



One Tree Hill
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As the term comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and resilience of our students. Despite the many obstacles that have been thrown their way this year, they continue to impress. We have recently analysed our progress NCEA data, and in many areas, it is ahead of the same time last year. In NCEA Level 2 and 3 over 90% of our students are on track to achieve. This is simply amazing!

The results described above have been built upon outstanding teaching and learning programmes, both in the classroom and remotely, developed by our teachers. I cannot praise our teachers highly enough for the way in which they have left no stone unturned trying to create the best outcomes for each and everyone of our students. My thanks to all support and teaching staff who work so very hard for our students.

Last Friday, Year 10 students participated in the annual Freedom Challenge event, supported by Amnesty International. Students collaborated in groups to create social actions that raised awareness about human rights that are impacted by climate change. Students focused on many different areas of the world, including Kiribati and Philippines. Year 10 students are now using their experience to write a report for their Social Studies NCEA Starter Programme.

Over a number of years, we have been impressed by the number of students who want to add value to our college, this year is no exception. This year, ten excellent candidates ranging from Year 9 to 12 were nominated to be the next Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees. Today we held the annual election for the Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees for 2020. The Returning Officer, Mrs Eustace, has declared Year 12 student, Felix Nicholls as the newly elected Student Trustee. This year the Board of Trustees have again invited the second placed candidate, Masina Fifita, to attend the meetings in support of the Student Trustee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Student Trustee, Judi Barnard and Siosaia E-Moala Aholelei who supported Judi in her role, for their dedication and the insight that they brought to the Board of Trustees throughout the last 12 months.

I hope the holidays will provide us all with an opportunity to reflect and plan for next term. For our senior students this is a perfect time to think about their recent performance in examinations and assessments, and begin developing study and revision programmes to ensure success in the upcoming NZQA examinations which commence on Monday 16 November. Parents and caregivers, please encourage your child to utilise their time wisely over these school holidays. This is also the case for junior students who have their examinations on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November. To assist all students with their study, the Study Centre in the KC will remain open throughout the holidays from 9:30am to 2:30pm each day. I encourage students to use this facility throughout the holiday break. Students will need to sign in and out when coming to the Study Centre.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone again when term 4 begins on Monday 12 October.

Take care and stay safe,

N Coughlan
Principal



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

There are many property modifications that have recently been completed at the college, and there are many more about to begin.

The following projects have been recently completed:

- Hinau Walkway
- New Carpark and Driveway
- Kowhai and Tawa Upper Corridor Re-roofing
- Auditorium Re-roofing
- Hinau Artificial Grass - around the pohutakawa tree
- Air Conditioner/Heat Pumps – 3 more installed in classrooms.

The following projects are about to begin:

- Canteen Canopy - a 14.7m x 7.2m canopy in front of the canteen
- Upper Tawa and Kowhai bifold window replacement
- Upper Tawa and Kowhai Classroom Upgrade – these rooms will all be repainted, new whiteboard cabinets added, new wall linings, new flooring, all in addition to the new windows and lighting.
- Food Technology H3 Upgrade
- Hinau and Lower Gymnasium Roofing
- Electrical Upgrade - replacement of the upper Tawa lights to LEDs
- Dilution Sink Trap Replacement
- Sports Field Upgrade
- Staffroom Upgrade

There has also been a lot of planting to enhance the college grounds. Over 330 native plants have been planted around the school this term. Vegetable plots have also been planted in planter boxes outside the H11 Food Technology room and by the marae. Vegetables planted include spinach, kale, red cabbage, silver beet, spring onions, radish, carrots, courgette, capsicum, lettuce, celery, leeks, beans, strawberries, cucumber, beetroot, cherry tomatoes and potatoes. These vegetables will all be used in our Food Technology programme, as are the eggs produced by our chickens.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We are aware that covid-19 has increased anxiety for some. There are many supports available for students and families. Two such supports developed by the University of Auckland are:

- SPARX is a free online therapy tool that helps people with mild to moderate depression, anxiety or stress.
- AROHA is a chatbox designed to help young people cope with stress

These resources are both free.

If you are a parent or caregiver and need extra support at this time, the online Triple P Parenting Programme is being offered free at the moment by the Ministry of Health. Please refer to the following link: <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.nz/nz-uken/about-triple-p/positive-parenting-programme/>

If you would like to do this course, please contact Tanya Newman at the college (tnewman@onetreehillcollege.school.nz).



COMING EVENTS

12 October	Beginning of Term 4
21 October	Pasifika Awards Evening, 6pm
24 October	School Ball, Eden Park, 7pm
30 October	Mufti Day
9 November	Leavers' Dinner, 5:30pm
10 November	Senior Prize Giving, 1pm
12-13 November	Junior Exams
16 November	NCEA External Exams start
19 November	MOE Teacher Only Day
25 November	Teacher Only Afternoon
3 December	Junior Prize Giving, 10am

PASIFIKA AWARDS

Wednesday 21 October, 6pm

Celebrate our Pasifika student achievement in true Pasifika style in the Marilyn Wales Auditorium. Everyone welcome.



SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Tuesday 10 November, 1pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebrating the senior student successes of 2020.



UNIFORM AND PERSONAL GROOMING EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to abide by the conditions they agreed to when they enrolled at the college. This includes wearing full and correct school uniform, and following the school's expectations on jewellery and personal grooming. This includes no facial piercings, with only 1 earring per ear permitted. All boys must be clean shaven – any boy who is not clean shaven will be required to do so at school. We would prefer boys shave at home under the guidance of their parents/caregivers, rather than having to shave at school. We ask all families to support us with these expectations. A full description of these expectations, and others, are available on the college's website.