

**A Pass for a Future**  
 I've got a lot of baggage,  
 And the plane will take all but I.  
 There's no room for me and my stuff,  
 I'm not allowed to fly.

My suitcase is full,  
 Of the past that hinders my present,  
 It's ripping at the seams,  
 A reminder, a depressant.

In it is four past high schools,  
 Excessive truancy,  
 Changing countries here and there,  
 Moving constantly.

Digging deeper through the wreckage,  
 I find the memory of being teased,  
 Known as that geek or that goth,  
 Being mocked if I achieved.

I discover a jar of anxiety,  
 A box of isolation,  
 A zip-lock bag of fear  
 And a carton of desolation.

Poking up through the past,  
 Is a golden envelope  
 Containing a letter like no other,  
 A letter titled *Hope*.

Black ink imprints my mind,  
 Reading each word written  
*He Huarahi Tamariki*  
 Meaning *A Chance for Children*.

I think of my first day,  
 I was pregnant at fifteen,  
 Starting at a fifth high school,  
 A totally different scene.

We're all in the same boat  
 Here at HHT  
 There are no bullies only friends,  
 It's like a family.

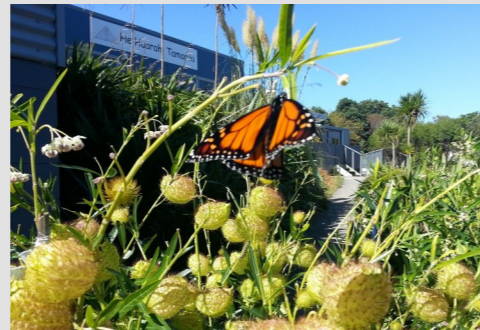
Where everyone is accepted,  
 And opinions can be shared  
 The self-esteem of each student  
 Will surely be repaired

Thinking of all my school has done  
 For me in the last few years  
 Encourages me to smile  
 As my eyes well with tears

I tuck the letter in my pocket,  
 Deserting the suitcase on the floor  
 Leaving it at the airport  
 Because I don't need that anymore

I run to the gate,  
 Exchanging a smile with the staff  
 I show them the letter titled hope,  
 And I'm given my boarding pass.

Amber Woods 2014



# He Huarahi Tamariki

School for Teenage Parents

Term 1 2015



## Prize giving 2014

Above: He Huarahi students and staff sing 'Mana Wahine', the school song.  
 Left: Dr Sean Hanna. Right: Molly Moananu with son, Jireh.

Prize giving 2014 was celebrated with students, staff, family and friends at He Huarahi Tamariki. Te Maamae Siale-Tou gave a mihi and karakia to welcome everyone and lead the ceremony. Chantelle Stewart and Molly Moananu acted as our MCs and introduced our guests including Dr Sean Hanna, GP, our guest speaker. Dr Sean talked about the importance of listening as a learning tool and valuing people. Further highlights included music performances by the HHT Choral group led by Jhan Lindsay singing 'Price Tag' by Jessie J, 'Steal My Kisses' by Ben Harper and 'Sunday Morning' by Maroon 5. Former student, Victoria Scheule, spoke about her journey as a young teen parent and her return to education completing a Bachelor of Education and becoming a qualified primary school teacher. Amber Woods read her poem 'Pass for a Future'. We said goodbye to ten of our students who were going on to work and further study.

This year a number of special awards were made: the School Attendance Prize was awarded to Molly Moananu, Sandra-Jean Graham-Hall and Hineora Hodges Mike; the Clifton Buck Memorial Cup for Excellence in Writing was awarded to Amber Woods and the inaugural Absolutely Positively Wellington Student Award went to Esta Walker-Visala for academic achievement, being a role model as a young mother, friend and valued member of the HHT community. Our graduate students, Victoria Scheule, Sarah Smith and Ruth Laulu were congratulated for completing a Diploma of Teaching, a Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Media Studies respectively.

Our students were again fortunate to receive assistance from the HHT Trust and the following scholarships were awarded:  
 • The Federation of Graduate Women - Ruth Laulu, • the Michael Campbell Foundation - Chantelle Leota, • Brian & Pat Tyler - Molly Moananu, Brian & Pat Tyler - Kimberley Strachan, • The Wellington District Grand Priory Branch of the Masonic Knights Templar - Te Aroha Wineera, • Zonta - Leiana Lavakula, • Mana Mission Support - Leiana Lavakula, • Mana Professional Business Women - Natasha Dobbs, • Sir David Baragwanath - Clara Curtis. We are very grateful for the support from our donors.



Winners at the end of year student and staff dinner held at the Wagamama in Wellington. From left to right: Amber Woods, Regis Le Moguedec, Molly Moananu, Esta Walker-Visala, Chantelle Leota and partner, Bradley.

### INDIA'S DAUGHTER *The Story of Jyoti Singh*

For the past two years, our Level 2 Social Studies classes have been studying the protests following the gang rape of 23 year old physiotherapy student Jyoti Singh on a moving bus, in New Delhi, India. Teachers and staff were, therefore, very interested when it was announced that British film maker Leslee Udwin had made a documentary about the rape, with interviews with both rapists and lawyers. We were doubly interested when the Indian Government turned around and banned the film a few days before it was due to be released. It's worth catching if you can, for an eye-opening look into India's heartbreaking sexual assault problem.

### First Aid Course



Christina Saunderson & Roger White from St John's taught students basic first aid and resuscitation to gain their Level 1 Certificates.

### ★ Dates for your diary

- ★ • Tuesday 31 March Report evening
- ★ • Thursday 2nd April Term 1 ends
- ★ • Monday 20th April Term 2 begins
- ★ • Monday 27th April Anzac day

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. J Turner, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, N P Campbell, MB & LE Gill, C Ammunson.

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## Presentation of 2014 Awards & Scholarships



## From our Teacher in Charge

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

Prize giving 2014 was a very special occasion. Thank you to all who joined us in celebrating our students' achievements and in wishing our leavers well. We are already hearing positive reports from our graduates who have also been advocating strongly for their fellow teen parents. Thank you to our scholarship donors who have been so loyal and generous and to Ruth and John McIntyre for hosting Julia Donaldson and gifting a scholarship. We are indebted to all who support us in so many ways.

Altrusa International of Wellington put huge energy into organising an aerobic competition in 2014 and raised money for literacy support for HHT. We now have group sets of 'Mister Pip' by Lloyd Jones, 'Never Fall Down' by Patricia McCormick and 'The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian' by Sherman Alexie. These are all compelling reads.

This term we have welcomed 12 new students, 5 new babies and Helen Bean who has joined our teaching team bringing a wealth of experience. We have farewelled Helen Lewis, now in London, and are soon to wish Melissa Carrère all the best as she goes on maternity leave.

Our school garden is currently rich with newly hatched monarch butterflies. Each butterfly seems to symbolise the transformative power of education and the opportunity to 'take flight' for our students. Last week it was a privilege to attend the graduation at Whitireia and see Sarah Smith receive her Bachelor of Social Work degree. Our congratulations to Sarah on this achievement.

*Ngā mihi nui Helen Webber*



## End of Year Lunch Hosted by the Zonta Club of Mana



Students and staff were guests of the Zonta Club of Mana at an end of year function held at the Roundabout in Tawa. "I felt special," said Lily. "It was a great way to end the year." Members gave a present for each child and a goodie bag to every student. Students enjoyed a delicious lunch and listened to guest speaker, Angela Stone, fashion stylist. Our thanks go to all the Zonta members who made it such a great day for us.

## Julia Donaldson presents The Gruffalo and other Stories



St Peter's on Willis Street, Wellington was packed with students, children and their parents to hear Julia Donaldson, author of the Gruffalo, read and perform a number of her stories. She was assisted by members of the audience who dressed up in costume to help bring the 'The Magic Paintbrush', 'What the Ladybird Heard' and other stories to life.

John and Ruth McIntyre of the Kilbirnie Children's Bookshop kindly donated funds of \$1400 from the event to a scholarship for students at He Huarahi Tamariki. Victoria Scheule accepted the award on behalf of the school and spoke about her experiences as a teen parent at HHT and the challenges and demands of studying as a young mother. HHT "took me under their wing," said Victoria. She is now a first year teacher at Avalon Primary. Our thanks go to John and Ruth McIntyre for their very generous gesture and support for HHT. If you would like to hear Victoria speak about her experiences you can listen online at:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player/20170614>



## Tag Nationals 2015

We are very proud of Isayah O'Neill, who played in the Wellington Open Mixed Grade football tag team at the national tournament in Auckland. The team made it to the quarter finals but were knocked out by the eventual winners, Counties Manakau.

## 2015 Student Diary

Esta Walker-Visala, Hineora Hodges Mike & Victoria Pikirangi with copies of the new diary. Artwork by Esta (Absolutely Positively Wellington Student Award winner).



## Global Mission Visit to HHT



Twelve young people from the Training in Mission team visited He Huarahi Tamariki in November 2014 as part of a global visit to Taiwan, Kiribati and New Zealand. Members of the group came from Guyana, Jamaica, Kiribati, South Korea, Samoa, India, Bangladesh, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Madagascar and Papua New Guinea. The group spent ten months together travelling and visiting other cultures and shared stories and experiences with our students including a memorable, impromptu, music and dance session (see photo below). "It was cool to meet people from different countries," said Stephanie, "and learn about their lives. Being a teen parent is very different in other countries. We are very loved in New Zealand."

*Captions from left to right: Stephanie Makavalu and Lily Talamaivao talk with Rose from Papua New Guinea and Teitao from Kiribati. Dancing: Shamir from Jamaica on piano, Gwenny from Zambia dancing with Fenosoa from Madagascar.*

## New Babies

We welcome five new babies: Angie Agudelo Montes -Thomas; Sandra-Jean Graham -Hall -Emma; Allison Yates -Emily; Hinehou Mason -Rinoa, Courtney Warren -Tyler & Susanna Fai -Nirvana.



## Teens Can Cook

Chris Fortune, of Teens Can Cook, arrived at HHT with his apron, mobile kitchen and recipes. Chris has been cooking in kitchens around the world for 18 years and now he is taking his kitchen to schools around NZ. As well as demonstrating how to make Apple and Silver Beet Crepes he used the HHT garden as a teaching tool and stirred our silver beet, chard, Italian parsley, zucchini, tomatoes and edible flowers into a pilaf dish. Chris also talked about sugar and how much is in your food with a particular focus on sugary drinks and "diabetes—what is it?" Chris aims to inspire and motivate teens to cook for themselves. Check out Chris' website on: [www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz](http://www.kidscancookkitchen.org.nz) for more recipes.

*Caption: Chris and apprentice chef, Goldie Duncan, preparing pilaf.*



## Apple and Silverbeet Crepes

Teens Can Cook

Easy to make and fun to eat, great as a snack or a meal, make them up and leave them in the fridge or freezer.

- 125g plain flour
  - 1 1/2 cups of milk
  - 2 eggs
  - apples, grated
  - silverbeet or spinach
1. Mix milk and eggs, whisk into flour and leave to rest for 20 mins. If it is too thick, thin with milk.
  2. Ladle into crepe pan and cook until golden brown, leave to cool.
  3. Mix apple and thinly sliced silver beet together. Roll up into a tight cylinder. Cut into bite size pieces. Serve these hot or cold.

## Altrusa Book Donation



Kim Edmonds-Stoneham and Melissa Carrère accept new book titles from Katrina Clokie, President of Altrusa, for the English department and HHT library.