

## Winter Blankets



Our students are kept warm again this winter, wrapped in woollen blankets donated by Kindercare Karori. We can't thank you enough. The label reads:

*"We may not have the opportunity to meet,  
We may not have the opportunity to ever exchange our life stories.  
But because you matter, we hope this blanket conveys  
the care of those who sent it for you and your loved ones."*

## Reading Aloud for John McIntyre

In memory of the irreplaceable John McIntyre, we held a *Bad Jelly the Witch* party with the children in Kids Count. Melissa, in costume, read the story out loud with all the voices (just like John would have done).



Jasmine, our creative cook, made the green and purple cupcakes with witches' hats on top. These were a highlight of the feast put on by Kids Count for our morning tea. Other costumes added to the magic.



**A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us this term. We could not provide the varied programme and high standard of care for our students without your help. We welcome donations towards the work of the school. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust. These are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you. Our thanks to Tawa Art and Craft Society, The Board of Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments, Darroch Forrest, DE Gottschalk, Graduate Women Wellington, Anglican Women's Fellowship Titahi Bay, HM Forsyth, Gawith-Deans Family Trust, Ian Crabtree Trust.**

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## Sir Peter Blake Leadership Week

Nicola Willis was our speaker for the Dream Team programme. Nicola's dream was to make a difference and stand for parliament. She has been selected as a candidate for Wellington Central. Nicola talked about the challenges and stumbling blocks that she experienced along the way and how she overcame these. A positive attitude and a willingness to put her hand up, as well as owning her mistakes, were key in her work. She talked about the importance of having a dream and identifying the steps in how you are going to get there. Having a support person or someone to talk to and hold you accountable was also key.

Photo L - R : Nicola Willis with Lisa Stewart, Nakita Kopua, Catherine Motusia, Mary Turua, Tay Manuel, Helena Wardle and Dahlia Pereira.



Our new netball hoop is getting lots of use. Students can be found practising at any opportunity. Thank you to Mr Gottschalk for funding our hoop which is installed on our deck, as we have limited outdoor space. We hope that all the practice will pay off in August for the Lower North Island TPU netball tournament.



# He Huarahi Tamariki



## School for Teenage Parents -Term 3 2017

### Farewell to Friends

#### From our Teacher in Charge

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

In June, we lost two very dear friends, both staunch advocates and wonderful role models for HHT.

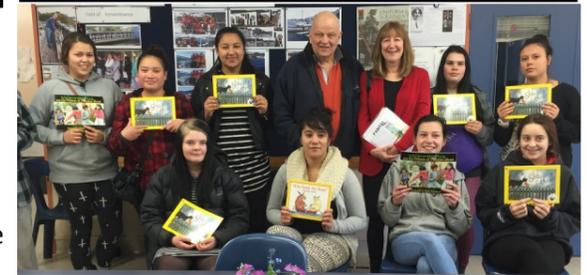
John McIntyre, from The Children's Book Shop in Kilbirnie, brought the joy of reading into our lives. His knowledge of children's literature was boundless and infectious. He shared sage advice around the value of curling up with your child and reading aloud, making time to have fun together. John and his wife, Ruth, were regular visitors bringing books, reading aloud and creating an appetite for new titles. He organised very popular book events with both national and international authors, where successful writers shared their craft. Donated books formed the nucleus of our library, which we named *The Ruth and John McIntyre Library*, the launch of which we celebrated at prize giving last year, taking much pleasure in acknowledging their contribution. Despite all his commitments to children's literature and the book industry, John generously and loyally advocated for our school and students. He held our parents in high esteem, willing them on to be resilient, optimistic and proud of their achievements. We will miss him hugely.

Just days after John's funeral, there came the news of Aporo Joyce's tragic accident. From the school's inception, Aporo supported HHT through his community networks and ability to persuade and encourage. At that time, Aporo was a policeman in Porirua and became a familiar figure in *The Waggoner's Arms*, fully supporting the school's establishment. In recognition of all he contributed, *The Aporo Joyce* room was named in his honour in the Griffin preschool. When HHT moved to Linden, so too did Aporo's commitment. In the early years, Aporo transformed a triangle of our property, by establishing a boxed garden complete with lemon trees, shrubs and later grapes. He tirelessly championed our students, respecting their journeys, ready to challenge thinking but always believing they could, should, would achieve their goals. He believed in them as parents and loved to see the children thriving. Our last school outing was to the Porirua RSA. Aporo had prepared, as always, meticulously and his pride in the RSA, his family and our school shone through. The deep reverence Aporo had for the sacrifice of lives was evident and moving. Aporo was our warrior fighting to give everyone a fair go.

John and Aporo have left enduring legacies and we are very grateful that they gave so much of themselves to our HHT whānau.

Term 3 is now well underway. Our netball team is off to Rotorua, another group is working on a short film and everyone has an eye on the end of the year and what needs to be achieved. We continue to receive many kindnesses and much goodwill. Thank you to our HHT community. Ngā mihi Helen Webber

### John McIntyre



Photos L - R: John and Ruth McIntyre with students holding books for their children donated by the Children's Bookshop including *Slinky Malinki*, *Who Sank the Boat?*, *Watercress Tuna* and *the Children of Champion Street*; Ruth and John at HHT prize giving; John with reading glasses perched aloft; John and Ruth with students and former teachers, Kate Sudweeks and Helen Lewis, with books for our library.

### Aporo Joyce



Photos L-R: Aporo with Glenis Levack, graduate co-ordinator, with the grape harvest; Riki Ihe, former student, celebrates the unveiling of our Honours Board with Aporo; Matariki at HHT; Nakita Kopua and Aporo with the harvest.



Photo: Courtney Warren reads *The Silver Sword*, John McIntyre's favourite book.

## Ruth and John McIntyre Library

We have been humbled to receive books given in memory of John for our library from many donors including his brother's "work mates" and from other friends and Children's Bookshop customers who wanted to "Buy a Book for John".

Thank you also to Frances Plumpton, a fellow judge with John for the NZ Post Book Awards, for her donation of books including *Anna and the Swallow Man* by Gavriel Savit, *The Changeover* by Margaret Mahy, *The Life Tree* by Frances Hardinge, *The Severed Land* by Maurice Gee and *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson, among others.

Thank you to Gecko Press and a donor for the rich array of children's books which have come to us. These books are in memory of John and his fond association with the school and also as part of Gecko's recent PledgeMe crowd-funding campaign aiming to increase conversations about the importance of reading, helping people choose books for children and bringing books to where children are.



## Visual Diary

Making Visual Diaries is a popular activity with students and a favourite theme is about 'the life of my child'. These diaries can record dreams, special family moments and children's art work. Thank you to Tawa Art and Craft Society whose donation has enhanced our materials store and given us the opportunity for further art experiences.



## Reading to Your Child

- Here are a few of John's tips:
- Start reading to your baby when it is still in your tummy. It will respond to the sound of repetition and rhythm.
  - The book has to be fun for the reader.
  - Use the public library— it is free. Take books home and try. Make it a weekly visit.
  - Curl up with your child and read. The best time to read is anytime but bed time is good.
  - Use a crate or box to store the books in.
  - Use different voices for the different characters in the story.
  - Use actions and sounds to bring the story to life.
  - Use rhyme and rhythm to make the story flow.
  - Make it a regular event.
  - Make it fun.



## Auction Day at HHT

Kohine Balejko, our auctioneer, calls for bids from students at the HHT auction. Inspired by the Rotorua TPU model, students gain points for attendance and meeting goals, and compete for items on 'sale'. Knowing when to bid and what to spend your points on has been a noisy and fun learning experience! Thank you to all those who donated goods.



## The Wellington Central Pulse Visit HHT



Our thanks go to Chloe, Katie and the SHIFT team from Wellington City Council who were instrumental in organising a series of four workshops with HHT and the Central Pulse players and coaches. It was a fantastic experience to have Natalie Milich, head coach of the 2nd Pulse team and Phoenix Karaka, Pulse player, to help us. On this occasion we learnt defence skills, knowing our positions and a new drill called 'stay and switch'. We hope to put it all into practice at the annual Lower North Island TPU netball tournament to be held in August in Palmerston North. Thank you to all the Pulse players and coaches who have given up their time to help us. Photo from left to right : Natalie Milich, Kohine Balejko, Nikki Walker, Rosalina Iva-Reedy, Amy Nixey, Zara Smith, Helena Wardle, Phoenix Karaka from the Central Pulse, Nakita Kopua, Simone Lyttle, Talia Osborne, Pray Meh Nga. In front: Sam Beattie, Ashley and Hinehou Mason.

## Toru Performs at HHT



We were delighted to welcome Karen Batten (flute), Sophia Acheson (viola) and Ingrid Bauer (harp) from Toru and Chamber Music New Zealand as part of the 2017 Regional Artist Community Outreach programme. The musicians gave a varied programme, talked about their instruments and fielded questions. Thank you to Sue Jane of CMNZ for co-ordinating this.



## Welcome to our new babies:

Jazi - a girl, Katarina, Tiritia - a girl, Tamaiva, Lisa - a boy, Seth, Pima - a girl, Ayva



## Graduates

Helen Woolner burst through our door recently proudly holding a copy of her PhD thesis: *New Halogenated Secondary Metabolites from Red Algae of the South Pacific* that she had submitted an hour before to VUW. Helen survived very little sleep and IT programme glitches to get her report printed on time. She is now preparing for her oral exam in September. Our congratulations go to Helen for four years of hard work and for being our very first PhD student.

