



PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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TE AO KORI AOTEAROA

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In the period where Rangi and Papa were joined, their children were in various states: crawling, sitting and lying down cramped between their parents. Consequently, they became restless and curious of what might exist outside of their parents. Tane Pepeke was the name given to the atua that brought light to darkness through lying on his back and pushing up against the sky so that enlightenment might ensue. Therefore, for the first-time light came in and a thirst for knowledge was begun. Tane Pepeke is also a connection to power as this was the first time the legs were used physically with the consequence that humans also began to run, jump and produce power.

The group of individuals receiving this award are the people that initiated the drive, the interest, the striving for the best in their community to reach toward the light to pursue greatness through Te Ao Māori in Physical Education. The people awarded this represent the light that

they bring to their communities so that they may LEAP forward and engage with multiple ways of knowing physical education. Not surprisingly, it's a Māori worldview to understand the concept that light is connected with knowledge and from that knowledge we ensure our people are uplifted and survive. These award winners ensure that their communities will survive by providing knowledge about the importance of Physical Education, Te Ao Māori and the uplifting of the spirit in others.

Rototuna Senior High School have shown courageous leadership as a senior leadership team – many of whom are Phys edders - and the Health and Physical Education learning area, to lead their whole school in developing a common language for learning founded in kaupapa Māori. They have developed six mindsets of Haututu, Māhinga, Whakapapa, Kaimahi, Hui (a-tau) & Hapori to frame their learning modes as a kura.