



# Scholarships

Our students are fortunate to have received assistance from the HHT Trust. The following scholarships were awarded at our December Prizегiving:

Alice Baller	Marcia Spencer Award
Chloe Callaghan	Margaret Lynn Baxter Award
Clara Curtis	David Baragwanath Scholarship
Elenoa Fagalei	Brian & Pat Tyler Award
Brittany Foua	Andrea Brander
Priya Gajadhar	The Federation of Graduate Women
Joanna Huse	Zonta Club of Mana
Ruth Lulu	Brian & Pat Tyler Award
Aveda Lomano	Michael Campbell Award
Victoria Scheule	Andrea Brander
Sarah Smith	Mana Mission
Sarah Smith	Wellington District Grand Priory Branch of the Masonic Knights Templar
Kimberley Strachan	Soroptimists International Kapiti



Recently we enjoyed hosting the Hon Hekia Parata who met students and staff. We were proud to show her our honours board and share our programmes. Photo: Amber Woods and the Hon Hekia Parata.

## Zonta Lunch



Teachers and volunteers enjoy lunch with Sarah Wilson (middle) at 1841 in Johnsonville

At the end of Term 4 Zonta were kind enough to take us out to a lunch at the delicious 1841 Restaurant in Johnsonville. Our guest speaker was Sarah Wilson from Adventure Coaching. Sarah is an extreme outdoor sportswoman. She told us of her incredible journey climbing New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mount Cook, cycling to Picton, and paddling across Cook Strait in a double sea kayak, in early 2013. Sarah had tried to complete the course in 2011, but was nearly killed in the first stretch by an avalanche. Luckily her companion, Cat Shand, was able to dig her out, and she survived to 'knock the bastard off' another day! Thank you to Zonta and all their sponsors for this special event.

# THE GRADUATES

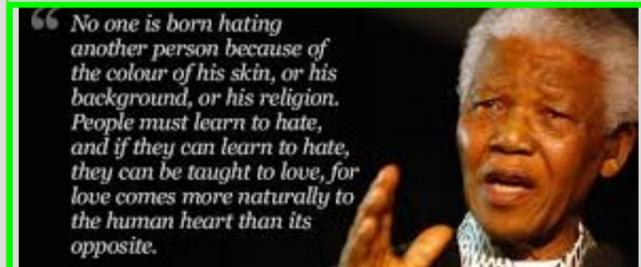
We have been delighted by visits from many of our former students over the past few months. At graduation we caught up with Victoria Scheule, Chloe Callahan, Petra Haliciopolous, and Alice Baller (pictured below).



Vicky began the Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching in 2014, and is currently on a placement at Raroa Intermediate, which she is loving. After taking a year off, Chloe has just begun a course in Sports Science. Petra completed her Bachelor of Arts in 2013 and is now working at the Wellington City Library, and Alice completed a computing course in 2013.



We were also lucky enough to have former students Kate Scheib and Stephanie O'Carroll-Ron speak at morning briefing in term 1. Kate (left) completed the nursing foundation course at Whitireia in 2013 and is now undertaking the Bachelor of Nursing. Steph (right) has been on an incredible career trajectory over the past two years. Initially employed by BNZ, Steph is now working at the call centre for ANZ and is one of their top representatives, winning accolades for her customer service.



We took a whole school trip to see "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom" at the Lighthouse in Petone in term 1, introducing many of our students to the story of this great man.

## From our Teacher in Charge

*Tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.*

We are already half way through the year. Looking back on prize giving reminds us of the generosity of our scholarship donors, the support we receive from so many in different ways and the success of our students both in school and our graduates. We are indebted to Phil Desmond, driver of the 100% club, who for years has steered our students towards gaining their licences and supported many nervous test applicants. Phil's dedication has been extraordinary. Our current students are working equally hard and we are confident that we will have more to celebrate in less than six months' time. At last year's ceremony, our student MC, Priya Gajadhar, finished her farewell speech with a poignant poem. This is an excerpt that deserves sharing.

*Starting a new journey:  
Gaining credits towards our future,  
Gaining pride within ourselves,  
Gaining a sense of belonging.  
Our full potential is not as impossible  
as we had imagined.  
We become the masters of our own fate...  
Having our children young means that we met  
a little early  
But it also means we can love our children  
a little longer.*

2014 has had many highlights. Our Civics classes have included laughter, meditation, sexual health and relationship workshops. There have been hair and make up demonstrations thanks to the Mana Business Women's "Project Fireworks" which kindles interest in a range of careers. Classes have undertaken research at the National Archives and had a personal screening at the Time Cinema. Our school went to a screening of "The Revolutionary Optimists" at The Roxy in Miramar. As the credits rolled, a group of students started talking. "Well, you could see that from a Marxist perspective." "Yeah, and feminist." "What about Freudian?" asked a teacher. The reply was immediate, "Hell, yeah. Priyanka had an Electra complex." Talking to the students later, one said. "Level 3 English changes your life."

Our graduates continue to visit. Some months back, to our delight, a daughter of an early graduate of HHT spoke at a function to share news of a scholarship she had been awarded to complete a Bachelor of Teaching. Congratulations to Harmony Kemp Wong Pown. Congratulations must also go to the Palmerston North TPU, who hosted the Lower North Island Teen Parent Netball Tournament, and to the HHT netball team, who won this competition!

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Helen Webber*

## The Ambition Question

During the holidays we were visited by Ian Caswell, an international researcher looking into the factors that drive both students and teachers to succeed. A copy of the interviews and write up are available on his website, [theambitionquestion.com](http://theambitionquestion.com), along with photos of our students holding signs indicating their personal goals (below).



## Smoking Sue Smokes For Two!

As part of our goal to become smokefree by term 4, we were visited by the 'Smoking Susan' team from Ora Toa. Susan is a rather disturbing pregnant doll, who actually smokes cigarettes. The water is slowly becoming more and more gunky as time passes, showing the awful impact cigarette smoke during pregnancy can have as the baby's home becomes increasingly polluted.



## Careers Expo

A group of us went to the 2014 Careers Expo at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. The Expo is organised by The Learning Shop and strongly supported by Careers NZ and the schools and tertiary providers from the Porirua area. Its vision is to offer "an environment for students and community that encourages participation and informed decision making about job options and careers through interactive 'Hands On' career activities and displays". A lot of professional organisations or education providers had stalls, where students could go and ask questions directly to the people involved. They could also participate in activities directly linked to the jobs represented, or find out about the pathways that can lead to particular jobs. It was fun walking around and seeing what people had to offer. I really loved talking to the RNZ Navy crew and getting more information about the vast array of careers they had to offer. The experience left me wanting to know even more about the type of jobs and careers available, and I am looking forward to new opportunities to explore my careers options.

*Molly Moananu*