



Pānui  
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Nau mai, haere mai to our Term 2 Newsletter! The year is flying by, and we're excited to share some highlights from the past few months—including memorable moments, new faces on the team, fresh programmes, and more. Term 2 has been our busiest yet since reopening in May 2024, and we're feeling energised as we head into the school holiday programme and prepare for a fresh start in Term 3. We hope everyone is finding time to relax during the break and enjoy a bit of light reading in this latest pānui.



## Exciting News – Our Team is Growing!

We're stoked to share that our little team is growing!

A big welcome to the amazing Melissa, who has joined us in the accounts role—bringing her skills, energy, and warmth to the heart of our operations. We're also delighted to have the lovely Sophie join our superstar youth worker team. Her passion for working with rangatahi and her vibrant spirit are already making a positive impact.

We also have an amazing new volunteer in Wendy, who will be joining us in The Hangout once a week. Wendy loves a good board game and is a keen artist, she is loving bringing this passion and sharing her time with the youth.

It's such a joy to see our trust expanding with people who truly care about our mission and the young people we support. We're feeling inspired and energised for the journey ahead!

## A message from Mason Stretch - Tumuaki Cromwell College

"We are grateful to Daniel and Jeremiah, youth mentors from Cromwell Youth Trust, for running the BLAST programme with a number of our students ranging from Year 9 to Year 13. The students have committed to Tuesday and Thursday 6.00am starts each week this term for physical activity and team challenge followed by breakfast together. I popped in for their gym session as part of their 'Longest Day Challenge' last Wednesday and admired the positivity, energy, persistence and strong mutual support of one another. He rawe rangatahi mā, well done.



**BLAST will be returning in Term 1 2026**







## Term 3 Brings a fresh new Programme

Wāhine Toa is a youth development programme specifically designed to support young females in Years 7 to 13 who are experiencing challenges with regular school attendance or are becoming/have already become dis-engaged with school. Rooted in a strengths-based and culturally responsive framework, the program aims to empower participants by fostering a sense of identity, belonging, and purpose. Through mentoring, group workshops, and community engagement, Wāhine Toa addresses the underlying factors contributing to disengagement from school, such as low confidence, limited support networks, or external pressures. The programme offers a safe and inclusive space where participants can explore their potential, build resilience, and develop the skills necessary to thrive both in and outside the classroom.



## Matariki

Matariki was a wonderful opportunity for our Youth Trust to come together and celebrate connection, reflection, and renewal. We honour those who came before us, set intentions for the future, and strengthen our sense of whānau and community. Through shared kai, storytelling, creative activities, and learning about the significance of the Matariki stars, we enjoyed a week of enriching whanaungatanga.



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