

NEWSLETTER 21 May 2018



Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next week is the start of senior examination and assessment weeks (weeks 5-6) These are weeks in which all senior students are scheduled to complete their course examinations and assessments which count towards their final NCEA grades. All senior students must attend school for the duration of their examinations and assessments. Please discuss with your child their timetable for the week (as attached). I would also like to ask all families to help their

children by providing them with a quiet place in the home in which they can study and be prepared for these important assessments. In so many cases these upcoming examinations and assessments will prove essential for your child to achieve their NCEA this year.

The One Tree Hill College Boys Chorale and Peka Totara (Girls' Choir) will be performing on Thursday 14 June at the Big Sing regional competition being held at the Auckland Town Hall.

The Big Sing is a dynamic, national group-singing competition for secondary school students. Our students will have the opportunity to sing in a professional but supportive setting where the enjoyment of singing is encouraged and the excellence in performance and repertoire are fostered.

Thank you to all those families who have paid their donation. We increasingly rely on your financial support to fund many of the additional educational activities we provide to our students.

Material and subject fees are allocated according to the subjects that your child is currently learning and must be paid. They cover the costs of ingredients, materials, books, etc which are relevant to particular courses. Thank you for your cooperation.

Payments for all fees and donations may be spread across the year if you so wish. Many parents use this alternative by setting up an automatic payment through their bank and find it an easier way of meeting these costs. If you would like to find out more information about this, please contact the school and speak with our receptionist Lisa Whiting or Executive Officer Lorraine Biggs 579 5049 extension 706 (see overleaf for more details).

The cold and wet weather has certainly arrived and I would like to stress the importance of ensuring all students are wearing correct school uniform. This includes no visible t-shirts under their school shirts, and correct One Tree Hill College jerseys and jackets. If you require uniform items please visit our uniform supplier, The Warehouse Sylvia Park.

Kind regards

Emma Beale Acting Principal

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

Friday 25 May at Mt Roskill Grammar School School will be finishing at the earlier time of 12:30pm School buses have been arranged for the early pickup Please ensure there is adequate supervision for students at home. If required, some supervision will be available at school – please contact reception.

Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 18 May Pink Shirt Day was held at the college showing visible unity against bullying with staff wearing the official Pink Shirt for the day. Assemblies were held all week promoting a safe learning environment for all One Tree Hill College students and what to do if students need support.



Community Noticeboard

Parenting Place would love to extend an invitation to parents of adolescents or pre-adolescents to our upcoming "How to Talk about" event. It will be presented by Petra Bagust and Pio Terei who will share their ideas on how to best navigate these milestone conversations and guarantee plenty of laughs along the way.

This event will be held on Thursday 31 May. For further information, please refer to the Parenting Place website

www.theparentingplace.com

Coming Events

25 May	PPTA Paid Union Meeting 1
28 May - 8 June	Assessment Weeks
1 June	Mid-Term Break
12-14 June	Regional Big Sing Competition
18-22 June	Whānau Wearable Art
2 July	REP Graduation
6 July	End of Term Two
23 July	Beginning of Term Three

School Donation and Subject Fees

students expected to attend.

We would like to thank all those families who have paid their subject fees for the year and take this opportunity to remind you that any outstanding subject fees are now due. You should have received a student fee statement at the end of term one. If you have any questions relating to these charges' please contact Mrs L Whiting, Receptionist, email <u>lwhiting@onetreehillcollege.school.nz</u> or 09 579 5049 during office hours.

Voluntary School Donation

We appreciate your continued support of our voluntary school donation which is used to support and deliver quality academic, sporting, cultural and social opportunities for our students.

Payment methods available at the college are cash, eftpos, credit card and also the option of regular automatic payments. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions, or Mrs L Biggs, Executive Officer, email <u>lbiggs@onetreehillcollege.school.nz</u> or 09 280 0480 Direct Dial.