

## Cook Island Drumming



Teakura Teakura leading Sacha, Lilly, Catherine, Hinehou and Courtney supported by Tyler.



## LeadHERship

Hinehou Mason and Evie Ward spent three days in March at the recent LeadHERship Conference held in Kilbirnie, Wellington - an event that empowers young women through reflection, self-love, personal development and movement.

"We were both very grateful to go to LeadHERship, and meet lots of new people. I really enjoyed myself. Just being around other leaders and learning what they had to say about how a leader should be. We are all born leaders and we all possess the abilities a great leader has - it just depends on how you use them."

- Hinehou Mason

### Welcome to our new babies:

**Dahlia, a boy - Manuel**  
**Shianne, a girl - Lyra**  
**Tiana, a girl - Leigha**  
**Tayla, a boy - Izaiah**  
**Malae, a girl - Makerita**  
**Tay, a boy - Te Honiana**



## Wellington Waterfront Trip

At the start of Term 1, we all went to explore the Wellington Waterfront, discovering lots of fun, free places we can take our children to, which we can visit again at some time in the future. Students and staff travelled to and from the city on the train, walking along the waterfront - visiting the New Zealand Portrait Gallery, City and Sea Museum, Capital E and the City Gallery. We also stopped and enjoyed a picnic lunch at Frank Kitts Park along the way.



**"Of course you can do it"**

**A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us recently.**

**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.**

Thank you to B Joyce, H Forsyth, the Gawith-Deans family, in memory of J Kerr,

Kiwi Community Assistance, Pregnancy Help, Oranga Tamariki and Dignity.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

**If you have changed address or would like the newsletter emailed to you, please contact Victoria via [info@hht.school.nz](mailto:info@hht.school.nz)**

**Our host school is Wellington East Girls' College - Principal: Sally Haughton**



# He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 1 2019

Temporary Location at Linden School



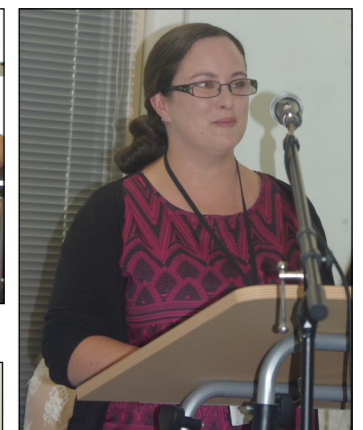
Our move just around the corner, into Rooms 9 and 10 at Linden School went smoothly. We are very thankful that Linden School has been able to accommodate us, along with KidsCount, while the HHT complex in Matai Street is re-clad, re-carpeted and re-painted inside and out. While the HHT space is much smaller than we are used to, KidsCount are enjoying the extra room they have at the moment. The remedial building works have begun, and we are watching with anticipation, hopeful that if everything runs to time we will be able to return to our building in the middle of the year.

## 2018 Prize Giving

We were joined by students, staff, family and friends to celebrate student success at the He Huarahi Tamariki 2018 Prize Giving on Wednesday 5 December. Sally Haughton, Principal of Wellington East Girls' College, presented certificates, reflecting all the hard work put in by students throughout the year. Students Amy Nixey-Ho and Sam Beattie were our MC's, and we enjoyed performances by the Kapa Haka group, Cook Island drumming group, and a self-choreographed Pasifika dancing performance by Catherine Motusia and Lilly Best Utupo. Guest speaker Stephanie Hearn, a former student, spoke about her time at HHT, further education and her current role working in geriatric mental health for Capital Coast District Health Board.



Top L-R: HHT Kapa Haka Group perform; Stephanie Hearn - graduate guest speaker



Middle L-R: Courtney Warren & Mary Gilchrist; Sam Beattie & Sally Haughton; Lilly Best Utupo & Catherine Motusia  
 Bottom L-R: Cook Island Drumming - Azaria Turua, Hinehou Mason, Catherine Motusia, Lilly Best; guests at Prize Giving 2018





## From our Teacher in Charge / Kaiārahi

### Tēnā koutou katoa

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together. Change. It is one of the few constants in life. Everything changes. This year at He Huarahi Tamariki we have already experienced some fairly major changes. We have new staff, new students, new babies, we have moved site - temporarily - and I am grateful that we have been made to feel so welcomed by Linden School. However, the move has meant that we are having to adjust to working more closely together. I have been impressed with how adaptable we all are, and how considerate and accommodating everyone has been during this time. The whakataukī that I started with has a few interpretations - one of which being "we rise together, fall together, work together, keep going together." I like to think that we are living this - though the changes are always happening, how we respond to these TOGETHER is what will make us all stronger and successful.

The building works at Matai Street have been progressing well, and the evidence the building team has uncovered regarding the weather-tightness problems has provided justification about vacating. We are all looking forward to being back in a healthy environment for all our young people.

A special thanks goes out this term to our volunteers and generous donors. Without your continued support we would not be able to provide all the assistance and care that our students need. Thank you all.

He waka eke noa - "We got this, fam!"

Ngā mihi, Paula Hay

## Staff Farewells



We sadly farewelled **Melissa Carrere**, English teacher; **Sarah De Renzy**, administrator; **Sharlene Martin**, accounts administrator; **Liora Ben-Dror**, social support; **Mary Gilchrist**, administration assistant and **Tam Hine**, volunteer, at the end of 2018. We thank each of you for your time and contribution to HHT, and wish you all the very best for whatever the future brings.

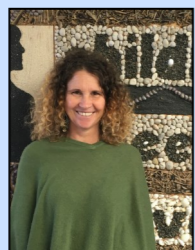
Photo: L-R Melissa, Sarah, Mary and Sharlene

## HHT Welcomes New Staff

Along with a number of new students joining us this term, we also welcomed the following staff members this year:



**Claire Blacklock**  
Social Studies, Home  
Economics and Art



**Caro Atkinson**  
Health and Guidance  
Counselling



**Victoria Cramer**  
Administrator



**Christine Barris**  
Accounts Administrator

## Launching Leaders

Michael Valach, Hinehou Mason and Evie Ward attended the Launching Leaders day at Scots College. The following has been written and kindly shared by Michael:

"It was a sunny Monday morning on 18 March. In the van on the way to Wellington my nerves were running high. The expectation of walking into a hall inundated with students merely inflated my anxiety; but the opportunity to improve my leadership capabilities made me cautiously optimistic: cautious of being overwhelmed, cautious of embarrassing myself. Thankfully those worries rapidly faded as we sat in our reserved seats, welcomed by easy-going students from various different schools. The key-note speaker on stage gave a captivating speech on leading teams in the development of technology. This was particularly useful due to my dreams of entering the tech field. Following this speech and a brief break we split into groups to discuss what being a leader meant to us. The session was concluded with the teacher in charge of our group making us aware of the fact that two of us would have to present what we talked about to the rest of the conference. When asked for volunteers a hand raised at the front of the class. But when a second volunteer was called for the class fell silent. It was an uncomfortable silence. It was obvious that a fear of public speaking was a shared commonality between my peers. "If no one will volunteer I'll pick someone at random". This phrase uttered from the teachers mouth did nothing but heighten the anxious murmurs resonating around the room. I was overcome with a sense of empathetic guilt.

My personal glossophobia was intense but the knowledge that someone else in the room could be selected and struggle was more overwhelming. So with that in mind my hand raised timidly, like a newborn giraffe attempting to stand for the first time. The class clapped to which I smiled but that outward happiness was not reflected within my mind. So when the time came for me to speak in front of the sea of unfamiliar faces, although I attempted to present a confident facade, my legs were trembling behind the podium. My speech began with the words "So I haven't spoken in front of this many people before" which was met with supportive applause. This fuelled my impromptu speech for which I was foolishly unprepared. Because I was ill-equipped, I decided to answer the focus question, "What Does It Mean to be a Leader?" in a way that came naturally. I spoke of our school and the way that being parents made us leaders in our own right. I talked about unity and how we support each other in leading the next generation to make the world a better place. By the conclusion of my speech the fear and anxiety I had been feeling was replaced by a strong sense of pride in our school.

The student speeches were followed by the final keynote speaker Billy Graham. A man small in stature that was compensated by a massive personality and an abundance of charisma. His inspiring speech was often broken by gleeful singing. His quirky attitude was invigorating and an amazing way to end the conference.

The ride home was a stark contrast to the ride earlier as my adrenaline had long since faded. So I took the course of action any other exhausted individual would - I fell asleep."

## 2018 Student Scholarships



Our students were fortunate to receive support from the He Huarahi Tamariki Trust scholarship programme and our generous donors at Prize Giving. The following scholarships and awards were presented to students: **Brian and Pat Tyler** - Prey Meh Nga and Nikki Walker by Brian Tyler; **Zonta** - Amy Nixey-Ho by Pat Liddell; **Graduate Women Wellington Charitable Trust** - Amy Nixey-Ho by Rae Duff; **Wellington District Grand Priory Branch of the Masonic Knights Templar** - Amy Nixey-Ho and Rheana Cashmore by Dr Chris Roberts; **John McIntyre Award** - Edan Taufiti-Moses by Ruth McIntyre; **Margaret Lynne Baxter Award** - Jordy Hermans by Linda Broome; **Marcia Spencer Award** - Jordy Hermans by Linda Broome; **Clifton Buck Memorial Cup for Excellence in Writing** - Amy Nixey-Ho by Helen Bean; the **School Attendance Award** - Courtney Warren, Catherine Motusia and Evie Ward by Mary Gilchrist; the **Resilience and Attitude Award** - Catherine Motusia by Paula Hay, and Brenda Joyce presented the **Aporo Joyce Award** for two students (yet to be decided) to attend a cultural camp on Kapiti Island in 2019.

Above: L-R Amy Nixey-Ho with Rae Duff, Helen Bean with Amy Nixey-Ho, Amy Nixey-Ho with Dr Chris Roberts, Amy Nixey-Ho with Pat Liddell  
Below L-R: Rheana Cashmore with Dr Chris Roberts, Jordy Hermans with Linda Broome, Prey Meh Nga with Brian Tyler, Nikki Walker with Brian Tyler



## Te Matatini

A group of students and staff attended Te Matatini Kapa Haka Festival at Westpac Stadium on 22 February 2019, having an amazing day watching the performances and also meeting up with former student Rauaroha Tuhou-Taiapa, performing with Tu te Maungaroa. Thank you to our Te Kura whanau for providing the tickets so we could attend.

Below: Tay, Sam, Hinehou, Wairata, Yury, Nakita, Dahlia Right: Sam Beattie



Right: Sam, Rauaroha, Hinehou  
Below: Back row - Nakita, Hinehou, Sam, Tay, Paula  
Front row - Kohine, Dahlia

