

# **NEWSLETTER**

1 April 2016



# Principal's Message



### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

On Thursday 14 April we will hold our first Parent/Teacher interviews for the year. This is a critical opportunity for every student to be involved in three-way conferences involving their teachers, parents and of course, themselves. It is imperative that all families commit to attending at some stage during the day, between 8:00am and 7:15pm. This year we will be using an electronic booking form – more details will be sent to all families shortly. Please ensure that students attend in full school uniform.

I am sure you would have realised by now that the vast majority of our communication occurs via email. It is therefore important that we have the correct email addresses for all parents and caregivers. In order to support this process, we are asking **all** families to complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter. Please complete all the details requested and give it back to your child to hand to their whanau teacher. We are expecting a 100% return rate. If your contact details change at any point during the year, please inform the college reception.

Over the next two months, all schools across New Zealand will have Board of Trustees elections. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a trustee, please do not hesitate to contact the current Board Secretary, Mrs Heather Eustace, on extension 704.

Finally, I wish to congratulate our cultural groups who all performed so proudly at the recent Polyfest event in Manukau. This year we were represented by an Indian, Filipino, Tongan and Maori Kapa Haka group. Whilst performing, all students were being assessed for NCEA credits in performance and routine.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent/Teacher interviews on 14 April.

Best Wishes.

N Coughlan Principal

# **Upcoming Events**

1 April Red Puppy Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation

4 - 8 April National Summer Sports Tournaments 14 April Parent Interview Day 8am – 7:15pm

15 April Last Day of Term 1 – school finishes at 12:30pm

2 May First Day of Term 2

Please note that on Friday 15 April, the last day of term, the school day will finish at the earlier time of 12:30pm. Normal school buses will <u>not</u> run at this earlier time. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to get home safely on this day.

#### Attitudes to Learning Your school report will show: YOUR ACHIEVEMENT GRADES/NCEA GRADES Your school report will show: YOUR ATTITUDE TO LEARNING Be punctual to class Settle quickly to work at the start of each lesson Bring correct equipment to class Complete work set in class Complete work with accuracy and care Complete homework as required Be focused and responsive in class Avoid distracting other students in class Participate and contribute positively in class activities Show respect to peers in the classroom Show respect to your teacher Your school report will show: YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR WHANAU AND THE SCHOOL Contribute positively in school co-curricular activities Wear correct uniform (correct shoes, jacket etc) Look tidy and clean in uniform Your school report will show:

## **Summer National Sports Tournament Week**

Next week One Tree Hill College students will compete at various national tournaments in Softball, Baseball and Volleyball. We wish all teams well in their respective tournaments.

#### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

One Tree Hill College places a huge emphasis on raising the academic achievement of all students and increasing the relationships between the college and the community. As part of this, we ask you to attend interviews on Thursday 14 April with your child (or children) and their teachers from 8:00am to 7:15pm.

Families of all students are encouraged to attend and discuss any aspects of your child's learning and progress at the college. It is important for junior and senior students to attend with their parents in full school uniform.

Parents and caregivers will be able to book an interview online with their child's teachers (details will be provided shortly). To ensure that this information and future communications reaches you in a timely manner, please update your information in the section provided below.

#### **KAMAR Parent and Student Portal**

The KAMAR parent and student portal is now available at One Tree Hill College. This gives students, parents and caregivers the ability to access personal school information from any web browser. Personal user names and passwords have been emailed to primary caregivers.

## **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 accounts matters please contact our Administration Manager, Mr Ron Eisig on extension 706 or email him directly at reisig@onetreehillcollege.school.nz

# **Car parking & Collection of Students**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that, for the safety of all students, we ask that your child is collected outside of the school grounds each afternoon. The best way to do this is to arrange with your child to meet you in a neighbouring side street off Rockfield Road. We know that this is a slight inconvenience, but student safety is our main concern.

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Student Information	
Student's legal name Family Name:	First Names:
Address:	Post code:
Family Information	
Parent/Caregiver Name:	Parent/Caregiver Name:
Relationship to Student:	Relationship to Student:
Email:	Email:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone: