

Retail Shopping



Some students at HHT have studied retail this year. The course is run in conjunction with WELTEC and provides plenty of opportunity for practical work. One popular unit involves setting up shop displays with a focus on customer service. Here, Courtney Warren (left) enjoys interacting with her customer, Tahlia Harding.

Deirdre Fergusson

Stevie, the Love Doctor

In Term 3 we were delighted to welcome back health educator Stevie Love from Kokiri Marae. Stevie imparts her wisdom and humour to young people in the local



schools. She covers everything from personal hygiene to relationships to contraception to STIs. Her classes always have us in stitches, while both students and teachers learn the most intimate and important facts of life and love.

My trip to parliament

For my work experience I wanted to learn more about office work and went to Save the Children, an international charity. They were launching the children's report to the UN. This was submitted to the United Nations committee on the rights of a child. Helen Webber, my 10 month old daughter and I were invited to the launch of the report in parliament. The event was led by Save the Children and UNICEF's youth ambassadors. I enjoyed the experience.



Amy pictured under the New Zealand flag at Wellington's Parliament Buildings

Celebrating 100 Years of Roald Dahl

WATCH WITH GLITTERING EYES THE WHOLE WORLD AROUND YOU. BECAUSE THE GREATEST SECRETS ARE ALWAYS HIDDEN IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACES. THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC WILL NEVER FIND IT.

~ Roald Dahl

This term we have continued our focus on literacy, reading aloud to our students, and the students to their children. In September the world celebrated the 100th birthday of the legendary Roald Dahl. We joined in the excitement with a lively reading of *The Twits*, along with the consumption of 'square cakes that look round' (below), a little magic stolen from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



New Babies

We welcome all our new babies:
Rhee Roberts - Amaria (pictured),
Courtney Tatterson - Armani,
Nakita Kopua - Tai Te-Ariki,
Victoria Pikirangi - Zamirah,
Francie-Rae Fleetwood - Kobe,
Edan Taufitu-Moses - Leani,
Brianna Toner - Talia.



A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us this term. We could not provide the varied programme and high standard of care for our students without your help. 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. DarrochForrest, St Matthews Anglican Women's Fellowship Association, Trust House Limited, Gawith-Deans Family Trust, Inner Wheel Club of Tawa, RA & HM Bichan, Tawa Catholic Women's League, Levin Catholic Women's League, S Baragwanath, David Daily Charitable Trust, Empathy Design, St Peter's Wednesday Study Group.

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Netball Tournament



Back row, from left: Tineka Waiariki, Talia Osborne, Courtney Heyworth, Jaimee Guptill, Edan Taufitu-Moses, Samantha Beattie, Hineora Mike, Isayah O'Neill.
In front, from left: Hinehou Mason, Nikki Walker, Zara Wallace-Smith, Rauaroha Tuhou-Taiaapa

Congratulations to our Netball Team who came third at the Lower North Island TPU Netball Tournament. This was held in Palmerston North on the last week of Term 3. The team did extremely well and only lost 20 -18 against defending champions Rotorua, who went on to win the tournament again this year. It was wonderful to see our team all working so well together and giving it their all. Okea ururoatia - fight like a shark. Be tenacious in your pursuit of your goals and never give up. They also looked the part in our new netball uniforms. One highlight was the group of umpires who commented on the positive team spirit of HHT and the supportive attitude the girls showed each other. A big thanks to Isayah O'Neill our coach, for all the time she put in with training and organising. This helped really bring everyone together. Next year we are excited to announce the tournament will be held in Rotorua. Please help support our fundraising initiatives which have already began!

Kohine Balejko

Health Course Graduation

This year I completed the health course delivered by Healthcare NZ and Partners Porirua. The course ran every Thursday between March and October, and I gained 18 Level 2 credits by completing it. My favourite unit was the one on infection control, where we learned how to prevent, stabilise and cure infections. I hope to use my qualification to get into the nursing programme at Whitireia when I finish school, so I can pursue a career in the health sector.

Zara Smith



From right: Régis Le Moguédec, Rauaroha Tuhou-Taiaapa, Zara Smith, Sabrina Taulialia

From our Teacher in Charge

Tēnā koutou katoa

This week it's prize giving. Our award ceremony is a celebration of a year of hard work and many achievements. Our students have made positive choices to be at school juggling study, parenting and home-making along with all the other complexities that life brings, and that is without earthquakes and floods.

This is also the time of the year when we reflect on our good fortune. There is a whakatauki, *ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, ēngari he toa takimano*, strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective. He Huarahi Tamariki is a rich collective. Each year we seem to add more strands to our community of connections. We are grateful to so many. Our families' encouragement is very much appreciated. Thank you to Wellington East Girls' College, our host school, for your much valued support and to all our learning partners.

Our graduate body is thriving, well supported by our graduate coordinator. We will need a third honours board shortly as we are running out of room. We love all the visits from former students and are increasingly aware of how our leavers have established their own networks helping each other as their children transition into school and college.

Thank you to the HHT Trust who provide scholarship support. This year Dr John Milne retires from the Trust after 16 years of involvement. We thank you for this service, especially the work facing challenges in establishing HHT and supporting our scholars.

We are indebted to the wide variety of agencies and services that support us. Thank you for your creative strategies and commitment to recognising and building on strengths. So many individuals and service groups gift us their time and skills. It is with great pleasure that our library, bursting with books donated by The Children's Bookshop, is now "The Ruth and John McIntyre Library." More celebrations and book readings to follow.



Brianna Toner with her week old baby, Talia, returning work to HHT that she had completed, just before giving birth.

"The Way Forward" is an Open Polytechnic course introducing well being, goal setting and planning.

"The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: decide what you want." Ben Stein

Our loyal volunteers are also remarkable. They are unfailingly cheerful when a request comes to fix a noticeboard or build a fence. And "at home" we are so well served by our HHT and KidsCount staff. Amber Woods, in her writing, talks about the backing she feels from 'Team Amber'. I would like to thank Team HHT for their unstinting support. A recent text from Kiwi Community Assistance asked if we were interested in a further delivery of two frozen legs of lamb. A rhetorical question surely? The lamb salad was delicious. We are very lucky in so many ways. Our best wishes go to our leavers, to our returning students and to our HHT whanau for a safe and happy festive season.

Ngā mihi Helen Webber

Stories from our graduates



You meet a crossroad. On the left is what seems to be a scorching desert, on the right, a monsoon. Both fairly unpleasant. As you look on you see green grass growing in the desert, and the storm mellowing into a drizzle. Where the roads meet farther in the distance you see your dreams and aspirations, everything you've ever wanted. Would you take your chances with

either road, or would you sit down and admit defeat before you gave yourself a chance? You have three choices in life: study towards a career, work towards a career, or do nothing at all. It seems so daunting at first, study and work are both hard, tiring, stressful and time consuming. But what people forget to tell us, is that studying or working have greater rewards than what you can see. As you progress through education or in the workplace you realize that every reward was hard earned, every goal achieved through your own will, and just how far you have come since you first began your journey.

Yes, I was a young mother. Yes, I am a solo mother. Yes, I thought the world was ending before I even knew what the world had on offer. Looking back now, I am incredibly proud of myself for taking the first steps towards my future. I've completed my first year at Victoria University of Wellington. University can be difficult but the work is nothing compared to knowing that every A I get is because I've tried. The He Huarahi Trust, teachers, and past students have given me more than enough support through this journey. I feel invincible knowing that I have all these people on team Amber.

At university I found an amazing group that has also heavily increased my chances of success. The Tapuwae Tahī team have always been there for me, and have helped me develop plans for further study. At uni, I'm surrounded by so many brilliant minds and lovely people. My subjects, sociology, cultural anthropology and English literature, are intense and world changing. My days are filled with Jane Austen, Karl Marx and Pierre Bourdieu and I couldn't be happier.

Beyond study and work, every single day my daughter asks me how well I did at on this test or that exam. She asks me to bake cupcakes, if we can go to the beach, and shows me leaves or rocks she has found. At university, lecturers teach. At work, experience teaches. At home, every single day without fail, I learn about all the things my daughter finds precious (the moon following the car or the sound a butterfly makes), and just how much she has grown.

Amber Woods



After much procrastination, health set backs, and many motivational talks from a number of teachers, I finally obtained University Entrance. In July this year I began my first semester, of many, at Victoria University Wellington, studying Commerce and a foundation writing course. I have successfully completed both courses for this year and would like to report that I am very much looking forward to my next years of study here. The environment and atmosphere of University are so much more than I could have ever expected and there is a certain amount of fulfillment from being surrounded by like-minded and equally as sleep deprived people. I have received my confirmation of study for 2017 and am looking forward to pursuing Law and Political Science. Wish me luck.

Kim Edmonds-Stoneham

Parenting with the Griffin School



The Griffin school has been providing hands-on parenting classes for our students every second Thursday. Lisa, the new head teacher, began with an in depth look at the importance of child care in our babies' lives, informing the students that everything they do in the crèche is preparing the children for their future schooling. She has followed this session with a number of practical sessions, for example a discussion on how to improve our children's sleep. The girls have loved the sessions based around learning and play, including play dough making with Chelsea (see recipe, right). Another favourite was the session where Lisa brought out the bubbles. We learned that popping them with an ice cream stick is an excellent way to strengthen kids' eye muscles. An excellent excuse for some bubbly antics at home, if ever we needed one!

Play Dough Recipe

- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups salt
- 6 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3 cups boiling water
- Mix dry ingredients and oil in a bowl
- Add boiling water and stir well until the mixture leaves the sides of the bowl; add more flour if the mixture seems too sticky
- Turn out on to a hard surface and knead until it reaches the right consistency



Farewell to Philippa



In Term 3 we said farewell to our cook, Philippa Lawson. Students past and present, as well as former staff and volunteers, joined us to celebrate her time with us. Philippa started at He Huarahi Tamariki in 2004 and has provided countless breakfasts, lunches, morning teas and birthday cakes throughout her years here. She will be missed.