
Editorial

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Taratahi Hosts Young Farmers of the Future

The Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre Wairarapa Campus was over-run with young farmers of the future on Saturday 3rd July as the Young Farmer 2011 Contest came to a close. Taratahi hosted the AgriTeens and AgriKids for a day of fencing and stock-whip demonstrations as well as some hands-on activities, lunch and time to quiz the seven Young Farmer Contest Finalists.

Caren Oliver, Year 1 Course Co-ordinator, and a team of students took tours of the campus. "There were lots of parents who were ex-students and they were really keen to see the changes at Taratahi—we heard the word 'excellent' a lot! Families who didn't know us were really impressed with the facilities and the course content."

Tutor Mike Bird worked with TeenAg competitors on fencing skills and gave a practical demonstration to the AgriKids competitors.

Student Tom Beattie was one of several Taratahi students who hosted families and young people around the centre. "The day was great, we showed the AgriKids and TeenAg competitors around the campus and also had the chance to meet the Young Farmer Finalists. The parents were really interested in both the residential side of life here and the content of the course qualifications. The younger students asked some really challenging technical questions!"

