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Young Leaders Day

On the 29 of May, 2012 all the Year 8's went to Palmerston North's Regent Theatre for the National Young Leaders Day. The whole day was about sparking your potential and believing that you can do anything.

The day started off with introducing the hosts who were Matt Gibbs and Whitney Tuatasi. I thought that they were good hosts and that they were very funny.

There were 5 inspirational speakers Nick Tuatasi, Dr Farah Palmer, Cam Calkoen, Jamie Fitzgerald and Dave Atkinson.

My favourite speaker was a toss up between Cam Calkoen and Dave Atkinson. I liked Cam Calkoen because he has a disability so he thought he couldn't do anything. However, when he believed and tried doing his dream, he could do it! He also said, "If you can dream it and believe it you can achieve it."

When I get older I am going to use that saying for my dream to be teacher.

I also liked Dave Atkinson because he made us laugh a lot. He made a penguin out of a banana and he also told us to make good friends who will stick up for us and who will encourage us to be who we want to be.

At lunchtime Courtney, Rachel and I went upstairs and raced round getting all the speakers and hosts' autographs then we started dancing with the hosts and the dj. It was so much fun!!!!

My goals now for when I grow up have changed a little. I now would love to travel around the world and to not worry about what other people are doing, just focus on what I am doing. I still want to be a teacher - that hasn't changed.

It was one of the best days ever. I wish that I could go next year. I think the Year 8's next year will have an awesome time. Also thank you to Pat Shannon, Sandra Cannon and Nick Rate for looking after us there and of course taking us there. Thank you so much.

Written by Willa Maguire

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On May 29 the Year 8's went to the National Young Leaders day in Palmerston North. The 2 hosts were Matt Gibb and Whitney Tuitasi who are from Sticky TV and the Erin Simpson show. Throughout the day we listened to 5 speakers, who captivated us all with their inspirational life stories.

The 1st speaker was Nick Tuitasi. He spoke about undiscovered ability, your 'potential'. He described this by using the word SPARK. S = Shaken, P = Pushed, A = Anger, R = Risk, K = Kick Start.

The 2nd speaker was Dr Farah Parker, her main point was 'anyone can be great, anyone can serve and be fair'. She lived by two things in life – What and Who.

What: Fairness, Freedom and Fight for yourself.

Who: Nana, taught her how to laugh love and live. Granddad, showed her responsibility. Mum, told her to keep trying and to trust. Dad, showed how to dream. Friends and Foe, shapes you to learn.

The 3rd speaker was my favourite, he was Cam Calkoen. His motto in life was 'Build a dream, and a dream will build you'. When he was born, he was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, although it hasn't seemed to slow him down. He loves athletics, and got into this at primary school when they had an egg and spoon race. His father told him when you grow up you can be what ever you want even an egg and spoon racer, and with that he spat out his gum and placed it on the spoon with the egg on top. Cam won that race, but gave it away when he crossed the finish line with the spoon upside down with the egg still on it! And to keep him going he used the word AWESOME! After winning a gold medal in running he wanted to help disabled kids in New York and he is leaving for New York in 3 days time. He said many of life's failures are people who do not realise how close they were to success when they gave up and that if you build a dream the dream will build you.

The next speaker was called Jamie Fitzgerald he was the first kiwi to go from one side of the South Pole to the centre and he also won the Trans-Atlantic rowing race. In the middle of the race they hit a big storm and all the other boats put out the sea anchor and they kept rowing but even though they weren't moving when everyone else put sea anchor out they slowly went backwards and he said sometimes when you think your making the least progress your actually making the most.

The 5th speaker was a surprise guest and it was Annah Mac she said, "Do it now, why wait? Practice, practice, practice makes perfect!" She is a really good singer which is what she is known for. She started singing at the age of 7 and travel all around NZ with her parents as a child. Her favourite song Girl in Stilettos is based on her touring throughout beautiful NZ.

And the lucky last speaker was definitely thee funniest of all. His name was David Atkinson he has had a lot of fails in his life but he just kept going. He said that if something is really worth doing it doesn't matter if you do it badly to start of with so you can get better. He was also very clever he could make a penguin out of a banana and he made it fly out into the crowd.

All of the year eights loved young leaders and we all wish the we could see it again and again and will take all of that advice that they shared with us and take it with us for the rest of our lives.

AWESOME!!!! By Courtney Walsh.