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# CHAMPIONS!

Maungaraki wins Wellington Regional Rippa Rugby Tournament  
Qualifies for Air New Zealand Rippa Rugby Nationals



Mia Burt splits Muritai's defence



Storm King charges in the final



Maungaraki's Champion Wellington  
Regional Rippa Rugby Team 2019



Harrison Sneddon evades a Muritai defender



Sophia Berry makes a run v Redwood. Cont'd on back

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# Home & School quiz night raises \$6k for School's hard surfaces project

On Friday the fifth of April, the Maungaraki Home and School Committee hosted its first "annual" quiz night. The eighties theme resulted in an array of fantastic outfits and many laughs.

The quiz, written by the talented Nicky and Richard Papps, kept people busy and entertained. Magnum P.I., aka, Paul Matthews, was the MC for the evening and kept people on task and keen to win.

The night was also a fundraising success, making over \$6000 for the

school. This money is going towards the much-needed upgrade of the school's hard surfaces.

We were very fortunate to have great sponsorship from many businesses in the community and from further afield. There were live and silent auctions, and lots of raffle prizes.

We would like to thank our sponsors, as without their support, this type of event would not be possible. After such a fun and successful evening, we hope to run another quiz next year. We look forward to seeing you there!

*By Elizabeth Briscoe*



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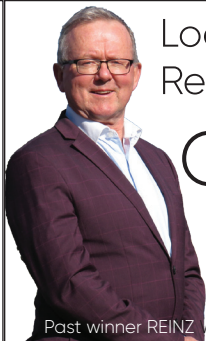
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# Maungaraki trio to compete at World Youth Karate Championships in Japan

Last November, three Maungaraki Kyokushin Karate students were invited to represent NZ at the World Youth Karate Championships in Japan.

Each student will compete in the Kumite discipline. Lara Fiddis and Jack Rowley will compete in their 11-12 year age groups. Zac will compete in the 8-9 year old boys event.

Each competitor has been training hard with weekly fight trainings and every month the trio travels out-of-town to train with the NZ squad. The trio are excited to be competing in Japan, the traditional home of Karate.

The trio's Karate club has been actively running fundraisers throughout the year, including Bunnings BBQs, car washes, cupcake and pie sales to help with travel costs.



L to R - Lara Fiddis, Zac Fiddis & Jack Rowley.

The MCA has donated \$100 for each competitor. Best of luck, we hope you all have a great experience! *Ed.*

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Maungaraki School will represent the Wellington region at the upcoming Air New Zealand National Rippa Rugby Championships in August after winning the Wellington Regional Rippa Rugby qualifying tournament in Johnsonville. The 5 boy and 5 girl team displayed great continuity, accurate passing and catching and finished unbeaten in their pool matches against Wainui's



Cole Gwerder changes direction vs Windley School Fernlea, Whitby's Adventure and Tawa's Redwood Schools. Their semi-final showdown against two-time defending regional champions, Windley School of Porirua got off to a flying start but Maungaraki's balanced attack kept up with their scoring pace to even the score 4-4 at halftime. In the second half, Maungaraki's defence gradually began to take control, forcing Windley to make

handling errors, which Maungaraki's potent attack capitalised on. With most of the ball possession, Maungaraki ran out comfortable 9-5 winners to setup an all Hutt Valley final with Eastbourne's Muritai School. Despite being a stop-start game, both teams gave it their all in excellent conditions. Muritai got off to a fast start, but Maungaraki's resilient defence got them back in the match



Boston Peleti-Perez makes a clean line break with critical stops. In a tight game which could have gone either way Maungaraki's weight of ball possession and all round quality was good enough to edge out a 5-4 victory. An outstanding achievement by a talented and hard-working team. Special mention to Charlie Edhouse and Sophia Berry who were both first-time Rippa players. Well done girls! See you all at nationals!

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