



He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 3 2025

Nau Mai Haere Mai Sarah McBride!



We had a wonderful start to Term 3 celebrating the long awaited arrival of our new Teacher in Charge, Sarah McBride. Régis Le Moguèdec (acting Teacher in Charge) spoke on behalf of He Huarahi Tamariki and Wellington East Girls were represented by Anna Wilson (Acting Principal) and Tū Renau.

Sarah comes to us from Aotea College where she was Head of Learning Support. She was supported at the Mihi Whakatau with a crew from Aotea which included staff, students from her department and from their Kapa Haka (who recently won the Wellington Regional competition!). Her family were also present and it was lovely to meet them all. As we move through the term it has been great getting to know Sarah better and to benefit from the experience and expertise she brings to the role.



Above: Régis welcomes our manuhiri (visitors)

Above Right: The manuhiri respond to the karanga (welcome call) as they enter our whare.

Right: Sarah (centre) with her whānau at the Mihi Whakatau.

Student Contribution — A Memory

Statement of Intent: This piece of writing is a backstory of one of my worst memories. It is a memory that hasn't improved as time has passed.

The first thing I hear is the scream. It slices through the quiet stillness of the early morning like glass shattering on a tile floor. I shoot up in bed, heart racing, breath ragged. My sheets cling to me like they're soaked with cold sweat. For a moment, I'm disoriented. The scream isn't real, I'm safe. But the air feels wrong, like the taste of metal after a nosebleed.

Then it hits me.

The scream wasn't just a sound, it was a memory. My most haunting memory, clawing its way back from somewhere dark, somewhere buried. I can smell the burning rubber of police cars and feel the freezing cold metal cuffs pressing into my Mumma's wrists. Those cries my Mumma and I shared

together, the screams that no child should be screaming. The feeling of being so alone, even though it's been years since the day they took her, with their blue vests on and belts with tazors and metal cuffs.

I see it so clearly again. The way her beautiful hazel eyes locked with mine. Except her eyes weren't the soothing kind as I once knew. She looked scared, not for herself but for me. Her eyes were desperate, pleading. As they pulled her from my arms, my heart was getting ripped from my body. Her voice cracked as she said the words that run through my head every second of the day, "Bubba everything is going to be okay Bubba." I ran to her but they didn't let me reach her. The officers shoved her, my "Mumma" away, their hands rough on her skin, and I was left there, small and powerless, my body frozen as I watched my whole world crumble.

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Nō Ingarangi me Aerana ōku tūpuna.
I tipu ake au i Waipukurau, rātou ko
Masterton, ko Tonga, ko Ōtautahi.
E noho ana au i Tītahi Bay.
Ko Vince rāua ko Sue ōku mātua.
Ko Brad Williamson tōku hoa rangatira.
Ko Tobias rātau ko Lucy, ko Isaac ko Priya
āku tamariki.
Ko McBride tōku whānau.
Ko Sarah tōku ingoa.

My philosophy of education has been shaped from twenty years of teaching experience, in places as culturally and socially diverse as Rotorua, London, Canterbury, within the Porirua basin, and most recently as the Head of Learning Support at Aotea College. I believe in the potential of all students to be successful, especially within the warmth and support of a community like He Huarahi Tamariki. I'm currently reading *The Red X*, Susan Baragwanath's fascinating memoir of the early days and purpose of the school and I am committed to being part of the team upholding the mana and kaupapa of He Huarahi Tamariki. In the staff and students here, I see the values of the school reflected - aroha, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Sarah McBride*

Sold!

We are very excited to share with you that the student whose work we showcased in the last newsletter has been sold! It is now hanging in the offices of The 502 Rangatahi Ora. Congratulations Stormy – we are very proud of you!



Stormy at the unveiling of her work at The 502 with staff Latu and Amanda.

Welcome to our New Babies!



Aria, a girl — Anataia
Ava, a boy — Dae-Khyious
Chorus, a boy — Roman
Jordis, a boy — Raiderder

Left: Chorus with Roman

Staff News

Term 3 has seen us not only welcome Sarah McBride, our new Teacher in Charge, but welcome back Helen Bean, who will be continuing to teach English until the end of the year. In addition, we have had two Relief Teachers join us: Jen Togia and Victoria Sharp (an HHT graduate).

We would also like to acknowledge the support we received from Janet Glenn who worked with us during Term 2.



Sarah McBride



Helen Bean



Jen Togia



Victoria Sharpe



Janet Glenn

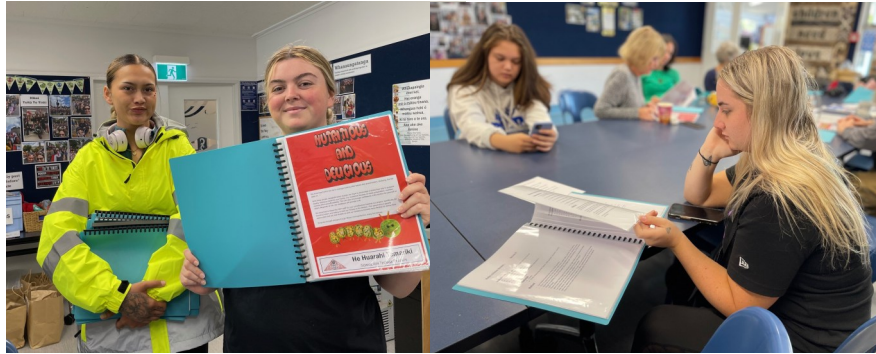
Home Economic Cook Book Launch

During Term 1 our Level 3 Home Economics class created a cookbook for the students at He Huarahi Tamariki. We wanted to create this cookbook for the young parents at HHT to give a little bit of help and stress relief at dinner times for our peers. As young parents we know the struggle to make affordable and nutritious dinner time meals that our little ones will like. For this Standard we had to choose a group of people in our community that we could help. We chose to do 'Young families at HHT'. We all came up with nutritious healthy and easy meals to help save time in the kitchen while being nutritious at the same time. Throughout Term 1 the Home Economics group worked on these recipes and the design of the cookbook. We used 1-2

weeks to trial some of the recipes which we made in the HHT kitchen. All the recipes we tried were a hit and everyone enjoyed them a lot.

We created 25 cookbooks with recipes from a few of the pupils in the HEC3 class and a couple teachers. We held a little book launch for the HHT students at the end of Term 1 that did very well and all the pupils were engaged in the book launch and very happy to get a cookbook to try out at home.

Caitlyn Johanson



Far Left: Tennessee (left) and Caitlyn (right) present the Cook Book at the Launch.
Left: Emily enjoys checking out the new recipes.

History of the Early Childhood Centre – The evolution of Uncle Lele's House

The history of the Early Childhood Centre is marked by a tradition of innovation, care, and community partnership. The Griffin School was the first Early Childhood Centre to provide support to He Huarahi Tamariki, demonstrating a commitment to inclusive and empowering early education. In 2016, ownership of the centre was transferred to Kids Count, a privately owned Auckland-based company. Under their stewardship, Lisa Jackaman was appointed as Centre Manager, bringing a focus on nurturing and quality education.

A significant milestone occurred in April 2025, when Lisa Jackaman acquired ownership of the centre. In recognition of a beloved educator, she renamed the centre Uncle Lele's House, honouring the late Ainiutalele Saletele, also known as Talele—an exceptional and passionate teacher who made a lasting impact before their sudden passing in 2023.



The story behind the name "Uncle Lele's House" reflects the deep personal connections forged within the centre's community. Kaiako Mel would bring her son, Zaidyn, to Kids Count each day, where his favourite teacher was Talele. Each morning, when asked, "Shall we go to school?" Zaidyn would respond, "No, we go to Uncle Lele's house." Following Talele's passing, the centre became affectionately known as

Uncle Lele's House among staff and whānau. When Lisa assumed ownership in April 2025, it was clear that there was no more fitting name

for the centre than Uncle Lele's House—a tribute to lasting influence and cherished memories.

Today, Uncle Lele's House stands as a testament to the legacy of the educators and families who have shaped its journey and continues to honour its history through a commitment to nurturing, learning, and community spirit.

A Memory (continued)

A breath catches in my throat. It's like being there again. The walls close in, my chest tightens, and I swear I can hear her voice again, echoing through the years.

"Bubba everything is okay, Bubba everything is going to be okay..." I didn't believe it then and I know now that I was right. Everything was not going to be okay.

It's been so long, but the memories are still fresh, raw. The pain's been simmering under the surface, waiting for the right moment to rush back in. They didn't just take her, they took everything: my trust, my childhood, my baby siblings' mum, my sense of safety, MY MUM.

The scream! Maybe it's not real, but it's pulling me under. My

hands shake as I reach for the bedside table, searching for something, anything to ground me. But there's nothing here. No arms to hold me, no voice to reassure me, just silence and the phantom ache of what was lost.

I squeeze my eyes shut, trying to block out the images. I don't want to be that kid anymore, the one who couldn't stop the world from breaking. But it's too late. The past is already here. The trauma is tangled in my ribs, a knot that won't untie.

And in the corner of the room, the scream still echoes. Still clawing at the walls of my mind.

Anon

The Red X

THE RED X

THE STORY OF HE HUARAHI TAMARIKI
NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS



SUSAN BARAGWANATH

Susan Baragwanath is pleased to announce the publication of her book about He Huarahi Tamariki: The Red X, The Story of He Huarahi Tamariki New Zealand's First School for Teenage Parents. It is currently available for purchase at Minerva Bookshop in Wellington for \$45. The following is from the back cover:

A story of courage, community, and second chances.

In one of New Zealand's poorest communities, where stigma and adversity have long shaped young lives, a groundbreaking school changed everything. This is the powerful, untold story of the first college for teenage parents—where classrooms became sanctuaries and education redefined futures.

Through resilience and the unwavering support of educators, these young parents overcame challenges, proving that with belief and opportunity, second chances do transform lives.

"The best and worst of the human condition portrayed in vivid detail is offset by the profound impact of those who care. This book reminds us of the power of determination and perseverance."

Governor Christine Scott Whitman,
Vice-President, Eisenhower Fellowship

"This inspiring story, told with energy and passion, is highly relevant today. I wept, laughed, and cheered at this description of a diverse group of people challenging bureaucracy for the sake of our tamariki."

Barbara Else, MNZM

Open Afternoon & Networking Event - Save the Date

Wednesday, 5th November

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

RSVP: info@hht.school.nz

Calling all of you who work with or support young people who are hapū/pregnant or parenting: School Counsellors, Teachers, Social Workers, Youth Coaches, Family, Friends, Nurses, Doctors, Family Start Workers, Midwives, Pregnancy Support Services, Plunket & Tamariki Ora Nurses, local politicians and many more.

He Huarahi Tamariki is hosting an open afternoon so that you can come along for a kōrero and some cake. Find out more about what we offer our young parents to support them completing their secondary education and transitioning to their next steps.

A flyer will be sent out soon, but mark your calendars now and spread the word. For catering purposes, please RSVP to info@hht.school.nz.

See you there

Calling all He Huarahi Tamariki Graduates...

Are you a He Huarahi Tamariki Graduate? Have you recently graduated or completed qualifications or have other news to share? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact Christine at graduates@hht.school.nz

Or drop in and see us...we are hosting a Graduate Lunch on Friday 5 September at 1:00 pm.

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 He Huarahi Tamariki Trust, Business House Challenge Educational Trust, Zonta Club of Mana, Ian Crabtree Charitable Trust, Porirua Women's Centre Trust, Presbyterian Support Central-Bichan Trust, Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust, The David Daily Charitable Trust, Mike McCombie, Janet Gottschalk, Pat Lummis, Diana Shum, Levin Catholic Women's League, Beanie for Babies, Parish of Pauatahanui, Arise Church, The Nest Collective Wellington, The Kindness Collective, Loved for Life, The Salvation Army, and 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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Our host school is Wellington East Girls' College - Principal: Gael Ashworth



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