

Regional award for YES team

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AN Opotiki College team Tri-Healthy has won a regional Young Enterprise award and now has a chance of repeating the college's 2009 achievement as the national overall winner.

The team was presented with the regional winner's trophy and cash prize last week and will now work towards the national competition.

The Young Enterprise Scheme gives students a chance to set up their own businesses and develop a product or service. They are marked on their business and financial plans and submit an annual report which is used in the judging of the national awards.

Tri-Healthy's winning product was a triangular green lunch box packaged with information on healthy eating, the food pyramid and tips for parents on what should be in student's lunches.

Using business sponsorship the students are now going into local primary schools and giving lessons on healthy eating with every child in the class being given a lunchbox at the end of the series.

Tri-Healthy has been approached by an Auckland school, which wants to be part of the programme and the team



► TEAM Tri-Healthy has taken out the regional Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) award and are now hoping to repeat the Opotiki College's 2009 achievement as national winner.

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The team has not only sold their products through local channels such as schools, the French Business and Leisure show and

a stall at the French Market in Auckland.

The team members said the stall coincided with the weekend

At the presentation Tri-EDA manager Mary Heermanson said the students had added value to their product with their healthy eating aids, food pyramids and

had developed.

She said Opotiki College and the Eastern Bay should be proud of the students, and wished them well at the national awards in Wellington.

Opotiki College principal Maurice Abraham said involvement in the programme had taught the students more English, mathematics, planning, team building, conflict resolution and confidence than any other subject they had been involved in during the year.

The team's next milestones will be the annual awards at the Duxton Hotel in Wellington where all the regional winners from around the country profile their products in a semi-trade show. This is followed by a formal dinner.

Tri-Healthy hopes to repeat the achievement of the College's All Around Aotearoa team, which won the Leon

Foundation's Young Enterprise Scheme Company of the Year award two years ago with a themed travel pursuits styled