

# Student project gets Helen's seal of approval

Former Prime Minister Helen Clark paid tribute to the ingenuity of a team of six young businessmen on a visit to St Thomas of Canterbury College last week. Ms Clark, now head of the United Nations Development Programme, was attending the official launch of the Lion Energy power generator, designed, developed and manufactured by the college students as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. In the wake of the devastating Canterbury earthquake students Jackwell, James Agnew, Sean Feast, Craig Stanton, Stephen and Andrew Coburn had a lot to say about making a difference. Years 11 to 13 students designed to produce a product that would help earthquake victims in different situations and their Advanced Clean Energy enterprise. Developed over several months, the Lion power generator can generate electricity from waste heat to charge cellphones and radios. Light and simple to use, the product is being marketed through Mitre 10 Mega and hardware stores where the students have demonstrated the product and made many sales. The markets are being supported with campers and trailers. Ms Clark said their product, "deceptively simple" had great potential and she commended the boys on their hard work and tenacity in completing the project.



St Thomas of Canterbury College students (from left) Craig Stanton, Sean Feast, James Agnew and Andrew Coburn. PICTURES/GEOFF SLOAN



St Thomas of Canterbury College students perform a haka to welcome former Prime Minister Helen Clark to the college.