

# Principal for a Day 2010

Smart Waikato recently organised the third Principal For a Day event in the Waikato, where 24 business and community leaders were matched with principals from around the region to shadow the Principal For a Day.

“The day is designed to bring together schools and the business world at a leadership level so that closer links can be forged between the two sectors, creating opportunities for both schools and businesses to benefit,” said Mary Jensen, regional manager of Smart Waikato.

“Additionally the business leaders get to experience first-hand the issues that school principals face, as well as their challenges and triumphs. In turn, the school principal is encouraged to visit the business leaders work at their invitation and hopefully work experience opportunities for school students and professional development opportunities for teachers in the business world will ensue”.

It was a day very much valued by all participants.

One “Principal For a Day” said, “I was blown away by the complexities of running a school and the breadth of issues a headmaster deals with in a day. “ For the first time this year in addition to secondary schools being involved, some intermediates and primary schools were included in the line-up and schools were involved from as far afield as Whangamata and Taurimaru.

The day culminated in a reception at Wintec, which combined with the Young Enterprise Scheme Trade Fair.



PRINCIPAL for a Day, Dallas Fisher sits at head Clive Hamill's desk at Melville High School.



REBECCA WHITE, Wintec; Mary Ann Baxter, principal Hamilton Girls' High School and David Cooke, principal Melville Intermediate at the Principal for a Day reception.



DALE WILLIAMS, principal for a day at Korakonui Primary School.



PRINCIPAL for a Day, Cheryl Reynolds with Mike Sutton head of Rototuna Primary School.



GORDON CHESTERMAN and Les Roa.



MARK MCCABE, Steven Perdia and Dave Christiansen at the Principal for a Day and YES reception at The Hub, Wintec.

Participants in Principal For a Day 2010 included

School Principals	Business and Community Leaders
<b>Hamilton</b>	
MaryAnn Baxter, Hamilton Girls' High School	Les Roa, CEO, Longveld Engineering
Susan Hassall, Hamilton Boys' High School	Michelle Jordan-Tong, University of Waikato
Royce Helm, Southwell School	Wayne Walford, CEO, Waikato Chamber of Commerce
Teresa Cargo, Sacred Heart Girls' College	Ken Williamson, CEO, Crombie Lockwood
Grant Lander, St Pauls Collegiate	Philip Locke, CEO Milfos
Mark Penman, Hamilton West Primary School	Roger Evans, CEO Stafford Engineering
Peta Lean, St John's College	Mark McCabe, Partner, Price Waterhouse Coopers (Old Boy)
Marcus Freke, Vardon School	Craig Hobbs, GM The Radio Network
Clive Hamill, Melville High School	Dallas Fisher, NDA Engineering
David Cooke, Melville Intermediate	Brent Wilson, GM PFS/MacArthur Engineering
Kelvin Whiting, Hillcrest High School	Dick Breukink, General Manager, Novotel Tainui Hamilton
Mike Sutton, Rototuna Primary School	Cheryl Reynolds, Soda Inc
Virginia Crawford, Hamilton's Fraser High School	Steven Perdia, Wintec
John Coulam, Marian School	Eddie Stocks, Westpac
<b>Waikato Region</b>	
Robin Roa, Ngaruawahia High School	Gail Campbell, Regional Manager, Te Puni Kokiri
Jan Hoyle, Te Aroha College	Erica Rigter, Westpac
Colin Driller, Te Kauwhata College	Brad Totorewa, Te Wananga o Aotearoa
Steve Robb, St Peter's School	David Hemara, LIC
John Rautenbach, Taumarunui High School	Lianne Alabaster, Westpac
Mrs Kylie, Korakonui Primary School	Dale Williams, Mayor Otorohanga District Council
Ngaire Harris, Hauraki Plains College	Derek Aisalbie, Westpac
Timoti Harris, Otorohanga College	Aisha Ross, Te Puni Kokiri
Ross Preece, Whangamata High School	Robyn Logan, Westpac

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## Forever Young wears the pants



The directors of the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme trade fair winner 'Forever Young' are entrepreneurs in the making.

Owned and managed by five Waikato Diocesan year 13 students, this business has already had substantial success.

House spirit at secondary schools in New Zealand, especially Waikato Diocesan, is phenomenal. Forever Young has found a gap in the market and has decided to take advantage of this.

This Young Enterprise business designs and produces

House Shorts.

Each pair of House Shorts is in the respective House colour with its House name boldly branded on the shorts' right leg.

Though simple, this concept has encouraged the 7th formers to establish and operate a successful profitable business.

“Our Forever Young House shorts have already had a huge impact within Waikato Diocesan School, after the first order was complete and had arrived; the shorts were so popular we were urged to do

a second order, which we have already put through.”

These young entrepreneurs have their business minds on straight. Each director plans to continue with the business after they leave school in the hopes to help fund their tertiary education. And their commitment doesn't stop there; a proportion of the profits will be donated back into their school foundation

Currently Forever Young is working on designing and marketing the shorts to other secondary schools.

The expansion will initially



TRADE FAIR WINNERS Forever Young from Diocesan: From left, Alice Kay, Georgie McDonald, Daisy Stuart, Sophie Clapson and Frances Healy.

be focused on the Waikato region before progressively increasing to other second-

ary schools throughout New Zealand. For more information please

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