would like to donate to this excellent charity, please feel free to do so at the college reception and collect your daffodil. As the campaign says, "Who do you wear yours for?"

I wish all our various senior sports teams travelling away to national tournaments next week all the very best of luck and safe travels.

Have a great weekend,

N Coughlan
Principal

Upcoming Events

24-27 August	Big Sing Finale, Dunedin
26 August	Mufti Day – Kowhai whanau fundraising for the Cancer Society
29 August	Winter Tournament Week
2 September	Teacher Only Day
7 September	Maori Awards Evening, 6:00pm
12-16 September	Senior Assessment Week
16 September	PPTA PUM, School finishes at 12:30pm for juniors, senior assessments continue as normal
20 September	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6:00pm
23 September	End of Term 3
10 October 2016	Beginning of Term 4

SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK AND YEAR 10 EXAMS

As parents/caregivers of students with upcoming exams, there are a number of ways you can support your child to achieve:

- Spend time with your child to create a study plan.
- Encourage them to study at times in the day when they are most motivated, such as the morning on a weekend, or early evening.
- Create a quiet space at home for your child to study which has good lighting, a desk or table, and is away from distractions.
- Have a conversation with your child every day about their studies - ask them to share a highlight, the best thing about their day, show an interest.
- Ensure your child balances school work with their other activities (e.g. sports, cultural, social activities, TV, phone, and/or social media time)
- Ensure they get enough sleep at night. Studying is tiring, and combined with increased sleep requirements of teenagers, means they may need up to 12 hours each night in order to perform at their best! Good Luck.

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

Friday 16 September

School finishes at 12:30pm

As part of the PPTA collective contract all teachers in the union have the opportunity to meet each year to discuss issues relating to the teaching profession. The PPTA have informed schools across New Zealand that these meetings will take place in September.

Secondary Schools in our area will be holding their meeting on Friday 16 September. Therefore we ask that parents make arrangements to ensure there is adequate alternative supervision and transportation home provided for your child on this day as school will finish at 12:30pm. No buses will be running at this time.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The last day for out of zone enrolments for 2017 is Wednesday 7 September 2016. All out of zone enrolments are provisional until the ballot takes place on Wednesday 14 September 2016. All families will be contacted regarding the outcome of the ballot process.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Would you like the One Tree Hill College Board to have a student voice around the issues of education in your school and your community? Would you like to be that voice? Here is your opportunity!

The OTHC Board is looking for a Student Trustee to contribute to the information that forms Board decisions and policies.

Nomination forms will be available from the Student Services Centre next week.

OTHC GOT TALENT

Between 16 and 18 August a large number of students took part in the lunchtime heats for OTHC Has Got Talent. The event featured a wide variety of acts ranging from actors to singers. The finale was held on the evening of 18 August. Year 9 student, Aya Al-Chalabi, displayed outstanding agility on stage with her acrobatic skills to win the grand prize. Another Year 9 student, Shante Gribble came 2nd and Year 10 student Clara Daunoco 3rd. The panel of judges for the evening included former One Tree Hill College student and now 'Royal Family Dance Crew' member, Elvis Lopeti. The talent quest aimed to inspire young people to share their talents and raised funds to support the Auckland City Mission.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 2 September

There will be no school for students on Friday 2 September to allow staff to undertake professional development. This professional development will help to ensure your child continues to get the best teaching possible.

Please ensure there is adequate alternative supervision provided for your child on this day.

FLIGHT DANCE SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 16 August the Dance Department presented "Flight Dance Showcase" which consisted of NCEA dance assessments for students from Year 10-13. Students were required to choreograph or perform a routine for their assessments which were worth valuable NCEA credits.

There were various dance styles performed which consisted of Hip Hop, Street Jazz, Contemporary, Tongan action dances, Cook Island Hula, and the Fijian Meke. The final performance of the event was the Stage Challenge team who took the audience on a journey of various dance styles including the Jitterbug, Swing, and Tango. This was the routine that One Tree Hill College students performed earlier this year at the Aotea Centre and that won two excellence awards.

The dancers enjoyed considerable support from a large audience of families and friends. The dance showcase also gave students a first-hand practical learning experience of the skills and expectations required to be a part of the creative industry in New Zealand.

Congratulations to all the students who performed.

NZQA FEES

All students who are entered for any NCEA standards are required to pay \$76.70. This fee is substantially reduced if you are eligible for financial assistance. **All fees must be paid before Thursday 1 September 2016.** Please consider paying this fee in instalments starting now so that all money is received by the due date. If paying by automatic payment or through internet banking please use the Reference: NZQA, and Code: students name.

Financial Assistance Forms are available from the Student Services Centre or can be downloaded from the NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz. These are due at the school off by Thursday 1 September.

These are NZQA deadlines and ones which cannot be altered by One Tree Hill College. Any students who have not paid their NZQA fees by Thursday 1 September will incur significant penalty charges for being late.

These penalty charges will add at least an extra \$150 onto your child's fees.

