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Her Royal Highness Salote Mafile'o Pilolevu Tuita entering Takapūwāhia Marae

Tongan Princess in Development Talks

Tongan Princess Salote Mafile'o Pilolevu Tuita spent two days at Porirua in a warm cultural exchange between Ngāti Toa, Tongans, local dignitaries and Whitireia staff.

Over 200 people attended a pōwhiri at the Ngāti Toa Takapūwāhia Marae, the formal opening of a new hostel, and a hākari (feast) which served traditional

hangi and Tongan raw fish.

The new accommodation for Tongan students was developed after discussion with the Princess during a recent visit to the island nation by Whitireia Chief Executive Don Campbell.

He noted in his speech that Whitireia was already a national leader in Pacific nursing education. Talks between Her Royal Highness

and Deans explored plans to build broader educational links with the Pacific.

Whitireia has been working with Tonga since 1998 and today has 300 Tongan enrolments.

MP Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, a guest at the opening, said she considered Whitireia important to the Pacific Islands economic strategy.

College students learn with Microsoft's most valued professional

Computing enthusiasts from Year 12 at Mana College in Porirua have caught the computer programming bug from an industry certified enthusiastic IT tutor.

Sue Chard has been named by Microsoft as one of its Most Valued Professionals, or MVP, for the third year running in recognition of her assistance to professional software developers. She runs a dot.net user group, is President of the Dot.Net User Group Association and has run two code camps at Whitireia. MVPs get early access to new Microsoft releases and provide feedback on Microsoft Software development.

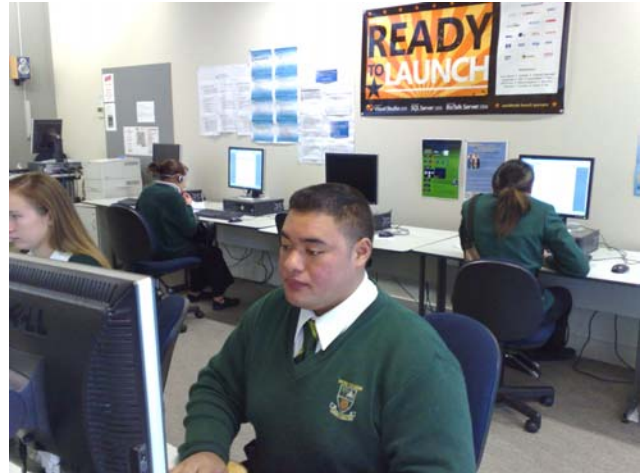
The 14 Mana College students were hooked into the thrill of creating their own computer applications and have just finished writing

games for PCs. Some students have gone on to add sounds and music to the game. The course counts towards Level 3 NCEA credits.

"They love it; they come early – they are there as soon as the room is open," Sue says. "I have to kick them out at the end so they don't get into trouble with their next teacher. It's a very energetic class."

Mana College Information Applications teacher Sarbjit Kaur says the partnership with Whitireia and the introduction of pathway courses at Mana have allowed students to step outside the school environment to pursue a particular pathway for their future.

"This is a great arrangement



Mana College students on the IT STAR programme

and students enjoy their sessions. They have been given after-school access too."

The 10 boys and four girls spend an hour-and-a-half at the Whitireia IT labs every Friday morning as part of a Government-funded STAR programme for secondary

schools.

Next year the IT STAR programme will offer four modules – one each term and worth seven credits each. Students will learn about networking, hardware and operating systems.

International textile artists hold 5 day workshop

Joan Schulze was one of ten top international textile artists holding a five-day series of workshops at the Whitireia Kapiti Campus at Paraparaumu in October.

Her master class focused on the shape and uses of the fan in design. She discussed the history of the fan and the

artists who have been inspired by its design.

"In six months participants are going to send me images of what they have done outside the classroom.

I will choose an exhibition that will travel in Australia and maybe New Zealand," Joan says.

Joan exhibited first in 1967 and has built a body of research in dimensional textile art. She works out of a studio in San Francisco.



Joan Schulze

Experts line up for nursing summit

An American academic with expertise in handling nursing shortages, was one of a line-up of international speakers in Wellington last week for an international nurse educators conference.

Professor Christine Tanner from the Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing, delivered a keynote address to 330 nurses from New Zealand, Australia and beyond. Dr Tanner was the

author of a 2001 study *Oregon's Nursing Shortage: A Public Health Crisis in the Making*.

The 2007 Australasian Nurse Educators

Conference, at Te Papa, was hosted by Whitireia and was also addressed by Health Minister Pete Hodgson and Māori Party Co-Leader Dr Pita Sharples.

Rarotonga graduation for business students

Whitireia Chief Executive Don Campbell attended the Rarotonga graduation at the end of August to award graduates with their qualifications.

The students, all working full-time and studying in their spare time, last year completed the NZQA National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing Level 2. Don Campbell says it is very important for the students

who are studying while working to be well supported. The graduation was also attended by Janine

Dean, Programme Manager of Office Systems, and tutor Ana Simmons.



Chief Executive Don Campbell and graduates from the National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing Level 2

Conceptual jewellery exhibition wows Holland

A jewellery exhibition by New Zealand's leading practitioners has recently opened in the Netherlands.

Jewellery Out of Context features 24 works and installations created by 29

New Zealand jewellers. It takes an experimental approach and challenges the normal perception that jewellery is wearable and made of precious materials. In Apeldoorn, the works are

being described as playful, moving and original.

The exhibition was curated by Peter Deckers, artist and senior jewellery design tutor at Whitireia Community Polytechnic and Dr Carol

Shepherd, Professor of Fine Arts, Elam School of Fine Arts. It will be on show in Apeldoorn until December, and then the exhibition will travel to Germany.

Foundations go in for new faculty building

Contractors have started work on the foundations of the new \$5 million Health, Education and Social Sciences building at the entrance to Whitireia Porirua campus.

The two-storey building is to provide permanent accommodation for the polytechnic's largest faculty, which covers nursing, paramedic, early childhood education, and community and social work programmes.

The building has been designed using environmentally sustainable principles and is the first stage of the new Campus Master Plan.



Te Kete Wānanga - The Learning Centre

Campus development plan highlights

- 2004 Business and Information Technology building completed
- 2005 Te Kete Wānanga - state of the art Library completed
- 2007 Health, Education and Social Sciences hub building begins
- 2008 Industry Training Centre completed

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Secondary School Scholarships 2008

Three fees scholarships are offered to Otaki, Kapiti, Paraparaumu, Mana, Porirua, Aotea, Bishop Viard, Tawa, Newlands and Onslow Colleges. The fees scholarships are valued at up to \$4,000.00 each, for a first full-time year of study at Whitireia in a two or three year programme.

Applications close on 1st November 2007.

For the entry criteria or further information or help call Fiona Wain, Schools Liaison, 237 3100 or email Fiona.Wain@whitireia.ac.nz.

Whitireia students at healthfest

Whitireia students were on hand to help visitors to the Healthy Kapiti festival at Lindale find out just how healthy they are.

Whitireia nursing and paramedic students demonstrated resuscitation techniques, checked blood pressure, heart rate and body mass index. There was also advice on healthy eating.

Graduates open their own café

Two of our graduates from the National Diploma in Hospitality Management and the Certificate in Professional Cookery have opened their own Café Adzuki Bean in Jackson Street, Petone

Young artists' gallery tempts Lindale tourists

At Lindale Tourist Centre, Kapiti, students are showing and selling their art works to visitors looking for a small piece of New Zealand to carry with them.

The work, on display until October 7, included finely handcrafted jewellery from several senior jewellery design students – silver earrings in the form of tiny film reels and intricate tiki. There is some dramatic textile art and couture, paintings, sculptures, carving and whakairo (Māori carving).

Matagi's dream was 11 years in the making

In 2004 Matagi Sione Ula enrolled in a Pacific-focused nursing degree course at Whitireia.

Whitireia created the Bachelor of Nursing (Pacific) degree in 2004 – the first of its kind in the country.

Matagi already has two job offers. He says there are many health problems affecting Pacific people, including heart disease and diabetes, and patients benefit by being able to talk to one of their own. "When you look into their eyes, when you talk to them in their language, they feel like they are home when they are in hospital. That sort of relationship is unique for the patient's recovery."

Faculty Dean Margaret Southwick says the health of Pacific peoples is worse than other ethnic groups in

New Zealand and increasing the numbers of Pacific health practitioners is an important strategy for improving the health of this group. Margaret is principal investigator for the Pacific Health Research Centre based at Whitireia.

The Whitireia degree is designed to link mainstream health institutions with the Pacific community and provide skilled health professionals to work with Pacific people, either as registered nurses in hospitals or in a variety of community organisations. Students undertake three years of full-time study, including a large clinical component.



Matagi Sione Ula

Whitireia professional kitchen supports fundraiser

The kitchens were jam-packed with berries at Whitireia in Porirua this month when 280 kilograms of frozen strawberries were turned into 1600 jars of jam.

On Tuesday 2 October, nine Whitireia staff and four volunteers from Mary Potter Hospice hulled, stirred, tasted, tested, poured and bottled the jam with special Mary Potter labels.

It will be sold at Mary

Potter's two fundraising Strawberry Festivals – at Midland Park in Wellington on Wednesday 7 November from 8am-3pm and the other at Paraparaumu Beach on Saturday 10 November from 9.30am-2.30pm. Along with the jam, volunteers will be selling strawberries and cream, and other items from their retail catalogue, including Christmas decoration and cards.



Shirley Bleach, Lorraine Meynell, Karen Blyde, Lisa Harris-Powell and John Hancock

Nurses see a greater role with at-risk families

An American academic who believes nurses can play a greater role in meeting the health needs of vulnerable people, visited Whitireia in August to promote nurse-managed health centres.

Tine Hansen-Turton is Chief Executive of the National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC), an association of health centres in the United States run by nurses. The centres provide primary health care services to over one million people annually.

“The nursing centres are aimed at the underserved or unserved populations – in the States, these are people without insurance,” says Kerri Arcus, Programme Leader in Postgraduate Primary Health Care Nursing at Whitireia Community Polytechnic. “A feature of many of these centres in America is their strong link with academic institutions – particularly nursing faculty,”

she says.

Whitireia hosted a presentation by Tine Hansen-Turton on 14 August and she also visited Capital & Coast District Health Board.

Kerri says while there are still barriers to nurse-led services in New Zealand, there are a number of nurse-led initiatives here being encouraged by the Ministry of Health.

Many of the nurses managing the US centres have advanced practice degrees and are nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, midwives, and public health nurses. They diagnose illness and prescribe medication, make referrals to specialists, and provide pre and postnatal care. The centres also offer a variety of other primary health care services, including developing

programmes to promote health, for example, addressing violence in the community and the family, counselling, nutrition and other support services.

The NNCC supports its members to provide quality health care services to vulnerable populations and to eliminate health disparities in underserved communities.

Tine Hansen-Turton came to New Zealand in 2005 on an Eisenhower Fellowship and has since written about the regulatory and legislative barriers that exist in New Zealand to the development of nurse-managed health centres. She worked with Auckland University Professor of Nursing, Dr Frances Hughes, and New Zealand nursing groups to set up the New Zealand National Nursing Centres Consortium last year.



Tine Hansen-Turton

Her visit was in advance of an international conference in Auckland in January 2008 examining health care for vulnerable populations. The conference is being arranged by the New Zealand National Nursing Centres Consortium in partnership with the US organisation.

New director proud of Whitireia achievements

Whitireia has appointed a new Director, Tim Renner, to the communications and domestic marketing role.

Tim says an important part of his job will be communicating the outstanding quality of Whitireia qualifications and resources.

“The Whitireia of today has state of the art laboratories, libraries and computer systems. “One of the exciting things about this job is tapping into the innovative culture at Whitireia, our values and tutorial excellence.”

The eight degrees we offer,

as well as traditional industry skills stand tall against the 2007 regional tertiary needs report.”



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Regional employers currently seek staff

In June 2007, the Regional Facilitation report was completed by Whitireia Community Polytechnic (Whitireia) and Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) to analyse the needs of the Wellington Region for tertiary education services.

The following employment areas are in high demand in the Wellington region:

- * Sales Assistants
- * Chefs
- * Administration Managers
- * Nurses
- * Caregivers
- * Information Clerks and Secretaries
- * Carpenters
- * Childcare Workers
- * Electricians
- * Policy Analysts
- * Builders Labourers
- * Managers
- * Plumbers
- * IT Staff
- * Technicians

If you wish to comment on regional tertiary needs, email regionalview@whitireia.ac.nz