



He Huarahi Tamariki

SCHOOL FOR TEENAGE PARENTS - TERM 4 2021

Prize Giving and Graduation 2021

I think we can all say that Prize Giving was very different this year. We really missed having our whānau and community with us and were delighted that some of you could join us via Zoom.

However, the change that COVID-19 continues to bring and the adaptability it requires has left us in good stead to find alternative ways to celebrate in style all the successes our students have had this year and to give our graduates the send off they deserve.

This was summed up well in Paula's speech, an extract of which follows. In addition, Paula went on to quote from the lyrics of our students lullabies to show that the hopes they have for their children are the hopes we have for them. (For more news of the Lullaby Project, see page 3 for more details).

As ever, our celebrations would not be what they are without the support of the He Huarahi Tamariki Trust and all our wonderful donors who year after year provide scholarships and awards. See the full details of these on the back page of the newsletter.

It feels like we have been planning, changing and adapting almost as fast as the virus that is out there. We have had so many activities and events that went ahead, we also had many that we had to cancel, postpone, or change to enable them to happen. All through this, I have been impressed with all of you. Your abilities to just roll with it all is impressive, and the fact that we are all still here celebrating our year, our successes is testament to everyone in this room.

Paula Hay – Kaiārahi

*Be Bold, try everything – Stand strong, be confident
Be you, be different – You're special because you are you*

Dahlia Pereira

*Ka tipu te aroha - May self love grow
Kia mau tonu mai koe i roto i a koe - So you may hold and have this within you*

Shanaia Rapira



L-R: Shanaia; Hinehau and Dahlia; Nakita; Catherine and Pina; Bridget, Reo, Peter and Maria.

Excursion to Kāpiti Island

At the start of Term 4 we headed off on a day trip to Kāpiti Island. We couldn't have asked for better weather and the day went off without a hitch. For most of us it was our first trip to Kāpiti Island and it was great to learn more about this wonderful taonga (treasure) and see the beautiful environment that exists for our native manu (birds). We are indebted to Kāpiti Island Eco Tours and their generosity for sponsoring our visit. Tino nui tō rātou manawa.



Top left: The whole crew; Top centre left: Lexus & Jaz; Top centre right: Nakita & Karissa; Bottom centre right: Millie & Nakita; Bottom right: We even swam!

Tēnā koutou katoa

Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua
Look back and reflect so you can move forward

This has been a rollercoaster of a year. A year of uncertainty and of shifting plans. We have been grateful for all that we have been able to accomplish, and commiserate all that has been lost or unable to eventuate.

It is always useful to take a moment at this time and reflect on how far we have come, as individuals and as a community. I am proud to be a part of the He Huarahi Tamariki whānau, and super proud at our Prize Giving. Everyone shone so brightly on the day, and it was a true celebration of success and reflection of our year.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui, Paula Hay – Kaiārahi

Welcome to our New Babies!



Bree, a girl – Amaia

Bailey, a boy – Zekaia

End of an Era!

Since the early 2000s, Ruth McIntyre and the late John McIntyre, of The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie, have been wonderful friends and dedicated supporters of He Huarahi Tamariki. They have shared their love of books and reading, which has been appreciated and enjoyed over the years by students and staff alike. John's passionate reading of children's stories, as a way of modelling reading aloud to preschoolers, became a template for many young parents here. Ruth has maintained the Bookshop's connections with our school since John's death in 2017, and we have greatly appreciated that. Her recommendations and generous gifts of books for young adult readers and their children have continued to encourage the joy of reading. Each year at our Prize Giving, students have been rewarded for their successes with book vouchers donated by the McIntyres.

Ruth has recently sold The Children's Bookshop. We shall miss our connections with her, her invaluable knowledge, her quiet unobtrusive generosity and her support for our school and whanau over all these years. We wish her contentment and happiness with time to read many different genres of books, in the years to come.

Staff News



Above: As announced in the previous newsletter, Jackie Agalawatta (Health, PE, Counsellor) has joined us 1 day a week this term and will be here full-time in 2022.

Right: Robyn Deverall (Math & Retail) leaves us after covering maternity leave during Term 2, 3 and 4. We wish her all the best on her adventures next year.

Right: Likewise Barbara Woods (Counsellor) was on board to provide support for students in 2021 as we confirmed a permanent full-time



Right: The end of the year also sees us welcome Kohine Balejko back from her study leave. We are looking forward to having her back next year.

Right: But this also means we sadly farewell Fiona Mokomoko-Park who has provided cover in Te Reo Māori and Digital Technology, not to mention keeping us all moving with sports.



Trades Academy

From time to time our students attend Trades Academy at Whitireia/Weltech here in Porirua. Trades Academy offers a range of transition courses that students enrol in for half a year and that are usually 1-2 days a week. The academies range from Salon to Health Science to Engineering & Automotive.



Karissa has been attending the

Construction Projects academy and you can see her here with the Adirondack chair (left) and one of the planter boxes (above) she made. The chair currently resides on our school deck and we are all enjoying it. Nice work Karissa!



Netball day

In lieu of our cancelled Netball Tournament, we had a Friendly Netball tournament (supported by Shift) with Titiro Whakamua. It's always nice to interact with the other TPU's, we appreciate spending time with them.

It was definitely a friendly game but when facing the opposing team we of course went all out, we can't help it, we want to win. And we won! We won a friendly game of Netball.

Dahlia Perira



Top L-R: Catherine, Karissa, Dahlia, Justin, Jackie (staff), Phoebe (Referee), Hinehou. Bottom L-R: Nakita, Millie, Shanaia, Gerorgia, Fiona (staff), Catherine (Shift).

The Lullaby Project with the New Zealand Opera

Despite postponements due to Lockdown in Term 3 we were very pleased to have the New Zealand Opera visit us in Term 4 to run the Lullaby Project. Over the course of 2 weeks, Moana Ete, Sarah Court and Awhimai Fraser worked with our students to co-create individual lullabies for their children. They were well supported by Vicki Cooksley managing all the logistics. These were not simple, due to Sarah and Awhimai joining us via Zoom as they were both still in Lockdown. Thanks also goes to Joanne Cole who was fundamental in organising it all. Here are Dahlia Pereira's reflections of that time:

This was exciting, but many of us were feeling a little anxious because it was something so new to us. Some of us were trying to find ways to get out of it, I was trying to get out of it. How could I write a song and not just any song, but a song about the most important people in my life? How could I create something to even capture the essence of the love I have for them? But as I observed others going into the "creating and composing spot", I also watched them come out completely transformed. It gave me the confidence to just do it! And damn, it was a pretty amazing NZ Opera Crew who were very helpful. With their help and skills we were all able to create something personal and magical to share with our children.



Above: Dahlia with Manny listening to lullabies.



Left: Karissa recording her Lullaby for Timothy.

Bottom L-R: Nakita recording her Lullaby for Tai Te-Ariki, Naomi with Hannah, Amaia with Bree, Maria with Violet checking out the Lullaby Booklet.

Below Left to Right: Reo with Bridget, Pina.



Right: Students writing lullaby notes. Below L-R: Sarah, Awhimai, Vicki, and Moana.



Student Lullabies

My Girls

My James you're loud and cheeky
And really clever too
Lots of fruit and chocolate biscuits
And a cup of milk for you

My girls my girls
With really really wild hair
My girls my girls
Mummy will always be here

My Reo you love your big sister
And you smile all the time
You make lots of loud noises
And I'm so glad you're mine

My girls my girls
Both so bright and aware
My girls my girls
Mummy will always be here

Bridget Martin

Walking on by

The moana is blue
There are honu in the sea
With the sun shining bright
As we're walking on by
We're together you & me

You & Me, You & Me

The vaka's ready to go
We're going fishing for our tea
The sun's shining bright
While we are having some kai
We're together you & me

You & Me, You & Me

Vevela means 'hot'
So grab your lavalava and go
With the sun shining bright
As we're swimming on by
We're together you & me

You & Me, You & Me

Catherine Motusia

Te Ariki

Your shining soulful eyes
Look up at the bright blue sky
And remind me the reasons why
I'm so proud to be your Māmā

Te Ariki,
My big baby,

We are all here for you,
Te Ariki

Kua haere kow ki te tuara ki ō tupuna,
kua kai koe ki ngā whetū ō te rangi
*If you travel on the back of your ancestors,
you will reach the stars in the heavens.*

Te Ariki

Taku pēpi nui
My big baby

Kei kōnei tonu mātou
We are all here for you

Te Ariki

Millie Carian-Waiwai

Awards and Scholarships

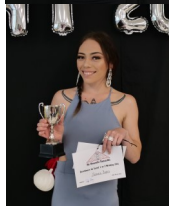
Please join us in celebrating our He Huarahi Tamariki 2021 Scholarship and Award Recipients.



HHT Outstanding Attendance Award:
Bridget Martin and Hannah Cuttle



HHT Contribution to Sports Award:
Nakita Kopua



Clifton Buck Memorial cup for Excellence in Writing:
Art Laumua

Aporo Joyce Award Puawaitanga ki te Ao Māori:
Nakita Kopua



HHT Excellence in Level 1 or 2 Writing:
Shanaia Rapira

HHT Resilience & Attitude Award:
Art Laumua



HHT Values Award for Whanaungatanga:
Bridget Martin

HHT Values Award for Aroha: Dahlia Pereira

John McIntyre Award:
Anastasia Turley



Brian & Pat Tyler Scholarships:
Maria Palmer and Pray Meh Nga

Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners Scholarship:
Art Laumua



Masonic Knights Templar Award:
Nakita Kopua (Scholarship) & Mereana Tuapawa-Keepa (IT Equipment)

Margaret Lynne Baxter Award:
Art Laumua

Zonta Scholarship:
Dahlia Pereira



Graduate Women Wellington Scholarship: Jordy Hermens



Marcia Spencer Award: Amber Woods



Pray Meh Nga has just completed her Bachelor of Nursing Pacific. In January she starts her new job at Hutt Hospital on a medical ward, while also studying part time to complete a postgraduate nursing paper. Her son, Wai Yan is 6 and is loving school.

Edan Moses has just completed her Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Imaging Technology) degree. She is hoping to secure a job at the local DHB in Palmerston North to start her off on her journey as a qualified radiographer. She has 3 children aged between 4 and 7. Koni-Leigh, her eldest daughter, has her own Leaning Vagahau Niue YouTube Chanel which keeps them busy outside of work hours, along with the many sports they participate in.

Jordy Hermens is one paper away from completing her Bachelor of Law. She will complete her degree online over Summer with her newborn baby girl by her side. She will go on to complete her post graduate diploma in professional legal studies in March - July 2022, fulfilling her dream of becoming a qualified lawyer. She is currently on maternity leave from her job as an Advisor at Ministry of Justice and also does part time Maori and Pasifika research where able. She is passionate about bettering outcomes for her people and in particular for mama and babies.

Shontelle Poloie graduated with her Social Work degree this year. An amazing achievement for a mother of 5 beautiful children.

Helena Wardle began her law degree this year and is now on maternity leave as she welcomed her beautiful son Niqou into her family 4 months ago.

We have enjoyed seeing past student **Stephanie O'Carroll** (now Stephanie Andrew) around school this year, as her daughter Isabella is enrolled at Kids Count. Stephanie has been with ANZ for 7 years and is now a Case Manager for Deceased estates. Together with her husband she is building their dream home in the Wairarapa which they hope to have finished by December 2022.

Petra Haliciopoulos is working at Te Awe library and has just finished a level 4 Te Reo course through Te Wananga o Raukawa and is working on the level 5 one now. Her eldest started high school this year and her middle child started primary school.

Deni Tipene is a qualified Enrolled Nurse now furthering her studies in nursing as she works towards her Bachelor Of Nursing Maori. Her children are now aged 10 and 5.

Kim Edmonds started volunteering at Birthright Kapiti, as well as being a domestic cleaner and a Barnardos group facilitator working with children in the Footsteps to Feeling Safe program. She intends to go back to study either in Social Work or Ecological Horticulture.

Donations towards the work of the school are always welcome and donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the HHT Trust. Either of 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.

Thank you to Jenifer Kerr, Gawith-Deans Family Trust, David Daily Charitable Trust, Zonta.

Kiwi Community Assistance, Beanies for Babies, Pregnancy Help, Loved for Life, Parish of Pauatahanui, and the many others who donate used equipment and clothing.

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