

He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 4 2023

Prize Giving and Graduation 2023



Left: He Huarahi Tamariki Graduates Akeila Miles-Malagamaalii, Shruti James, Bree Kie Tonga, Bailey Taylor-Edwards.

Middle: Paula Hay with Lualei. Right: Kids Count's Pēpe Kapahaka



What a wonderful day of celebration we had on Tuesday, 5 December. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those in our community who came to support us, not only on the day, but all throughout the year. The success of our students is due in no small part to the contributions of the volunteers, agencies, community groups, and sponsors that make-up the greater He Huarahi Tamariki whānau.

He Huarahi Tamariki ākonga Lily Glastonbury summed this up nicely in her student report:

“We as students are truly grateful that we attend a school that gives us a chance to be able to go on trips with our kids and allows us to be active in our babies' learning. HHT always provides their students with not only special moments with our babies but also courses and classes that provide us all with the knowledge that will help all of us throughout not only our lives but also our babies' lives. Finally, we would like to thank the entire Kids Count team for taking such incredible care of our Babies. We know that you care for them as if they are your own children and really appreciate all of you.”



Above: Kids Count Graduates Mika Promphong, Armani-Che Rapira, Talia James-Bartley, Beau Cockburn, Brooklyn Cuttle.

Left: Daniel Soughtton (HHT Trust), Rose, Lily, Stormy & Johnny Bell (HHT Trust).

YES — Of Course You Can Do It

Ka mau te wehi! Congratulations to He Huarahi Tamariki students Bree Kie Tonga and Bailey Taylor-Edwards who picked up the YES Greater Wellington Regional Championship award for 2023. Their business Nature's Koura also won the Victoria University Innovation award. We are so proud of you both!

“The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is an opportunity for students to unleash their inner entrepreneur and experience the start-up world first-hand. It is an experiential programme where students set up and run a real business. Each YES company creates their own product or service and brings this to market.” Through Nature's Koura, Bree and Bailey developed a business strong in kaupapa Māori that aims to nourish wellbeing through their production of soap and, newly, kawakawa balm.

Being Regional Champions, Bree and Bailey went off to the National event as well with pitches during the day and a special awards ceremony in the evening.



Left Above and Below: Bailey Taylor-Edwards and Bree Kie Tonga at the YES Greater Wellington Regional Championship Awards.

Right above: Bree, Lambrini Phillips (YES Mentor) and Bailey at the Nationals Award Evening in Wellington.

Tēnā koutou katoa

The following is an extract from Kaiārahi
Paula Hay's speech at Prize Giving 2023

There have been challenges in 2023, and some of those challenges have seemed insurmountable at the time. But what is the difference between learning and failing? Being able to take the challenges and see the opportunity that arises. Being able to persevere through the storm and see the other side. Learning how to reflect on what has happened - and acknowledge the hard stuff, recognise what we can, and cannot do about it and make a plan for the future. I am a big fan of plans. And I am also a big fan of throwing plans out and changing it up. How else do we grow and learn?

Through this adversity and challenge, our young people learn who they are. Ko wai au? And also who we are as our He Huarahi Tamariki whānau - Ko wai He Huarahi Tamariki? The current He Huarahi Tamariki whānau may change, however the values and ideals live on - the "HHT way."

We (and by we, I mean all the whānau, individuals, organisations, donors, volunteers and supporters) are here for one reason. Our young people. Our young parents and their tamariki. We want you all to succeed – whatever that success looks like to you.

Thank you all for your mahi, awhi and pūmau for our young parents. We strive to grow them into strong, capable and successful wāhine and would not be able to do that without all of you.

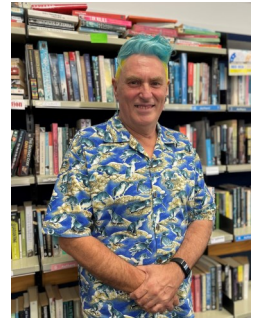
He waka eke noa – We're all in this together.

Ngā mihi nui,
Paula Hay – Kaiārahi

Staff News

There have been a few tears this term with much-valued and long term employees moving on to their next steps in life. We will miss both of them dearly and so will therefore say 'au revoir'. This is definitely not goodbye.

Peter Atkins has played a pivotal role in getting students to school over the last 10 years. Indeed he leaves having received the Van Driver of the Decade award at this years Prize Giving. Driving the school van day in and day out, he has not only provided transport, but a lot of heart as well. Peter is retiring, but we know he'll keep busy and we hope to see him on a stage somewhere sometime soon!



Jaz Picard has fed us (and done so much more) for the last 7 years and has now taken up a wonderful new role that will make great use of all her many talents. We wish her all the very best.



We are very pleased to welcome Chloe Callaghan to the He Huarahi Tamariki whānau. But it is really a 'welcome back' as Chloe is one of our graduates. Chloe is our new Kitchen Manager.

Welcome to our New Babies!



Emily, a boy – Jax
Jade, a boy – Ishaan

Visit to the Police College



Another highlight this term was a visit to the Royal New Zealand Police College and Museum in Porirua. It was nice to see Aporo Joyce's photo from earlier years welcoming us to the Museum – we had a good look around and checked out all the activities. Afterwards we got to see what the latest recruits were up to and joined them for lunch in the mess. Thanks go to our contact at NZ Police, Hannah Drake, for organising this for us.



Top left: Our group with Lisa & Manea from NZ Police. Top right: Jackie with Kameera-Capri & her mum Tiara checking out the dress-ups. Above: Giving finger-printing a go.

Spring into Tawa

This year He Huarahi Tamariki participated in the local "Spring into Tawa" fair where we fundraised for the Porirua Women and Family centre. We sold products students had made, ranging from Kintsugi to jewellery. It was a great opportunity to connect with our local community.



Above left: Kintsugi pieces and jewellery. Above right: Our stall in action.

Inter-TPU Netball Tournament

The annual TPU netball tournament took place on Thursday the 7th of September.

Five TPUs from the lower North Island were involved: Palmerston North, Levin, Masterton, Upper Hutt and He Huarahi Tamariki. We travelled to the Palmerston North netball courts for the day. Our two van drivers seemed to know the way, and we all arrived there just in time to take some team photos and do a really quick warm up, kindly led by Bree.

We were very lucky to have overcast weather. That meant great conditions for all our games. It wasn't wet, too hot, or too cold. It felt just right to keep us comfortable. He Huarahi Tamariki were fortunate enough to have two subs on the sideline. A couple of the teams had to share players to be able to make a full team. He Huarahi Tamariki ended up coming third out of five teams.

The entire day was really fun. It was a really amazing opportunity to be able to meet and talk to some of the other mums from the other TPUs around the Wellington region, as well as having a full day outing with our girls. One of the highlights was definitely the drive there and back, being



able to listen to music and laughing. Another highlight was being able to stop at McDonalds, on our way back home to Porirua, to have some food while excitedly chatting about how well each of us played.

Thank you to Jackie and Kohine for being our coaches and encouraging everyone to participate. It was extremely fun and we can't wait for next time!

Lily Glastonbury

Left: Playing hard on the court. Below: The He Huarahi Tamariki squad:
 Back Row L-R: Régis, Kohine, Shruti, Lily and Jackie
 Middle Row L-R: Lahni, Bailey, Myah, Faith and Bella
 Front Row L-R: Bree, Nakita, Holly, Shanaia and Litia



Te Papa Trip

On the 22nd of September 2023 we were given the opportunity to visit Te Papa to see the Mataaho collective - Te Puni Aroaro showcase.

During this trip we experienced the ground breaking art work installed by four wāhine Māori who have worked together for the last decade.

Te Papa explains the exhibition in the following way: "These monumental installations evoke the histories of water, light, atua and wāhine Māori. The industrial materials reflect contemporary Māori experience and showcase the ever-changing of customary textile practices. Te Puni Aroaro welcomes you to a space of focus, reflection and layered narratives."

My highlight of the day was definitely having the opportunity to talk to Sarah Hudson one of the wāhine who helped design and install the art work. We got to ask her many questions but my favourite part was when she told us that if you walk to either side of the takapau and stand in the centre, you can see a rainbow reflection from the lights that they only noticed when they finished installing the piece. I thought that was so beautiful because they too were given a surprise and when you see it in person you naturally would assume they meant for it to be there.

Faith Manuera



Clockwise from top left: Lahni & Zara with Kaokao #2 (road sign vinyl); Paula with Taurira (polyester marine rope and cotton); The rainbow effect on Takapau (polyester hi-vis tie-downs, stainless steel hooks & j-hooks); The centre spine of Takapau.

Awards and Scholarships

Please join us in celebrating our He Huarahi Tamariki 2023 Scholarship and Award Recipients.



HHT Outstanding Attendance Award:
Lily Glastonbury



HHT Contribution to Sport:
Litia Aitken



HHT Resilience & Attitude Award:
Bree Kie Tonga



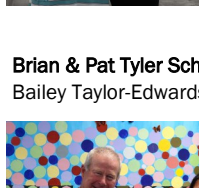
HHT Values Award for Aroha:
Bailey Taylor-Edwards



HHT Values Award for Whanaungatanga:
Lahni Tucker



Margaret Lynne Baxter Award:
Akeila Miles-Malagamaalii



Marcia Spencer Award:
Shruti James



Graduate Women Wellington Scholarship:
Bailey Taylor-Edwards



John McIntyre Award:
Bree Kie Tonga



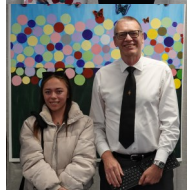
Clifton Buck Memorial cup for Excellence in Writing:
Omāpere Heke



Aporo Joyce Award Puawaitanga ki te Ao Māori:
Bree Kie Tonga



HHT Resilience & Attitude Award:
Bree Kie Tonga



Masonic Knights Templar Scholarship & IT Equipment:
Shanaia Rapira



Marcia Spencer Award:
Shruti James



Graduate Women Wellington Scholarship:
Bailey Taylor-Edwards

John McIntyre Award:
Bree Kie Tonga

Brian & Pat Tyler Scholarships: Bree Kie Tonga (Left) & Bailey Taylor-Edwards (Right) Presented by Johnny Bell



Zonta Mana Scholarship:
Millie Carian-Waiwai
(Absent)
Accepted by
Christine Barris



The Wellington Branch of the RNZCGP Scholarship:
Dahlia Pereira (Absent)
Accepted by Christine Barris



Graduate Report Highlights

Eleanora Fagalei is a registered social worker who we reconnected with through her work at Taeaomanino Trust as a Family Start Social Worker. Her daughter Aaliyanah is now 11, she has 2 boys (4 years & 2 years) and another little boy due in December. She is engaged and planning to get married in 2025.

Deni Tipene had her third baby in Feb 2023. She is working in mental health for children and adolescents. It was a pleasure to have her at school recently to interview some of our students for a research project she is working on. Next year she will complete the third year of her degree after taking this year off studies due to pregnancy and birth

Nikki Walker has had a recent career change from mechanics – where she regularly serviced and repaired our HHT vans – to bleach washing houses.

Sam Pickford is currently working in Taranaki doing community based mental health Peer Support. She is starting a social work BA through Massey next year. Sam is enjoying planning for her 2025 wedding. Mason her son is heading into intermediate next year.

Natalia Haniel is currently completing her BA majoring in anthropology and psychology. She also homeschools her two sons.

Tangiwai Moki-Hopfler is Mum to 5 children. She married in 2014. Her husband also attended HHT. She is now a teacher aide at Central Regional Health school and a Board of Trustees member at Porirua College

Courtenay Boderick is currently working as the Manager of Toyworld in Johnsonville and this year got engaged to her partner and father of her youngest child.

Kaydee Adams is at the beginning of a brand new business adventure of opening up her own Cheerleading gym in Melbourne with two other mothers.

Courtenay Heyworth works as a receptionist at Hamilton Family planning and part time as a checkout supervisor at a supermarket. She recently had her 3rd and “final” baby who is adored by all.

A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us recently. Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you to Gawith-Deans Family Trust, Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust, Zonta, Kindness Collective, David Daily Charitable Trust, Janet Gottschalk, Pat Lummis, Kiwi Community Assistance, Beanies for Babies, Parish of Pauatahanui, Arise Church, Pregnancy Help, Loved for Life, The Salvation Army and the many others who donate used equipment and clothing. **Donations towards the work of the school (03 0547 0671844 000) are always welcome and donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust (02 0548 0369188 000). Either of these are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you.**

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