

# ICT Nati Awards 2005



Schools have been “beavering away” to have their information communication technology (ICT) projects finished to meet the competition deadline date of Monday, August 22, said Te Rangitawaea Festival organiser Nori Parata.

She said entries had been distributed to judges throughout the country who are Ngati Porou descendants and involved in the various industries relevant to the competition.

Ms Parata said the inaugural event held in 2004 proved a successful initiative and plans were in the pipeline for an even bigger extravaganza this year.

The Nati Awards ceremony evening is at Uepohatu Marae, Ruatoria, September 14.

The nominated top three entries will be shown at the awards evening. A chance to view the other entries may be taken during the Nati Awards Expo at Ngata Memorial College during the day.

“The expo and awards evening are calendar events not to be missed. It is a good opportunity to see what our children are doing in the area of ICT,” she said

Sponsorship prizes worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000 has been forthcoming from local and national ICT companies, Ngati Porou business and organisations.

The theme for the 2005 competition is Nga Whakatauki o Ngati Porou (Ngati Porou proverbs).

“This theme is a perfect opportunity for our children to familiarise themselves with Ngati Porou whakatauki and to creatively express their understanding through multi media.”

Ms Parata said the students were very keen to win a Nati award.

“There are huge amounts of effort put into the competition entries. A concept has to be created, storyboard put together, sound and images worked out and editing completed. A five minute video could take up to two to three months to put together.”

The array of competition categories include short films both fiction and non-fiction, websites, animations including photo and clay, digital photos, junior and senior documentaries, original music video, original song composition, and graphic poster design.

There are 26 Natis up for grabs including four supreme awards.

