

NEWSLETTER

7 November 2016



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Friday we held our most formal event of the school year – the One Tree Hill College Senior Prizegiving. In front of a full auditorium, we celebrated the many successes of our senior students and also said farewell to our Year 13 students. On behalf of the entire One Tree Hill College community, I would like to congratulate all award winners and wish our Year 13 students every success as they begin their journey beyond school.

The college's most supreme awards are our Dux awards. The Dux Litterarum, for our top overall academic student, was Jonathan Abiad. Our Proxime Accessit, runner-up to Dux, was Karen Wang. These are both outstanding achievements from two very dedicated students.

The Dux Artium for 2016, for the greatest achievements in Arts and Culture, was awarded to Kewin Khoonthong. Our two most

prestigious sporting awards are our Dux Ludorum for top male and female students. This year, these were awarded to Antonio Vila and Anania Piri respectively.



At the ceremony, our Prefect team for 2017 was also announced and I congratulate them for their selection. The Prefects for 2017 are Jayden Downs, Prashneel Roy, Peti Steedman-Hunt, Jez Reguerra, Ishwanka Sharma, Jason Tran, Kevin Guo, Rocielli Fernando, Anahera Hunter, Preme Hentua, Denise Dazo, Natasha Follows, Emma Hookings, Aila Pacis, James Paongo, Dolly Niuhulu, Dean Par, Antonio Vila, Kaizer Torillo and Theresa Cacilac. The Head Prefects for 2017 will be selected following a leadership camp in Tongariro National Park from 2 - 6 December 2016.

Finally, I would like to wish all our senior students good luck for their NCEA Examinations which begin on Thursday 10 November. Please remember that these examinations are administered by NZQA, not One Tree Hill College, so please follow the NZQA examination guidelines carefully. All senior students have received a copy of these.

Have a great week,

N Coughlan Principal

Stanhope Road School Year 7 & 8 Technology Programme

Stanhope Road School commenced their annual Technology programme this week at One Tree Hill College. This programme will run from 7 to 25 November 2016. The programme is taught by One Tree Hill College teachers and utilise the facilities and equipment inside the Technology Centre. Students will be studying Food Technology, Graphics, Materials, Photography and Music.

Graduation Dinner

The Graduation Dinner for departing Year 13 students was held on 2 November. There were in excess of 150 students and staff present. This event would not have been possible without the support of a team of dedicated staff members, especially the Whanau Leaders.

Junior Speech Competitions

Public speaking is a clear strength at One Tree Hill College. This was in evidence when Year 11 student, Ariana Guptill, won the Mt Roskill Kiwanis speech contest. Superbly organised by Miss Mulcahy, the quality of Year 9 Shakespeare dramatic monologues and Year 10 persuasive speeches were outstanding. The top three in each of the respective contests were:

Year 9 – Winner - Jessica McKnight

Second - Kyra Hunt

Third - Constance Isip

Year 10 – Winner - Jordanne Harder

Second - Elvssa Maniti

Third - Melelose Manu - Topeni





End of Year Junior Activities

All Year 9 and 10 students will be involved in end of year activities on Wednesday 7 December (unless otherwise stated). There are a range of activities which students are able to select from. Most activities have limited numbers, so activities are on a first come, first served basis.

- 1. Waiwera Hot Pools: students will travel to the pools, swim in the pools and enjoy a BBQ lunch. Cost \$30.
- 2. **Rangitoto Island Experience**: students will travel to Rangitoto Island, climb to summit and experience panoramic views, explore lava caves and enjoy lunch together. Lunch, train and ferry fees are included. Cost \$30.
- 3. **MOTAT Experience**: students will travel to MOTAT and enjoy partaking in many interactive activities. Lunch, entry fees and transport are included. Cost \$20.
- 4. **Creative Clay Art Workshop:** students will be involved all day in a creative clay art workshop and have the opportunity to "fire" their creation in the new kilns. Cost \$10.
- 5. **Photography Workshop:** students will be involved all day in learning the basics of photography. Cost \$5.
- 6. **Golf:** students will go to a local driving range followed by a round of golf. Transport, golf fees and lunch are included. Cost \$35.
- 7. Zoo: students will enjoy a day at Auckland Zoo. Transport, lunch and entry fees are included. Cost \$25.
- 8. **Coast to Coast Walk:** students will complete the walk beginning in Onehunga and ending in downtown Auckland. Students will need to bring their own lunch or buy it on the walk. Transport fees are included. Cost \$5.
- 9. **Auckland Kayak Adventure:** students will be under the supervision of Auckland Sea Kayaks, departing from St Heliers beach, paddle to Browns Island and have lunch before returning to St Heliers beach. Transport, kayak hire, safety equipment, guided supervision and lunch are included. Cost \$95.
- 10. **Manukau White Water Experience:** students will travel to the new Whitewater Park in Manukau and experience kayaking and rafting. Students can make their own arrangements to meet at Whitewater Park. Cost \$50.
- 11. **Rock Climbing:** students will meet at 9:45am at the Extreme Edge facility at 40 Morrin Road, Panmure where they will receive tuition and have the full use of the facility to practice their skills for the remainder of the day. Students will need to bring their own lunch. Cost \$17.
- 12. **Tongariro Experience:** Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 November there are only 5 places still available. Students will travel to Tongariro National Park, staying two nights in the DOC lodge at Whakapapa village, walk the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, complete a 14km white water rafting trip and visit sites of interest on the way back to Auckland. Cost \$235.
- 13. Waitomo Experience: Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November this activity is already full.

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 1 December

On Thursday 1 December students will not be required to attend school. Staff will be undertaking a programme of professional learning and development. Please ensure adequate supervision is provided for students at home.

Upcoming Events

7-25 November	Stanhope Road Technology	28 November	REP Graduation
8 November	Year 10 Freedom Day	28-30 November	Tongariro Experience
10 November	NZQA exams commence	1 December	Teacher Only Day
14-15 November	Year 9 Exams	2-6 December	Prefect Camp
21-25 November	Junior Tournament Week	7 December	Junior Activity Day
24-25 November	Waitomo Experience	9 December	Junior Prizegiving, 10:00am