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Weekly News Update

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SERVICES ACADEMY GRADUATION

On Friday 27th November a very proud group of young people graduated from the Services Academy. The ceremony started with a parade in front of the administration building, which was attended by our local MP Hon Lianne Dalziel, Councillor David Cox (who reviewed the parade) Community Board member Tina Lomax, Inspector John Price from the NZ Police and Captain Ross James from the New Zealand Army. In addition, a large number of parents and whanau supporters as well as staff joined to celebrate this event.

After the march out parade, visitors proceeded into the Performing Arts theatre, and Director Staff Steven Bishop and Asst Director Staff Steve Payne presented the students with their graduation certificates. A short DVD of the recent Coast-to-coast event entertained the gathering, followed by a magnificent hangi meal prepared by the staff and students.

A number of students have been chosen to return next year for the year 2 leadership programme. A number of students have also selected to return to mainstream or academy programmes within the school next year, which is very pleasing.

A recent full page feature on the Services Academy can be found in last week's edition of the "Pegasus Post."