

Newspaper inspirations

CHATHAM High School now has a team of budding media professionals, thanks to the International Youth Day supplement published on Tuesday August 9. To produce the four-page supplement, participating students were split into four teams: writing, photography, advertising and design.

Student photographer and sports writer Travis Goldsmith said it was a great experience.

"We got to interview Danny Buderus which was great. We tracked him down and got permission through his parents," Travis said.

Tarran Smith enjoyed the process of sourcing and writing articles for the supplement.

"We thought up ideas in class and discussed them within our group. Then we had to approach people and interview them. It was really good. It made me interested in becoming a journalist," Tarran said.

Rachel Austin and Sammy Selby agreed that approaching businesses for advertising was nerve racking at first.

"We made some practice phone calls in class before we actually approached businesses di-

rectly. Once we got used to it, we found it was actually really fun. It definitely gave us more confidence," Sammy said.

"In the end we really got into interviewing people for articles and actually did an extra person just for the fun of it," Rachel added.

The students were all unanimous in their praise of the teachers who helped them through the process.

"All the teachers did a great job, especially Kylee Owen - she ran the first lesson. Without them we couldn't have done it," they agreed.

Chatham High School principal Willem Holvorst felt the entire project was outstanding and left a positive impression on everyone involved.

"Normally what we do in school is a simulation of 'real-life', however this project went beyond



Chatham High School principal Willem Hovorst with students Travis Goldsmith, Tarran Smith, Rachel Austin and Sammy Selby.

the four walls of the classroom.

"The students developed important partnerships within the school and in the broader community.

"They have demonstrated they can source creative material, meet

deadlines, communicate effectively and revise their work to a professional standard.

"It has been a great project and I look forward to doing it again," Willem said.