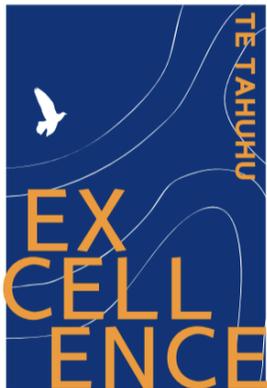


Reach for the sky!
'Whaia te iti kahurangi'

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Excellence

We are proud of our 2021 Student Leaders. Introducing our four Learning Community Ambassador teams, and new this year, Māori Leadership Rōpū and Pasifika Leadership Team. They will work alongside our Kaiārahi Head Students.

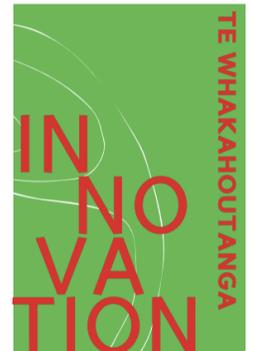
Māori Leadership Rōpū



Pasifika Leadership Team



Onekiritea, Taheretikitiki, Tiriwa & Waiarohia Learning Community Ambassador Team



Innovation

Auckland Schools Rainbow Festival

Lil Gay Out

Last week we were proud to host the inaugural Auckland Rainbow Schools Festival. Hobsonville Point Secondary School exploded in rainbows as over 170 rainbow diverse students from 14 Auckland high schools took part in a day of safe acknowledgement, connecting, learning and celebration. The excitement from the students was palpable as they arrived and ramped up when we played personal video messages of support from singer Bennee and Prime Minister Jacinda Adern and Deputy Prime Minister Grant Robertson. To hear the intake of breath that the leader of their country sees and supports them was very moving. All the planning came to fruition on an awesome day.

World class Māori contemporary dancer and Artistic director of Atamira Dance Company, Jack Gray, led a joyful opening movement session. There were expert run workshops based on student voice, and a panel of brave students who shared their personal stories, as well as some fun bingo with RuPaul Drag Race star Anita Wigl'it.

A massive thank you to our generous sponsors The Peter Rule Fund and InsideOUT and gift donations by Loyola, Deadly Ponies, Same Love Gifts, Harveys Glen Eden and the NZ Police. A big shout out to Victoria Marsden, Brendan, Di and other amazing staff supporters.

"It was so awesome to be in a room full of people where I felt totally safe, accepted, and able to fully just be myself! It's a crazy feeling but one that can be so needed. Because often high school can feel very isolating for our community so it was really amazing to meet everyone"

"It was a place to learn, to meet people, educate yourself and others, be yourself and a true safe space that has left me wishing all places felt as safe and kind."



Inquiry

Onekiritea - Our Place

Project Showtime

Over the past 10 weeks, our ākonga have been working on projects that explored different problems, issues and aspects of the past, present and future of living in Onekiritea Hobsonville Point. On Wednesday last week these projects all came together to form the community event 'Onekiritea: Your Place'. The event was a great success with lots of people from the community coming along.

The students designed engaging interactive activities and it was great to see so many of them speaking passionately and confidently, with the public, about their projects. We were lucky enough to have some talented student and teacher performers provide entertainment and also have six food trucks come along to sell their delicious kai throughout the evening. Well done to all of the students and staff involved in this awesome evening!



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Connectedness

Powerful partnerships

Internship Story

Alannah Rennie

“Work experience at New Shoots, Whenuapai has been an incredible insight into the Early Childhood Education career. All of the teachers, especially Winnie, Mandy, Moh, and Claire, have taken me under their wing. They have been giving me tips, asking me questions, giving me opportunities to get to know the kids, and organizing some activities for the classroom. I am loving getting to know the kids and watching them grow as little people. In the short amount of time I’ve been there, I have seen them develop and come out of their shell, around me and each other. I cannot wait to see what else this year at New Shoots has to offer and how I will learn and grow along the way.”





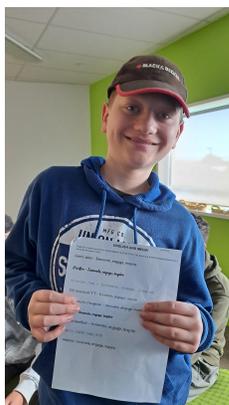
Glenn's hub participating in Learnletics



Marla's hub creating a paper chain and exploring concepts related to Ako and how they learn.



Left: Stella and Louis using whakatauki cubes to explore the concepts of Huarahi, Ako and Growth Mindset



Right: Marcus participating in Learnletics

Collaboration

Hub Curriculum - Huarahi Ako

The Term 2 Hub Curriculum focus is Huarahi Ako (Learning Pathway).

Hub coaches have been designing activities that provide opportunities for students to learn about how they learn, reflect on their learning, set goals and explore future pathways. In week 3 we had a school wide competition - Learnletics, where hubs competed against each other to learn skills and knowledge across a range of different topics.



Toni's hub using tapatoru and tāniko patterns to explore concepts related to Ako.



Liz's hub participating in Learnletics

Heads up on the horizon Dates

Queen's Birthday Holiday: Monday 7th June
Pasifika Fono: Weds 16th June 5.30 - 7.30pm
Māori Whānau Evening: Weds 30th June 5 - 7pm
IEMs: Weds 7th July - Fri 9th July

Other useful info

The **Sports Department** would like to share how they are working hard to ensure that information about sporting opportunities at HPSS is accessible to all students and whanau:



KAMAR is where we post notices (in the Daily Notices section) about upcoming events and opportunities (sign ups for new sports/teams, taster/have a go sessions that are coming up, meetings, etc). Students should be checking these notices each day during Hub time and should talk to their hub coaches if they do not know how to access the Daily notices.



This free app is used for all essential, critical and urgent communication **within** teams - between coaches, managers, players, parents/whanau and the Sports Department. All players should be a part of their team's group. Draws and training schedules will be posted on Heja, and there is also a chat function that is great for parents wanting to make transport arrangements for games.



The Sports Department has a dedicated screen (located above the main doors to the gym), to use as a digital notice board. Draws and results, as well as flyers about upcoming opportunities/tasters/etc are all posted here for students to see and read about.



Facebook and Instagram are used to celebrate our successes and achievements - acknowledging students who have been selected for representative teams or who have won tournaments, courses/workshops our students are involved with, sharing results from weekly fixtures, etc. At times notices (team sign ups, taster sessions, etc) might be posted on these platforms too, but only if they are shared in the daily notices as well.



Weekly sports draws for all teams are also posted to Facebook on a Monday morning - for those in the wider community who follow our teams and might want to know dates/venues for games.

We hope that this provides a useful summary for students, as well as whanau, on where to go to find relevant sports information. Please follow along and support our teams as they are out and about representing HPSS on the sports field/court/arena this year.

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