

24 October 2024

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

Te Kura o Tititea Mount Aspiring College last night <Wednesday 23 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 a 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 growing 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 at our school and in the local community and beyond.”

Arts Service Blues are awarded to students who have dedicated significant time and effort to serving school and/or community arts groups; Arts Achievement Blues are awarded to students who have attained high-level achievements in the arts; Arts Commendation Certificates are awarded to students who have shown commitment, leadership or achievement within the arts for a particular 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, including service to the school library, M!NT, Kahu Youth, Hato Hone St John, 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.

More information: Please contact Principal Nicola Jacobsen on 03 443 0498 or principal@mtaspiring.school.nz

LIST OF AWARDS

ARTS COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

Alice Chaly
Caitlin Harridge
Emma Head
Abby Jago
Isabella Noble-Kirkbride
Nico Pettit
Domenico Robinson
Ruby Smith

ARTS SERVICE BLUE

Emily Anderson
Mikayla Botting
Kasey Brooks
Cholula Brown
Mila Culpitt
Mikayla Duncan
Harrison Eastwood
Hannah Gillespie
Maja Griffith-Jones
Zoe Gumpatzes
Abby Jago
Alex Kettle
Suki Leigh
Emily McCarthy
Dani Maguire
Toby Mills
Otis Murphy
Elizabeth Pell
Zoe Raffills
Domenico Robinson
Grace Thomas
Kaitlyn Tooley
Mia Waite
Nat Warburton
Zara Weatherly
Susannah West

ARTS ACHIEVEMENT BLUE

Mikayla Duncan
Casey Knights Johnston
Dani Maguire
Isabel Martin
Otis Murphy
Ania-Kanu Saklani

Olive Sinclair
Grace Thomas
Mia Waite
Nat Warburton
Lucy Wellington

SERVICE BLUE

Cholula Brown
Blake Cotton-Everitt
Tane Haines
Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills
Lottie Hunt
Ruby Ives
Ruby Laming
Amelia Latchford
Jessie McNeil
Toby Mills
Josh Moody
Grace Thomas
Caspar Waddington
Zoe Waddington
Susannah West
Lily Wilson

TE AO MĀORI COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

Alice Chaly
Emma Head

TE AO MĀORI SERVICE BLUE

Nico Pettit
Sacha Swanson
Jacob Toomey
Zoe Waddington

MAC VALUES AWARDS

Manaakitanga Awards

Arts: James Watson
Te Ao Māori: Sacha Swanson
Service: Toby Mills

Whanaungatanga Awards

Arts: Otis Murphy
Te Ao Māori: Ryan Enoka
Service: Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills

Aroha Awards

Arts: Zoe Raffills
Te Ao Māori: Nico Pettit
Service: Jessie McNeil

Ihi Awards

Arts: Suki Leigh
Te Ao Māori: Alexis-Sofia Harvey-Wills
Service: Lily Wilson

SPECIAL AWARDS

Junior Music Award 7&8: Emily Anderson

Junior Music Award 9&10: Emma Head

Senior Music Tech Award: Sam Wilson

Senior Music Award: Amy Benson

Thomson Award for Dance: Hannah Gillespie and Elizabeth Pell

Thomson Wright Award for Direction and Backstage: Tivi De'Souza

King Family Performing Arts Award: Otis Murphy

Haskell Award for Excellence in Drama: Suki Leigh

Kurano Live Music Grant: Harrison Eastwood

Kurano Composition Award: Bryne Bloxham

Kurano Musical Performance Award: Meela Sergeant Latta

Senior Visual Art Award: Isabella Noble-Kirkbride

Senior Language Award: Evie Pendlebury

Tecorians Award for Senior Speech: Josh Moody

Aspiring Writers Award: Elsa Buckley

Senior Debating Award: Zoe Laws