

## The Wellington Arts Festival



Six students were very fortunate to attend the play, Bless the Child, written by Hone Kouka and directed by Miria George at the Hannah Playhouse as part of the New Zealand Arts Festival School Fest. The play centres on the community response to the sudden death of a child. It raised the confronting issues of child neglect and community responsibility. At our performance, members of the audience performed a spontaneous haka for the actors as their response to the play. Our attendance was made possible by donations and we are very grateful for this.



Student Nakita Kopua, and staff member Kohine Balejko, performed the new Wellington haka with the Te Kura staff kapa haka group which welcomed the waka voyagers to Te Whanganui a Tara as part of the Kupe festival opening night.  
Photo: Left to right Nakita Kopua, Tauwhiri Mihaere, Kohine Balejko

## Extra Curricular Activities



Azaria Turua and Hinehou Mason knitting up a storm; Boxing with SHIFT; The spaghetti tutor challenge with Jordy Tupangaia and Amy Nixey; Tayla Clemens builds with LEGO at the Te Papa exhibition.

**A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us this term. 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 the Graduate Women Wellington Charitable Trust, Mana Mission Support, B Tyler, Saint Peter's Wednesday Study Group, the Gawith Deans Family, Zonta, Spencer family, Wellington District Grand Priory Branch of the Masonic Knights Templar.  
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Our host school is Wellington East Girls' College - Principal: Sally Haughton

## Books

Dear Students and Staff, Here is a range of children's books as well as teen to adult books which we have donated. We hope that you enjoy them. Thank you for all your help and support with our project. We wish you and your children all the best and hope you have a good 2018. Holly & Sinéad xx Wellington East Girls' College.



## The HHT Garden



Anastasia Turley works in the HHT garden under the guidance of our volunteer head gardener, Glenis Levack. Our thanks to Twigland Gardeners World in Glenside for their support. Flowers, herbs and vegetables are grown, eaten and enjoyed by everyone.



# He Huarahi Tamariki



School for Teenage Parents -Term 1 2018

## PRIZE GIVING 2017



## Our Scholarship Winners



Above L- R: Kim Edmonds-Stoneham receives a Brian & Pat Tyler Scholarship from Brian Tyler; Talia Osborne receives the Margaret Lynne Baxter Award from Linda Broome; Pray Meh Nga receives the Masonic Knights Templar Award from Dr Chris Roberts; Pray Meh Nga receives the Mana Mission Support Award from Carol Smith.

Prize Giving at HHT is always a festive affair. We were joined by family, friends and guest speaker, Chlöe Swarbrick MP, to celebrate student success. Sally Haughton, Principal of Wellington East Girls' College, presented student certificates which were evidence of a hard year's work. Our kapa haka group performed along with musical items. Graduate student, Leiana Lavakula, spoke about her journey to become a nurse gaining her Bachelor of Nursing Pacific from Whitireia. We said goodbye to eight of our students who are going on to work and further study. Our students were again fortunate to receive support from the He Huarahi Tamariki Trust scholarship programme.

Above: HHT kapa haka group performs at prize giving. Below: presenters Zara Wallace-Smith and Helena Wardle; friends, family and caregivers; Chlöe Swarbrick, MP and guest speaker.

The following scholarships were awarded: **Brian & Pat Tyler** - Kim Edmonds-Stoneham and Nikki Walker; **Margaret Lynne Baxter** - Talia Osborne; **Wellington District Grand Priory Branch of the Masonic Knights Templar** - Pray Meh Nga; **Mana Mission Support** - Pray Meh Nga; **Zonta** - Chloe Callaghan, **Marcia Spencer** - Rosalina Iva Reedy; **New Zealand Graduate Women** - Pray Meh Nga. **The Reading Clock Award** presented to Hinehou Mason & Helena Wardle; **Aporo Joyce Award** awarded to Hinehou Mason & Nakita Kopua; the **Clifton Buck Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing** awarded to Tineka Waiariki; the **School Attendance Prize** awarded to Helena Wardle; **Maths Prize** awarded to Hinehou Mason & Azaria Turua.

Above L-R: Chloe Callaghan receives the Zonta Award from Michelle Robinson; Nikki Walker receives a Brian & Pat Tyler scholarship from Brian Tyler; Rosalina Iva Reedy receives the Marcia Spencer scholarship from Linda Broome.

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## From our Teacher in Charge

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

For the past 13 years, it has been my privilege to be Teacher-in-Charge and a part of the fabulous community that makes up He Huarahi Tamariki. I want to pay tribute to Susan Baragwanath and all those who worked to bring the vision and reality of teen parent education accepted as a right and as an integral part of our education system. Our named rooms at HHT record many of those early supporters some of whom are sadly no longer with us. Our students, children and families are the essence of HHT. This newsletter celebrates the 2017 achievements of both our current and former students. The year ended with two further highlights. It was a proud moment to hear Helen Woolner give the valedictory address on behalf of VUW graduating students after being awarded her PhD. She recalled being attracted to HHT by the free lunch and cautioned, "Be mindful of things dressed up as a free lunch for it may just be a PhD in disguise." It was equally wonderful to be present when Clara Curtis was admitted to the bar. Her journey as a teen parent will undoubtedly enhance her work in family law. Attending both events were very proud children, families and HHT staff.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication, caring and work of the teaching staff, our support staff who ease the way in so many areas, our childcare who nurture and encourage our children and parents, along with the pastoral support that wraps around from so many agencies and initiatives. Together magic is created. The generosity of our community never ceases to humble me: our host school WEGC, donors, volunteers, presenters, service clubs, the HHT Trust and the various support of many individuals and more. It has been very gratifying to see our students and graduates emerge as strong and compelling advocates for other young parents. Last year saw the launch of **Tūmanako** (Hope) and is, in itself, a symbol of the power of the collective, the strength of our rangatahi and a celebration of the voice that has emerged from HHT. I have been honoured to share the journeys of so many young parents and leave with admiration for their commitment, courage, resilience and joy in parenting. In a time when society is reporting increasing anxiety, we have found an inspiring mantra, "You are enough, you are so enough, it's unbelievable how enough you are." HHT and our parents are more than enough.

In term 2, HHT looks forward to welcoming our new teacher-in-charge, Paula Hay. For now it is time for me to say thank you, a huge thank you, to the HHT whānau for the shared time and all the support that has so generously been given. Thank you for your company along the way. He aha te mea nui o te ao, He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. Ngā mihi, **Helen Webber**

On 1st December, Clara Curtis was admitted to the bar at the Wellington High Court. Clara was nominated by Jane Forrest of Darroch and Forrest and now is a solicitor with them. Clara is our first HHT student to graduate with a Bachelor of Laws.

We are so proud of her. *Photo: Clara and her daughter, Alyra.*



## Helen Woolner PhD



*Dr Helen Woolner with her supervisors, Associate Professor Peter Northcote and Dr Rob Keyzers, VUW, at her graduation ceremony at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.*

We are enormously proud of Helen Woolner and her achievements. Professor Emeritus, Brian Halton, Victoria University, sent us the following words:

*"He Huarahi Tamariki can be rightly proud of its alumnus, Helen Woolner, on her wonderful achievements over recent years. From entering Victoria University of Wellington, Helen has distinguished herself by her interest in science, her determination to succeed, and her generosity in assisting others through the Pacifica Island and Māori programme, Awina Pūtaiao. All this fits with her generous personality and the success in raising a family whilst simultaneously gaining a BSc (2009), an MSc (1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons; 2012), and a PhD degree. More recently, Helen's ability has been recognised by the award of a prestigious Pacific Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship for outstanding graduates who have recently completed a doctoral degree. She has also been invited and accepted the honour of giving the graduation address at the Science, Engineering, Architecture, and Law ceremony after her degree is conferred on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>."*

## Honours Board

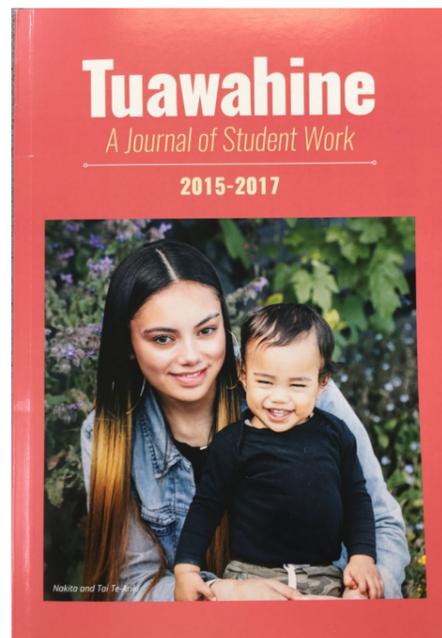
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<b>Diplomas</b>	
Charmaine Berkland	2000 Certificate in Legal Studies (Massey)
Maryanne Morrison	2002 National Diploma in Social Work (Whitireia)
Ricky Iho	2003 National Certificate in Electrical Engineering (WaiTē)
Elain Clark	2004 Certificate in Advanced Automotive Engineering (Whitireia)
Stephanie Heers	2004 Certificate in Advanced Automotive Engineering (Whitireia)
Kia Saunders	2005 Certificate in Business Administration (Whitireia)
Amy Murray	2009 Diploma of Teaching (ECE) (TTPoA)
Caitiana Wainopawa	2009 Diploma in Horticulture (WaiTē)
Rebecca Clay	2010 Certificate in Hairdressing (Whitireia)
Rebecca Clay	2012 Certificate in Professional Cookery (Whitireia)
Stephanie Heers	2012 PG Certificate of Nursing (RNJ) (Whitireia)
Alice Butler	2013 Diploma in Computer Studies (WaiTē)
Bonnie Cassino	2013 Certificate in Animal Management (Lincoln)
Kate Schieb	2013 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Dani Tyman	2013 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Victoria Schaeke	2014 Big One Tāwhiri (VUW)
Libby Armstrong	2015 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Natasha Dabba	2015 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Milly Moore	2015 Diploma in Sports Management & Exercise Prescription (NZSI)
Shawana Ombry-Ryder	2015 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Aveda Lomaso Takawa	2015 Cert in Foundation Education (Health Sciences) (Whitireia)
Dani Tyman	2015 Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Whitireia)
Milly Moore	2016 Advanced Diploma in Sport Management (NZSI)
<b>Degrees</b>	
Sylvia Young	2004 Bachelor of Nursing (Whitireia)
Jessica Welken	2005 Bachelor of Education (ECE) (VUW)
Helen Woolner	2008 Bachelor of Science (VUW)
Anita Green	2009 Bachelor of Applied Arts (Whitireia)
Amber Nicholson	2009 Bachelor of Medical Science (VUW)
Shaylin Toki	2011 Bachelor of Nursing Pacific (Whitireia)
Amy Murray	2012 Bachelor of Education (VUW)
Stephanie Heers	2012 Bachelor of Nursing (Whitireia)
Jordy Horrocks	2012 Bachelor of Arts (VUW)
Ross Meyer	2012 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Whitireia)
Alicia Henderson	2012 Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) (Whitireia)
Helen Woolner	2012 Master of Science, 1 <sup>st</sup> Class, Chemistry (VUW)
Jessima Day-Berkland	2013 Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) (Whitireia)
Petra Hellebrandt	2013 Bachelor of Arts (VUW)
Victoria Schaeke	2013 Bachelor of Arts (VUW)
Jamieson Stewart	2013 Bachelor of Applied Business Studies (Whitireia)
Ruth Lamb	2014 Bachelor of Arts (VUW)
Sarah Smith	2014 Bachelor of Social Work (Whitireia)
Ruth Stuart	2014 Bachelor of Arts (VUW)
Ruth Stuart	2015 Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (VUW)
Ji Anna Hapa	2016 Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) (in Bay Māori)
Siân Walker	2016 Bachelor of Applied Arts (Whitireia)
Ross Meyer	2017 Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1 <sup>st</sup> class (Whitireia)
Chris Curtis	2018 Bachelor of Law (VUW)
Ashley Maku	2017 Bachelor Arts (Māori) (BT)
Helen Woolner	2017 PhD Chemistry (VUW)
Shirley-Lee Raitakia	2017 Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) (Massey)
Kimberley Strachan	2017 Bachelor of Science (VUW)
Janine Stewart	2017 Bachelor of Nursing (Whitireia)
Larissa Lavatola	2019 Bachelor of Nursing Pacific (Whitireia)

## The making of Tūmanako



*Above: Volunteer crew for the filming of Tūmanako. Below: Catherine Pihema, HHT students and volunteers on filming day.*

It started with a query from VUW Psychology Department. A Masters student would like to run a focus group hui on mental health issues from a young Māori perspective and how their culture may help them to overcome these. Would we be interested? We were. A meeting was set up for Catherine Pihema to meet with ten students. She asked them if they would like to make a pamphlet, a short story or a film as a tool to help young people - the choice was unanimous. "A film!" they chorused. "We wanted something to put out there to help other young mums and dads," said Tineka Waiariki. Eight months later there was a fully fledged film and we were all gathered at the Penthouse Cinema for the grand opening. A surprise introduction by Jacinda Ardern capped the moment. Together with Catherine, students had developed the idea, written the script, sung the sound track and acted in the film. A team of volunteers helped film and edit the story. See photo above. We are very grateful to them for their time and passion. Tūmanako means hope and weaves together the stories of a young mother pregnant with her first child and another struggling with drug and alcohol problems. Catherine used kaupapa Māori principles and an action based research approach to her work. This is now an education and health resource. You can view the film on the HHT website. 2,337 others have.



Our thank you to Adprint who has just published the latest book of student writing. It contains a collection of student stories, poetry, letters and photos. The writing explores experiences of parenting, relationships, education and being a teenager.

## Rotary Club of Wellington North

Pray Meh Nga was awarded a scholarship of \$2000 from the Rotary Club of Wellington North. She attended a special lunch time presentation along with other recipients. Pray Meh also received a further Achievement Award of \$500 in recognition of her high achievement in difficult circumstances. Pray Meh is currently at Whitireia Polytechnic studying the NZ Certificate in Study and Career Preparation prior to beginning a nursing degree.



**Welcome to our new baby: Azaria-a girl, Kaija - Rose.**