

Proud moment for mum and dad



Darrell Rutherford Reid with his parents Everard and Natalie.



Darrell Rutherford Reid youngest member of Ross Shield team

The Ross Shield competition is one of the longest-running rugby competitions in New Zealand and is the pinnacle of primary school rugby in Hawke's Bay.

The competition started more than 120 years ago by Napier businessman and keen sports enthusiast JA Ross.

It has so much history that young players feel it an honour and a privilege to get onto a Ross Shield team. You need to have certain stamina and be a certain weight among

other things to get in. The competition involves teams from Wairoa, Napier, Hastings East, Hastings West, Central Hawke's Bay and Dannevirke.

The 2021 Ross Shield Tournament was held last week from October 4 to 8 and was hosted by Hastings at the Ellwood Rd rugby fields. Teams have been outstanding in their uniforms, proudly representing their teams.

All of the boys looked stunning and stood out as team leaders with potential. Among the Hastings West

We are stoked for him and his achievement

team is young Darrell Rutherford Reid. This particular team has defended the Ross Shield for the past three years.

"It's a pretty big deal for our boy as he is the youngest in the team. It is uncommon for a Year 6 to make a Ross Shield

team as it is more known for intermediate children Year 7-8," says mum Natalie Reid.

"We are stoked for him and his achievement. He's also the first student from Bridge Pa School to make it into the team," Natalie said.

Darrell comes from a long line of rugby players. He follows in the footsteps of his father Everard Reid, his grandfather the late Darrell Reid and his great grandfather, All Black legend Sana Torium Reid.

Last weekend the Hastings West Team had photos of their team at each of the children's kura which was absolutely stunning. Darrell was also able

The Hastings West Ross Shield team.

to have a picture taken in front of Mangaroa Marae.

This is definitely a proud moment for parents of all of these children.

In a Facebook post, Darrell's Natalie acknowledged her son for his determination and drive for rugby and she also acknowledged the village who helped raise their son and helped him achieve his goals thus far.

We are sure she speaks for all of the children and their parents. There are some wonderful people in our communities who make these opportunities happen for our children, our future sporting achievers.

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AUNTY'S GARDEN

Maintaining connections is essential

Hanui Lawrence

I recently attended a high school production called *Hono*, which means "to connect".

It was performed on stage by Year 9 to 13 students with a cast of about 30. Through song, kapa haka, dance, dialogue, acting, exceptional backdrops and lighting, it was a superb presentation.

The story began with two best mates preparing to go to war. On the battlefield, Tahu promises Tama that he will look after him, but Tama is shot and killed.

Tahu is heartbroken as he holds his best friend in his arms and with tears of great sorrow, he realises his promise has been broken.

Back home, Tahu has lapses of despair. He marries his sweetheart, only to lose her in childbirth. More despair, as he passes his daughter to his mother. The Māori gods comfort Tahu.

The present day Billie, Tahu's daughter, now a senior at high school, is academic, hard working, talented and excels in all she does. Her best friend Rangī learns Billie has



the lead role in the upcoming school play, a role she had hoped would be offered to her.

She is disappointed and estranges herself from her talented friend; the Māori gods embrace Rangī.

In enters Honey, another close friend of Billie. Outwardly, Honey is lively but she is motherless. She lives in a caravan with her younger sister, tending to her as well as herself in difficult circumstances.

Honey's best friend Tai, brings extra lunch each day knowing Honey's plight.

When he goes to comfort her she pushes him away,

asserting her pretend toughness. He is hurt for he secretly loves Honey. Out loud he composes a letter to tell her of his love for her. The Māori gods are with them.

I will pause here, the story does have a happy ending, when the gods envelope all the performers in a grand finale.

Mental Health awareness week has just passed. I couldn't help resist this show as it was based on mental health.

Though the scenarios were simplistic, in reality, an unkind word, a loss of someone, a thoughtless act could and does trigger us into doing something out of the norm.

"Hono" – to connect, be mindful of those with mental health issues.

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Ingredients

- 500g butter
- 1 egg
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tbsp of brown sugar

- 3 1/4 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of fresh broad beans
- 6 mint leaves
- 3/4 cup of milk (warmed)

Method

Cream butter and sugar, beat in egg. Add salt, flour, baking powder.

Blanche the broad beans and remove the skins – add the milk put aside.

Finely chop the mint leaves. Mix the broad beans and mint leaves in the dough mix and fold in.

Drop into greased and hot muffin tray. Bake at 180C for 15 to 20 minutes.

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Flaxmere Christian Fellowship
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The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's. The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:30. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth and adults. Children's Sunday school classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

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Aide role sows seed for teaching career

The three years that Steve Burgess spent as a teacher aide after leaving school convinced the Gisborne local to follow his passion and enrol in the Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) programme at EIT's Tairāwhiti Campus.

Burgess (Ngāti Kahungunu), says he loved his time as a teacher aide at Te Karaka Area School, north of Gisborne.

"Being a teacher aide really pushed me and made me decide that this was the right career path for me. I was dealing with children from 5 to 13 years old and it really cemented my skills early on."

Burgess, who has been teaching Years 3 and 4 at Gisborne Central School since the beginning of last year, enrolled at EIT in 2017. He says

It is rewarding for the children to see how a plant actually grows and the work they have to put into them to make that happen.

he decided to do his degree through EIT because he had heard "really good things" about the teaching programme.

"I did a bit of research and went in to talk to them. What really sold it for me was the amount of practice-based



learning you get," he says.

"At EIT you spend two days a week in a classroom at a school, so you get a lot of hands-on learning. What worked for me as well was being able to stay at home with my family while I trained."

He looks back fondly on his

time at EIT, with a particularly enjoyable aspect being his last practicum placement when he returned to his old school, Ormond School, in Gisborne.

"It was rather special to be back and there were even couple of teachers there from when I was a student," he said,

EIT graduate Steve Burgess is enjoying being a teacher at Gisborne Central School, where one of his extracurricular roles is developing the school vegetable garden.

adding that he could not quite bring himself to address those teachers by their first names.

Burgess, who graduated in

2019, says he also enjoyed the smaller class sizes at EIT, which meant more opportunities for one-on-one time with lecturers.

He may have a chance to experience more of that as he plans to do a Master's degree in the next couple of years. The topic – bilingual education.

"This is important to me because I've got Māori heritage through my father, and I'm actually on a journey myself to learn as much te reo Māori as I can. It has only really been in my adult years that I've understood my whakapapa."

He has also been able to bring te reo Māori into his classroom at Gisborne Central School, especially during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) this year.

While Burgess has ambitions to move into school leadership later in his career, he is loving his current role as a qualified teacher. He is also one of two sports co-ordinators and is in charge of the school vegetable garden with another teacher.

"We have been revitalising the school garden and making it a community project. It is rewarding for the children to see how a plant actually grows and the work they have to put into them to make that happen," he says.

Andy Hayward, principal of Gisborne Central School, says: "We employed Steve as a graduate of EIT in 2020. We couldn't be happier with how he settled in and what he contributes to our school."



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Principal, staff and girls get their jabs

Hukarere Girls' principal takes the lead

Hukarere Girls' College staff and students played their part in the fight against Covid-19 by rolling up their sleeves and getting vaccinated.

Twelve girls, along with several staff received their first, and in some cases, second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at a pop-up clinic run by Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri at the school last week.

It was part of a drive by principal Shona West and management to get the school fully vaccinated by the end of the year. West, who got her second dose at the clinic, said she had a responsibility to ensure the safety of her students.

"The Delta strain is even more devastating and for that reason I've listened to the medical fraternity and the word of the Prime Minister, and I will rely on their word as I believe we need to keep our girls and whānau safe."

The students come from all over the country and Australia, and for that reason, she says it is "even more

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important" to heed the call and use every means of protection available. The girls were able to choose whether they received a vaccination, and the kura sought permission from their parents beforehand. Getting vaccinated herself was a way to combat misinformation and be a role model. West said close to a third of the college had received their first dose.

Those who are not yet vaccinated will be encouraged to get their first dose when Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri come back in three weeks' time.

Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri delivered the vaccinations and held a kōrero with staff and students to run through



Hukarere Girls' College principal Shona West (middle) getting her second dose of the Pfizer vaccine by Te Kupenga Hauora Ahuriri registered nurse and vaccinator Chris Drown (left) and supported by Delta Huata (deputy head girl) and Josene Brown (head girl).

the process and address any concerns they had prior to getting the jab.

Operations manager, and site lead Tessa Robin, who is closely connected to the kura, said they were privileged to be able to vaccinate those at the kura.

As the only Māori health provider based in Napier delivering vaccinations in the community, they had vaccinated many people of all ages. "These are our wāhine,

they're our future, so it's really important in my opinion that we protect them," Robin said. "Our girls come from all over the motu here and they have the potential to come across potential risks so it's very important."

Year 11 student Naturelle Rangiawha said she chose to get vaccinated for her nans and koros.

While fellow student Jahzell Potaka said she not only wanted to keep those around

her safe but getting vaccinated meant she was able to travel. "It wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be and the support was nice."

The kura has also had custom face masks with its logo printed on them.

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A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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Last month, Napier Port launched an ambitious and comprehensive sustainability strategy and action plan, which was developed over a two-year period and in consultation with local community members and the port's many diverse stakeholders.

Napier Port Chief Executive Todd Dawson said implementing the sustainability strategy is a priority for the business.

"Advancing sustainability at Napier Port is embedded in our business strategy as a foundation, reflecting the importance of leaving a positive legacy for future generations, while delivering for our customers, community and wider regional economy."

"With more than 100 identified actions it will definitely challenge us, but we didn't want to take the easy path. We wanted a strategy that will actually enable us to make a difference and one that is authentic to Napier Port and our community," Todd Dawson said.

Napier Port has chosen to align its sustainability strategy to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Launched in late 2015, the SDG platform is now recognised as an ideal basis upon which to build a robust and balanced Sustainability Strategy.

The port is focused on what it can achieve locally to respond to global challenges like climate change, environmental issues and prosperity to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

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Our vaccination stats must start to rise

In a Covid-19 update received October 7 from John Whaanga, deputy director-general, Māori Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, vaccine statistics revealed that over 5.5 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine have been administered across the motu, including 3.38 million first doses and 2.15 million second doses.

Although it sounds great, we are still needing to motivate the rest of our country to vaccinate. A total of 70,198 vaccines were administered throughout the country, with 18,847 people receiving their first dose, and 51,351 people receiving their second.

For the Māori rollout, overall, 332,741 of our whānau have had one dose of the vaccine, and 191,873 have had their second dose and are fully vaccinated. This means 58 per cent of our eligible Māori people have had one dose and 33.5 per cent have had their second.

As Minister Hipkins said last

week, vaccination is the best tool we have to provide everyone with their individual armour against Covid-19 and to reduce the need for strict lockdown restrictions in the future. It's clear the virus is finding people who aren't vaccinated, we've seen this already in the number and type of cases coming through.

Ngāti Kahungunu leaders met with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern last Friday to discuss some of the things that the iwi is doing to encourage vaccination.

"What has been proven time and time again is that 'by Māori, for Māori, with Māori' works," iwi chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana said.

"If we had been resourced early we would have equal numbers, but we are not being resourced to do that," he said.

"The simple answer is that more resourcing needs to be provided to enable a by Māori, for Māori, with Māori approach by iwi, taiwhenua and kaupapa Māori providers and organisations to lead out vaccinations for our people.

"The Tihei Mauri Ora model is one such approach which proved its effectiveness to reach and support our most vulnerable whānau, regardless of ethnicity during the Covid lockdown in 2020."

While the Tihei Mauri Ora hubs have continued to provide leadership and coordination within their communities throughout the Delta outbreak, these have limited funding from iwi and



Jacinda Ardern visited Kahungunu leadership to discuss ways to help get whānau vaccinated. Shi is pictured digging up the hangi that will go to those being vaccinated at the Taiwhenua.

Te Puni Kōkiri and their local district health boards.

"The Tihei Mauri Ora Centre based in Hastings is manned by Health Hawke's Bay Primary Health Organisation staff under the direction of PHO group manager, Māori Health, Henry Heke, who last year led the centre from his role in the Hawke's Bay District Health Board as head of intersector and special projects.

"This team have provided heat and eat meal packs on a large scale to whānau pounamu and to vaccination centres at marae and general practices to encourage whānau to be vaccinated.

"These 'By Māori, for Māori, with Māori' opportunities need

to be scaled up if we are to achieve equity of vaccination.

"This approach needs to be resourced by Crown agencies and include the provision of mobile vaccination facilities," said Tomoana.

"The health equity issues for Māori have always been highlighted, however, what we know is that if the approach is not 'by Māori, for Māori, with Māori' whānau do not have equal access.

"Māori providers and communities need to be resourced to provide their own delivery approach in each of their communities."

Last week a news reporter asked Ngahiwi Tomoana if the iwi was ready for a Delta outbreak in the community.

The short answer is no!

No one is, because access to resources and services are still an issue for the most vulnerable of communities. Add to that poor housing conditions, overcrowding, poverty and poor nutrition, this becomes a magnet for Delta.

"If Government doesn't work with Māori to help our own, we will suffer."

■ You can help increase Māori vaccination rates, by continuing to encourage your friends and whānau to book in for their vaccinations as soon as possible. It's safe and it's free. They can do this online or by calling 0800 28 29 26.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern with Ngahiwi Tomoana.



Whānau taste success

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board Rep Melissa Ihaka sat down with Wairarapa Shearing contractors Paddy and Charmaine Mason and their two older children aspiring to be the world's leading indigenous provider in Manuka honey in the global market:

WERO NZ Manuka Honey is a producer of authentic premium manuka honey, it was established in 2017 and is a 100 per cent whānau-owned business in the Wairarapa. The whānau have strong whakapapa and affiliations to Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tumapuhia-a-rangi and Ngāti Hamua.

WERO was created to provide opportunities and upskill their whānau. Its visions include increasing employment opportunities, building cultural knowledge through connection to the whenua and understanding the tikanga of being a kaitiaki also to provide resources and training to become NZQA apiculture certified and create job pathways within the honey industry.

"Our operations focus on sustainable practices, the care and connection to the whenua and the welfare and wellbeing of our beekeepers and bees. It is vital that with our strong whakapapa and affiliations to local iwi and hapū, Te Ao Māori practises and values are at the heart of how we operate," says Paddy and Charmaine.

Manuka honey has many health benefits, for this reason alone, Paddy and Charmaine hand deliver WERO honey to as many kaumātua as they can.

Paddy and Charmaine have spent over 30 years in the



WERO NZ Manuka Honey produces authentic premium manuka honey.

shearing industry and the valuable skills they have learnt, work ethic, determination, aspiration to succeed, and whakawhānaungatanga made the creation of WERO slightly easier. They focused on collective inclusive relationships with iwi with businesses such as Oha Honey, landowners, and many others to take WERO into this space.

"WERO NZ Manuka honey is set to hit shelves in Europe... Switzerland this month. We are currently in the process of marketing our honey in the US market."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi has supported WERO with an opportunity to take its honey to the Dubai Expo, in mid-November, to be a part of Te Aratini. Te Aratini aspires to amplify the importance of indigenous and tribal peoples.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to be a part of the indigenous showcase on a world stage. We want to mihi to all those who have supported us and our journey with WERO so far," Paddy and Charmaine Mason said.

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