



# He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 3/4 2020

## Teen Parent Unit Regional Netball Tournament



Top: (Back L-R) Justin, Shanaia, Kaitlyn, Millie, Nakita, Moana, Catherine, Elijah; (Centre L-R) Kohine, Yury, Helena, Mereana; (Front L-R) Tay, Hinehou.

Make way for the HHT Netball team of 2020! This year we didn't have many training sessions as we were all in Lockdown. But as soon as we came back to school, there was the Netball team, down at the courts every Friday. We had all been waiting for this moment, to be back with the team and our coaches and to once again claim our title as this year's TPU Netball Winners. It was weird that we couldn't do some drills as we all had to social distance. I do have to admit that was really tricky as there's always someone close to you, but we got there in the end. I was once again the amazing Team Manager, with Tay being our wonderful Captain. Together we would come up with drills or plays and teach the team. It was really enjoyable being the Manager as I was able to take a step back and just look at the team using some of the things we taught them during practice games we had against WEGC.

This year the tournament was held at Te Rauparaha Arena and organised by SHIFT. Our netball team was at school bright and early ready for the big day - our day. The ride to the Arena was

nerve wracking, I had mixed feelings about the whole thing. I was happy and scared, nervous but very excited all at the same time, but most of all, hungry! The first few steps into the indoor courts, my body was already aching and I felt my breath slowly flying away. We waited for the rest of our group to arrive before we started our warm-ups and ball drills. Gradually, the other teams entered the courts and we all felt tension in our stomachs. We had been waiting for so long to see our competitors and the time had finally come. We played four games before we could finally have a break. Game after game, that was us, keeping up with our opposition and keeping our eyes on the ball. We had to mix players around as some of the other teams had really good players, especially the males with all their jumping and hopping down the court. So we had our guys on their guys and - wow - that worked out beautifully. The last game was the hardest, as we were all tired, but we didn't give up. We kept going until time ran out. When we did hear the buzzer go off, a huge sigh of relief was let out - our games were finally over. We found out we came 2nd equal at the end and were happy with ourselves. We all did an amazing job playing as a team and as individuals. Three cheers for HHT!

*Hinehou Mason*

## Wellington East Girls College Ball

At the end of Term 3 some of our students attended the WEGC ball. The evening was a lot of fun and a nice contrast to lockdowns and social distancing. We would like to thank the WEGC student committee for the invitation and our generous sponsor who funded tickets and transport. And a big shout out to Dress for Success for outfits and accessories.



Right: (L-R) Paula, Catherine, Nakita, Shanaia, Yury. Far Right: (Back L-R) Dahlia, Catherine, Maria, Shanaia, Moana, Nakita, Hinehou; (Front L-R) Mereana, Yury, Pina.

## Reflections from New and Returning Students

Every morning I'm awake at 7. I get up, get changed and then I get my daughter's bag ready. In it she has a bottle, nappy change, and I grab the rest of my things such as jacket, laptop, charger phone etc. Once that is all done, I then put baby in her car seat and off to school and day-care. Since she has been in day-care things have been so good. She's really settling in a lot better than I had expected.

For me things at school have been pretty good. I love being back at school because it's good for me to get back into what I like and it's helping me achieve my goals. My daughter is now almost four months and has picked up things super well. She has started to smile, laugh, talk, say da-da, she's learnt how to hold her own bottle, hold her own neck. We have put her in the jolly jumper

now and she's enjoying that. I'm super proud of my baby with just how well she's growing and how well she's picking things up. One thing I have picked up since baby has been home is how sassy she can be. I'm very happy with both my kids and wouldn't trade them for anything. They honestly are my world. I love them so much and I can't wait for them to grow up.

*Anon*

The thing that I am most proud of in my life so far, is my son. He makes me very happy. He was born only three days before my birthday. Another thing I am proud of in my life is being able to go to school. It makes me feel good, like I have done something and not just sat around all day.

*Anon*

Before I gave birth, I was studying at a make-up course but I left because it was too hard to be there once my daughter arrived. I was very happy but my labour was very hard. I didn't like it, but when I saw my baby it was the best thing in the world. She was such a beautiful little girl. She was very quiet and she slept a lot. After the fourth week she started to sleep all night. That was very cute and nice. She cries only when she is hungry. She is a good baby. I hope for the future to be a good mother and have a very good girl. I hope she is going to be so happy with me. I really want my baby to speak Spanish like me, to be a respectful girl and I want to finish my studies and start work.

*Anon*

## Tēnā koutou katoa

He tina ki runga, he tāmōre ki raro  
*Firm standing, strong roots*  
*In order to flourish above, one must be firmly rooted below*

The past term has been both a whirlwind and a long winding road. It is difficult to believe that we are into the end of the year and preparations for Prize Giving and Graduation. During Term 3 the HHHT whānau navigated being at Alert Level 1, Alert Level 2 and then back again. The challenges of planning through all of this uncertainty has impacted on our ability to experience events, excursions and some of our traditional HHT happenings such as work experience. Although we have had to forgo these events, we have spent time solidifying our roots – so that we can flourish when the time comes.

We would like to thank all our donors and supporters, large and small. Your contributions of time, expertise and funding assist us to provide opportunities for our whānau.

These are still uncertain times we are living in, but through all of this one constant remains: He Huarahi Tamariki. We are the roots upon which all of our whānau can flourish.

*Ngā mihi nui, Paula Hay*

## What have we been up to?

- We were grateful to be back on-site after lockdown to celebrate Matariki. We made stars and books and had ashared afternoon tea between Kids Count and HHT.
- We continue to engage with education providers external to our school to provide the best opportunities for our students. We have students attending Trades Academy courses for the whole year and have taken advantage of shorter STAR courses too. We also had Young Enterprise Scheme visit to conduct Financial Literacy courses, and Plunket to deliver the Circles of Security parenting course.
- Students have been sewing up a storm – Term 2 was all about hair scrunchies and prepared us well for face-masks in Term 3.
- Some of our students have appeared in promotional videos for Youth Services NZ. Check out the following links for Michael, a current student (at [youthservice.govt.nz/parenting/](http://youthservice.govt.nz/parenting/)) and Nikki, a recent student (at [youthservice.govt.nz/education-and-work/](http://youthservice.govt.nz/education-and-work/)).
- A big thank you to Tawa Intermediate courts for netball training and practice games with WEGC. We have also been visiting the gym regularly.
- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori found us taking part in the Māori Language Moment, playing kēmu (games) and crafting. We even bought Hangi for lunch from the students at Tawa College, and enjoyed a new resource from the Heart Foundation - Toi Te Kupu dictionary.



## Fundraising



He Huarahi Tamariki would like you to consider supporting us and, in turn, some our our supporters through a new initiative. We get a lot of support from Dignity in the form of sanitary products for our students. Dignity are in turn supported by Organic Initiative, who produce these products. We would like to come full circle and promote Organic Initiative by suggesting you purchase your sanitary products from them online—and when you do, you can mention He Huarahi Tamariki at the checkout and they will donate 5% of your purchase to us.

## Staff News



At the end of August we farewelled our Chef, Jaz Macdonald on Maternity leave. Her baby boy, Locklyn was born at the end of September and they are both doing well.

To keep us well-fed in Jaz's absence we are very pleased to welcome Laura Murphy.

**Nau mai, Haere mai Locklyn and Laura!**



## Welcome to Our New Babies!

Tiana Kingsford, a girl – Reina  
Sara Carvajal Rivera, a girl – Sharon  
Moana Parata, a girl – Te Ao Marama  
Gardenia Teina, a boy

Donations towards the work of the school are always welcome and donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust. These are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you.

**A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us recently. Your donations are very much appreciated.**

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**Our host school is Wellington East Girls' College - Principal: Gael Ashworth**



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