

Since the start of level 4 lockdown, amazing efforts have been made by our stellar ACES Team to quickly ready our students for learning at home via online learning via our ACES Hub and

Be kind, stay home & stay safe. Nui te aroha ki a koutou katoa.



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# 1. HONORE - THE LEGEND

Often our students' light shines brighter when they move on to the next part of their educational journey. Below is the heartwarming update of our very own Honore (transitioned end of Term 1 to NZMA Hospitality and Retail Course), from a message shared by the Community Engagement Manager of NZMA below.

I am privileged to still be able to see Honore every week at my gym Fitness 24/7 where I teach boxing classes and group fitness training sessions part-time. He is now a member of our Gym and also working with my nutritionist Tarren McCall from Champion Nutrition to help with his training goals. Honore could not have made it this far without the help of numerous Tutors and staff at ACES who believed in him and accepted him as he was. A reminder of why we do what we do!

THELO MELEISEA  
ACES MAUNGAWHAU CAMPUS LEADER



MAUNGAWHAU  
CAMPUS

Let your  
Light  
Shine

## A letter from NZMA about Honore

**Kia ora koutou,**

Hope all is well and staying warm. Whanau, I'm so excited to be sharing some news with you regarding our lovely student Honore who we've come to love as much as you all have.

Honore is such an exceptional student who has captured the hearts of many of our staff here. His level of commitment, his confidence, willingness to learn since starting our Vocational Level 2 programme is one worth celebrating. Honore is here every day from 7.30am and is the last to leave at the end of the day.

This week our students are all on study leave however Honore has continued to come into campus to support our café. I have attached for you a picture taken today where his tutor spent the day teaching Honore how to cook a wonderful meal, managed the café and even

stayed behind to clean up the kitchen while dad waited in the car even when we tried to tell him to leave. His response 'I haven't finished cleaning yet.'

And finally, we are so proud to announce that Honore has also been selected to represent NZMA at the 'NZ Hospitality Championship 2021' which will be held at the Trust Arena on the 9th of September. Leading up to this, Honore will be trained by a number of our tutors and will be competing in 2 events, coffee making and table setting.

Well that's all from me today but thank you, no doubt you're all as proud as we are. Have a blessed day.

MJ Harrison | Community Engagement Manager  
NZMA, NZ Institute of Sport, and The Culinary Collective  
AUCKLAND REGION





## 2. DREAM BIG. WORK HARD.

Thor Paul, Andrew Graydon (Former ACES students now transitioned to Lynfield College) and Seth McGlynn (current ACES student) are now firmly in their boxing journeys with Olympic Boxing Coach Cameron Todd (in the Cameron Todd Boxing Academy). With the Olympics just finished and one of Cam's past proteges David Nyika winning a Bronze Medal, the stage is set for these three young men to dream big.

Cam has earmarked Thor as a future New Zealand Champion and he has already had three amateur bouts. When asked why is boxing important to me, Andrew said, "Because it teaches us discipline, getting through tough situations, and how to never give up. Cam has high standards for our team and this filters into every area of my life. Recently I have just secured a part-time job at Countdown on top of School and training four days a week. ACES wish the boys all the best in their journey through the Amateur Boxing world.

Mauri ora

## 3. DAWN RAID ENTREPRENEUR MARVELS AT ACES ENTERPRISE STUDENTS



Dawn Raid artist Savage holds the record for the highest selling single in NZ History (\$1.5 Million units) "Swing". As the founder of the legendary Dawn Raid Enterprises, Brotha D (Danny Danny Leaosavai'i) has experienced the heady heights of a small business becoming a million dollar empire, as well as the tribulations of business challenges.



The ACES Shark Tank panel (from left in photo above) consisted of Blair Gilbert Head of Commerce Studies at Mount Albert Grammar School, ACES Manager Karyl Puklowski, and Brotha D had the chance to see presentations from three different Enterprise Project Groups with three different unique products and business plans.

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## 3 ENTERPRISE PROJECT GROUPS

### UNIQUE PRODUCTS & BUSINESS PLANS

# 1 yung bucks

Product: Stylised Kangol (Bucket) Hats  
Presenters: Sione and Tylah



# 2 vinatge tees

Product: T-shirts with classic hip hop prints  
Presenters: Sauaso and Xzrvyae



# 3 naisen manea

Product: Stylised socks  
Presenters: Brooklyn, Lundi, Kurgan and Seth



Students were put through their paces presenting their business plan, concept and story, logo, costings, marketing, and advertising plans. The panel provided wisdom on the next steps, critical evaluation, and practical business advice.

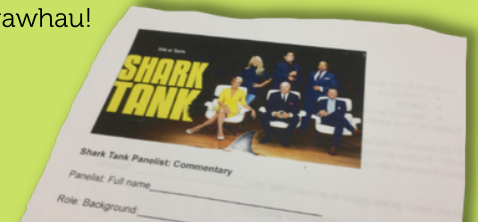
Blair Gilbert commented saying, "These students speaking with such confidence is amazing. Sure some of the ideas need development but all the ideas are 100% feasible if the students are willing to put in the work."

### *sales strategy*

*We believe that our generation are always following trends and will find a way to get to the newest one as soon as possible. Our product will sell if we have clear intentions and if we're striving for excellence, giving our all.*

Brotha D was super impressed with the Sales strategy of the Yung Bucks group and remarked, "I want to stop you there and say how blown away I am about your sales mission statement, it is so authentic, intentional, and believable. If your product tells "your story" then you will succeed! Yung Bucks Project leader Sione explained to the panel that the story of Yung Bucks is one of celebrating diversity and championing differences in youth, to which Brotha D was deeply moved.

This inspirational mission statement above sums up the determination of our young entrepreneurs in Enterprise Project to succeed. Both Yung Bucks and Vintage Tees project groups received \$500 investment to progress their business plan, should the group elect to move forward in Term 3. Well done Enterprise Students Maungawhau!





## 4. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### COOK ISLANDS LAUNGUAGE WEEK

During Cook Island Language week the tutors and students learned greetings, numbers, and said prayers. We watched videos relating to the Cook Islands and the language.

One of our local community art centres Te Ora had week-long Cook Island activities the community could get involved in for free. Our students along with Frances Pupualii (Campus Leader )and June Reti (Tutor) made Ei Katu, which is a garland of flowers you wear on/around your head also known as flower crown or head garland. The word 'ei' in Cook Island Maori is something that you create to be worn around your head, neck or hips using shells, flowers or leaves. 'Katu' in Cook Island Maori means head, skull or scalp.

## MAUNGAREI CAMPUS



Frances Pupualii  
Maungarei Campus Leader

June Reti  
Maungarei Tutor



### KOROWAI MAKING

ACES Maungarei students and staff are currently making a Korowai each as part of our Awhi Mai Programme every Friday. A Korowai is a traditional woven Maori cloak and is worn as a mantle of prestige and honour.





Other activities, as part of Cool Islands Language Week, included days where we have an amazing creative experience designing and printing on T-Shirts. We were able to take home our unique Tee designs. Again, all these activities were free.

## 5. COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS

### DESIGNING COOK ISLANDS TEES



## OLD SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY STILL ALIVE AT TE TUHI

In Term 3 we are again working with Te Tuhi, one of Aotearoa New Zealand's foremost contemporary art spaces, and a leader in supporting experimental practice combined with community engagement.



Facilitators Louise and Jasmine are there on-hand, assisting students who have been learning about photography. Interestingly, they are not learning about digital photography! Students were given disposable cameras to capture photos around Te Tuhi. These photos were developed and the students had great fun putting them in order giving names to each one. The following week, Jenny Tomlin ran a very interesting photography workshop making pinhole cameras out of tin cans. She showed students a negative she had developed so they could see the end result. She then taught them how to make their own pinhole cameras out of tin cans which they placed outside Te Tuhi. The cameras will remain outside for a month, then students will return to develop their negatives. This was an eye-opening experience for many of our students so used to instant mobile phone photography. Excited, we eagerly wait to see our results over the next few weeks!



Pinhole opening made in tin can.

To the left, is one of the pinhole cameras created using a tin-can.

So, what's happening? You may ask. The tin can camera is a type of pinhole camera, a very simple device without any lens at all. Light enters through the only opening in the camera — the pinprick-sized hole — and falls on photosensitive material like paper or film negative inside.





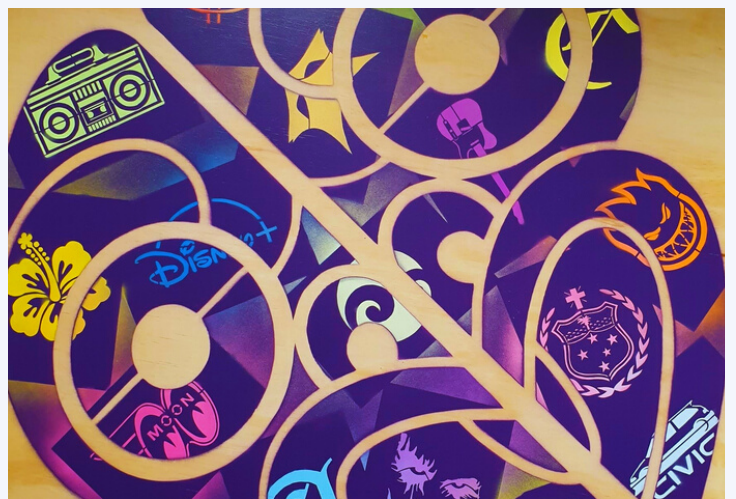
## 6. MAUNGAWHAU ARTWORK

In term one we were lucky enough to have local artist Finn Fair work alongside our rangitahi to create a triptych for display at our new campus at 520 Queen Street. This project ran over two terms and resulted in some pretty impressive artworks that the five young artists involved can be super proud of.

Students were involved in every aspect of creating the artworks. They had to work collaboratively to help construct the panels, source their images, learn new skills to successfully cut out some pretty tricky stencils, and spray paint all parts of the artworks.

Everyone was tasked with finding images that represented different aspects of them as a person. We were all required to find symbols of our culture, youth culture, interests, and text-based images that we connected with. There was a lot of discussion around why we connected with the images and what they meant to us. We learned a lot about each other through these conversations.

We would like to do a shout-out to X, Brooklyn, Tylah, Kurgan, and Seth for their contributions and for showing perseverance to stick with this project through to the finish. The end result was definitely worth the time and effort.





## 7. TE PUIA TRIP

### ACES DISCOVERS TE PUIA AND HIT THE LUGES IN ROTORUA

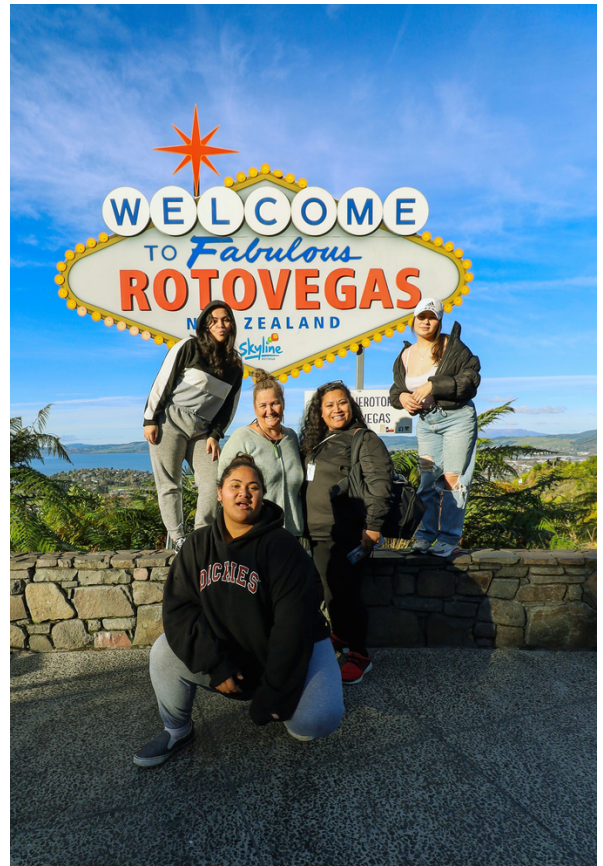
In Week 8 of Term 2, thirty ACES Enterprise Students visited Te Puia Hot Springs in Rotorua. This breathtakingly beautiful spot is a Maori-owned and run Enterprise.

Students got the opportunity to get a personalised tour from a guide who explained how Te Puia (which consists of six different businesses) began from humble beginnings as an idea and grew into a million-dollar business. This theme was important to inspire young, aspirational rangatahi who may have been to Te Puia or even Rotorua for the first time.

Students from both our Maungawhau and Maungarei Campuses also got the opportunity to hang out and enjoy the beautiful sights of Rotorua from the Gondola and race the luges. This trip culminated a long term of Enterprise students exploring different elements of business and helped to put a cap on the season.

Official Photographer Tylah-Reiko commented, "This trip was amazing for all us students and we need to do it again!".

Mauri Ora















ACES would like to sincerely thank you for reading our school newsletter. We hope you all are staying safe and well. We are sharing important help & support services with you below. Know, that you are not alone during this lockdown and it is ok to ask for help! Thank you everyone. Mauri ora.

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

Please make use of the services listed below, they are there to support you, your whanau or somebody you may know.

#### Where to get help:

- Need to Talk? Free call or text 1737 any time to speak to a trained counsellor, for any reason.
- Lifeline: 0800 543 354 or text HELP to 4357
- Suicide Crisis Helpline: 0508 828 865 / 0508 TAUTOKO (24/7). This is a service for people who may be thinking about suicide, or those who are concerned about family or friends.
- Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757 (24/7) or text 4202 [www.depression.org.nz/](http://www.depression.org.nz/)
- Samaritans: 0800 726 666 (24/7)
- Youthline: 0800 376 633 (24/7) or free text 234 (8am-12am), or email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz)
- What's Up: online chat (3pm-10pm) or 0800 WHATSUP / 0800 9428 787 helpline (12pm-10pm weekdays, 3pm-11pm weekends) [www.whatsup.co.nz/](http://www.whatsup.co.nz/)
- Kidsline (ages 5-18): 0800 543 754 (24/7)
- Rural Support Trust Helpline: 0800 787 254
- Healthline: 0800 611 116
- Rainbow Youth: (09) 376 4155
- OUTLine: 0800 688 5463

If it is an emergency and you feel like you or someone else is at risk, call 111.

#### Sexual Violence

- NZ Police: [www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/advice-victims/victims-rape-or-sexual-assault](http://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/advice-victims/victims-rape-or-sexual-assault)
- Victim Support 0800 842 846
- Rape Crisis 0800 88 33 00
- Rape Prevention Education: [www.rpe.co.nz/covid-19/](http://www.rpe.co.nz/covid-19/)
- Empowerment Trust: [www.empowermenttrust.nz/](http://www.empowermenttrust.nz/)
- HELP Call 24/7 (Auckland): 09 623 1700, (Wellington): be 04 801 6655 - 0
- Safe to talk: a 24/7 confidential helpline for survivors, support people and those with harmful sexual behaviour: 0800044334.
- Mosaic - Tiaki Tangata Peer support for males who have experienced trauma and sexual abuse: 0800 94 22 94

#### Family Violence

- Women's Refuge: (0800 733 843)
- It's Not OK (0800 456 450)
- Shine: 0508 744 633
- Victim Support: 0800 650 654
- HELP Call 24/7 (Auckland): 09 623 1700, (Wellington): be 04 801 6655 - 0
- The National Network of Family Violence Services NZ has information on specialist family violence agencies.

#### Help with alcohol and drugs

- Alcohol Drug Helpline: 0800 787 797
- Drug Help website: [www.thelevel.org.nz/covid-19](http://www.thelevel.org.nz/covid-19)

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