

He Huarahi Tamariki

School for Teenage Parents

Term 3 2013



HHT Triumphs 2013 Netball Tournament Porirua



NETBALL

This year He Huarahi Tamariki hosted the annual teen parent netball tournament for the first time. The six teams competing for the tournament trophy came from as far as Napier, Upper Hutt, Masterton and Palmerston North, with the Auckland team joining us after a very bumpy flight down. Our umpires from the local netball clubs came to us in our hour of need, keeping everyone on task and running the tournament with consideration, humour and professionalism. Games were fiercely competitive and after losing to Napier earlier in the day, the HHT team won 19 – 17 in the final. The team practised passionately under coach, Liana Burns, a former student and the win (the first one ever!) was a real team event. We are very grateful to L’Affare, who provided us with coffee and to Frances Solia, who provided our bibs and netballs. Brigid Wellwood was our volunteer caterer for the day, providing delicious morning tea and lunch. Our thanks go to all the teams who competed and to parents and supporters who came on the day – we couldn’t have done it without you.

Helen Lewis

“She’ll be Write”

In May we were lucky enough to head along to the production ‘She’ll Be Write’ at the Pataka theatre. This brilliant collection of young actors wowed us with their interpretations of an enormous range of kiwi writers. They brought to life everything from The End of the Golden Weather to a modernised Shakespeare to Daughters of Heaven, which most of us are more familiar with as Heavenly Creatures. It was a fantastic treat, full of giggles, which had all the teachers scratching their heads trying to be the first to guess the titles of the pieces performed

Melissa Carrere

What we are reading

This term at HHT we have a new mini-library located towards the back of the classroom, set up to house the overflow of incredible books we've both purchased and received from our generous donors, The Children's Bookstore.

My personal favourite this term is the novel 'The Rosie Project' by Graeme Simsion. It tells the tale of Don Tillman, a professor of physics, and his quest to find a wife. Unlike most love stories though, Don doesn't want to find love in the old fashioned, boy meets girl way. He finds these types of social interactions far too challenging, and so sets out to find a wife by means of a (very scientifically challenging!) questionnaire. And then he meets Rosie.....

The story provides hilarious insight into the working of Don's mind, and his interpretation of the world – it has been a while since I've laughed quite so hard or so loudly at a book! Buy or borrow a copy today. You won't regret it.

Melissa Carrere



Film Making

On Tuesday the 9th of July a small group of students went into Wellington to Te Puni Kokiri and learnt about film making and sustainability. It was a film making workshop and most of it was done in Te Reo Maori. We were also joined by another school who were from a kura kaupapa. A lot of talking and explaining was done in Te Reo and some in English. Learning about the other students and their school was also interesting. When we got the chance to make a short film, we got into small groups of 5 and 6 with different age groups. Our film was about two superheros saving Tane Mahuta from getting chopped down by factory workers. Our whakataukii was "He totara wahi rua he kai na te ahi" which means together the kaupapa stands. If it doesn't then the tree splits in half and it will be food for the fire. I had fun making this film. We had a turn at directing, filming and even editing the film and finished it in a short amount of time. It gave us the idea of making our own film and maybe entering the Outlook for Someday film competition.

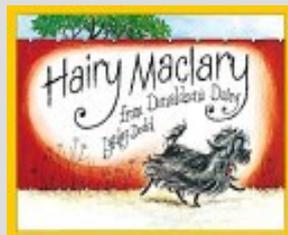
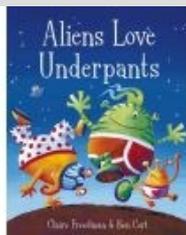
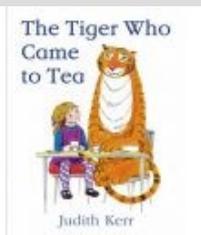
Aveda Lomano



Kapahaka Regionals July 2013

On the last day of term 3 the Te Reo class went to the Te Rauparaha Arena to watch Te Whanganui-a-Tara, the Wellington Regional Secondary Schools Kapahaka Competition. The event had a real community spirit with 1,300 people attending. Students had the opportunity to catch up with their teachers and friends from other schools. HHT had two students stand up and haka a tautoko, supporting their previous schools. Our haka stars were Shawnee, who supported Onslow College and Johanna, who supported Kapiti College. This was just wonderful to see! Well done and tino pai to Te Kura Maori o Porirua, who delivered an outstanding performance to win the competition. The event highlighted the importance of performing arts as part of the Pasifika culture and in teaching Te Reo Maori.

Kohine Balejko



Children's Books

As part of our growing collection, we also have a number of children's books on offer for our students to take home and read to their children. John and Ruth McIntyre emphasised the importance of reading from an early age. It helps build vocabulary, improves memory, stimulates imagination and boosts communication skills in a fun and varied way.

Reading also introduces the concepts of stories, numbers, letters, colours and shapes, and gives children information about the world around them. Best of all, reading to your child provides an opportunity to spend time together, especially if baby is on your knee in order to see the pictures better.

Some favourites in our household include the Hairy Maclary series, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, and Aliens Love Underpants. My 16 month old daughter requests a book every morning when she wakes and before every sleep, and has pages in Aliens Love Underpants that she finds never-endingly hilarious, proving it's never too young to start!

Melissa Carrere

From our Acting Teacher in Charge

A busy term 2 finished on a high note when our team won the Teen Parent netball tournament in July. It was held indoors at our local Te Rauparaha Arena and was a great opportunity for various schools to get together. Games were fiercely but fairly contested and we were delighted to have our friends and family for support on the side line. After a nail biting final, the trophy now holds pride of place in our schoolroom.

Term 3 began with a visit from the Education Review Office. Our students had the opportunity to share their experiences and talk about their programmes and learning at HHT. During the same week we dealt with fire alarms (but no fires!) and an earthquake scare which put to good use our “drop, cover and hold” skills.

Last week it was time for Work Experience. Our students were out in the community gaining experience and knowledge from different employers and professionals. A range of placements from law to hospitality allowed our students to gain meaningful insights and useful knowledge across a variety of occupations. Many have come back with more precise career ideas and plans and a renewed focus on where to go next and how to get there. Add this to studying and gaining credits for NCEA and taking care of their children, our students lead busy lives.

We are very grateful to the wider community for the opportunities given to our students as part of our civics programme. John McIntyre, from the Children’s Bookshop, invited award winning author, Mandy Hager, to hold a creative writing workshop with students from HHT and Tawa College. She gave valuable tips on the writing process. Holly Gooch has given a workshop on story telling, Thomas Roberts taught us CPR and the Mana Business and Professional Women organised Sara Seranke, caterer, and Sheryl Collins, from Black Rose florist, to demonstrate their skills.

Our graduates continue to succeed and we are very proud of Victoria Scheule, who completed her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Victoria University in July. We also congratulate Kate Scheib on being awarded a scholarship from the Mana Business and Professional Women to go towards her Bachelor of Nursing studies in 2014.

Our volunteers hold a special place in our hearts and our thanks go to Phil for his continuing support for the driving programme, Patricia, Barbara and Cecilia for their assistance with our ESOL students, to Sue for all her help with our quilters and to Rick, our handyman, who is unfazed by whatever job we suggest to him. To you all, thank you.

This term it is my privilege to captain the HHT waka as Helen Webber is away on sabbatical. I have a team of capable and hardworking colleagues, including teachers who thought they had retired. We wish Helen a well earned sabbatical and look forward to her return in term 4.

Regis Le Moguedec

CIVIC SESSIONS

Every Wednesday the school is fortunate to have a range of visitors who share their knowledge and skills with us. This year the Mana Business Women organised Sarah Seranke, Caterer, to come and teach us how to make delicious rice paper rolls and Sheryl Collins from Black Rose florist to show us how you can put together a floral basket. “It was a really cool craft day and I still have mine at home”, said a student.



John and Ruth McIntyre came and read to us and gave us tips about reading to our children. Holly Gooch came and talked to us about story telling, and we refreshed our CPR skills with Thomas Roberts from Operation Heartbeat. We still have the Bee Gee’s song ‘Stayin’ alive, stayin’ alive’ running around in our heads.

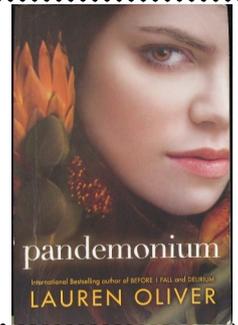
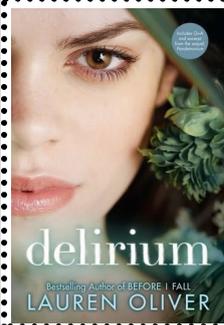
Winter Wellness Tips

- Keep warm • Wash your hands
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell
- Sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue
- Drink plenty of fluids • Get a good nights sleep



Delirium Trilogy

I read all three books in less than a month, that’s how addictive the series is. The story is set in a fantasy world where love is classed as a dangerous disease and it is compulsory for every single person to be cured of “amor deliria nervosa” or what they call love. The main character, Lena, rebels against her friends, family and society in her quest for love and a new way to live. You will be engrossed in this alternative reality. *Pateece Sua*



Evolve moves to new premises

In May students from HHT took part in a Youth Week project at Evolve, the one-stop shop for youth in the city. Priya Gajadhar, Patreece Sua, Johanna Ashcroft, Charmaine Clarke and Frances Shilder painted images on a pillar for a new mural to celebrate the move to new premises on level 2 of the James Smith building. Helen Webber and Sarah De Renzy represented HHT at the opening. Rebecca Zonveld, our nurse practitioner, spoke about the journey from Eva Street to the James Smith Building. Images for the new mural at Evolve painted by HHT students are shown below.



Story Telling with Holly Gooch

In term 2 Holly came and gave us some creative techniques for telling stories to our children including speaking or singing to them as much as we can, as it's the best way for them to learn language. And if we make it a bit silly, it becomes just that much more fun.

One of the activities we enjoyed most was the "unfortunately/fortunately game." One person starts telling a story e.g. "Today I wanted to walk to school", and then the next person has to say 'but unfortunately....' and come up with an obstacle for the person in the story e.g. "but unfortunately there was a tropical storm". The next person then has to find a way around it e.g. "but fortunately I had my magic hat which protects me from bad weather". As you can see, the story doesn't have to make a lot of sense, in fact the crazier the better.

She also shared one physical activity that we can play with younger children. The child sits on your knee, and while bouncing the little one up and down you say, "Jelly in the bowl, jelly in the bowl, wobble wobble, wobble wobble, jelly in the bowl." At the 'wobble wobble' part, gently sway baby back and forth. This game can be played really slowly and really fast, which is great for making baby laugh.

Welcome to our new babies & congratulations to our new mums

Rauaroha—Jarvis	Te Maamae - Adeeliah
Kayla —Ariana	Taylor - Kyrach
Shima - Liaina	Riria - Cedrick

Home Economics

The new Home Economics Level 3 programme is off to a flying start, with senior students involved in researching the effects of sugary and caffeinated drinks on our health, the influence of multinational corporations on our eating patterns and the minefield that involves making ethical choices when we purchase our food. We found out that there are 10 teaspoons of sugar in a can of coke and V and 12mg of caffeine in coke and 109mg caffeine in V! We are all influenced by the widespread promotion of fast and convenient food and we considered the ethical considerations of benefitting from the products of intensive farming. As well as being very topical, this programme leads to University Entry and provides for development of skills in researching and APA referencing. A great resource for our students!



Helen Lewis

Dates for your diary

- ★ Thursday 26th September -Parent teacher interviews
- ★ Fri 27th September - Term 3 ends
- ★ Monday 14th October Term 4 begins
- ★ Saturday 19th October Student formal
- ★ Thursday 5th December - Prizegiving
- ★ Thursday 12th December - Term 4 ends

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.

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