

# **NEWSLETTER**

23 July 2021



### Principal's Message



#### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

As the school holidays come to an end, I wanted to make contact as promised, with further information about the launch of Ka Ora Ka Ako: Healthy School Lunch programme. From Monday 26 July, all students at One Tree Hill College will be served lunches, fruit and snacks at no cost every day. Students who indicated that they require special meals due to their dietary, medical, or religious reasons will be issued with a personalised card on Monday morning which will allow them to collect their own personalised meals from H11. As mentioned in my last newsletter, the first serving of meals and fruit will occur at interval, with additional snacks and meals at lunch time. Meals will be distributed to students at each of the four whānau areas. The canteen will continue to operate as normal, however we strongly encourage students to enjoy the meals being provided to them through this programme.

This term we welcome Mrs Meredith Raukura who joins the Senior Leadership Team as Deputy Principal. Meredith joins the college from Macleans College and has held leadership roles with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Meredith is looking forward to working with our students, staff, parents and community. I look forward to introducing Meredith to you at future community events.

As from the first day of Term 3, the 065 bus from Otahuhu Town Centre to Ellerslie/OTHC will operate **7 minutes earlier** than at present. The bus will depart bus stop number 1775 from Stop A Otahuhu Interchange at 7:48am. There will be no change to the route. This change will help to ensure students arrive at school on time.

To help parents and caregivers support their children with Cyber Safety a special *Online Safety Presentation* has been organised by the college and will take place on Monday 2 August from 7pm until 8:30pm in the Auditorium. The presentation will help us to understand the harms our kids are facing online, and learn practical solutions to keep our children safer online. I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend this presentation. As an introduction to this presentation please click on this link <a href="Our Kids Online Trailer">Our Kids Online Trailer</a> If finding a babysitter for the night is an issue, please email <a href="sec@onetreehillcollege.school.nz">sec@onetreehillcollege.school.nz</a> - we will organise senior students to mind your children in an adjacent classroom. A brochure with more information is attached.

Finally, former student, David Liti, will be representing New Zealand at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in the Men's +109kg Weightlifting competition. You may remember that in 2018 David won gold at the Commonwealth Games in the +105kg weightlifting category. David was also presented with the David Dixon Award for sportsmanship at the Games. The competition will be shown on Sky Sport 059 channel on Wednesday 4 August 2021 at from 10:50pm. On behalf of our entire community, we wish David well!





I look forward to seeing all our students return on Monday morning ready to learn. If there are any items of uniform which require attention, please do so over the weekend.

Best Wishes,

N Coughlan Principal

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## 11 August 2021

#### Applications for the Trades in the February 2022 are now open:

This includes the very popular disciplines of Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry which are already full for the remainder of 2021. These spaces will fill up fast as many spaces will have been taken by those deferred from both the February and July intakes this year. Please contact the Careers Centre for further information.

#### Scholarship application deadlines are now very close:

The team at MoneyHub, have overhauled their comprehensive guide to school leaver university scholarships. The resource is mainly for Year 13 students: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html

### **Coming Events**

26 July
Term 3 commences

2-6 August Cook Island Language Week

*9-13 August* Careers Week

11 August Careers Expo

19 August
Achievement Interviews

27 August Mufti-Day led by Miro Whānau

3 September Teacher Only Day

# ACHIEVEMENT INTERVIEWS 19 AUGUST, 8am to 7pm

Shortly you will receive information about our Achievement Interviews (Parent Teacher Interviews). The sharing of quality learning information between learners, parents, whānau and the school is vitally important to successful student outcomes. Every family should book times to meet their child's teachers, using the online booking system. A seperate email with instructions will be sent next week.

#### HOMEWORK AND STUDY CENTRE

Term 3 is a very important term for all students, particularly seniors. This term has a very heavy focus on assessments and provides numerous opportunities for students to achieve credits towards their NCEA. To support student learning, our Homework and Study Centre will continue to operate every day. The Homework and Study Centre is supervised by former students and is open daily from 3:30pm until 4:45pm.

As well as this, we encourage all parents and caregivers to ensure that they are aware of their child's programme for the remainder of the year to ensure no learning opportunities are missed. It is paramount that students are in their classes as much as possible to maximise their learning.

#### COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

Cook Islands Language Week: Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki Airani, will be celebrated at the college over the week commencing Monday 2 August with various activities planned throughout the school day for our students. Cook Islands Language Week explores the values of diversity and respect. Kia orāna!

## **Enrol Now For 2022**

All in zone and out of zone students are invited to apply for enrolment by submission of a fully completed online enrolment form and all the required supplementary documentation.

The online enrolment form can be located on our website under 'Enrol Now'