



A trip to China

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SIX of us senior students from Hukarere College are about to take the trip of our lives – to China, with a delegation from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

It all began last year when we were judged the best Hawke's Bay Young Enterprise Scheme with Mapihi Maurea, a business group formed to create an events management service to organize a Toi Whakaari Kapa Haka concert that involved schools from around the area.

We had a great time doing this event last year and then we decided to do the same service for this year, 2011.

Ron Massey and Elin Carter came to our school on the first day of school 2011 and asked us if we wanted to perform in China as a part of the Hawke's Bay Regional

Council's delegation to their sister city Xuzhou in China. Mapihi Maurea were very excited about this offer and said yes straight away and now we have booked our flights and fundraised money to enable us to get there for the 12-day visit in late September. We have also started on practices for our performances.

We have been proudly sponsored by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Hukarere College Board and the Infinity Trust and we would just like to say thank you for their efforts in helping us to get to China.

We are also holding a fundraising concert on Friday, 9 September at the Napier Municipal theatre (see the ad to right) with several secondary schools as well as Henry Hill Primary performing. Do come along!