



Pictured left... Geoffrey Tūwairua (Tamakaimoana) was supported by his hoa wahine, Frances Claire Tākao and their tamariki, Moeparani, Hōhepa and Erica for the occasion.

Pictured below ... Marewa and tamariki Paaku Waata, Te Karo & Rārauwhē were there to tautoko pāpā Paaku (Ngai Tama).



Above:
Rarauwhē



Above... Hōhepa receives the tohu on behalf of his Uncle Te Waiti Tākao (Te Whakatāne) from tutor Joe Rua.



Right... Tāhae Rūrehe (Tamaruarangi) received his tohu and was also awarded 2016 Student Excellence Award, his prize a Bosch saw, sponsor - Placemakers, Whakatane.



Left... Shane Toman arrived a little late, but was there to be presented with his

Other graduates included Jason Rakuraku (Ngāti Rere), Koha Tākao (Te Whakatane), Pirita Tākao (Ngai Tamahuirae), Te Teira Veikoso & Te Hekenui Wickliffe (Ngāti Raka).

Over their year of training:

Their average attendance rate was 95%; They were commended for their mature attitudes to learning and working, as individuals as well as part of a team; They gained extra tohu including driver licences, basic first aid and ramset gun licences; They carried out practical mahi on whare, kainga and pā within their whārua; 9 out of 10 have come into 2017 with mahi or further training. A huge mihi ki to tātau pakeke Taane Rakuraku, who supported our trainees throughout the year. **Congratulations to you all !!!**