

Te Puke Primary School Young Leaders Report

On Monday, 17th of May, Maruki, Corbin, Trevarn, Hannah, Emma B., Katariana, Mollie and Sky went to the National Young Leaders Day in Rotorua. It was held at the Energy Centre and there were more than 3000 students attending. Our hosts were Charlie and Whitney. Throughout the day we had various speakers e.g. Nick Tuatasi, Pat Buckley, Dayna Vawdrey and Rob Harley. Nick told us how our thoughts can influence our whole life: our thoughts become our words, that become our actions, that become our habits, that become our character and this becomes our destiny. Lisa Tamati showed a video of how she ran the Death Valley Desert race: nearly 300km in heat of more than 50 degrees. This proved that you can do anything you want by believing it and working very hard to reach your goal. Pat Buckley talked about his life of drugs and alcohol addiction and that he realised that it is ok to ask for help. He said that our choices determine our destination. Dayna Vawdrey spoke to us about the 40 Hour Famine and how being a leader really means caring for others. Rob Harley told us to decide whether our mistakes in life make us bitter or better. In between we played games with big balls; teachers and their students had an eating and balloon competition on the stage. Although it was a bit formal and serious, we had an interesting day. **Written By Corbin Morrison**



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