



# He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 2 2023

## Gone Fishing

### HHT and Kids Count Outing to the Capital Trout Centre

On the 5th of May 2023, Kids Count and the school spent a day of excitement together. It was for trout fishing in Owhiro Bay. It was a cold morning with some rain, so all the mums dressed their kids up in their warmest clothes. It took a little while to get there and some of the kids struggled to stay seated but we all managed to arrive peacefully in the end. We were met by a volunteer who gave a very brief but informative rundown on how the day would go. Of course, the children just wanted to get straight to it.

We all waited behind some rope and watched the instructors get the fishing lines ready. The safety glasses were put on and we walked to the spots behind the fishing instructors. The instructors grabbed the fishing line for the kids, grabbed the fish bait from the blue ice cream container, threw the line in and we were all set to go. We all watched as the volunteers threw the line back into water repeatedly, possibly to attract the fish to bite. It took about three minutes for the first fish of the day to be caught. Everyone watched closely as the fish struggled to be free from the hook. The child, who had the first fish, giggled with excitement and pointed out to the fish while her mother took over from the instructor to reel the fish

in. The successful fisher exclaimed, "MY FISHY!" and ran over as close as she could get to it. She was desperate to touch it so she could say hello. With a very pleased look on her face she took off her safety glasses for the next person to catch their fish and proudly carried the fish down to where the ladies who also volunteered at the fishing farm, could weigh it for us and look after the fish until the end of the day. All the kids had their turn fishing, everyone was successful and was able to hand in their fish to get weighed and gutted. Some of the children did have a harder time parting from their now most prized possession when weighing time came, but it all worked out in the end.

After a packed lunch, it was time for the presentation. Everyone huddled together in the shelter with the kids sitting on the floor and the adults on a seat, if they were lucky. We all tried hushing our children so we could listen to the quiet voice of the lady calling out the children's names for their certificates and to return their gutted and wrapped fishes to them! Everyone clapped and you could see the pride on the children's faces as they showed off their fish in the bag and had their photo taken for the record.

Hannah Cuttle



*Clockwise from Top Left: Bree and Amaia fishing; Mila-Jane getting some help; Lockie supervising his Dad; Leone and Lualei reeling in their fish; Zekaia with Bailey receiving his certificate; Violet with her certificate and Maria; Brooklyn getting her fish weighed; Naomi taking her fish in for weighing; Mika showing off his catch; Zekaia and Bailey with their 'livewire'; Carter keeping an eye on his fish; Beau finishing the job.*



## Tēnā koutou katoa

Tūngia te uruuru kia tupu whakaritorito te tupu  
o te harakeke

*Clear away the undergrowth so the new shoots  
of the harakeke can grow*

Term 2 started with welcoming a group of new students to our He Huarahi Tamariki whānau. With new students comes time to ponder on who we are and how we live everyday as a whānau. How do we make people welcome? What do we do to support everyone to be included in our whānau? What does “the HHT Way” mean? And how can we share that with our wider HHT community?

We have been fortunate enough to have time this term to think about all these questions - facilitated by Kirsty Ferguson. We spent time thinking about what He Huarahi Tamariki was like when we started here, sharing our stories and experiences then expanding on what we appreciate and enjoy about “the HHT Way” - what we want to build together. I am looking forward to future plans and kōrero around Relational Practice and how we can live this at He Huarahi Tamariki.

It has also been an action packed term, full of visitors and trips, food and events. We have been fishing with Kids Count, had students representing HHT at Porirua events and we have also been to the movies. We have celebrated the return of Frances, our math teacher, and sadly said “au revoir” to Whaea Fi. We have had the privilege of participating in a Mental Health Peer Support program through Youthline, and also have had Shelley Duffin from Kōkiri Marae running some sessions on Sexual and Reproductive Health. We have had Financial Literacy courses and Pink Shirt Day activities. It has been BUSY!

Our last big event for Term 2 has been the launch of Tuawahine, 2018-2022. We look forward to sharing more about this in our next newsletter! Watch this space!

*Ngā mihi nui,  
Paula Hay – Kaiārahi*

## Tough Guy, Tough Gal



It was a cold, but sunny morning on Friday May 26 when a dedicated group of competitors and supporters headed over to Wainuiomata to attend the Tough Guy, Tough Girl event.

As ever, we are super impressed by those taking part. Congratulations go to Litia (above left); Brandon (above centre); and Kohine, Jackie and Fiona (above right).

Thank you to Paddy for capturing the memories, mud and all!



Competitors and supporters at home base  
Left to right: Jackie, Bree, Lily, Litia, Kohine, Fiona, Brandon, Tiara.

## Welcome to our New Babies!



Bella, a girl – Nevaeh  
Tiara, a girl – Kameera-Capri

## Staff News



This term we welcome Frances Horne, our math teacher, back from extended maternity leave. It is lovely having her back on board.

Sadly, this also means we farewelled Fiona Mokomoko who (most recently) was providing cover for that position. We have been lucky enough to have Fiona here with us in a variety of roles over the last two and a half years and will miss her and her contribution dearly. In the He Huarahi Tamariki tradition we will say ‘Au Revoir’ not ‘Goodbye’ and hope to have you back with us again soon. Ka kite anō e kare.

Frances Horne

Fiona Mokomoko



## Mayor's Forum – Youth Week

On Wednesday 17th of May, we were privileged to attend the Porirua Mayor's Forum at Pataka. Lily, Litia and I attended along with students from other Colleges of Porirua. The MC started the forum by telling us to look under our seats as there were little sticky note pads to look for and that if we had found one, we would get a spot prize. There were some empty seats so I even looked under those to find the sticky note, but unfortunately I could not find any.

The Forum started with a variety of questions, such as "How many marae do we have in Porirua?" for our chance to win more spot prizes and also find out some facts about Porirua that most people may not know. The next activity was to look at some photos of places in Porirua. We had to pick one as our favourite and talk about why it was our favourite location.

I saw my favourite spot, Whitireia Park, which is where I've spent most of my holidays in summer with my kids at the beach there. I then found a person from another school to share that with, and she showed me her school logo and told me how much she loves and enjoys attending that school. It wasn't long before I realised that all the other schools' logos were on the floor but HHT's wasn't, which made me realise that not many people really know of our school. After that we sat in groups to do a questionnaire about Porirua. Unfortunately, we didn't win that.

Our last activity was to make a poster where we had to write or draw about the things we would do if we were the mayor of Porirua. All of the other college students wrote about their wish for arcades, the need to upgrade the skate park, their



Left to Right: Litia Aitkin, Anita Baker, Shruti James, Lily Glastonbury

desire for a performance theatre and places for youth to hang out. It was our turn to get up and share our thoughts and we got deep into our ideas about the main things that we believe people really need to do something about, such as better and different criteria for access to social housing. We were also interested in more help accessing mental health organisations when it comes to domestic violence, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and sexual abuse victims.

Finally, we talked about our school, because most of the students who were there didn't really know of our school. We talked about how we could create more awareness of our school, so that college students who became pregnant would not give up their education but instead get help pursuing their career while being a parent. We ended our session with a prayer and ended up taking some selfies and photos with the Mayor Anita Baker.

*Shruti James*

## Red, White and Brass

Red, White and Brass is a film co-written and directed by Damon Fepulea'i. It's a fantastic movie that shows the variety of flavours in Tongan culture. All the fun and seriousness shared with one another and the loving feeling of togetherness shared with family and friends, these are just some of the characteristics showcased in the film.

Red, White and Brass also shows the faith that is held in Tongan culture, and not only in Tongan communities but for every Pasifika person as a whole, church is a huge value for us all. I believe it would be exciting for diverse audiences to see as some may be able to relate. Some people will have never experienced an environment like this before and that is what would make it exciting. My favorite scene from Red, White and Brass was close to the end when Maka's father comes out to tell the band that they can now perform what they had planned originally. I also love the scene when they are all standing in a circle praying before their big performance. It shows how us Polies take our faith with us everywhere we go.

He Huarahi Tamariki was lucky enough to be sponsored to go to the preview of Red, White and Brass by NZ Film Commission, UNESCO, Wellington UNESCO City of Film, Kiwi Bank, PPTA Pasifika Komiti, and Aotearoa Tongan Teachers' Association Incorporated, at the Embassy Theatre on Kent Terrace. We were also given the opportunity to ask the producer and one of the actors questions after viewing the film, as they stood by while the film played. This was a fun outing for us young parents and was also a lovely opportunity to have a break so we're all always grateful for days like these.

Akeila Miles-Malagamaalii



### Some comments from other HHT students after the visit:

"It was cool. Funny as.... Two of my cousins were in the movie"

"It's awesome to see some Poly Culture in the cinemas as there's never really any movies with many Polies."

"I hope that eventually the movie will be showcased in not only New Zealand but other countries too so everyone can have a taste of the culture."

"Red, White and brass is a really good example of keeping your faith and believing in something and then making it happen."

"The thing I liked most about it was that I wouldn't probably have gone to it otherwise. Brass bands aren't my cup of tea. But it was really good!"

## Graduate News

Hinehou left He Huarahi Tamariki in 2021 and is working for Porirua City Council as a parking warden, here's her update:

This is such a good fit for me. I've had a few people from the public try to come up and give me a hard time but they somehow always end up laughing with me. I still give them a ticket though, shouldn't park on broken yellow lines. It's not funny."

Rinoa is also doing great, she is at Provision daily (her sign language school at Linden School) and she is becoming more confident in herself and I just love it. She holds herself with so much mana and it's so amazing to see how far she's come from being this 3 pound baby at birth to this beautiful strong young woman.

I also have a French colleague who makes me miss Regis every time I hear her speak. 😊



## Graduate Lunch

We continue to enjoy being able to hold events and invite guests back into school after so much recent disruption. Our Graduate Lunches are always a highlight and the one we held in Term 1 was no exception. We had graduates from a range of years who were accompanied by children of all ages. It was a lovely busy afternoon of catching up and there might just have been playdough and bubbles for those so inclined!

Right: Sandra and Christine  
Far Right: Kate with her son.

Left to Right Below: Nina and Yvie; Helen and Pray-Meh; Dahlia, Pina and Claire; Jayden, Haley and Paula; Nakita, Dahlia and Catherine.



## Whānau Evening – Kai, Kēmu, and Kōrero

As part of our Term 1 activities we like to connect with students and their whānau. Our Whānau Evening is an opportunity to come in after school and spend time together. We share food, play some games and chat. Parents can catch up on their children's progress here at school and at Kids Count.



Far left: Bailey & Bree playing Buildzi;  
Centre Left: Bailey's son Zekaia rocking some tunes  
Left: Bree's daughter Amaia giving her vehicle the once over.

Right: Shruti's girls Talia and Tayvia hard at work.



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