



He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 3 2022

Nau Mai Hoki Mai – Welcome Back!

It has been almost 3 years since we have been able to host whānau here at school to talk about learning. This term we were able to once again invite whānau into the school to connect with teaching staff about students and their education.

Rather than plan formal interviews like a mainstream school, we have an open evening with kai, kēmu and kōrero (food, games and conversation). This not only provides an opportunity to have a look around the school, but lends itself to more extended conversations and deeper connections between staff and whānau.

Alongside this activity, our onsite daycare Kids Count stayed open later for visiting. This enabled our students to check in with the staff there about their children's learning and to show Whānau where ngā pēpē (babies) spend time.

We were blessed with a lovely sunny afternoon which Regis made the most of, setting up the BBQ out on the deck. The sausages and burgers were a great accompaniment to Jaz's awesome apple slice! We also had table tennis and shuffleboard set up inside and there might have been just a little bit of competitiveness on display.

A big thank you goes out to all the whānau and students who made it in. It has made our year to see you all and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again at Prize Giving this year – again after an enforced absence last year.



Left (above): Catherine and Jenny. Left (below): Bridget with Reo and James. Right: Régis manning the BBQ.



Fun in the classroom with Reo (left), James and Aoile (top right) and Hannah, Brooklyn, Maria and Violet (bottom right).



Clockwise from top left: Bree's turn at shuffleboard; Lockie and Teariki keeping score; Jaz (right) and her daughters; Bree (centre) with her siblings; Jackie and Rose battling it out; How it stood at the end of the day; Helen and Teariki sharing a hi-five; Myah having a turn.

NAME	SCORE
PAULA	58
BRODCT	55
JENNY	51
CHRISTINE	58
BREE	58
JAZ	52
MILLIE	65
MARINA	50
HCLLEN	58
DOEYAN	58
BELLA	43
SYDNEY	42
Gianni-60	
T-61	
Lorina-52	
TJ 58	
Clarie 55	
Jackie 76	
Rose 52	
Prinzie 71	
Yola 58	
Myst 100	
Fiona-53	

Tēnā koutou katoa

*Me mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa.
We work together for the wellbeing of everyone.*

Aroha and wellbeing have been a focus for Term 3 at He Huarahi Tamariki. We have been blessed with support from our agencies that work with us to offer pamper sessions and additional courses for our young people.

Weekly wellbeing sessions have also been supported by counsellors from PACT and Liz Langham, who has led music therapy sessions as part of her Masters qualification. Learning to look after ourselves is important and enables us to look after our whānau more effectively.

A highlight of working together this term was our whānau evening. It was a great event to open our whare and show our appreciation to the whānau that support our students. We all work together for the wellbeing of our He Huarahi Tamariki whānau.

The end of the year is fast approaching, and plans are in place to celebrate all that we have accomplished - even with all the interruptions due to illness and Covid-19. The staff at He Huarahi Tamariki are so happy and proud of all our students, and are looking forward to what Term 4 will bring!

*Ngā mihi nui,
Paula Hay – Kaiārahi*

Staff News



We welcome John Schofield to the whānau of He Huarahi Tamariki this term. He joins Peter Atkins in the valuable roll of driving our students to and from school. Merci beaucoup to Régis & others for providing cover for this role in recent months.

Welcome to our New Babies!



Moana, a boy – Rikki

Regional TPU Hui

Continuing on the theme of welcoming people back into our school after extended COVID-related absences, it was wonderful to host our Regional Teen Parent Unit (TPU) hui this term. It has been a couple of years since we were able to have one of these valuable sessions and it was so good to be able to kōrero kanohi ki te kanohi (talk face-to-face) sharing stories, experiences and challenges together. We had staff from Titiro Whakamua in the Hutt, Puawānanga in the Wairarapa and Whare Manaaki Tangata in Levin.

In addition we were well supported by the Ministry of Education with the presence of Josie Whaanga the TPU Education Manager for the lower North Island. She brought with her a team of Curriculum experts from the NCEA Change team to find out more about the challenges Teen Parent Units face with regard to assessment of our unique student population. In turn they were able to connect us with resources that should prove helpful as we prepare for the proposed NCEA changes.

All in all, it was a very worthwhile day and has given us a lot to think about.

Next Steps

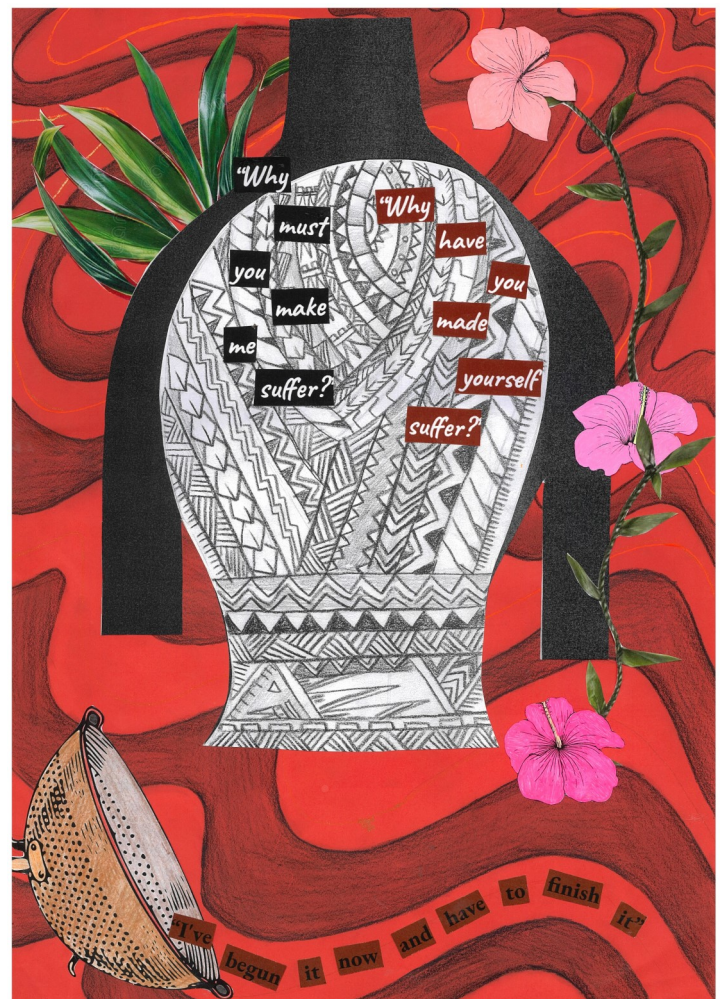


Term 3 is a busy term when it comes to exploring future study and work options through course tasters and open days at various Tertiary institutions. Subjects explored have ranged from Automotive to Performing Arts to Carpentry. We also attended the Women in Trades expo in Porirua.

Alongside that we have a number of students enrolled in courses off-site. As well as the term-long Barista course, we have had students enrolled in short term courses in Tourism and Wire Fencing.

Combining all of this is Pina (above) who is currently enrolled in the NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 2) with Training for You. This course runs over 2 terms and includes 80 hours of work experience. Pina is currently working 2 shifts a week at Bupa Whitby.

Student Contribution



Static Image by Holly Gill

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

I whakanui mātou Te Wiki o te Reo Māori i tēnei tau me he ngohe maha. We celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with a range of activities this year. We made Hei Tiki, played kēmu (games) in te Reo Māori and tested our knowledge of kupu (words) with number of 'Kahoot!' competitions. The winners were rewarded with some of the Whittakers special edition Miraka Kirīmi blocks of chocolate.

In addition, we spent time learning about the history of Te Petihana Reo Māori (Māori Language Petition) and then went armed with that knowledge to the celebrations hosted at Parliament for the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the petition. We took advantage of being in Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington) to check out Tame Iti's installation 'I will not speak Māori' and you will see from the photos below that we were lucky enough to meet Tame Iti himself and hear him talk about his art! It was inspirational listening to his story.

There was also the opportunity to see a few other installations along the waterfront and some of Xoe Hall's art.

A big thank you to Whaea Fiona and Whaea Kohine for organising everything – we had a great time and really appreciate the effort you both put into celebrating our national language.



Student Artwork: Hei Tiki made during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



The artwork of Xoe Hall seen at Te Waka Huia o Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho (Wellington Museum)



Students and staff with Tāme Iti. (Back L-R Gardenia, Akeila, Holly Jaz, Bridget, Catherine & Bree; Front L-R Pina, Fiona & Kohine)



Tāme Iti with his installation I Will Not Speak Māori.

Gratitude Diary



Here at He Huarahi Tamariki we are blessed with a wide range of support from groups and agencies who are vital to helping our students overcome challenges and succeed.

On the back of every newsletter we acknowledge those who donate in various ways to the school and this term we also wanted to acknowledge the groups and agencies that support us with their time and services. This support ranges from one-off events; like Zonta Mana sponsoring us to go and see the movie 'Whina', and Arise Church treating our students to an 'in-school' pamper session; to weekly visits from Agencies who meet with our students and run workshops for example, Te Korowai Aroha, Plunket, Tamariki Ora, Ora Toa, Taeaomanino Trust, Partners Porirua, The Salvation Army, Family Planning and the NZ Police. We also enjoy our weekly visits to the Canons Creek Boxing Academy and to Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu.

Far left: Shruti and Shanaia with Redar from Arise styling hair.

Right: Bridget getting her nails done with Courtney from Arise.

And of course we can't forget those who volunteer their time to help here at school. Thank you Francie, Maggie, and Paddy.

Lastly, we'd like to give an extra big shout-out to the wonderful Kids Count staff for all the support they provide over and above the day-to-day care of the babies.

Graduate News

Pray Meh Nga

I had my son Wai Yan in 2015 and graduated from He Huarahi Tamariki in 2017. I studied Health and Science foundation in 2018 and started studying nursing in 2019 at Whitireia Polytechnic. I have just graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing Pacific 2021.

At the moment I am working part time as a Registered Nurse for the Hutt Valley District Health Board in the Medical Ward. I am also studying part time for my post-graduate nursing papers at Victoria University.

My son is in his second year of primary school at Postgate School. I am enjoying working as a Registered Nurse and being able to help others. Thank you He Huarahi Tamariki and the Trust for your continuous support throughout my studies. Forever grateful.

And we are forever proud!



Pray Meh Nga at her graduation earlier this year.

Ruth Lauulu



Tālofa lava and warm Pacific greetings. My name is Ruth Lauulu and I attended HHT from 2007-2009. I had two children whilst at HHT (now teenagers) and am expecting a little boy at the end of 2022.

Since leaving HHT, I completed a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University, majoring in Education and Media Studies. I taught for a number of years at Whitireia Polytechnic and am now working as a Pacific Learning Advisor with Massey University.

I am currently in my final semester of completing a Masters in Education Psychology. The research project I am currently working towards is exploring Pacific students' experiences of learning and wellbeing challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic.

It has been lovely to have Ruth on-site conducting interviews for this research with He Huarahi Tamariki students.



Despite many hurdles, we managed to have a Graduate Lunch late in Term 2. We enjoyed catching up with Graduates Ruth and Kate (pictured left), and Amanda from the HHT Trust.

Donations towards the work of the school are always welcome and donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust. Either of these are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you.

A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us recently. Your donations are very much appreciated.

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