

Masterton, 14 December 2009

Taratahi celebrates Graduate success.

Last Friday saw 300 people descend on Taratahi to help celebrate the successes of our student's this year. The Honourable David Carter, Minister of Agriculture, was the guest speaker at Graduation who noted *"It is clear to me that Taratahi has long understood the importance of developing skilled people in the industry. Young people like yourselves are the product of that foresight and of your own dedication to developing the skills you will need throughout your careers"*.

There were many prizes and awards that were received by our students throughout the afternoon including Most Promising Student, Most Improved Student and Best Overall Student. Taratahi had such wonderful support from the local community and businesses and there were some fantastic prizes won by many deserving students.

The day is always tinged with some sadness because, for some who are not returning for a second year programme, this will be their last time studying full time here at Taratahi but, as Minister Carter stated, *"I leave you with this challenge. Take what you have learned here at Taratahi and be proud of it. Don't see it as the end of your training, but as a starting point to the professional development you will continue throughout your careers."*



Our prize-winning students!!



Best Overall Student, Jason Powell, with Minister Carter

Top Awards

Perry Cup – Ideal Trainee
Hannah Moorhouse

Bank of New Zealand Cup – Sheep (Best Overall)
Joseph Wyatt

National Bank Cup – Dairy (Best Overall)
Michael McCombs

Taratahi Cup – Best Overall Student
Jason Powell