

# Student Media Team Anchors Te Rangitawaea Festival 2006



A local media team was selected by the Te Rangitawaea Festival organising committee to share their experiences with local students. A student media team, selected to work in their chosen fields at the Te Rangitawaea festival, gathered at Kariaka Pa on September 13.

Training content incorporated print, television, photography and radio. Specialist journalist and photographer Alice Te Puni shared her expertise in photography. She outlined the different effects, styles and angles involved and the value of taking good photographs. Cameraperson Trudy Lewis and TV presenter Cushla Tangaere took the students through the basics of researching, presenting and filming a TV story. RNP's Darylène Rogers taught students how to put a radio report together and she shared her experiences with radio broadcasting.

Senior students from all East Coast high schools were invited to participate. The training session began with a job interview format where students applied for a position in their desired field. They were trained for a day and the students who showed the most potential were to be selected for the position. "All of the students had adequate 'media potential', enthusiasm and the capacity that would be utilized in a "media team" said Darylène Rogers "The training day was a great way to identify and enhance the skills of the students".

They had two weeks to practice their learned skills and apply them on the day of the Festival – "Nati Awards".

During Te Rangitawaea festival the TV presenters provided regular updates which were streamed live at the festival. They were also given the opportunity to present on the 'Mai Time' programme who had come to cover the festival. The photographers took amazing shots of the ICT challenges while the radio broadcasters provided regular five-minute reports throughout the day going live to air in English and Maori. On completion of the ICT challenge the radio presenters joined Darylène in the RNP studio and co-hosted the 'Drive' show. Student radio broadcaster Stephanie Mitchell of Tolaga Bay Area School said, "It was awesome to be given the opportunity to be on radio". Principal Nori Parata traveling into Ruatoria for the Festival, tuned to RNP 585AM, popped into the studio to congratulate Stephanie and her fellow student Wiremu Raihania for their broadcasting contribution. Overall winners for the 2006 Festival went to Tolaga Bay Area School. Ruuuuu Uawa!!

Next years Te Rangitawaea festival will produce greater challenges and interest from all schools and communities. The concept of the media team looks set to develop further with more students encouraged to take up careers in multi media.