

# Me. We. Us.

Updates for the Whānau, Parents & Professionals connected to ACES AE

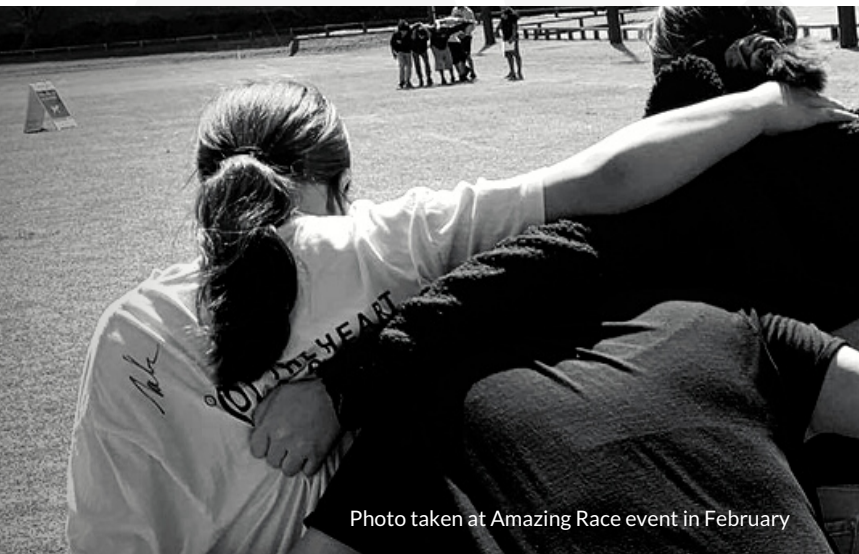


Photo taken at Amazing Race event in February

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### Editors note:

We are all cautiously aware of the new *normality* and that Auckland has had the 4th COVID-19 Level 3 restrictions. ACES AE resilience as a school and the team at Maungarei and Maungawhau Campus is something to behold. Like previous lockdowns, for students and staff, we dig deep to get online and self-directed learning systems in place, all the while looking out for one another and our wellbeing.

## Kia ora Koutou...

Much has happened since our last newsletter, and it goes without saying that 2020 was certainly a very challenging year for most. Now, we find ourselves a quarter of the way through 2021, lockdowns behind us, and eagerly looking forward to the exciting school year ahead. To begin the 2021 school year and welcome students to our Maungarei and Maungawhau campuses was truly a wondrous occasion. To add, in mid-January our Maungawhau Campus moved, opening its new doors in downtown Auckland at 520 Queen Street.



View from ACES on to Queen St.

## New Staff Members join the AE Team

In November 2020 we welcomed two new staff members to the team, Lara Fair & Hayward Bullen. ACES AE recognized the critical requirement to improve the literacy and numeracy of our young students and sought to fill this need with combined support of an appointed mentor to offer guidance helping students stay on their path giving them the best possible start on their ACES AE journey.



### LITERACY & NUMERACY



LARA FAIR  
Literacy & Numeracy  
Tutor / Teacher

Kia Ora. My name is Lara Fair. I am a trained primary school teacher and I have worked in Alternative Education settings since 2002. I am from the Far North originally but was living in the UK for the last 10 years, that is until covid caught me out. Lucky for me I was able to reconnect with the amazing team at ACES and enjoy being able to work in the best place to be in the world right now. My current role at ACES is as a Tutor Teacher, with a numeracy and literacy focus.

I mainly provide support to tutors and wider team with their planning, timetabling and learning in the classroom. One of my big focuses this year is to support and work alongside our young people to improve their engagement in literacy and numeracy. I have a keen interest in improving reading levels and positive participation in learning. I really look forward to the year ahead and meeting more whanau as the year goes on. Take care out there.

Kia ora, I'm Hayward, one of the new members of the ACES student support team. Born and raised in central Auckland, I'm passionate about sport, music and food. I spend most of my free time at a local basketball court, cooking a feed or playing guitar. I'm psyched to be a part of the music elective this year and designing the classes.

I'm super passionate about youth mentoring, my last role was in youth work working with care and protection and youth justice programs. It's awesome to see young people succeed and be proud of their achievements. It's been great joining the ACES team and meeting so many awesome and inspiring young people, as well as the whanau putting in the effort to support them. I hope everyone has been safe and well during the lockdown! Nga mihi.



HAYWARD BULLEN  
Student Mentor  
& Music Tutor

### STUDENT MENTOR



# ACES AE Prizegiving Ceremony 2020

by Buchanan Niuapu

On December 9th, 2020 our final day for students reached its climax with our annual end of the year Prizegiving held at the Ellerslie Event Centre.

It was a great day where our community of staff, students, parents, caregivers, and agencies who partner in our mahi (work) came together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students for 2020.

We were also blessed to have the presence of the following dignitaries:-

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS

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**Patrick Drumm** (MAGS Headmaster and ACES Chairperson)

**Corey Todd** (MAGS Deputy Principal)

**Julie Spedding** (Ministry of Education)

**Doug Tausili** (NZ Police)

**Marshall Hall** (Oranga Tamariki Youth Justice)

**Charles Mulipola** (Community Approach)

**Jolene Cartwright** (TYLA)

**Miria Brown** (Te Wananga o Aotearoa)

**Ma'a Brian Sagala** (531 Pi)

**MJ Harrison** (NZMA)



Our guest speaker was Richie Hardcore. Richie is an educator and keynote speaker who speaks on topics such as violence prevention, mental health, and wellness. Richie also came on board as part of our curriculum in Term 4 running a Muay Thai Kickboxing Elective in the afternoons for our students.

The Prizegiving was also very emotional and poignant because of the passing of our cherished former colleague Bryan Ngamata. Bryan's wife Debbie Ngamata and some of his tamariki tupu and mokopuna represented their whanau. As a memoriam to Bryan, we introduced a new award in his name for 'Outstanding Cultural Contribution' which was appropriately presented by his beautiful wife Debbie.

**Memoriam to  
Bryan  
Ngamata**  
*at Prizegiving 2020*



It was also incredibly uplifting to have our staff and students share a waiata and haka that we had learnt in our Kapa Haka sessions ably taught by Kaiako (Teachers) from Te Wananga o Aotearoa.

# PRIZEGIVING AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL LIST OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AN AWARD

AWARD	AWARD CATEGORY	AWARD WINNERS
1	Achievement in ACES AE Values Respect Yourself	Sauaso Aute-Neli Levi Tawhiao
	Achievement in ACES AE Values Respect Others	Sione Taufalele Noel David
	Achievement in ACES AE Values Respect Enironment	Virginia Vea Lovey MacKinven
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	Achievement in ACES AE Values Whakawhanaungatanga	Sauaso Aute-Neli Noel David
2	Achievement in Sports	Sauaso Aute-Neli Wallymei Turner
	Achievement in Sports in the Commnity	Seth McGlynn James Griffiths
3	Achievement in Pafiska Culture	Tommy Manako Sam Puna
	Achievement in Maori Culture	Kaylah Morris Lovey MacKinven
	Bryan Ngamata Award - Outstanding Cultural Contribution	Sauaso Aute-Neli (Cup)
4	Achievement with Excellence Project Based Learning	KaKaylah Morris Wallymei Turner
	Achievement with Excellence Online Engagement (COVID-19)	Kurgan Ball Teremoana Williams
	Achievement with Excellence Te Kura Correspondence	Kaylah Morris Moana Pomare Kekeli Nanedo
	Achievement with Excellence Pathways Awarua	Bevan Matthews
	Achievement with Excellence Electives	Te Kareti Duncan

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5	Achievement with Excellence Gateway Program	Kaylah Morris Sauaso Aute-Neli
	Achievement with Excellence "Return to Mainstream Plan"	Andrew Graydon
	Achievement with Excellence "Moving On Plan"	Kaylah Morris Angelo Peihopa
	Achievement with Excellence Awhi Mai	Virginia Vea Sam Puna
	Achievement with Excellence Mana Wāhine	Kaylah Morris Lovey MacKinven
	Achievement with Excellence Mana Tāne	Sam Puna
6	Achievement in Attendance	Lovey MacKinven Sam Puna Andrew Graydon Isileli Fonua Sauaso Aute-Neli Tommy Manako Kekeli Nanedo
	Achievement for Most Improved Attendance	Lovey MacKinven Andrew Graydon
	Top Attendance	Sauaso Aute-Neli (Cup)
7	Achievement for Personal Development	Andrew Graydon (Cup) Honore Micheal-Robert Culleton
8	Achievement for Most Consistent Student	Sauaso Aute-Neli (Cup)
9	Achievement for Most Improved Student	Honore Micheal-Robert Culleton (Cup) Bevan Matthews
10	Top Student and the Dux	Sauaso Aute-Neli (Dux) & (Cup) Kaylah Morris (Top Student)



# MOVING ON FROM ACES

## Where did other students go?

Where to?

How many?

### PATHWAYS

Returned to Mainstream School Lynfield College

1 student

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Gateway Options

### MAUNGAWHAU

Went to NZMA Otahuhu Trades Campus

2 students

Students to Cut Above

2 students

Returned to Mainstream: One Tree Hill College, Mt Roskill Grammar School and Lynfield College

3 students

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Transition

### MAUNGAREI

Went to NZMA Otahuhu Hospitality

1 student

Went to Treehouse TBC

1 student

To NZMA Trades School

1 student

Return to Mainstream (One Tree Hill College)

1 student

Possible first placements with Sisters United Connect Employment TB

2 students

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Transition

WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA WEEK

# ACES AMAZING RACE EVENT

VERY FIRST COMBINED ACES AMAZING RACE - FEB 2021

## AMAZING RACE

by Thelo Mele

On Friday 12th  
ACES Campuses  
Combined ACES

given the task of working together to figure out clues for five major landmarks around central Auckland.

The Fun Team Building activities included everything from forming team scrums at the local Rugby club, to racing pool balls on a spoon up Onehunga Community Centre steps.

In the process teams learnt about ideas around individual and collective identity, as well as Whakawhanaungatanga. There was a wonderful, peaceful and unified ambience at Cornwall Park as the delicious smells of Barbecue filled the air, touch balls flew around, reggae music and smiling faces all round.

ME, WE & US.  
Mauri Ora



Wellington and was his last day at ACES. Students and Staff led by Campus Leader Thelo performed a rousing version of the haka "Tika Tonu" to climax the event.

Event organiser Sam Paulin says, "A huge part of our success today was the team work and energy from our awesome students, as well as our "Rock", Buchanan Niuapu who organised our awesome professionals Team, who in turn set up marquees, prepped the delicious barbecue at the end of the race and marshalled the event. They really gave meaning to one of the Amazing Race's central themes of ME, WE and US." Mauri Ora "

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*FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR  
UPCOMING AMAZING RACE II*