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FUTURE STUDENTS TEAM UPDATES

Welcome to the Explorer's first issue this year.

It was lovely to have met many of you at our recent Careers Advisors Update Days (and breakfasts). Thank you for making the time to come and meet with some of our leading academics. I trust that you found it informative, with the presentations and tours useful.

I wish to acknowledge the school communities in the far north and east coast of North Island and other parts of the motu who are still recovering from the recent flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle. The Future Students team are spread across the North Island at our three campuses so let us know if there's anything we can do to support your taura.

I'm pleased to introduce you to our two new advisors.



Tui Pilitati has Samoan roots in the villages of Saolufata, Falevao and Vaisala, born in Te Awakairangi, (Lower Hutt). Tui comes to us as a Bachelor of Creative Media Production 2021 graduate with a love for Film and TV production. His capstone project "Fau" was a live-streamed Pasifika talk show. He has a wealth of community experience and engagement and through

his time with the Kafa Collective, a Pasifika student mentoring programme, discovered a passion in helping Pasifika students. Tui will be working from our Wellington Pukeahu Campus and will be supporting students in the Wellington and South Island, as well as providing support to Pasifika taura and their communities across the motu.

We are really pleased to have Tui join our team and look forward to his creative approach to connecting with taura.



Jaz Yahel has been appointed as Student Recruitment Adviser, Auckland. Jaz comes to us with a Bachelor of Performing Arts and a Bachelor of Communications. As co-director of the Dance Plant Collective, she has

performed across Australasia. She has experience in the fitness and training industry and more recently has been the National coordinator for an organisation working with young people with disabilities. We are excited for the energy and enthusiasm that Jaz possesses, she is equally excited and looking forward to her journey at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa. Jaz will be based on the Auckland Ōteha Campus and will be looking after taura predominantly in the Tāmaki region.

We are approaching the end of the overview presentations but if we haven't visited your school and you would like us to, please reach out to us at futurestudents@massey.ac.nz

We are looking forward to seeing you at your expos and careers evenings. We also have a raft of activities we are running on campus.

These are outlined in this issue and on our website.

Until the next issue, ma te wā

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Associate Director,
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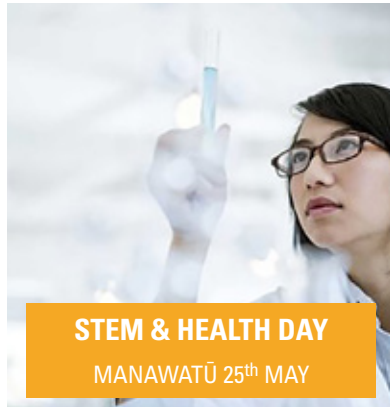


UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMPUS TOURS

VARIOUS DATES & TIMES



STEM & HEALTH DAY

MANAWATŪ 25th MAY



OPEN DAY—MANAWATŪ CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST



STEM & HEALTH DAY

AUCKLAND 31st MAY



OPEN DAY—AUCKLAND CAMPUS

FRIDAY 11th AUGUST



NURSING WORKSHOP

ALL CAMPUSES 6th JULY



OPEN DAY—WELLINGTON CAMPUS

FRIDAY 25th AUGUST



OPEN DAY—SCHOOL OF AVIATION

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST

UPDATES AROUND THE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH

Nursing lab workshop

July 6th, 11am–1pm

Auckland, Wellington and Manawatū Campus

Are you passionate about helping people? Nursing could be a great career choice for you!

There is high demand for nurses in New Zealand and internationally, and nursing will provide you with career stability, career diversity and many opportunities for professional and personal growth.

Massey University is hosting interactive workshops in our state-of-the-art nursing simulation labs on each campus. Experience practical learning in hospital and community settings, talk to current students and staff, and find out what nursing at Massey University is all about. There is an opportunity to tour the campus, visit our halls and receive academic advice as well.

Sport & Exercise workshop—Manawatū Campus

July 6th, 11am–1pm

Are you keen to support people live better lives and improve their wellbeing? Sport and Exercise could be a great career choice for you!

The world of sport, health and physical activity is one of NZ's biggest sectors. A variety of professions is waiting for you: based on your interest you can work the growing areas of community sport, fitness, professional sport, sport administration, wellness and sport development or even embark on a PE teaching career.

Massey University is hosting an interactive workshop in our modern sporting facilities, including our sport performance lab, on Manawatū campus. Participate in hands-on, real-world activities, talk to current students and staff, and find out what sport & exercise at Massey University is all about.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Please see below a few upcoming Science events on our campuses.

STEM & Health Day—Manawatū—24th May

[Click here for more information](#)

STEM & Health Day—Auckland—31st May

[Click here for more information](#)

M3S Maths competition—29th June

[Click here for more information](#)



GRADUATE PROFILE—ENGINEERING



Ben Orwin-Higgs—Engineering (Mechatronics)

Hi, my name is Ben, and I'm a 26 year old originally from England. My family and I emigrated from the UK in 2008, and I grew up in Palmerston North. I went to Palmerston North Boys' High School before spending a couple of years seeking some purpose, eventually enrolling at Massey Manawātū.

I worked in retail after leaving high school, and was very dissatisfied with the lifestyle. After a long day of selling cellphones in February 2018, I came home and (on a whim) watched a livestream of SpaceX testing their Falcon Heavy rocket platform for the first time. I was amazed when they landed the two Falcon boosters simultaneously, and decided then and there that I wanted to become an engineer.

I didn't leave high school with any maths or science NCEA qualifications, so I didn't [know if] I was capable of completing the degree. I returned to Massey in Semester 2 2018, taking Introductory University Mathematics and Introductory Physics to gain the entry requirements for BE(Hons) Mechatronics. I completed both of those papers with an A and A+, and

enrolled into BE(Hons) Mechatronics in Semester 1 2019. The rest is history!

I'm now enrolled in a Master of Engineering (ME) with Massey for 2023/2024. I've been fortunate not just to have landed an internship at Rocket Lab Ltd. over summer 2022, but also to be asked back for a full-time role and collaborative project in 2023 which will satisfy the degree requirements for a Master of Engineering at Massey.

As for the why: I love the work, but I also love the inspiration. Technology and development is an amazing sector to work and study, but one of the most rewarding aspects is igniting the same passion in others. I love the science of space, but having the opportunity with this Master's degree to not only work with some truly incredible people, but to inspire the next generation of these scientists and engineers, is something I take great pride in.



CAREERS ADVISORS UPDATE DAYS

The Auckland Future Students team were really thrilled to host over sixty Careers Advisors and International Directors from secondary schools across Te Tai Tokerau, Tāmaki and the



Waikato last month. The teachers were welcomed by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tere McGonagle-Daly and spent the day with a wide range of enthusiastic academics and support staff from across the university.

A mini expo was set up in the SNW building to enable greater engagement between the teachers and staff, with the highlight being a tour of the brand new amazing Innovation Complex.

Meanwhile, our Wellington and Manawatū Future Students team enjoyed hosting some of our school careers advisors for a breakfast. The teachers experienced fantastic manaakitanga, all brought together superbly by the Future Students team, along with great support from our International Recruitment. Thanks heaps to all those involved.

"Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti te mahi"

STUDENT PROFILE—SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY



Tahlia Aoake—studying a Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy

Tahlia, a proud Ōtara resident who attended Marist College shares her experience growing up in South Auckland and what led her to a career in speech and language therapy with Massey.

“Growing up in Ōtara, I have made lifelong connections with the members of this community, whether it was through sport or youth groups. Ōtara has always been a vibrant and welcoming community. We empower one another and work hard to overcome any negative stigmas placed upon us. This community has done so much for me, and through speech and language therapy I hope to one day return the favour.”

Tahlia, who is the youngest in the family witnessed the benefits of speech and language therapy when her family members and friends were referred to speech and language therapist for support. She sees the profession as a good fit for the values that her parents have instilled in her and her two siblings. Tahlia’s father is Māori and her mother Samoan, and although Tahlia does not speak her heritage languages, she is confident the language component of SLT will improve her confidence to learn te reo Māori and Samoan languages in the future.

Discovering that only a small percentage of SL therapists are Māori and Pasifika made Tahlia more determined to join the profession.

“The work that speech and language therapists do within our communities, or even the world is highly significant, without them many people would find it difficult to connect with others on a day-to-day basis. I want to help people connect with one another, all I want to do is help, and I believe becoming

a SLT would be a perfect way to do that.”

Studying in at Massey’s Auckland Campus meant that she remains at home with her family while embarking on university studies.

“There are many support systems within Massey that have encouraged me and helped me during my highschool to university transition. Members of the Māori and Pasifika support networks assisted me when it came to applying for uni and continued to support me during the beginning of my Massey career. However, another group that has encouraged me and supported me both before and after I got accepted to uni is the SLT faculty. All in all, I decided that Massey was the best fit for me because, they embraced me not only as a student but as an individual.”



MEET THE FUTURE STUDENTS TEAM 2023

(Click on a photo to contact that person)



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