A lunch was held for Sue Huddleston who retired after many years of service to He Huarahi Tamariki. Jeanette Phillipps and Richard Maddren, HHT Trust trustees, former student Andrea Gibson and Helen Webber spoke about her contribution to the school. Students, former staff and volunteers gathered to honour Sue. Andrea’s gift to Sue included a jigsaw with hand written ‘retirement notes’ that referenced a gift basket with the items included. Felt markers were “to mark the beginning of doing all those things you’ve always wanted to do”, Marmite was “for your vitamins and iron”, socks were “to get warm and put your feet up” and flowers were to “remind you to take time and smell the roses.” Photos from L: students Nikki Walker and Hineora Mike present Sue with a gift; Sue Huddleston, former student Andrea Gibson and her baby; Sarah De Rensy and Sister Marcellin Wilson; volunteers Rick Doyland, Phil Desmond and Lania O’Toole.

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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.

He Huarahi Tamariki School for Teenage Parents

Term 4 2015

HHT held a book launch for the latest volume of Tuawahine, a journal of student writing and art work. This is a collection of work from 2014 - 2015. It includes creative and transactional writing for English classes and NCEA. Present was Diana Shum, from Adprint Ltd who designed and printed the book. The beautiful photographs of students’ children were taken by Kerry-Anne Hutchison.

L-R: Students reading; Diana Shum & Helen Webber; Pray Meh Nga, Amy Nikey and Sam Beattie; Iayyah O’Neill holds her son Isahah and a copy of Tuawahine which features them both on the front cover.

John and Ruth McIntyre delivered a “reading to your children” session to students at HHT as part of the James Patterson Independent Bookstore Grant. The Children’s Bookshop was one of four New Zealand recipients of this award which aims to get children reading. John emphasised the importance of reading to your child at a young age and making reading a ‘cuddle up’ time. Each student was presented with a children’s book to take home and read to their child.

Watercress Tuna and the Children of Champion Street by local author, Patricia Grace, was a familiar favourite. Students were encouraged to make a trip to the local library a regular event for their child to borrow books. The grant enabled John and Ruth to share their reading programme with other teen parent units in Levin and Upper Hutt. Our thanks go to Ruth & John for their generous support and regular donations of books for our library.

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We are now the grateful beneficiaries of funds and can add to our laptop capacity. The Open Polytechnic has also generously offered staff, volunteers, students and their partners a fee waiver to selected 2016 courses.

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Craft at HHT

The best uncooked playdough recipe
(Playcentre cookbook)
Ingredients:
1. 1/2 cups flour
2. 1/4 cup salt
3. 1 cup boiling water
4. 1 Tbs cream of tartar (optional)
5. 1 Tbs cooking oil
6. Food colouring (optional)

Instructions:
1. Mix the flour, cream of tartar and salt in a large bowl. In another bowl add the cooking oil and the boiling water.
2. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients. Mix well (Take care not to splash yourself with the boiling water!) Turn onto floured surface and knead until no longer sticky.
3. Store in the fridge in a sealed plastic bag.

We are grateful to Bridget Piper for her ideas and enthusiasm for children’s play. Students have enjoyed making a new activity once a week including ocean bottles using food colouring and cooking oil, a ribbon-pull toy, a child’s wallet, uncooked finger paint and ‘gloop’.

Pray Meth, Nikki, Hineora and Nara are hands on making playdough.

Graduate News

HHT welcomes Sharlene Martin who has joined us this term managing our accounts and Tom Cranney who is our new van driver.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Gateway students, Esta Walker-Visala and Hineora Mike for completing the health course with Partners Porirua and Wellcare Education. Esta and Hineora have gained unit standards towards the National Certificate in Health, Disability and Aged Support (Foundation Skills) Level 2.

HHT Students feature in Capital Magazine

Wellington’s Capital magazine gave five current and past students and their children a day to remember when they were involved with anything like that before. It was very cool to see what happened and be part of the shoot. To read more on this article and to check out the fabulous photos, see the September Issue 24 and www.capitalmag.co.nz

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From our Teacher in Charge

Tēnā koutou katoa

As Christmas approaches, it is timely to reflect on the goodwill that wraps around our school. We are constantly moved by continuing friendships and new acts of generosity.

In today’s post were 26 swim passes for Tawa Pool, each one gifted as part of the Wellington City Council “Give Well - Live Well” initiative. These pay-it-forward passes were from local pool users for us to use in the future. In Auckland recently, cars were being washed by a team from Deloitte Consulting, Wellington, as part of their national fundraising competition. We are now the grateful beneficiaries of this and can add to our laptop capacity. The Open Polytechnic has also generously offered staff, volunteers, students and their partners a fee waiver to selected 2016 courses.

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