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PAPAKURA PREPARES FOR 2009 YOUTH EXPO

The 2009 Papakura Youth Expo offers the young people of the district a wide range of activities that celebrate all the positive aspects of youth.

Papakura Youth Expo will be held from 25 -30 May in association with National Youth Week. It will feature themed days from the launch evening on Monday 25 May. There will be a day focussed on healthy living through physical activity, a day celebrating the cultures of those who make up the community, a careers day

The Expo, also known as PYE, is a biennial community event that aims to build community cohesion, raise the aspirations of youth and encourage positive youth expression in Papakura. Events organised provide young people with opportunities to broaden their horizons in terms of health, creativity and career aspirations.

PYE 2009 launch evening 25 May 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Papakura Art Gallery

Official opening event for the 2009 Expo.

Papakura Youth Art Awards and exhibition 2-30 May

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Showcasing the artistic talents of the young people of Papakura

Activ8 Day 27 May 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Massey Park and Papakura Recreation and Fitness Centre

Top Town-style games with a focus on healthy living and fun physical activity. School teams battle it out for supremacy in the inaugural PYE Top School Competition.

Careers Day 28 May 3.30 – 8.00 pm

Papakura Recreation and Fitness Centre

A highlight of the week – an opportunity for young people to gather information from employers and training providers, with hands-on fun for everyone to try.

Cultural Day 29 May 10.00 am – 2.30 pm

Papakura Recreation and Fitness Centre

A multi-cultural festival of music, dance and visual arts that includes school choirs and orchestras, kapa haka groups and more.

Papakura Youth Awards 30 May 6.00 pm

Hawkins Theatre

All-new, the inaugural Youth Awards provides a fitting finale to the Expo. Awards will be announced for academic, sporting, artistic, community services and leadership.



MEDIA RELEASE

More information on PYE is available from www.papakurayouthexpo.org.nz; more information on Youth Week events throughout New Zealand is available from www.youthweek.co.nz

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