

**Report for Education Grants: 2020**

For this financial report there was only one successful applicant, Cade Nickson for his achievements with Basketball. Unfortunately many activities, both cultural and sporting were either postponed or completely cancelled due to Covid-19. Below is a summary of Cade's Achievements.

Tēnā Koutou tēnā Koutou tēnā Koutou katou  
Nga mihi ki a Koutou  
Ko Rita Healey toku tipuna wahine  
Ko Kyle Rahera White toku kuia  
Ko Leanne toku whaea  
Ko Cade Nickson toku ingoa

The following is a summary of my achievements for the year.

Cade started playing basketball in 2018 for his School and participated at the **October 2018 Mel Young Tournament** - Represented New Plymouth Basketball Association in the U13 Boys Team to play in Rotorua.

His team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in there pool. Then in the following year, **April 2019** - Represented New Plymouth Basketball Association in the U13 Boys team to play in Tauranga. His team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in there pool

**October 2019 Central Regional** – Represented Taranaki Basketball Association in the U13 Boys A team that played here in New Plymouth.

His team won the A grade tournament this was the first time Taranaki had ever won this age group. They played 6 games over two days resulting in 5 wins & 1 lost. They came up against Hutt Valley in the final to win 70-56. To make this team Cade had 4 weeks of trails in New Plymouth to make the first cut out of 50+ New Plymouth kids where only 20 were selected. The next step was he had another 4 weeks of trails up against another 20 kids from South Taranaki, where they selected 10 kids for the A team & 10 for the B team.

**Then April 2020 Mel Young Tournament** – Represented New Plymouth Basketball Association in the U13 Boys A Team to play in Tauranga, but due to Covid -19 this was cancelled. Since then Cade has had one on one coaching sessions with Josh at Elite Pathways along with shooting sessions on their ball machine. In term 4 Cade played 3x3 basketball for Elite pathways in there year 7/7 Wednesday night league. His team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

Next year Cade will be going to NPBHS and one of the subjects he has decided to do is their Athlete Development Programme.

Students are selected for sport specific classes through a series of skills and fitness test. The course is designed to develop fundamental skills, strength and conditioning, good training habits, and develop the required mind set for successful participation in sport. It has a student centred focus where particular attention is not only focused on the above, but on tracking well-being and wrapping support around the athlete when required. Participation in this course will develop a high level of understanding of what is required to become a successful sportsman and quality young man. Entry to the Athlete Development Programme course requires:

Application at Year 8, Attendance at a Year 8 skills & fitness assessment open day, Playing for the school in their chosen sport, Fitness testing, Strength & conditioning, Sports specific tactics, strategies, and skills with highly qualified and experienced coaches, Sport psychology – Highlighting achievement, Being brave, Solving problems, Injury prevention and management, Nutrition and hydration, Long term athlete development (LTAD)



I wish to thank the Trust for the financial support which allowed me to participate with the elite and vigorous training.  
Ma Te Atua Koutou  
Cade Nickson ahau.

