



Manawatu
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A note from our Mayor

Welcome to the 2022 Young Achievers Awards.

The Manawatū Youth Council supported by the Manawatū District Council are proud to host this year's Manawatū District Young Achievers Awards ceremony.

This ceremony acknowledges students in the Manawatū District that have contributed positively to the community and demonstrated exceptional leadership amongst their peers.

The selection criteria celebrates youth in our community who achieve greatness on many levels and also acknowledges youth in our district who contribute positively to their school and/or wider community.

Schools were given the Award categories and invited to nominate suitable students, highlighting their outstanding contribution in one or more of the categories.

Congratulations to all of our Youth Awards recipients.



Helen Worboys

Manawatū District Council Mayor

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A note from our Youth Council Chairperson



The Manawatū Youth Council is a group of passionate youth advocating for our young peers in the Manawatū community. Throughout the year, we have meetings to discuss topics of interest, make submissions on council bylaws, as well as plan our three main events – Youth Night Market, Colour Run and Young Achievers Awards.

After being a Youth Councilor for two years (2020 – 2021), I had the privilege of being appointed the Manawatū Youth Council Chairperson for 2022 as our previous Chairperson, Luca Luoni was finishing his term and heading off to uni. It has been a challenging role, testing my leadership and communication abilities, time management, and patience. However, the role has taught me so much and provided me with extensive opportunities that have shaped who I am today. I look forward to seeing the Youth Council's progress once my term finishes and wish the new Chairperson the best of luck.

The Young Achievers Awards is a long-standing Civic Ceremony that recognises Manawatū youth going above and beyond in a range of different areas. Last year, COVID-19 meant that we had to split the awards into two sessions, with restrictions in place to ensure the safety of those attending. For those at home, the event was livestreamed over Facebook. It is a relief that these restrictions will no longer have to be in place, and we can celebrate our young nominees together.

Congratulations to those of you who have been nominated. It is an excellent achievement and something you should all be extremely proud of. The Manawatū Youth Council thank you for coming along to celebrate yours, and your peers' achievements. I know you'll all go on to do incredible things for the community.

Zoe Lister

2022 Manawatū Youth Council Chairperson

110% EFFORT

THIS AWARD IS FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING EFFORT, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



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Lucas Allen
Hiwinui School

Lucas is the most humble winner I have met. He will often place well in physical events but what is impressive is how he encourages his peers and fellow competitors during the event. Not only is Lucas a fantastic learner in the classroom, and is exceeding, but he is also a competitive swimmer, plays football for Marist and Phoenix Academy, and has a black belt in Kung Fu. At 12 years of age, Lucas is the epitome of 110% effort.



Jade Penfold
Halcombe School

Jade is highly motivated to achieve the best she can. She is proactive in seeking feedback on ways she can improve, and works hard every day. Jade has many interests, and shows enthusiasm for everything she does. Jade has an excellent attitude to all aspects of school life, and takes advantage of all the opportunities that come along.



Poppy Johnstone
Halcombe School

Poppy is completely focused on achieving excellent results in all areas. She maintains very high standards, and continually looks for ways to improve. Poppy's bookwork is immaculate and she takes great pride in what she does. She often comes up with thoughtful responses during class and group discussions, and thinks deeply before sharing her ideas. Poppy is a fantastic role model.



Aimee Carter
Apiti School

Aimee always puts 110% into every thing she does, in the classroom, on the sports field and as a citizen of Apiti School. She is always working on how to better herself and to be the best she can be. Aimee uses her spare time to create games and challenges for other students, always thinking of others.



Josie Field
Apiti School

Josie is the quintessential Apiti School Student. She represents our values of showing respect to all, demonstrating confidence, being creative, always aiming high, and being actively involved in everything she does. Josie is a hard worker who participates in all things Apiti and beyond.



Katie Bealing
FAHS Feilding High School

Katie is a humble leader, fantastic role model and student mentor. She is a hostel prefect, plays hockey, is a member of the Harriers team and is working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. She is also a Ruahine Whio Protector who supports DOC activities in the Ruahine ranges including checking stoat traps and hut maintenance.



Patrick Coogan
FAHS Feilding High School

Patrick epitomises the school values. He is a very caring, proactive hostel prefect who has provided support to his peers. He is a talented member of the Manawatū Scottish Pipe Band. He works with diligence, producing excellent academic results while also giving back through extracurricular activities.



Blake Ward-Smith
FAHS Feilding High School

Blake is a committed student who makes the most of every available opportunity. He has been a peer support leader and Year 10 school ambassador. He has been involved in the local CACTUS and schools Young Farmers programmes. Blake is a talented athlete who has been a member of the school teams for Harriers, tennis, table tennis, cross country and 1st XI junior football.



Brenna Ratima
FAHS Feilding High School

Brenna as a junior student is a natural leader. She shows total commitment in all that she does. She leads by example and is a great role model for her peers. Brenna has a very mature work ethic in Te Reo Maori and Kapa Haka where she has developed her performance skills and is a fantastic support for others. She is competent to lead the new school haka.



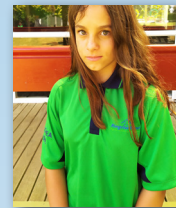
Rory Hehir
Rongotea School

Rory is one of our Head Students. She was a natural selection for this role due to her commitment to school and her learning. Rory has an exceptional work ethic. She enjoys learning and working with others. Rory excels in all subjects, being well above in maths, reading and writing. Rory is also a gifted artist and has produced many pieces for our school events.



Lily Monks
Rongotea School

Lily works exceptionally hard in her school work. She excels in reading and writing. Lily has taken on leadership roles in our school this year, and is a peer mediator. Giving up her own time to help others, especially our younger students. Lily is part of our principal cast in the school production this year, giving up lots of her time to practice and learn lines.



Harlow MacDonald
Rongotea School

Harlow is new to Rongotea School, but made an impression as a hard worker. Harlow completes her work to a high standard and is always willing to go beyond to complete more than is required. Harlow has taken numerous leadership roles including peer mediator, lead role in the production, and house captain. Harlow also represents our school in sports events including soccer, netball and orienteering.



Lexi Hills- Brown
Colyton School

Lexi is a quiet achiever who works diligently to be successful in all learning and sporting endeavours. She is competitive and persistent but consistently displays sportsmanship qualities. Lexi is extremely motivated to achieve her best and excels in many areas while showing humility. She understands the trials that others face and is ready to support and offer help.



Laura Carthew - Waugh
Colyton School

Laura has a very positive attitude towards all learning and strives to do her best at all times. She has an inquiring mind that questions the world around her. Laura seeks support for her own learning and then acts on advice and guidance. She readily helps others and is a motivated and persistent learner.



Abigail McKinnon
Kiwitea School

Abby is a focussed learner who is conscientious, responsible and hard-working. She puts a huge effort into everything she does both in the classroom and in the wider school community. She is an excellent speaker who has excelled in school, cluster and Manawatū speech competitions. An outstanding effort Abby.



Adam Wasley
Lytton Street School

Adam leads by example and excels in all he undertakes. This is evident in the classroom, Te Raukura and in sporting ventures. Adam works alongside all students, offering support where needed, and pushes himself to the best of his abilities. He has excelled in his William Pike Challenge and programme coordinators have requested his data be presented at a national level.



Noah Chee
Lytton Street School

Noah is a diligent and hardworking student who puts 110% effort into everything he does, consistently completing his work with quality in mind. Noah is keen to give everything a go and thrives when posed with a challenge. This was evident through Noah's input in both the Epro8 and Mathex teams. Noah is an outstanding role model for others.



Katie Kepea
Lytton Street School

Katie is a quiet but natural leader. She achieves success no matter what the task and never backs down from a challenge. Katie has excelled within Te Raukura and her leadership and commitment does not stop at the school gates - she is an avid ballet dancer and netball, never wanting to miss a game. Her effort is always set at 110%.



Jesse Fage
Tangimoana School

Jesse, a self-motivated learner, has taught himself fractions, decimals, percentages, and ratios. He checks in with the teacher after every maths session to ensure he understands his learning. Jesse seeks and takes on board feedback from the teacher regarding his writing. He is a fluent reader asking for recommendations for books to read. He has just finished reading the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and is now reading Parvana.



Eamon Smith
Sanson School

Eamon is a confident and resilient Year 7 student. He has a great deal of self-confidence and always contributes to group and class discussions. His work efforts are consistently high, resulting in a very competent level of understanding and success, especially in Mathematics. Eamon displays a strong sense of fair play and has consistently given 110% effort in all academic activities.



Lauren Sharp
Sanson School

Lauren is a very resilient and capable Year 7 student. She is a positive role model for other students, displaying self-control, confidence and resilience. Lauren is supportive of others, displaying a strong sense of fair play. She loves a challenge (especially in Maths and Reading), and gives 110% effort in all academic and sporting activities.



Preston Potts
Taonui School

Preston is a studious child in class who achieves all his work to a very high standard. He sets himself high goals in his learning and works hard to achieve them. Preston is a good role model to others and perseveres when things get hard. A great achiever across all areas of the curriculum, Preston is a real asset to the class environment.



Kristi Strang
Taonui School

Kristi is a quiet, motivated learner who works hard in all aspects of her learning. She is gaining Angitu (success) by asking questions, thinking carefully and giving everything a go. Kristi is a kind role model to others and consolidates her learning through helping others in and outside the classroom.



Lucy Conger
Kairanga School

Well-balanced and multi-talented, Lucy exudes a natural energy instinctively drawing others to her. Highly contemplative, she self-reflects to a deep level guided by a strong moral compass. She is the voice of reason, an advocate for all and exhibits wisdom beyond her years. Lucy is an excellent role-model and effective group member who naturally excels in the leadership role. An outstanding ambassador for our school.



Amy Stevens
Kairanga School

Humble by nature, Amy consistently demonstrates intrinsic motivation to produce quality outcomes. Deliberate in thought and action, she sets high standards across all aspects of school life. Quietly determined, she self reflects, formulating realistic goals that she readily meets through her proficient self-management skills. Often the hard grafter behind student organisation, Amy is always willing to do that little extra to make a difference.



Faith Willis
Manchester Street School

Faith invented 110%. It is the only way she can fit in all her weekly activities. An integral part of our leadership team, a role model to all peers, she is also involved in Books n' Bickies, Ukulele, Fuse drumming, Jump Jam and hockey. Faith is incredibly busy but manages to give everything 110% and always with a huge smile.



Cullum Mackay-Floyd
Manchester Street School

Cullum strives for excellence in everything that he does. He is a conscientious worker in class, driven to always do better. During break times, Cullum fulfills various roles and responsibilities as a Year 6 Leader, showing care and kindness towards others while doing so. He is quick to offer his help and guidance to his peers in any situation.



Ella Christiansen
Manchester Street School

Ella is a bundle of positivity and nothing ever gets her down. You can ask her to do anything at any time and she will never complain. She shows great maturity for her age and is loved by all the students for her caring nature. Her great attitude and resilience drives her to be the best she can be.



Amelia Phillips
Newbury School

Amelia has been working incredibly hard in her learning this year. She is constantly seeking new ways to improve her academic outcome. Amelia will ask for extra learning to take home to ensure that her progress is up to where it needs to be. Amelia seeks feedback around her work and is quick to put this into practice.



Grace Johnson
Newbury School

Grace is an incredible learner. She is constantly seeking ways to ensure that she is up to date on learning tasks. She presents her work to a high level and is always the first one to offer her help when needed. Grace has had a lot of academic success this year due to her determination and extra effort that she has put in.



Erin-Renee Boyden
Feilding Intermediate

Erin-Renee is a positive student who has demonstrated outstanding effort in all aspects of her school life. Erin-Renee has put a huge amount of effort into basketball and netball this year. In class, Erin-Renee always puts more than the expected effort into learning - this has helped her to achieve high levels academically across all curriculum areas.



Thomas Churton
Feilding Intermediate

Thomas is a student who exceeds expectations in all areas. He demonstrates exceptional focus and effort which enables him to achieve at a consistently high level. Thomas always strives for excellence and works hard to improve his work. He has shown a commitment to extra-curricular activities where he has also displayed outstanding effort.



Cleo Klassen
Feilding Intermediate

Cleo actively seeks opportunities to master a skill or extend her ideas both within the classroom and in her own time. In her learning tasks at school, Cleo will always go above and beyond what is expected, thinking outside the box to combine her learning with her own unique and creative ideas.



Arjen Nieuwland
Kopane School

Arjen is a highly responsible young man who always gives his best effort at whatever he is doing. He is an outstanding role model for our younger students and his peers. He has represented our school at Mathex, plays hockey for Te Kawau, and has a superb attitude to all he does.



Ryon Coughlan-Potbury
Kopane School

Ryon leads by example in a quiet, unassuming manner. He is a keen reader and mathematician and works hard in his learning and gives new things a go, even when out of his comfort zone. He is highly capable as a learner and has a dry sense of humour too. His effort cannot be faulted!



Jani Netzler
Mount Biggs School

Jani has been selected for the 110% leadership award due to his improved efforts at school and his personal growth. It has been a pleasure to watch Jani mature this year and evolve into a fantastic leader at Mount Biggs School. He takes on every opportunity that is offered to him and is never afraid to challenge himself and step outside his comfort zone.



Asher Brown
St Josephs School

Asher is extremely reliable, hard working and is trusted to get jobs done. Asher always takes risks and challenges herself in her learning. She puts herself forward to play in sports teams, sports tournaments and fully engages in kapa haka. It has been wonderful watching her confidence and self-belief grow throughout the year.



Toby Rouse
Oroua Downs School

Toby is a house leader and an extremely hard working student. His attitude to his learning is consistently outstanding and conscientious, even despite all the challenges this year has brought. He achieves excellence across all areas of the curriculum. He supports and inspires other students to strive for excellence too.



Molly Green
North Street School

Molly is a House Captain, plays netball for our Kura, and is involved in William Pike programme. She is empathetic and kind to everyone at North Street School and speaks up when she sees injustices. Molly is diligent towards her studies and has gone from strength to strength this year in her leadership role within our school. A super student.



Valentyne Faamanu Manutulila
North Street School

Valentyne is a student leader and is a conscientious, responsible, and mature young lady who excels in sports. Valentyne is a competitive swimmer spending many hours training and achieving wonderful results at her swimming competitions. Valentyne is an accomplished sportswoman in Netball and Basketball where she leads by example and is an outstanding role model at our Kura. Ka rawe atu!



Hiria Searancke
North Street School

Hiria is a school leader and a diligent and focused student. She has excelled in Literacy and Numeracy and plays for the Girls A basketball team. She has dedicated a lot of time and effort to her team with outstanding results. She is a strong advocate for Te Reo Māori and a crucial member of our school Kapa Haka team.

A note from our Guest Speaker



Kia ora!

I'm originally from Feilding in the Manawatū. I moved to Wellington in 2016 to complete a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics and Public Policy at Victoria University. During that time I became involved with the students' association, Victoria Council and then worked first as a Business Development Manager at a software company Invoxy and consulting firm Sysdoc.

In 2016 I co-founded Dignity, a social enterprise with a mission to deliver period equity. I led the Positive Periods campaign which resulted in the NZ government committing to free period products for students. Currently I'm a Senior Analyst at PwC in the Human Centered Design Consulting Wellington team where I bring the human voice, perspective and aspirations to all my client projects. In my spare time I volunteer with the First Foundation as a mentor and lend my experience to grow the startup ecosystem.

Ever since I heard that women who couldn't access period products would skip school or university, I'd wanted to do something to change that. In 2016 there was an opportunity to be part of a business bootcamp which Co-Founder, Miranda Hitchings, and I signed up to. We went along and asked people about a time they'd been caught short and what the hardest part of that experience was. We found that the largest frustration most people felt was unfairness when period products weren't available when they were needed most. We saw a gap for a tangible well-being initiative in the workplace to support diversity and needs for people on their period. Dignity provides period products to businesses, who then supply the items freely to their employees. We also give away the equivalent products to those without access through youth and community groups all across Aotearoa. We launched Dignity NZ in February 2017 and now have a team of four, have provided over 60,000 sustainable period products and are represented in 90 workplaces across New Zealand.

My parents are both nurses, and their caring, compassionate attitude has been drilled into me to always use my skills to help others.

I'd been watching what was happening overseas for a long time and was amazed to see the UK, Wales and Scotland make period products free for all students in their countries. We'd been waiting for someone to do something similar here. I had coffee one day with the president of the NZ Student Association who mentioned he was having a meeting with the Education Minister. I arranged to put together a paper with example overseas policies, current NZ period poverty

initiatives and costs for a national period product scheme in schools for him to pass on.

Newshub was then keen to do a story so we realised this needed to be a bigger campaign. Our campaign, 'Positive Periods' aims to ensure all young people have a positive experience with periods. The campaign launched in July 2019 and I appeared on the AM Show explaining our goals.

We had a weekly campaign working group, 30 supporting organisations and a petition that received 3000 signatures in 6 weeks. We presented the petition to the Minister of Women in November 2019. Afterwards, a journalist asked the Prime Minister what she thought about period poverty. She said on the record to him that it was a personal priority of hers and it became an instant headline. The next year, in June 2020, she sat down with our Positive Periods working group to consult on a national roll out.

Finally, the Prime Minister committed to providing free period products to schools following the Government's \$2.6 million investment. The roll-out will begin at 15 Waikato schools and be expanded to all state and state-integrated schools on an opt-in basis in 2021.

I'm proud that there is now an official national program for period products. New Zealand will be a better place with this access being normalised and budgeted for, just like other school supplies.

Jacinta Gulasekharam

Co-Founder | Director
Dignity - Delivering Period Equity
And a proud ex-Feilding High
School student!



Beyond the SCHOOL GATE

THIS AWARD IS TO RECOGNISE A STUDENT WHO EXCELS IN ACTIVITIES OR INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, IN THEIR OWN TIME



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Madison Flavell
Rongotea School

Madie is an exceptional netball player. She is currently playing in a College Old Girls team which is just below prem 4 level. She is by far the youngest in her team, playing alongside 16 and 18 year olds. Madie also excels in teaching netball. When given the chance she can lead drills and trainings with great confidence.



Maria Sanders
Colyton School

Maria is an awesome role model and support person in her local Kung Fu club where she helps with the teaching of younger students and supports and helps them towards their goals. Maria is involved in her Ukraine cultural group where she promotes the culture through dance and at cultural festivals.



Zak Jenkins
FAHS Feilding High School

Zak has been a passionate and dedicated member of both the school and local football clubs. He has given up his time to assist with refereeing and coaching at a variety of levels. Zak is a talented player but it is his willingness to be a supporter and mentor of those around him which makes him stand out.



Brianna Gainey
FAHS Feilding High School

Brianna has achieved the Queen's Guide award the highest accolade in guiding. The award promotes concepts around personal challenge and participation. Brianna has also been involved in the school's netball programme as both a player and student coach. She is a hard-working student who sets high standards in all that she does.



Lawson Elmslie
FAHS Feilding High School

Lawson is an inspirational, mature and positive leader in the Arts. An outstanding performer, he has also directed in the Regional Shakespeare Festival. Lawson leads the school's regional winning Theatresports team. He has written and directed his own play, and is acting in the NZ Theatre Federation One Act Play Festival. He is also a talented photographer.



Georgie Simpson
FAHS Feilding High School

Georgia was selected this year to represent New Zealand at the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Champs in Israel. At the North Island Champs she took home the Georgia William Cup for winning the points race, also gaining podium placings in the road race and track events. Georgia also competed at the Oceania Champs earlier this year.



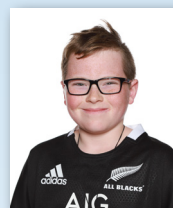
Grace Jochem
Kiwitea School

Grace is a student who excels in many interests. She is a keen sportswoman who has represented our school and cluster in Netball, Hockey, Touch, Rippa, Athletics, Cross Country, Tennis, Drama and Speech. Grace, when you put your heart into something you shine, thank you for taking risks and being you.



Lydie Capper
Glen Oroua School

Lydie can be found at school during weekends, looking after our gardens. Participating in all sports, she has represented Glen Oroua in Soccer, Tough Kid and Cross Country. Out of school sports include netball and swimming. Lydie attends Drama lessons. She learns guitar and recently came 2nd in the Rongotea Talent Show. Weekly French lessons with Alliance Francais is another pursuit.



Stirling Lumby
Lytton Street School

Stirling belongs to the Dolphins Swim Squad and competes at a regional level with others around the Manawatū. Stirling trains once a week for two hours, competing every fortnight. Not only is Stirling an inspiring swimmer, but he has also been nominated to trial for the Manawatū Junior Cricket Team. Stirling has a can-do attitude and gives everything 110%.



Cooper Howard
Lytton Street School

Cooper has attended Drama Academy classes outside of school for the past two years. In this time he has completed the Trinity Drama Exams, gaining a Distinction result. Recently, Cooper has been awarded the 'Star Award' - given to those who attend 100 lessons. Cooper has a love for the Arts and we have seen his confidence flourish in this realm.



Sophie Crofskey
Newbury School

Sophie is an incredible athlete who travels the country to participate in various running and athletic events. She has placed at different events such as the Colgate Games and Feilding running events. Sophie also placed eleventh in under 14yr girls Taupo North Island Cross Country champs. She also represented Manawatū in Netball



Maia Manuel
Feilding Intermediate

Maia excels in a number of different sports. She particularly excels in netball. Maia was a member of the Ikaroa ki te Raki U13 representative this year and was also named in the Manawatū U14 representative team. Maia is dedicated netball player and uses her own time to practice and develop her skills.



Lauren Alexander
Feilding Intermediate

Lauren is involved in a variety of activities. She is a junior black belt in karate and currently holds the world title for her age group. Along with attending practices for karate, gymnastics, and netball. Lauren gives back by teaching junior classes in karate in gymnastics. She is also a netball youth ambassador.



Levi Dempsey-Clarke
North Street School

Levi has a real passion for the game of basketball. He plays during break times and represents the school in Palmerston North. He is a recent trialist for the Manawatū U13 Basketball Representative side. He is inspired by Lebron James and constantly looks to him as a role model and inspiration to succeed.



Isabella Tremain
Feilding Intermediate

Isabella is a committed Archer. She placed 1st in a number of events over the year in the New Zealand Under 14 age group.



Damian Rivers
Oroua Downs School

Damian, "Thunderfoot" is an up and coming musician. Damian won this years Te Kawai Top Talent show, won the "Try Music" competition, opened for the NZ band "Pull Down the Sun" on tour, also playing with top New Zealand Rock/Metal Bands. Through his passion and talent he is an inspiration, showing what you can achieve when you put your heart into something you love doing



Sasha Humphreys
St Josephs School

Sasha has a passion for running, swimming, dancing and singing outside of school. She is the kaea of our school kapa haka roopu, leads sung responses at church and has a school glee club in the making. The audience were wowed by her singing abilities at her music concert, receiving high praise. Sasha is very proud of beating her personal best in swimming as well.



Olivia Leckie
St Josephs School

Olivia has outstanding success within sports, winning 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze in Manawatū Regional Athletics and overall female champion at Feilding Interschool Athletics. Olivia has won gold in Manawatū Regional Road Champs, Silver in Manawatū Cross Country, first in Palmerston North Cross Country, and the Woolworths Challenge Cup. Olivia also won best tackler for Saturday morning rugby. We can't wait to see you represent Aotearoa one day.



Kenzie Orr
North Street School

Kenzie gives 110% in everything. Kenzie won our school Cross Country, received a top placing at Regional Mathex, and won numerous ribbons at Equestrian events. She plays netball and hockey for NSS. She has taken part in the Weetbix Tryathlon, Manawatū Tough Guy/Gal Challenge, and X race. Kenzie is also involved in Gymnastics and Trampoline clubs. An amazing student!!



Paige Moka-Edwards
North Street School

Paige represents the Manawatū Softball and has participated in local and national events for many years. Paige is an inspiration to our rangatahi through demonstrating what you can achieve when you put your heart into something you love doing. She also plays netball and basketball for NSS. Miharo!

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Change INNOVATOR

THIS AWARD GOES TO A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS ACTIVELY CHALLENGING OTHERS THROUGH INNOVATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE IDEAS AND LEADS CHANGE WITHIN THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



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Caitlin Steffert
Hiwinui School

Caitlin is a quietly confident girl. She has a strong sense of justice and work ethic. She is constantly thinking outside the box to problem solve, improve, and redesign. She is head-strong and determined, while still having the ability to patiently explain her thoughts when in a team situation. Caitlin loves coding, robotics, and engineering. Her team placed fifth in the EPro8 finals and made our kura proud.



Hadleigh Pryde
Hiwinui School

Hadleigh is a fantastic coder but the best part is that he loves to share his skills and new learning with his peers. During the term break Hadleigh attended Coding Camp where he designed a game with his team. They then presented the game to a group of adults - their team won! Hadleigh has a great way of explaining his learning even to adults who don't quite 'get it'. Hadleigh also thoroughly enjoys robotics, engineering, Epro8 challenges. We are proud of his mahi.



Te Mahia Pohatu-Ngahere
FAHS Feilding High School

Te Mahia is an outstanding and engaging performer in the school's Kapa Haka group Te Rau Huia. She is a natural leader who motivates and inspires others. Te Mahia has helped with the development of the new school haka and has also played a major role in promoting awareness around the significance of taonga. She is a strong and confident advocate as a cultural leader.



Matthew Coogan
FAHS Feilding High School

Matthew has been an integral part of the Agricultural Department throughout his time at FAHS, playing a key part in starting the Ag/Hort Committee in the school's centennial year. He supported development of two key products from the school farms which are now sold with the school branding - Manawanui Meats and Ngakaunui Hives. He has proved himself as a real innovator in this space.



Ben Williamson
Waituna West

A brilliant leader and Student Council Chairperson at Waituna West, Ben offers unique, creative and innovative ideas to solve schoolwide, local and global issues. Ben has incredible problem solving abilities, particularly in Mathematics, role modeling and challenging students by showing that Mathematics is not just about numbers but life too.



Zayden Watson
Lytton Street School

Zayden thinks outside the box when developing ideas. He has flourished this year, developing his knowledge of technology and has a good understanding of the mechanics of digital technology. Zayden is encouraged by the people around him to continue to be a reflective innovator and is always the key person to ask when there are digital technology issues and solutions.



Henry Cato
Lytton Street School

Henry has an inquisitive mind, and is constantly thinking outside the box to find out more about the world around him. During EPro8 this year, he supported his team to make the Regional Finals. This passion has evolved into lunchtime clubs, where Henry leads a small group of Year 3 and 4 students into the world of EPro8.



Lydia Payne
Lytton Street School

Lydia is a creative and reflective thinker who constantly thinks creatively to challenge not only herself but her peers. She works hard to achieve her learning goals, ensuring her work 'stands out from the crowd'. This year Lydia competed in the Year 6 Mathex team, the Lytton Street School EPro8 team, and takes part in Mind Plus every Thursday at school.



Levi Devonshire
North Street School

Levi is involved in William Pike and the Mindplus programme at school. Levi thinks deeply about his hauora and the hauora of others. He has taken up the role within our school of helping his peers when they are sad or angry. His advice and guidance in this area helps to encourage others and lift their wairua.



Connor Adam
Newbury School

Connor is a learner who is constantly thinking of how things could be done differently. Connor is always excited about class tasks and continues to think outside of the box in every area. He is also a part of our technology team at school which he loves contributing to and helping others in this area too.



Liam Burgers
Feilding Intermediate

Liam has gone out of his way to ensure that our school looks clean and tidy. He organised a clean up team to help him, who meet at least one afternoon a week. They promote being a tidy kiwi around the school and clean up spaces that are looking like they are in extra need of a spruce up.

Cultural CHAMPION

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Hinewai Searancke

FAHS Feilding High School

Hinewai performs and demonstrates with dignity as a member of the school's Kapa Haka group Te Rau Huia. She is always incredibly humble and leads by her example. She is respected by her peers and is a great role model for others. She has proven herself capable of leading the new school haka.



Kahupounamu Potaka

FAHS Feilding High School

Kahupounamu is a natural performer and leader in the school's Kapa Haka group. She has natural stage presence and is a stunning performer. She is often asked to lead items. An all-round excellent student who has real mana and respect of her peers. She is taking a leadership role with the implementation of a new school haka.



Ben Fakava

FAHS Feilding High School

Ben has been a committed member of the Pasifika group at FAHS. He is a great role model for the younger Pasifika students, and takes this responsibility very seriously. His cultural and strong family values are evident in his commitment on the rugby field, in the Pasifika group and around school.



Katie Lawless

Lytton Street School

Katie has a strong connection with her Chinese heritage and culture, and strives to increase others' knowledge of her home country. Alongside this she uses her artistic talents to communicate her strengths, interests and values. Katie has continued to develop her skills this year through after school art classes and an Art mentor.



Te Ata-Harmony Burnes-Fifield

Lytton Street School

Te Ata-Harmony has a strong connection with Te Ao Māori, her culture and her iwi. She displays the values of what it means to be Rangatira, leading by example, facilitating change and being proud of who she is. Te Ata-Harmony is an integral part of Te Rerengā Kātare, where she can be seen leading our school community with mana and pride.



Wiremu Brown-Bray

North Street School

Wiremu is a school leader and has developed the practice of Whaikārero, which is the ability to speak in Te Reo Māori in formal settings. He was able to speak at the school pōwhiri and at the pōwhiri at Kauwhata Marae. He is a strong advocate of Te Reo Māori and has dedicated his life to it.



Chase Ngataki

North Street School

Chase is willing to accept challenges and learn new skills, roles and responsibilities with increasing confidence. He takes an active role and leads karakia and tikanga within our Bilingual Education spaces. Chase exhibits a positive outlook within our school community and kura. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.



Reihana Metuamate

North Street School

Reihana is a kind-hearted and caring student, however, he has had to step up into leadership roles. He is the Head Boy and also the male leader of the Kapa Haka group. He led the boys' haka in both the Matariki Celebration as well as the performance at Te Pae Tamariki, and is growing and developing in these roles.



Kyle England

FAHS Feilding High School

Kyle has developed into a very capable leader in our Kapa haka group Te Rau Huia, where he participates with determination and passion. He has a motivated and mature work ethic. Kyle is well respected by his peers and Kapa Haka tutors. He is a good role model for other students.



Tinaya Reihana

Feilding Intermediate

Tinaya is a cultural champion because she is kind and inclusive of all students, from any walks of life. She positively promotes cultural diversity within our school, celebrating all cultures, including her own and others. She understands the differences that come with various backgrounds, and cherishes learning about these.



Madeleine Lloyd
Feilding Intermediate

Madeleine's kind and inclusive personality allows her to confidently promote a positive understanding of cultural diversity within our school. She is very accepting of others' differences and encourages her peers to be the same. Madeleine confidently celebrates her own culture and enjoys celebrating other cultures.



Natalie Windley
Feilding Intermediate

Natalie only arrived in Term 2 but has taken every opportunity to become involved in a range of cultural activities around the school. Her attitude toward getting to know new people and their differences is exemplary. She is inclusive of all students and cherishes the differing strengths they bring to all contexts.



Terimikaere Burt
Oroua Downs School

Terimikaere is a quiet and incredibly hard working student, who works with focus and determination on his school work. Terimikaere has developed his confidence as a quiet and caring leader who leads by example and is always willing to support others. His knowledge of te reo Māori and his willingness to support others who wish to learn is inspirational and a huge asset to our school.



Ella-Grace McLean
Lytton Street School

Ella-Grace upholds a positive and strong connection to Te Ao Māori by embracing Tikanga and the Language. Through her mahi toi she makes connections between her whakapapa, whānau and whāinga (goals). Ella-Grace thrives both in school with her peers and with whānau at home. She is a member of Te Rerengā Kōtahi where she presents with mana and pride.



Te Aranga Cribb
Manchester Street School

Being inspired by another young mana wahine, Te Aranga instigated the revitalisation of poi at Manchester Street School. She was involved in the selection and purchase of poi through Pōtiki Poi and has encouraged students to join the rōpu. She has worked hard to learn sequences and act as a peer tutor. She takes pride in what she has accomplished.



Malia Tavite
St Josephs School

Malia advocates for others by showing her support. Earlier in the year she shared special taonga and cultural items with her class to teach and inspire others. Malia is a valued member of the Tokelauan community choir, is helpful at breakfast club and is one of our school sports leaders.



Alexi Kenyon
Newbury School

Alexi is a great leader in our school. She leads our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka. She consistently works hard to lead, inspire and further her own knowledge in Maori. She recently helped lead our Newbury Rōpu when we went to the Kainui Kapa Haka festival. She is one of the school leaders when we have our Pōwhiri.



Carmen-Stella Anderson
Manchester Street School

He iti kahurangi sums up Carmen; small in stature, however, a huge treasure. She is an enthusiastic, friendly student who loves to share waiata and te reo. Carmen is part of our Matauranga Maori Rōpu and a motivated member of our senior Tupu Ora sessions.

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Catherine Gray
FAHS Feilding High School

Catherine gained a Gold SVA Service Award in February recognising her 500+ volunteer hours. She has also become an SVA ambassador this year and has been integral in organising the way in which to spread the volunteering message within our school. She has obviously also led by example.



Sophie Long
FAHS Feilding High School

Sophie raised over \$7200 for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ during FAHS's Shave for a Cure. She wanted to support people who have or are currently battling cancer; including her Mum. Sophie believes that losing her hair is nothing compared to what cancer patients and their families have to deal with.



Zoe Lister
FAHS Feilding High School

Zoe is a proactive and inclusive leader. She was selected to attend World Vision's Senior Scholarship Summit and has also gained SVA's Gold Award. She is a member of the Manawatū Youth Council and as Head of the Community Committee, Zoe has led several fundraising campaigns; including Shave for a Cure which raised over \$34000.



Hannah Russell
FAHS Feilding High School

Hannah is a dedicated student, who not only works hard at school, but she also gives back to the local community. Hannah is currently a Rugby Referee. She is working towards completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. She is also a Ruahine Whio protector, involved in pest control, and DOC hut maintenance in the Ruahine Forest Park.



Madison Pollock
Kiwitea School

Madison is an empathetic kind person who notices when others need support, and a leader in our school playground stepping in to help younger students who need guidance. She is a willing monitor on wet days and in our library. A senior student on the bus, always willing to support the other students and driver. Thank you Madison for giving back to others, we really appreciate you.



Xenon Voysey
Lytton Street School

Xenon has a true 'give back' approach to life. He has the ability to independently learn about topics of his own interest and share them with others. This creates a ripple effect with those around him. He has challenged himself in our Te Raukura leadership group and has shown drive, resilience and confidence in all he undertakes.



Beth McMenamin
Lytton Street School

Beth has a kind, considerate and caring nature. She seeks ways she can best support others or provide service to our school and community. Beth's work ethic is outstanding, consistently completing her work with quality in mind. She is often found coaching her classmates, helping them achieve their learning goals. Beth demonstrates enthusiasm, pride and confidence in all she undertakes.



Ashlyn Osborne
Newbury School

Ashlyn spends a large amount of time giving back to Newbury School. She is the leader of the environment team at Newbury School. She is also one of our 8 house captains at school. In the enviro club Ashlyn has been planting, weeding and cleaning. In the charity team Ashlyn has worked hard and has raised funds for Daffodil Day and many other causes.



Portia Lewis-Rush
Feilding Intermediate

Portia is an active member of St Johns. St Johns meets weekly and participates in a range of events that support the wider community. She was recently part of a competition group that came first in the district. This involved activities around communication, triage, and medical to name a few.



Ruby Ferrier
North Street School

Ruby is a breakfast monitor. She works with others to prepare and clean up after everyone. She is a school leader and wet weather monitor. Some of her responsibilities are to run games at morning tea and lunchtime and act as a tuakana to younger tamariki in the school. This has allowed her to develop empathy and manaakitanga.



Toby Cribb-Spiers
Feilding Intermediate

Toby has been part of a dedicated team who identify and address issues around the school. The focus is predominantly environmental and entails picking up rubbish, and collecting, and presenting data about the school. Toby works alongside others to address areas of environmental concern in our school community.



Ella-Rose Hughes
Feilding Intermediate

Ella-Rose has been committed to a team of students who focus on the environmental aspects of school. They spend their own time picking up rubbish, collecting data, and sharing this data with the school. Ella-Rose helps to make decisions and communicates her ideas easily with the wider group.



Saskia Symmonds
Manchester Street School

Saskia is an empathetic student who has immersed herself fully in her William Pike Community Service Challenge. She organised a Replay NZ container that collects new and recycled sports gear for Kiwi Kids. If that wasn't enough she also organised a very successful Warm Up Winter PJ and warm clothing collection as well. Kia Kaha Saskia.



Ariana Sta. Lucia
Manchester Street School

Aroha mai, aroha atu- Love received, love returned. Ariana lives in the red part of our school rainbow. She has a tremendous, caring heart. Through her WPC Service activities she has fundraised for The Cancer Society twice, and also Blind and Low Vision NZ. Ariana also spent a chunk of her holidays sorting donations for her local charity store.



Julian Crosswell
St Josephs School

Most mornings, Julian can be found at breakfast club. He willingly gives his time to the school community by assisting the St Vincent de Paul volunteers, preparing and serving toast and milo with kindness and enthusiasm. It's not often someone asks to do the dishes too, but Julian does! Nga mihi nui Julian.



Jasmine Jayet-Graham
Rongotea School

Jasmine has multiple leadership roles in our school, she is also a house captain leading students from year 0 – 8. Jasmine is always willing to do jobs, look after students, help where she can and offer her strengths. She will give everything a go and loves representing our school. Jasmine has a kind and bubbly personality and loves to serve others.



Ayden Crews
North Street School

Ayden is a friendly and responsible student who takes initiative in going the extra mile when giving back to his community. This year Ayden raised \$300 for Daffodil Day by selling kindling. Ayden also carried out odd jobs to raise money so he could buy items on the 'wish list' for the Arohanui Hospice. Mahia te mahi Ayden! You are amazing.



Addison O'Brien
North Street School

Addison has an energetic and empathetic personality. She is a valuable and reliable School Road Patroller and is always willing to step in if someone is not able to do their shift. Addison also supports the younger students in our school by being a Wet Day monitor and helps lead games for these students during her break times. Addison has been an exemplary House Captain.

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From our Liaison Councillors...



With the year it has been I am delighted to once again support the Youth Council as our Rangatahi celebrate their achievements at this year's 2022 Young Achievers Awards.

I have had a long association with the Manawatū District Youth Council and its many achievements, and it has been a privilege to stand in support of our young people for well over 25 years.

Huge congratulations to those Rangatahi receiving an award tonight and a big thank you to the Youth Council for organising the awards from start to finish. Our Youth Council are a fine example of Rangatahi in action and service to our district and can be proud of its achievements!

Councillor Shane Casey



It has been a privilege to be a part of forming the Youth Council and working alongside such passionate individuals for the past three years. The group of youth who have put together tonight's event have worked hard all year to organise this amazing Civic Ceremony.

To have so many deserving young people in our district is fantastic and I look forward to seeing them contribute to our community in the years to come.

Well done to all our 2023 award winners and a massive thank you to Manawatū District Council's Youth Council and associated staff members for organising such a grand event!

Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor

Inspirational LEADERSHIP

THIS AWARD IS FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AND INSPIRES OTHERS. A PERSON WHO STANDS OUT AS A ROLE MODEL WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, RECOGNISES THE VALUE OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND ACKNOWLEDGES EVERYONE'S STRENGTHS.



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Chrisabella Jacques

Apti School

Chrisabella leads by example both in class and on the sports field. She supports others to do their best. On the sports field she strives to do her best and win while rallying others around her to follow her lead.



Dylan Mayo

Rongotea School

Dylan is developing confidence as a leader in our school. He has just volunteered to become our Kaia in Kapa Haka, he also has multiple leadership roles in our school. This includes Civil Defence radio monitor, sandpit monitor and PE leader. Dylan has exceptional strengths in leadership and is beginning to see his potential as a leader in our school.



Isabelle Munn

Rongotea School

Isabelle is one of our two head students. She is a natural leader with many positive qualities. Isabelle runs sports rotations, teaching our younger students' sports skills and rules. This year Isabelle represented our school at ANZAC day, speaking in front of our community. Isabelle is part of our peer mediation team, offering her support and guidance to younger students in conflict.



Zoe Grace

Colyton School

As the co-leader of Colyton School Zoe sets high personal standards, supports and encourages younger children to be involved in all activities. She promotes the school values of caring, honesty and persistence in her own learning and strives to do her personal best. Zoe is a great role model to others and encourages inclusivity.



Jimmy Dillon
Glen Oroua School

Jimmy is the sort of fine young man who leads by example; providing guidance and inspiration for many of the boys in our kura. He is physically strong and very practical, which makes him a useful chap to have around. Well done Jimmy.



Sophie Mullin
Glen Oroua School

It doesn't matter who Sophie is working with, she is able to remove her ego and allow her collaborators to shine. She is a truly active listener. This means that the people around her are empowered to offer opinions and grow in confidence. It takes special maturity to lead in the way Sophie does.



Keira Carter
Hiwinui School

Keira is an absolute delight and the true definition of an Inspirational Leader. She is incredibly welcoming and empathetic. She champions and encourages others and will remind them of their strengths. This applies to anyone regardless of age, gender, status, or environment. Keira will happily and enthusiastically take on any extra responsibilities with a smile. She is an incredibly valued House Leader, and a popular member of our school from younger students and her peers. The world would be a far better place with more Keiras!



Zoe Ratcliffe
Glen Oroua School

Zoe participates fully in all she does. She shows particular strength on any sports field or court, where she plays tough but fair. She uses a combination of skill, strength, resilience, tactics while getting the best out of her teammates. This amazing leadership also transfers into the classroom and around our kura.



Holly Bright
Colyton School

As co-leader of Colyton School Holly continues to develop a rapport with all other school children. She often steps up to help, and organise younger children in team activities. She shows leadership, caring, and ensures that the school's children follow the school values. Holly sets high personal standards and strives to do her best in all situations.



Elsie Jones (Eleanor)
Halcombe School

Elsie is a leader and role model of excellent character. Her ability to lead and inspire others is something that comes naturally to Elsie. She gets involved in all aspects of school life, and always leads by example. Elsie is mature, has an excellent attitude and her fun-loving, friendly personality means she relates well to people of all ages.



Chanel Currie
FAHS Feilding High School

Chanel has been an inspirational and mature leader with the Arts Committee this year. She is extremely organised and has coordinated participants and judges for Arts Week. She has communicated with arts professionals in the community and made an effort to meet them in person and approach them about assisting with workshops and judging art competitions at the school.



Ash Hawker
Lytton Street School

Ash is a confident young man who understands his values and uses them to influence the way he leads his peers. He is supportive of those around him, using his determination and charismatic personality to comfortably work alongside everyone. Ash is a skilled 'all rounder', willing to put the hard yards in to gain rewards and help those around him.



Millie Hansen
FAHS Feilding High School

Millie has been a strong and confident student leader at Feilding High School. She has been a key driving force behind the school body embracing the implementation of the new school haka. She is respected by her peers and has led the School Council well this year. She has also been involved in the girls' rugby programme.



Mikaere Atutahi
Lytton Street School

Mikaere is a confident student who leads by example. He holds strong values about himself and the difference he can make as an 'influencer'. This is shown through Mikaere's involvement in Te Raukura - which perfectly captures his leadership capabilities. Mikaere represents our kura with pride and mana in a range of different sporting, academic, cultural and community events.



Vernon Bason
FAHS Feilding High School

Vernon is a fantastic role model who has led the school's 1st XV with real passion, developing a culture where the young men playing alongside him are determined to achieve to the best of their abilities for themselves and each other. He has also been the Deputy Head Boy of our hostel - L J Wild House.



Mosese Palelei
FAHS Feilding High School

Mosese is a fantastic role model as the school's Head Boy. He leads with his commitment to honouring his culture and the school's values both around the school and on the sports field. Mosese always makes time for others. He has co-led the School Council as well as being a key member of the school's 1st XV.



Laura Dallas
Lytton Street School

Laura has high expectations of herself, consistently working hard to ensure she is being the best role model she can be. She takes pride in her leadership responsibilities as part of Te Raukura and is often found seeking out ways to 'give back' to others. She is positive and resilient in all aspects of school life and faces challenges with determination.



Cody Berquist
Sanson School

Cody is an exceptionally talented Year 8 student. He is well respected by both students and staff. Cody has a strong sense of fair play and is always very supportive of those around him when they may just need a little encouragement or assistance. All the students look up to Cody as he displays great respect for others and has great leadership skills.



Katie Harrowfield
Taonui School

Katie shows fantastic leadership skills. She is a wonderful role model to all ages in the school and leads by example. She shows great mahi tahi (Teamwork) and allows those around her to succeed by quietly and kindly motivating them. Katie has excellent communication skills and shows empathy to those around her.



Kate Procter
Newbury School

Kate is an incredible leader in our school community. She is always showing that she is empowered and agentic by doing the right thing all of the time. Kate is our Head Girl for 2022 and is an inspiration. She has four job responsibilities within our school which are Blake Wet Weather Team, Enviro club, Charity team and the P.E. team.



Charlie Hampson-Hirst
Kopane School

Charlie is a role model who leads by example through his actions. He has a great sense of humour. He is always willing to help out younger children and take on leadership roles around school as needed.



Madeline Mouat
Hiwinui School

Madey is a burst of energy and humour in the form of a human. She has the ability to connect with anyone through her sense of fun and her magnetic personality. Not only is she a great source of entertainment but she is also a very clever girl. She is a deep thinker and takes her mahi seriously. She asks great questions and seeks further understanding. Madey encourages others to participate in fun activities, pushes her limits, and is a fantastic House Leader at our kura.



Koen Pugh
Kopane School

Koen is a natural leader and is an excellent role model at our school. He excels in all sports and demonstrates both sportsmanship and teamwork. He has a positive attitude and is incredibly helpful - an outstanding leader.



Lydia Carswell
Feilding Intermediate

Lydia is a role model for others, and leads with a kind and caring attitude. She embraces difference and tries her best to understand and value other people. Lydia makes those around her feel included and supported by making the most of their strengths, and encouraging them to do the best they can.



Robert Boshier
Feilding Intermediate

Robert is an outstanding leader. He leads in all aspects of school life. He is well-respected by his peers and his kind nature allows him to build relationships with all students. He recognises the strengths of others and finds ways to make sure students feel included and valued.



Fynn Payton
Feilding Intermediate

Fynn is an excellent role model among his peers. He demonstrates leadership through his willingness to take risks, encouraging those around him to get involved in different activities within the school. He builds relationships easily with a range of peers and takes initiative to support others who are struggling.



Riley Hohepa
Mount Biggs

Riley is an outstanding leader and role model at Mount Biggs School. As a lead kaea for our kapa haka, his passion and mana are evident during our daily ruruku and school kapa haka sessions. Riley also demonstrates inspirational leadership when organising and leading our junior students. He shows manaakitanga in the way that he cares for and looks after them.



Sophie Pawson
North Street School

Sophie is a house captain and leads by example. She is involved in Netball and the William Pike programme. Sophie has developed into a leader who will lead her friends and classmates to make good choices and decisions at school. She is always positive, honest and willing to help anyone who needs it at school.



Cam Smith
Mount Biggs School

Cam is an exceptional leader and role model at Mount Biggs School who embodies all the skills and values we hope our students will have obtained by the end of their time at our kura. He is kind, caring and patient with our junior students, and they look up to him. As a natural leader, our senior students also admire and respect him.



Hannah Beaton
Mount Biggs School

Hannah is an excellent leader and role model at Mount Biggs School who our younger students look up to. She is a positive, bubbly person who develops good relationships with her peers. She carries herself with mana so people listen to her and value her insight and opinions. Hannah takes every opportunity that is offered to her and loves trying new things.



Joshua Lendrum
Oroua Downs School

Joshua is the head boy at our school for 2022. He naturally leads with kindness and a sense of humour. He achieves excellence academically and he has also been involved in a number of sporting activities, both at and outside of school. He is also a talented artist, and was involved with a team who painted a mural at our school recently.



Maiah Richardson
Oroua Downs School

Maiah is the head girl at our school for 2022. She is a caring, quiet and conscientious student, who leads by example. Recently, she was part of a small group of students who designed and painted a mural. She inspires other students to believe in themselves and have a go at new things.



Emily Pond
Oroua Downs School

Emily is a quiet leader, who is a role model by example. She is active in a number of areas across the school, fulfilling these responsibilities without fuss or bother but in an exemplary manner. She is part of the Art Mural Team, our School Band and in the Sewing Club. Emily is always willing to lend a hand and support where necessary.



Jordie-lee Kotuhi
North Street School

Jordie-lee is currently the head girl at North Street School. She is the captain of the top Year 7/8 netball and basketball teams. She is a current member of the Manawatū under-14 netball team. She leads with charisma and inspires her teammates and the people around her. She is always willing to share her knowledge and leads by example.



Zara Adam
St Josephs School

Zara is the epitome of a leader: She has a positive attitude, she is honest, reliable and trustworthy and embodies our school CARE values. Zara is our special character leader, heads the Young Vinnies team, is leading the prayer kete initiative and maintains genuine and respectful relationships with both adults and her peers.



Lani Brown
St Josephs School

Lani is a respectful student who embodies our school CARE values and quietly leads with integrity. She is a school sports leader, leads the IT team, assisted with production and Kapa Haka IT. Through her many roles, her growing confidence to lead change has seen her establishing a very popular Minecraft lunchtime club.



Annabelle King
Manchester Street School

John C Maxwell said "A leader is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way". This sums up Annabelle. She works tirelessly in and out of class, motivating others, inspiring peers and always performing all roles with a sunny, positive, can-do attitude!



Archie Rutherford
Manchester Street School

Archie is the perfect student: honest, reliable and always leading by example. He doesn't need to speak up to gain the audience's attention. Respected by all the students due to his hard work ethic and his perseverance when faced with a challenge. He is part of the leadership, and green team and was selected to participate in the Mathex competition.



Sam Hazlewood
Manchester Street School

Sam enjoys a challenge and will always rise to it with a smile on his face. He is a very responsible and mature young man who loves helping and working with others. Sam will always give his best effort no matter the task and he can work with any other student to achieve the best results.



Ana Manuel
North Street School

Ana is a confident, yet unassuming leader, who has the skills and a personality that brings students together. Where there are problems she looks for solutions that benefit all. She role models and uses our school's values automatically across all areas in and out of school. Ana proudly represents NSS in Kapa Haka, Netball and plays in the Year 7/8 Basketball Team.

Exceptional LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Youth Council members individually scored 40 nominees in the Inspirational Leadership Award category based on the citation supplied by their school.

The winner of the Exceptional Leadership Trophy scored the highest mark in the following categories:

**Leadership qualities • Being a role model • Caring for others
Being a team member • Participation within their school**

Congratulations to our winner...



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Rongotea School

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Kaitiaki AWARD

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Tabitha Askin

Hiwinui School

Tabitha is in her element while outside. She comes to school in stubbies and gumboots and is always ready to get stuck in, in and out of the classroom. Year after year she attends AgriKids nationals with her team, where she competes in a range of agricultural and farming modules. She is a lamb whisperer and often has rescue animals to share stories of. Tabitha is a fantastic all rounder and shines in our school Lamb, Calf and Pet Days.



Logan Baker

Hiwinui School

Logan is well aware of our environment and what jobs might need doing. He will grab the broom and sweep up, clear out block drains, move mulch and limestone, and generally keep on eye on our grounds, without being asked, to ensure our kura looks great, and our tamariki are kept safe. Logan is very knowledgeable when it comes to caring for calves and will often place in our Lamb, Calf and Pet Day. Logan also represents our school, year after year at AgriKids Nationals. He is a model kaitiaki and we are incredibly proud of him.



Ben Humphrey

Halcombe School

Ben is passionate about all aspects of farming, and has an extensive knowledge of farm life. He has excellent practical skills, and regularly helps out on the family farm. Ben is a real animal lover, and this year has helped to raise calves in a 50/50 partnership with his dad. His next challenge is to help train the new farm puppy!



Sian Hardie

FAHS Feilding High School

Sian is working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. She has studied Agricultural Science for 5 years. Sian wants to find solutions to maintain agriculture as a significant economic earner in New Zealand but also show Kaitiakitanga by doing an environment degree at Canterbury University in 2023. She has a passion for the environment and is a keen tramper.



Vance Simeon
North Street School

Vance is a responsible student who is frequently among the first to help and mentor other classmates. He takes an active role in leading sustainable tasks within our school. Vance is also our classroom 'Papatūānuku' monitor and is an enthusiastic member of the class and shows a willingness to learn.



Nadia Brunton
Manchester Street School

A focused, passionate environmental warrior who fiercely leads her peers into a sustainable future. Nadia is our motivated Nga Kaitiaki Taiao leader who has dedicated herself to the green part of our school rainbow. Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua, Care for the land, Care for the people, go forward!



Samuel Morgan
Manchester Street School

Samuel has been a member of various Enviro groups and has become very knowledgeable in how to look after and care for our school and community environments. He has participated in water monitoring field trips and discussed ways in which to keep our waterways healthy and beautiful.

THIS AWARD IS TO RECOGNISE A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS A PASSION FOR AGRICULTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. THIS STUDENT UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF THEIR STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HOW THIS CONTRIBUTES TO BEST PRACTICE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Kia Kaha AWARD

THIS AWARD IS FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS MADE POSITIVE CHANGES WITHIN THEIR LIFE, LEARNING FROM THEIR MISTAKES OR OVERCOMING ADVERSITY. THIS PERSON MAY ALSO HAVE BECOME AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN THEIR LIVES.



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Nevaeh Bowsheer-Dehar
FAHS Feilding High School

Nevaeh is a walking example of how resilience and fortitude can see you overcome whatever challenges are presented to you. She is well respected by her peers. As Deputy Head Girl of our school hostel she has shown her leadership qualities. She is a talented athlete as well as an academic student.



Emily Davis
FAHS Feilding High School

Emily is a strong advocate for her peers. She has empathy for others that is shaped by her experiences and driven out of a motivation to meet the needs of individual students. She maintains a very good academic record while also leading our Wellbeing Committee.



Josiah Johnston
FAHS Feilding High School

Josiah has displayed resilience this year in his ability to use personal challenges to fuel his fire to make the most of every opportunity. He is proud of his heritage and is a fantastic support to his whānau and his peers. He wears his heart on his sleeve and channels his emotions into passion on a rugby field where he excels.



Sam Kane
FAHS Feilding High School

Sam is a student who makes the most of every opportunity and does not let any circumstances get in the way of his success. He has applied himself with dedication to all areas of school life both with his academic work and his commitment to his culture with his involvement in Pasifika and his performance on the rugby field.



Claytin Moore
Rongotea School

Early on in 2022 Claytin experienced a harrowing event that could have greatly affected him. Regardless, Claytin has come back to school this year focused and with a positive attitude. Even though he has been through some incredible challenges he shows great resilience. Claytin shows care towards younger students and is developing into a positive role model for others. I am incredibly proud of him.



Michaela Hoggard
Kiwitea School

Michaela is an inspiration to those around her. She has had to overcome many challenges, always with a smile. She has persevered throughout her challenges and works extremely hard every day at school and at home. Michaela we are so proud of you and the effort you put into your learning.



Ben Dela Cruz
Lytton Street School

Ben has moved countries and schools this year. He shows resilience and positivity when approaching the challenges of being immersed in a new culture. Ben has worked hard to build friendships and demonstrates respect and concern for adults and students.



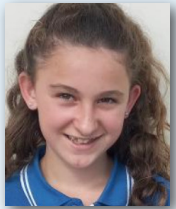
Kadin Riggs
Lytton Street School

Kadin has made impressive changes in the way he interacts and works with those around him. He has become a strong and reliable basketball player for the school team and worked hard consistently to meet expectations of being a positive role model to others within the classroom. Kadin reflects on his actions and has made positive changes in his life.



Phoenix Wright
Lytton Street School

Phoenix demonstrates perseverance in all learning areas and resilience when she encounters challenges, resulting in positive outcomes for herself and those around her. She has a kind and caring approach and sees herself as a positive role model for others. Phoenix is engaged in every aspect of school life.



Jaide Lawton
Newbury School

Jaide has been going above and beyond in terms of her learning and attitude this year. She is kind, responsible and looks after other students. Jaide has been actively seeking help and guidance with all her learning areas. She is a reliable road patroller and has also helped raise a lot of money through her leadership in the Newbury Charity Group.



Adym Bryne
Feilding Intermediate

Adym has a positive mindset and has learned to persevere, even when things become difficult. Adym loves being given opportunities to help others and he has built strong relationships with students and teachers. He shows a huge amount of empathy and kindness to others.



Ben Goldstone
Feilding Intermediate

Ben is a positive and motivated member of Feilding Intermediate School. This is evident in his learning and sporting endeavors. His positive attitude is also noted in the wider school.



Rowan Anderson
Rongotea School

18 months ago Rowan lost her Mum to cancer. Moving forward, Rowan has shown resilience. She's never once given up, showing exemplary commitment to her learning and works hard at every task that is set. This year she has taken on various leadership roles and is a tuakana in our school. Rowan's attitude towards the events that have happened to her is one of maturity and strength. She is a shining example of strength to others in our school community.



Marlaina Veltman
Kopane School

Marlaina has made excellent progress in her learning, overcoming some significant learning challenges along the way this year. Her attitude has been exceptional and she always gives her best. Our school is really proud of you!

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