

# Group offers Maori culture to world

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A Taranaki Maori culture group is sharing kapa haka with the world. Last Friday and Sunday, Kanohi ki te Kanohi performed waiata and haka to celebrate the Rugby World Cup and then invited people to take part.

The first outing was held in the International Village on Puke Ariki Landing and there was a multicultural flavour to the day, the Maori culture group's manager, David Hare, says.

On stage with Kanohi ki te Kanohi were international students from Spotswood College, and performers from Japan, France, Ireland and Wales.

The performance included a rousing haka and finished with sing-along version of *Pokarekare Ana*, led by the group's solo singer, Lavinia Winter, the head girl of Spotswood College.

There was a crowd of people in the International Village tent watching the first event, including New Plymouth Mayor Harry Duynhoven and four members of the United States Marines band from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Afterwards, people, particularly children, took part in free poi and haka workshops.

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Kanohi ki te Kanohi, supported by Shell Todd Oil Services, will be holding another action-packed workshop in the north wing of Puke Ariki this Sunday from 1pm to 2.30pm - also the favoured time and place for a series of school holiday workshops. The free kapa haka performances and lessons will be on daily from October 8 to 16.



**Pure passion:** Jaidyn Raumati-Katene, left, and Byron McDermott perform the haka with Kanohi ki te Kanohi in the International Village tent in New Plymouth last Friday.

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