

Casey Lewis



To the Trustees of the Ngai Tukairangi Trust

Hello my name is Casey Lewis, I attend Mount Maunganui College and I'm the youngest member of the Boys Junior A Volleyball Team. Thank you for granting me \$200 for my first North island Junior Volleyball Champs held in Wellington this year. We placed seventh in division 1. My team and I stayed in the Wellington Youth Hostel, it was a cool little place to sleep in. Another big thanks for paying for nearly half the money it was to go down to wellington. We fundraised for our food.

The arena we played in was a new arena called ASB sports arena. The whole facility was huge there was 12 courts for teams to compete against each other. Our team played on court 3 and 4, which was where all the action was. I made heaps of new friends while playing against them and also just walking around socializing. St.Bernards College were by far the funniest team there. The entire team were all islanders, hint why they are funny. I enjoyed meeting new people because I have never met so many people at once before.

The trip down to Wellington was fun because my coach Damon Haenga aka Sir was making fun of all of us in the van, for example calling my team mate Bobby the leading troll and me the leading orc from the movie Hobbit. Every time Sir stopped at a Z station my team would jump out of the van and go and buy some drinks. It took the team nearly 5 minutes to buy one drink. We stopped in Taupo for some lunch and Sir was telling us to go and have a healthy lunch of Subway instead of Having McDonalds. As we were walking towards McDonalds we couldn't decide what to have for lunch so I was just going to go where everyone was going which was Subway, but then we saw Sir trying to sneak into McDonalds so we started laughing and giving Sir rubbish about eating healthy.

Experiencing watching my first finals for the Junior Volleyball Champs was amazing. The atmosphere was so intense and cheerful. All of the Islander schools were funny because they made up their own cheers, At the back of the grand stand one of the coaches had a whistle and he made this tune and all the teams would start stomping on the ground and fist pumping at the same time which was cool to see and funny to listen to. They would also start yelling and clapping something like *clap clap* no way *clap clap* next time. When the team they were supporting lost the point. One of my team members Perry Preston was selected for the tournament team which is pretty cool.

Another huge thanks for giving me this opportunity to travel down to Wellington and participate at this level of Junior Volleyball. Because of this tournament I have been chosen to trial for the IPC under 15's Bay Volleyball team.

Yours Sincerely
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