



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

8 May 2023



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been an excellent start to the new term. I have been very impressed by the manner in which students have returned following the break. I have witnessed daily examples of students exhibiting the school's values.

On Friday last week, I had the pleasure of walking up Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill) with all our Year 9 students. This was the annual trip to conclude the Year 9 Citizenship Programme. Although the weather was pretty gloomy, there were plenty of smiles and fun had on the day. Well done to our Year 9 students who represented our school so well in our community.

This week is full of interruptions, unfortunately mostly out of our control. The PPTA industrial action is detailed on the following page, however I wish to focus on the upcoming Achievement Interviews (Parent Teacher Day) on Wednesday 10 May. I strongly encourage you to make a booking with your child's teachers and attend this very valuable day.

Next week we celebrate Pink Shirt Week. This is a week in which we focus on working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It is about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background. We have joined with our Kāhui Ako to work together to promote being an upstander, not a bystander. We are

fortunate to have Jazz Thornton, Young New Zealander of the Year 2021, coming to the college to talk to our students to launch the week. Jazz now runs her own charity to support youth called Voices of Hope.

Finally, I would like to once again congratulate our New Zealand Champion Girls Softball team – what an achievement!

Ngā mihi nui,

N Coughlan
Principal



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) – WE NEED YOU HELP PLEASE!

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, a school-based group of volunteers with a mission to make the school a better place for our students. The OTHC PTA has contributed significantly over the years, working together with teachers to support the school, especially with fundraising and other community activities. We invite any parents/caregivers who wish to become a member of the PTA to email heustace@onetreehillcollege.school.nz. The PTA's first focus this year is to support the Rotary Club of Penrose with carparking at Warrior games at Mt Smart Stadium to raise funds for student activities at OTHC. Your help makes a huge difference!!!

PPTA Industrial Action

Unless the industrial situation is resolved, PPTA have informed all secondary schools that their members will not be teaching certain year levels on particular days this term as noted below. This means on these days, the year level indicated are not to attend school:

- Tuesday 9 May Year 12 rostered home
- Tuesday 16 May Year 9 rostered home
- Wednesday 17 May Year 10 rostered home
- Thursday 25 May Year 11 rostered home
- Tuesday 30 May Year 13 rostered home
- Thursday 1 June Year 12 rostered home
- Tuesday 6 June Year 10 rostered home
- Thursday 8 June Year 9 rostered home

In addition to this PPTA have confirmed that in Auckland they will again be on strike on Thursday 11 May. This means students will be required to stay at home on this day. If there is not adequate supervision available at home, we will be providing some supervision at the college. Please indicate on the link below if your child will require supervision:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gxfrRxyTry>

Drop-off & Collection of Students

For the safety of all students, parents are to drop-off and collect their child outside of the school grounds each day. We understand this is a minor inconvenience, but safety is always our priority. The gates will be closed between 8:30am to 9am; and 3pm to 3:30pm. Please arrange for a drop-off/pick-up point somewhere off Rockfield Road.



Coming Events

9 May

Year 12 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

10 May

Achievement Interviews – book online (Parent Teacher Day)

11 May

No school (PPTA Strike)

15-19 May

Pink Shirt Week

15 May

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30pm

16 May

Year 9 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

17 May

Year 10 Rostered Home (PPTA Action)

19 May

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

23 May

NetSafe Parents Event, OTHC, 6pm

Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako



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FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023



JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ



**Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA