

20 October 2023

### **MAC CELEBRATES STUDENT COMMITMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS, SERVICE AND TE AO MĀORI**

Te Kura o Tititea Mount Aspiring College this week <Thursday 19 October> celebrated the commitment and achievement of its students in the arts, service and te ao Māori.

Principal Nicola Jacobsen said the awards reflected the breadth of opportunities available to students at the college.

“In addition to our strong focus on academic excellence, we encourage our students to make the most of all aspects of college life so they can grow and be proud of who they are.

“The arts offer our students an invaluable window into the human experience, allowing them to develop the skills they need to tell their own stories and explore different perceptions of the world and their place in it through music, drama, dance and visual art.

“Developing a deeper understanding of te ao Māori within our learning community is one of our strategic priorities so we are thrilled to see students recognised for nurturing te ao Māori at our school.

“Our recognition of service reflects how important we believe it is for students to give their time and skills in the service of others in our local community and beyond.”

Arts Service Blues were awarded to students who have made a significant contribution to, or shown leadership in, the Arts for two or more years; Arts Achievement Blues were awarded to students who have achieved significant success in the arts; and Arts Commendation Certificates were awarded to students who have shown commitment, leadership or achievement within the arts during the year.

Students awarded Service Blues were recognised for their high standard of achievement and commitment to voluntary service at the school or in the local community. Such service includes participation in the college’s student-led environmental group Team Green, anti-bullying group ‘Sticks ‘n Stones’, Kahu Youth, St Johns, the local Fire Service, the Relay for Life, and the 40 Hour Challenge.

Te Ao Māori Blues were awarded to students for their contribution to te ao Māori and leadership and achievement in this area, including regular participation in Te Mākahi o Tititea (kapa haka) practices and performances, whānau hui leadership, cultural committee membership, and involvement in kura reo and other language wānanga.

Selected students were awarded MAC Values Awards in recognition of the way their behaviour reflects our school values, and special awards were also given to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievement in the arts and culture.

MAC is immensely grateful to the staff and community members and organisations who generously dedicate their time to support and provide opportunities for its students to pursue their passions.

The Sports Awards evening will be held on Wednesday 25 October.

**More information:** Please contact Principal Nicola Jacobsen on 03 443 0498 or [principal@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:principal@mtaspiring.school.nz)

## LIST OF AWARDS

### ARTS COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

Kasey Brooks  
Max Byrne  
Alice Chaly  
Luke Gendall  
Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills  
Emma Head  
Suki Leigh  
Robbie McRae  
Sophie Walsh

### ARTS SERVICE BLUE

Amy Benson  
Miki Bercelli  
Jemma Brake  
Eve Bretherton  
Cholula Brown  
Max Byrne  
Sam Caumette  
Tayla Doran  
Paige Gawn  
Estelle Gellatly  
Oscar Goodwin  
Tane Haines  
Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills  
Brooke Hutchison  
Ruby McLachlan  
Matilda Metcalfe  
Ella Miles  
Otis Murphy  
Lena Pollard  
Portia Randall  
Isabella Soper  
Grace Thomas  
Aria Thor-Poet  
Vanessa Vickers  
Laura Watkins  
James Watson  
Clarke West  
Aria Winter  
India Yule

### ARTS ACHIEVEMENT BLUE

Amy Benson  
Hunter Cranfield  
Tayla Doran  
Oscar Goodwin  
Isabel Martin  
Matilda Metcalfe  
Otis Murphy

Isabella Soper  
Grace Thomas  
Clarke West  
Priya White

### SERVICE BLUE

Amy Benson  
Jemma Brake  
Paige Gawn  
Ava Hay  
Lewis Inder  
Sienna Jones  
Emma Lamb  
Milly Lewis  
Freja Malmo  
Jessie McNeil  
Noah Moody  
Tasmin Murphy  
Hazel Murray  
Ben Pell  
Lulu Pettit  
Nico Pettit  
Lena Pollard  
Lucy Radford  
Elise Tomkins  
Laura Watkins  
James Watson  
Lily Wilson  
Molly Wilson  
Jessie Winter  
India Yule

### TE AO MĀORI COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

Alice Chaly  
Laila Telfer  
Oscar Waddington  
Zoe Waddington  
Arlo Waddington

### TE AO MĀORI ACHIEVEMENT BLUE

Anataia White  
Melia Brett  
Ryan Enoka

### TE AO MĀORI SERVICE BLUE

Anataia White  
Sam Caumette  
Melia Brett  
Ryan Enoka  
Hazel Murray

### MAC VALUES AWARDS

#### Manaakitanga Awards

**Arts:** Clarke West  
**Te Ao Māori:** Anataia White  
**Service:** Emma Lamb

#### Whanaungatanga Awards

**Arts:** Oscar Goodwin  
**Te Ao Māori:** Hazel Murray  
**Service:** Laura Watkins

#### Aroha Awards

**Arts:** Laura Watkins  
**Te Ao Māori:** Lucy Maibach  
**Service:** Sienna Jones

#### Ihi Awards

**Arts:** Paige Gawn  
**Te Ao Māori:** Oscar  
Waddington  
**Service:** Tasmin Murphy

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Junior Music Award 7&8:

Merryn Foster

#### Junior Music Award 9&10:

Ruby Smith

#### Senior Music Tech Award:

Oscar Goodwin

**Senior Music Award:** Clarke  
West

#### Thomson Award for Dance:

Ruby McLachlan and Tayla  
Doran

#### Thomson Wright Award for Direction and Backstage:

Robbie McRae

#### Kings Performing Arts Award:

Laura Watkins

**Heskell Award for Excellence  
in Drama:** Zoe Raffills

#### Senior Languages Award:

Lulu Pettit

**Tecorians Award for Senior  
Speech:** Libby Fraser

**Aspiring Writers Award:** Amy  
Benson

#### Senior Debating Award:

Jackson Duguid