

At the end of last term as part of the Gateway programme, we had 20 students achieve their forklift licence. These students completed papers on workplace safety, hearing conservation, manual handling and the theory of forklift driving as well as the practical.

Congratulations go to Romatt Wichman-Rairoa, Sekove Tuisuva, Viliame Vave, Thomas Setitaia, Oscar 'Aloua, Savenaca (Save) King, Zach Baleicakau, Ellahzane (Zane) Otuhiva, Teia Royal, Lenn Esera, Joseah Poese, David Kama, Ernest Johansson, Timata Kahi, Mosese Puafisi, Jacob Saki, Joseph (Joe) Afimeimounga, Christian Paea and Selisio (Sio) Palusa

Also congratulations to Samiuela (Sam) Taliai who completed the workplace safety, manual lifting and hearing conservation part of the course and Xen Ashby who completed the forklift theory and practical parts.



Ten of these students also went on to complete work experience in the logistics industry. They worked at All Heart NZ and got a feel for what work in this industry would be like. They represented Wesley well and were highly commended by the employer.



We have one Gateway student successfully achieve his Learner Licence so far. Well done Sekove Tuisuva! Students enrolled in the Gateway programme who do not have their learner licence have the opportunity to go for it. When these students have studied the road code and feel confident they will pass first time they can let Mrs Jeffrey know they are ready to sit the test.



This term we have had a few guest speakers in to talk with students about opportunities within their various industries. We had Aiden-Leigh Jansen from Samara Robinson Academy (SRA) come and do a makeup masterclass for students with an interest in make-up and the beauty industry. We learnt tips on applying makeup and talked about career opportunities within the beauty industry. This included working in TV, movies and special effects as well as for fashion and beauty shoots. SRA offers school holiday courses for students interested in this field.



The first of our Tuesday lunchtime series 'A day in the life of ...' speakers was old boy alumni TJ Asiata. He was at Wesley College 1998 – 2000, a first XV player, he is now a group CEO for LM4 group. He spoke with students about his life beyond Wesley College, the high's, the low's and what he has learnt on his journey. His story was one many students could relate to and was very inspirational. We hope to have TJ back in the future to talk with students again.



Coming up in the series we have speakers visiting to talk about working as an Arborist, an Architect, a Sound Engineer as well as the Affordable Group, who work with safety nets, scaffolding, temporary fencing and sanitary set ups. We are interested in having past alumni come in and tell their career stories. If you or your family members have an interesting Career story to share with our students, to broaden their horizons beyond school we would love to hear from you. Please contact Natasha Jeffrey ext 870.

The SPIES (South Pacific Indigenous Engineering Students) SI'I outreach group came into school last week to address students about opportunities to study Engineering at Auckland University. They are coming back into school 28th June and want to work with thirty Maori and Pasifika students in Yr 9-11 who are considering studying Engineering beyond school. If your son or daughter is keen, please encourage them to come and register their interest at the Gateway office asap.

The Akongoue Horticulture group is also hard at work this term. They have been out to the kumara farm a couple times, harvesting and working the land. These students have been fortunate to complete a Workplace Health and Safety Passport earlier this term, which will be a useful addition to their CV's. Well done to Sam Malupo, John Malupo, Viliami Pope, Sosaia Tautalele, Mia Lataimaumi, Lute Vaeno, Gloria Amituanai, Tatafu Vea, Junior Uhatafe, Soni Taufu, Margaret Manase and Sebastian Fifita.

We have had many Gateway students out on work experience so far this year. A big thank you to Baz Automotives, HiTech Motorsports, Woodside Bar and Grill, McManus builders, All Heart NZ and Frame Homes who have taken on some of our students and given them skills and an opportunity to experience work in their field. We really appreciate you and the time you take to work with our students.