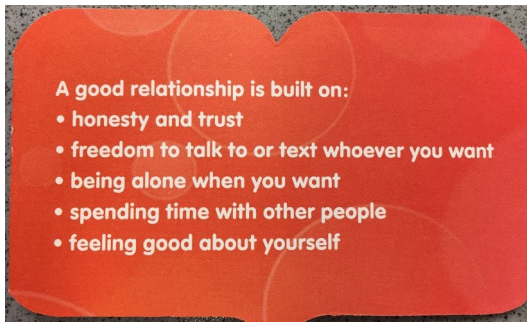


## Prepair Workshops



Irene Wakefield, from Prepair New Zealand, ran two workshops about healthy relationships at HHT. The workshops have three key messages including having a healthy relationship with oneself, with others and identifying early signs of abuse and what to do about it. Having a strong sense of self worth is key to your own wellbeing and having good relationships with others. As part of the programme, students were given a bound black notebook and pen to jot down or draw their ideas. This was made possible from a donation from the Tawa Art and Craft Society to foster creative activities at school. Check out the website [Prepairnz.com](http://Prepairnz.com)



## Rock Opera



That **BLOODY WOMAN**. To whom could this refer? Three senior History students found out on Thursday 14 September, when they visited the Opera House to see, "The rock musical that's taking New Zealand by storm." It was one of the best ways to become more informed about that marvellous pioneer of women's suffrage, Kate Sheppard. We laughed, cried and joined in. It was an up-to-date, historically accurate, vibrant way to reinforce the struggle for the right for women to have their say in the politics of New Zealand. We would have loved to have revisited the show the following night! We are very appreciative that a generous donor enabled us to take up this opportunity of education outside the classroom.

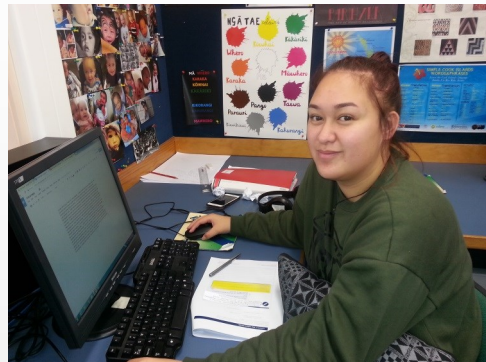
A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us this term. We could not provide the varied programme and high standard of care for our students without your help. We welcome donations towards the work of the school. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust. These are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent to you. Our thanks to the Catholic Women's League Levin Branch, RA & HM Bichan and to Gecko Press. Thank you also to the many donors who continue to gift books, clothes, children's toys and hand crafted cakes. They are very much appreciated.

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## Around the Classroom



Victoria Pikirangi working on te reo (above), Aterina Faumuina working on social studies (below) and Amy Nixey and Sam Beattie in exam preparation for home economics.



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## Jacinda Ardern Visits HHT



An email to newly elected Labour Leader and MP for Mount Albert, Jacinda Ardern, with an invitation to visit, resulted in a trip to HHT. Student hosts Helena Wardle and Nakita Kopua, showed Jacinda, Kris Faafoi and Greg O'Connor, around the school and the pre school, Kids Count. Students were then able to have a question and answer session with Jacinda. "She was so inspiring and was genuinely interested in our lives and those of our children," said Helena. "Her message of, 'If you want something, go for it. Say yes,' has meant that now I just think, why not? And I give everything a go. Not only was she interesting and encouraging but she brought chocolate cake for us to share."

See the media link on our website to learn more at [www.hht.school.nz](http://www.hht.school.nz)

Helena Wardle and her daughter, Jazreah, talk to Jacinda Ardern with Nakita Kopua and her son, Tai Te-ariki.



## Visit to the Carter Observatory and the Wellington Botanic Garden



Thank you to the Porirua City Council Community School Bus for taking us to the Carter Observatory and the Wellington Botanic Garden.



## From our Teacher in Charge

Tēnā koutou katoa

We ended the term with a flourish. Students empowered by voting, invited Jacinda Ardern, should she ever have the time, to visit HHT. The very next day, she did just that. It was a special occasion and there was cake. We appreciated Jacinda's message of "going for it and taking opportunities that present themselves." Many of us remember the adage- you can't have your cake and eat it too but that day we felt we'd proved this wrong, and the cake was delicious.

Then there was our first. Helen Woolner, former student, defended her PhD thesis in her oral presentation and passed with flying colours. Our congratulations on this magnificent achievement. Our pride is shared by Helen's colleagues at VUW and celebrated by all who have supported her journey. Her study at VUW has already made a valuable contribution to scientific research.

Another first was the news from former student, Paula Sam, that her daughter had graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Māori Development from AUT. Paula said, "I believe she may be the first of our tamariki from HHT to gain a degree from university." Our congratulations to Jaleighuar and her family.

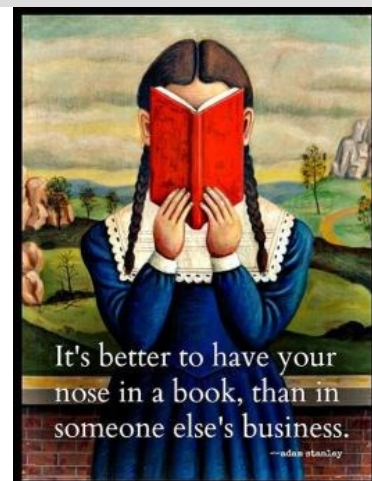
Through the generosity of the Porirua City Council, the Community School Bus transported us to the Carter Observatory on the last day of term, where we explored the solar system and beyond. The film "We are Stars" reminded us that we are part of a vast universe that is challenging to comprehend.

Alongside academic work, artistic endeavours have continued as students participate in a film project on youth resilience. Filming has continued over weekends and it is now up to the cutting room. A theatre premiere is pending.

We look forward to the busy term ahead with much work to complete before the end of year festivities are upon us.  
Ngā mihi Helen Webber



<https://theyoungadultfictionfanatic.wordpress.com/>



Can't find a book? Not sure what to read? Check out the new book blog, *The Young Adult Fiction Fanatic* created by Melissa Carrere, English teacher at HHT. You can choose different tags including 'Super Popular Books' and 'Melissa's Favourites' tags. Books to avoid are tagged under 'Don't Bother!' Others are by key word, author or subject. The following review for *I'll Give You The Sun* by Jandy Nelson is written by Jamiee, a student at HHT.

This book was a real page turner for me (which is rare may I add). The story is about twins called Noah and Jude whose mother dies, and Noah covers up what was really about to happen before her death... I felt like I was living along side Noah and Jude and going through their loss with them, observing everything that was going on in each of their heads. I enjoyed being able to hold my breath about their next move and watch all the pieces of the story unfold together, finally making sense of what had gone on in their pasts as they each told the end of their story. I loved the ending and how everyone finally lets out the truth. When I finished this book I was left with loads of questions about what happens next, but this just made it another mystery. I love this book and would buy it to have at home and read again.

## Voting

Helena Wardle and fellow students Nakita Kopua, Tahlia Harding, Amy Nixey-Ho, Pray Meh Nga, Dahlia Pereira and Nikki Walker after casting their vote at the Tawa Community Centre for the recent general election. "I was encouraged to vote after seeing the musical, *'That Bloody Woman'* about Kate Sheppard," said Helena. "Seeing what she had to do for women to be able to vote was inspiring. The message was powerful. I was really pleased I was able to vote for all the women who made it possible. I also want to thank Toni Weir and Jocelyn Kua from the Registrar of Electors, Wellington, who came to talk to us about the importance of having a voice. They also made sure we were on the roll so that we could vote. They were awesome!"

## Rotorua Netball Tournament



HHT Netball Team 2017. Back row: Hinehou Mason, Chloe Forbes(Shift), Sam Beattie, Talia Osborne, Nakita Kopua, Zara Smith, Katie Adams(Shift), Régis Le Moguédec. Front row: Simone Lyttle, Helena Wardle, Amy Nixey-Ho, Tineka Waiariki, Kohine Balejko.

The HHT netball team were privileged to attend the North Island Teen Parent Netball Tournament in Rotorua last term. This could not have happened without the support of many people. One of our main supporters, were the lovely team from Shift, particularly Katie and Chloe. Shift has helped the team with training sessions and vital funding for the trip as well as organising a series of coaching sessions by the Central Pulse, providing tickets to a Pulse netball game, sports gear and accompanying us on the trip.

The netball tournament was the highlight of the trip and the girls played with energy and enthusiasm. Four games of netball saw us win two games and lose two. We narrowly lost to Rotorua in the round playoffs only 28 to 24, and Rotorua went through to the final to play against Auckland. The Auckland team played beautifully and took home the cup. It was a real pleasure to see our girls really put everything they had learnt into their game, never giving up and then going on to support the Rotorua team in the finals. A big thank you to all the people who helped make this trip possible: Shift, The Pulse, The Rotorua TPU, Helen, Regis, Jaz, Peter, Deirdre, Sharlene, Zara and Kohine!!

I was one of nine girls selected for the annual TPU netball tournament in Rotorua this year. It was a great experience and seeing so many teen mums in one area was great. I felt really unfit compared to some of the other players but still kept pushing myself. I'm really proud of my baby mamas for giving the tournament their all. A big thank you, also, to SHIFT and the Central Pulse for all the great support towards our trip.  
Tineka Waiariki.

## Welcome to our new babies:

Anais - a girl, Kailani.  
Jordy - a boy, Keani  
Sabrina - a girl, Emelya  
Catherine - a girl, Seana  
Taylor - a girl, Ne'vaeh-Lee



## EOTC Education Outside the Classroom



Our trip to Rotorua was jam-packed with fun and included a trip to Huka Falls in Taupo on the way, a visit to the Skyline gondola and the luge as well as a night time soak in one of Rotorua's hot pools. This was Travel and Tourism at its best. It was a great way to experience some of the best tourism opportunities that Rotorua has to offer. It was so much better than the pictures in our school books!



Photo: Zara Smith and Sam Beattie present Kohine Balejko and Katie Adams (SHIFT) with a photograph of the team.