

## HHT Visits the Anne Frank Exhibition and The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand



This term we were introduced to the iconic Anne Frank, who since her untimely death at the age of 16, has become the face of Jewish persecution under Hitler and the Nazis in WWII. The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand brought a travelling exhibition to the Dominion Museum in Mt Cook this winter, called *Anne Frank - Let Me Be Myself*, and in the lead up to the visit we began reading Anne Frank's very famous diary each morning at briefing. The exhibition itself was small but informative, and our two social sciences teachers, Helen and Melissa, read the panels aloud to the students so we could discuss the events and issues. We then walked down to the Holocaust Centre, stopping in at the War Memorial for a quick tour, where we met Marlene Levine, who provided a powerful oral history of her family's escape from Hitler's Germany during the war. There were so many precious artifacts on display it was hard to pick a favourite, but one of the most incredible items was a smock worn in a factory during the war by a woman who managed to survive and then relocate to New Zealand. The smock bears her identification number, the same one that was tattooed on her arm, but also has her initials embroidered on the collar, which was perhaps a small rebellion on her part. The day was an incredible eye-opener for all of us, and we are so grateful to Marlene for sharing her personal story with us; it really helped us grasp the reality of what life was like for Jews during that horrific period of history.

*Melissa Carrère*

## NZ Opera The Elixir of Love

We were once again very fortunate to be given four tickets for the dress rehearsal of the New Zealand Opera Company's performance of *The Elixir of Love*. Featuring husband and wife Pene Pati (of Sol3Mio fame) and Amina Edris in the leading roles, the opera was a wonderful experience. Set in an antipodean country town at the turn of the century, it had the music, the intrigues, the sets, the humour and the side screens, with the English version of the lyrics, to ensure it was a great night of theatre.

We felt uplifted by the sounds and sights and just loved the experience of a night at the opera.

Thank you to Jock and Maureen Milne for their kind donation of tickets and for the opportunity to attend such an event.

## Work Experience



Photo L-R: Hinehou Mason, Toni Reilly, Tay Manuel and Joan Reader, work experience co ordinator.

Toni Reilly from Rappaw gave a presentation on preparing for work experience. Joan Reader our work experience co ordinator again liaised with providers and matched students with work placements. Thank you to all our work placement providers who gave students the opportunity to experience a range of tasks and professions.

**A very big thank you to all the public and private donors who have supported us this term. 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 Tawa Catholic Women's League and W Crane. Thank you also to those who bring knitting and other household goods for our students. They are very much appreciated.

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## LeadHERship



Above L-R: Hinehou Mason and Mary Turua attend the LeadHERship course. Karen Leef talks to Mary and Hinehou. Below: Mary and Hinehou with Shift leader, and others on the course.

"I would recommend the experience to anyone," said Mary Turua. "I enjoyed the day when we had a session on relationships. It was a really good process to learn how to love yourself so that you can love others. The tips on the five steps for wellbeing were also good; to connect, be active, keep learning, give to others and be mindful. I enjoyed talking to Karen Leef and could relate to her story as a single mum. Plus, the volleyball was awesome!"

Hinehou Mason and Mary Turua participated in the Shift senior LeadHERship course at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua recently and were asked to open the day with a karakia.

"I was selected for a LeadHERship course that ran for two days at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua, held by SHIFT, an organisation that encourages young women to be active in their lives. During the LeadHERship conference we had some amazing and inspiring speakers from all over Wellington. The one person who I thought was really inspiring was Lara Andrews who is a pro softball player, born and raised in Lower Hutt. She grew up playing softball but took it seriously from the age of eight. When she was in her teens she got a scholarship to play for an American team.

Lara wanted "to be a teenager" but that was hard due to her softball responsibilities and I can relate to that having a three year old. Sometimes I'd like some alone time but that's a bit tricky.

From LeadHERship I learned that a good leader can let their walls down and be soft and strong and this is something I can work on. *Hinehou Mason.*

## Farewell to Helen Webber



Students, staff and whānau gather for a photograph on Helen's last day at HHT.

At HHT we never say goodbye, only 'au revoir' as our students and staff never really leave us. Helen Webber, only our second Teacher in Charge, left us at the end of Term 1, after more than fourteen years at the helm. Former students, friends and family gathered for a special farewell at HHT that included speeches, song, and a haka. Members of the community shared precious stories and memories of their associations with Helen. Many tears of appreciation were shared. Neil and June Penman made a special presentation to the school of two framed black and white photographs of Helen and our former kaumātua, Aporo Joyce, to hang in our school room.



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### From our Teacher in Charge

Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you all for a warm welcome and rousing pōwhiri to start my time here at He Huarahi Tamariki. I felt immensely proud to be handed over by my friends and colleagues from the Network for Learning to become part of the HHT whānau. Thank you also to Sally Haughton and Wellington East Girls' College for their support and welcome.

I would like to acknowledge Helen Webber for her careful stewardship of HHT during her time as Teacher in Charge, and look forward to guiding the school into the future.

Over the past term I have spent time learning about how HHT runs, observing operations and thinking about what makes this place so unique. The community, the way we care about others and the focus on learning in order to be better role models for our children are evident in everything I have seen, heard and felt so far at HHT.

I have enjoyed listening to people's stories and meeting their tamariki and look forward to building on these solid foundations.

This term our students have continued to enjoy a range of experiences, many of which are possible through the generosity of the community and our donors. Thank you to Porirua City Council for Te Pahi, the Community School Bus which enabled us to travel to the Anne Frank exhibition and to the Wellington Holocaust Centre, who so generously provided time and expertise to share their story. Thank you also to the many employers who so generously provided our students with work experience placements. These are invaluable insights into the world of work and often lead to career choices or sometimes a job offer.

I am looking forward to working with you all in the future to continue to make He Huarahi Tamariki an even more amazing place.

Ngā mihi, Paula Hay



Paula Hay speaks at the pōwhiri welcoming her to HHT. Sally Haughton, HHT staff and students and members of Network for Learning look on in support.

### Farewell to Leigh Maczuga



Students and staff farewelled Leigh Maczuga, our Science, Biology and Home Economics teacher after ten years at HHT with a cake, tears and speeches. We wished Leigh 'au revoir', safe travels and time with her family overseas.

### Introducing Rose Flavall

Rose Flavall has joined us as our interim social support person while Liora Ben-Dror is on leave. Rose comes with experience working as a youth transition coach and a youth service case manager. "I am delighted to be working with the students in such a supportive environment."



### Knitting

Thank you to the Wellington Social Club Knitters who made beautiful wollen blankets for our babies (photo left) and to Paia and Donna, the crocheters at Te Ara school, who made clothes for our babies (photo right). They are very much appreciated.



### Welcome to our new babies:

- Art, a boy, Kyree.
- Evie, a boy, Noah.
- Mereana, a girl, Bernadette.
- Maria, a girl, Violet.



## Civics Programme



Above: L-R Judith Billington, Jordy Hermans, Amy Nixey-Ho, Jodie Mickleson, Sharni Mackenzie, Keryn Wear and Melissa Carrère. Below: L-R: Giada Peyroux, Tineka Waiariki, Anais Ngaronga-Pound, Sharna-Lee Haimona, Jennie Leadbeater, Nakita Kopua, Amy Nixey-Ho and Evie Ward. Right: Richard Johnston from DOC with his dog, Kowhai.

As a young woman, a career in the construction industry may not be the first thing that comes to mind but students were introduced to the idea when two architects and a flooring designer spoke to them at HHT recently. We welcomed Jodie Mickleson, Regional Sales Manager for Ontera/ Milliken, Sharni Mackenzie and Keryn Wear, senior associates of Design Group Stapleton Elliott and asked them about their career paths and the different job opportunities available in the sector. A repeated message was, "if there is an opportunity, grab it!" Judith Billington, volunteer who co-ordinated the visit and our speakers, were all members of the National Association of Women in Construction or NAWIC who encourage women to pursue careers in the construction industry. Inspired by the presentation, two students have enrolled in an introductory five week course in electrical engineering at Whitireia Polytech.

Former student, Sharna-Lee Haimona, from Wellington Rape Crisis, spoke on sexual abuse. Sharna-Lee gained a BSW (Hons) from Massey University and is currently studying towards her Masters. Richard Johnston brought his dogs to school as part of an advocacy programme for his work in conservation. The dogs are an integral part of the predator-free strategic 2050 plan which aims to protect our natural taonga by ridding New Zealand of rats, stoats and possums.



Starting university can be a daunting experience but a trip to Victoria University was anything but. Students were introduced to the VUW campus by Ali from Te Roopu Awhina. This was followed by a visit to Space Place with Troy, as part of Matariki. Students programmed robots through a Mars landscape.

